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WEEKEND MASSES

Live on Facebook Saturday at 4 pm

Sunday posted on the website

WEEKDAY MASSES

Live on Facebook at 9 am Mon.-Fri.

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Food Pantry Hrs.

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Sat. 12-2



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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 17, 2020



"For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God's will, than for doing evil." (1 Peter 3:17) The old line says "if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes, we don't get the result that was intended or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively and ask, "Why me? I did everything right!" Here's the thing – adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured, God has a better plan in store for you.

Welcome to our Parish Community

Office Hours: Mon-Tues-Wed-Fri

9 am- 1pm & 2pm-5pm

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Mass Intentions

While public Masses have been suspended, Fr. Juan will offer Mass privately each day for you and your intentions. If you scheduled a Mass to be offered for your loved one during this time, Fr. Juan will fulfill the intention during his private Mass.

If you'd like to reschedule, please call the Office.

Date	Time	Intention
Saturday May 16	4 pm	† Frank A., Fannie & Barbara Yacino By: The Family
Sunday May 17	All day on Facebook	† Matthew Jackson By: Gail & Ken Langley
Monday May 18	9 am	† Ann Desriusseaux By: Marie Checkosky
Tuesday May 19	9 am	† Norman E. Gaulin By: MaryLou Sughrue
Wednesday May 20	9 am	† James J. Sughrue By: MaryLou Sughrue
Thursday May 21	9 am	† James J. Sughrue By: MaryLou Sughrue
Friday May 22	9 am	Prayer Service
Saturday May 23	4 pm	† Patsy & Dora Colonero By: The Family
Sunday May 24	All day on Facebook	† Nicki McLaughlin By: The Morin Family

We light this week's Tabernacle Candle to pray for
All who are sick with coronavirus

Provide

Consider what you can safely do to help others...

- Call the elderly and isolated
- Provide food or supplies for someone
- Give to our Food Pantry – the Food Pantry will remain open (Monday 4-6pm, Wednesday 1-3pm, and Saturday 12-2pm)

We are always grateful for your generous support and we hope that you will continue to financially give to our parish even though Masses have been suspended. In order that the other work of the Church may continue, we are asking that you continue to support our parish financially in any of the following ways:

1. Mail in your weekly envelopes
2. Mail a check
3. Prayerfully consider continuing to give weekly via our Online Giving page. Use the URL or QR code on the right to quickly load the page.

Still Happening This Week

All public attendance at these devotions are suspended. Please follow us at home and stay united in Christ.

All Masses and devotions can be followed on facebook LIVE at St. Denis Church or on our website at:
www.saintdenischurch.com

Weekend Masses are LIVE at 4 pm Saturday and available all day Sunday on our website

SATURDAY May 16

12-2 Douglas Food Pantry Open—R
4 pm MASS

5 pm HOLY HOUR

SUNDAY May 17

10:15 MASS all day on our website
CHILDREN'S LITURGY—Available all day on our website

5 pm HOLY HOUR

MONDAY May 18

9 am MASS

4-6 pm Douglas Food Pantry Open—R

5 pm HOLY HOUR

TUESDAY May 19

9 am MASS

5 pm HOLY HOUR

6:30 pm GOSPEL EXPLORATION

WEDNESDAY May 20

9 am MASS

1-3 pm Douglas Food Pantry Open—R

5 pm HOLY HOUR

THURSDAY May 21—ASCENSION

9 am MASS

FRIDAY May 22

9 am MASS

5 pm HOLY HOUR

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FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Our Faith Formation Online Registrations for the fall have been sent to families via Flocknote on Friday, 4/24.

Please take a moment to check the information and send it in so we will hopefully be ready to start up again in September. It's easy to do and only takes a few minutes!
Thank you for your help.



**HOLY HOUR / ROSARY /
DIVINE MERCY
CHAPLET / CHAPLET OF
THE PRECIOUS BLOOD**

**to help stop the spread
of the Coronavirus**

ALL ARE INVITED to join us from home in praying this HOLY HOUR to help stop the spread of the coronavirus.

We will begin every day at 5 pm live on Facebook.

