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PARROQUIA DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LA PROVIDENCIA

228 Lincoln Street Worcester, Massachusetts 01605

Christmas

the Nativity of the Lord



The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. *Isaiah 9:1,5*

December | Diciembre

25

2025

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MASS SCHEDULE | HORARIO DE MISA

Lord's Day Masses | Misas del Día del Señor

Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (Español) & 5:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses | Misas de la Semana

Wednesday – Friday: 8:15 a.m.

Thursday: 7:00 p.m. (Español)

Holy Days | Días Festivos

Feast: 8:15 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. (Español)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament | Adoración de la Eucaristía

First Thursday of the month | Primer jueves del mes

8:30am -6:30 p.m.

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FOOD PANTRY | DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS

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Mass Intentions | Intenciones Para Las Misas

December | Diciembre 24 Wednesday | Miércoles

4:00 p.m. Our Parish Family, Living and Deceased

7:00 p.m. Our Parish Family, Living and Deceased

December | Diciembre 25 Thursday | Jueves

12:00 a.m. Our Parish Family, Living and Deceased

9:00 a.m. Our Parish Family, Living and Deceased

11:00 a.m. Our Parish Family, Living and Deceased



RECONCILIATION | RECONCILIACIÓN

Saturday: 3:30 p.m.

Thursday: 6:15 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. or by appointment

BAPTISM | BAUTISMO

Please call the office at least 2 months prior to the anticipated date. Favor de comunicarse con la oficina por lo menos 2 meses antes del bautismo.