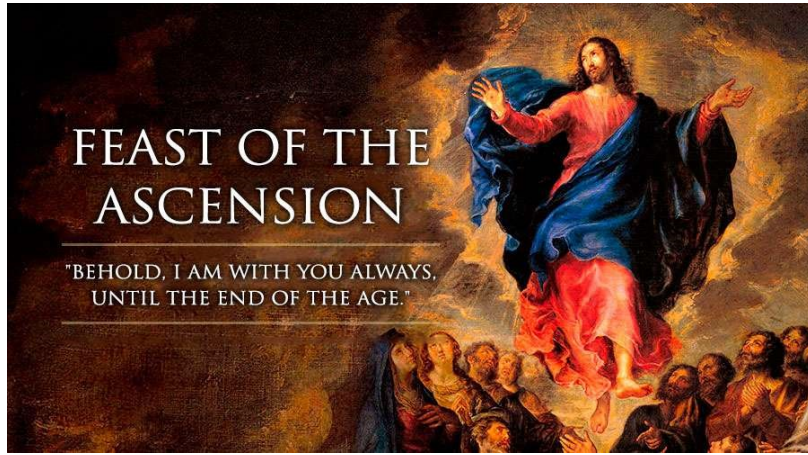


SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

How do you make a Spiritual Communion? Begin by examining your conscience and making a good Act of Contrition.

"My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen."

A Spiritual Communion can never fully take the place of receiving Holy Communion at Mass, but in these extraordinary times it can help us to stay close to Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament of his Body and Blood.



FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

"BEHOLD, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS,
UNTIL THE END OF THE AGE."

**THURSDAY MAY 21 AT 9 AM—MASS LIVE ON
FACEBOOK AND POSTED
ALL DAY ON OUR WEBSITE**

Today we recall Christ's ascension to his Father in heaven. Before he left, he promised his disciples that he would be with them always. Indeed, the Lord is with us when we gather in his name, as we listen to the word of God, and as the bread and wine are consecrated. Let us celebrate the assurance that Christ is with us always, now and until the end of time.



GOSPEL EXPLORATION

TUESDAY ZOOM ENCOUNTER AT 6:30 pm

This is a multi-media journey through the Gospel Readings for the coming Sunday. Live discussions encourage a deeper understanding of our Gospel. Discussions can be joined and followed on ZOOM. Information on how to participate will be available on Facebook.

Grab your tea and join us.

STAY INFORMED



Keep in touch with everything going on in our parish by signing up for our Flocknote emails.

Simply text "StDenis" to 84576 and be an informed member of our parish family. You can unsubscribe at any time.

Hi Everyone!

I hope this finds you safe and healthy. This has certainly been a time like no other. While we hear it being said that we are all in this together, we also know that everyone's experience is different and very personal.

My own experience has been challenging at times, but it has also brought about unexpected joys. Through both the highs and the lows, it has been my faith that has remained constant. Because of my trust in God, I know that no matter what happens, everything will be okay. Now I'm not saying that I haven't struggled at times, but in the midst of those uncertainties, I knew it was God who I needed to turn to. Prayer has truly been what has gotten me through the difficult moments and has helped me to appreciate the joyful moments more fully. When I am happy, I pray. When I am struggling, I pray. When I can't pray, I reach out to someone who can pray for me and, often times, with me. When I need more prayers, I contact the St. Denis Prayer Chain, and I can feel those prayers from my parish community lift me up and get me through to the next moment.

Since I answer most of the St. Denis Prayer Chain requests, I can feel the concern and the hope from those who send in requests. As Christians, we are called to come to the aid of others, and prayer is certainly one of the important ways we can do that. We have Christian brothers and sisters from many other churches asking for our prayers, and we in turn ask them for theirs. Our prayer chain reaches across the country, and, in fact, we have prayed for people all across the globe. We have received a lot of wonderful responses back from many who have requested prayers as well.

If you find times when it's getting difficult, don't struggle alone. Find hope in Christ by focusing on His promises. My prayers are with all of you. Stay safe, stay healthy, and keep praying!

God's blessings,

Kathy



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for all



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CHARITY

Envision a world of justice, charity and dignity for all. The 2020 patron for the Partners in Charity Appeal in the Diocese of Worcester sought such a world in his country. Archbishop Oscar Romero, the martyr of El Salvador, died for such a vision. Now a saint, Oscar Romero stands as an example of a man who lived among his people and served them, fueled by the love of God and complete trust in Jesus Christ.

Reflecting on the 2020 appeal, Bishop McManus recalled the ad limina meeting he and other New England bishops had with Pope Francis. "Our Holy Father reminded us that we must be close to those in need, as Christ was close to his people. This call to accompany our brothers and sisters is the heart of our mission as Catholics

in the Diocese of Worcester," Bishop McManus said. It is the mission work of Partners in Charity.

There is no doubt that St. Oscar Romero was close to his people. He lived in a country in turmoil and injustice, murder and torture, yet he held fast to the promises of Christ. He tried to imbue those promises into

Envision Faith in Action

the lives of those people he served as they sought justice and dignity. He gave them hope and a path to follow while there was chaos around them: "Let us not tire of preaching love; it is the

force that will overcome the world."

He also challenged them into action.

Faith in Action has been a constant theme of Partners in Charity.

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JUSTICE

*"Let us not tire of
preaching love; it is the
force that will overcome
the world."*

— St. Oscar Romero



*"Let us do what
we can.
We can all do
something."*

— St. Oscar Romero



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Every day, throughout the diocese, faith-filled individuals go out into the community and "preach God's love." Some minister to those who are at risk of being homeless, others to those who are struggling with life's burdens. Teachers and catechists nourish the minds and nurture the faith of our youth in schools and parish faith formation classes. Young men who are pursuing vocations to the priesthood and older men in the diaconate look forward to serving God's people in our parishes. And, there are those who help our retired priests live out their final days in dignity.

Visit partners-charity.net. We urge you to learn more about the 25 charitable, educational and pastoral ministries that your gift supports.

DIGNITY

As Partners in Charity strives to build a better society in the Diocese of Worcester, let us be inspired by the words of St. Oscar Romero who died by an assassin's bullet while celebrating Mass on March 24, 1980. In his final homily, which he never completed, he said: "We know that every effort to better a society, especially one that is so enmeshed in injustice and in sin, is an effort that God blesses, that God desires, that God demands of us."



2020 Partners in Charity Appeal

Once a year, we commit ourselves to this ongoing work by supporting this life giving appeal. We reflect on God's great generosity and respond with generous giving of our own. With your support, *faith in action* is visible every day in the compassionate outreach of Catholic Charities, to the least among us; in prayerful witness of our retired priest and the joy of new priestly vocations; to the many diocesan ministries and programs that heal, teach and care for others.

It is important for all of us to participate in order to support our mission as a diocese. Please be as generous as possible. If you have already made a gift to the 2020 appeal we thank you! Your gift will help us in reaching our parish goal.

Please make your gift online at:

www.partners-charity.net

You may also mail in your donation to us:

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Att. Partners In Charity Appeal

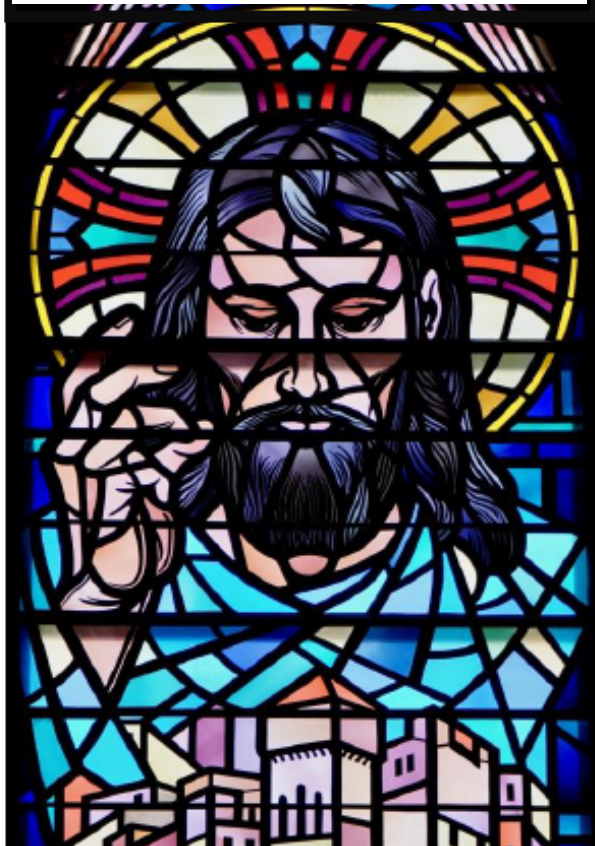
A Prayer in Time of Pandemic

O God,
whose Only Begotten Son
bore the weight of human suffering
for our salvation,
hear the prayers of your Church
for our sick brothers and sisters
and deliver us from this time of trial.

Open our ears and our hearts
to the voice of your Son:
Be not afraid, for I am with you always.

Bless all doctors and nurses,
researchers and public servants;
give us the wisdom to do what is right
and the faith to endure this hour,
that we might gather once again
to praise your name in the heart of your Church,
delivered from all distress
and confident in your mercy.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen



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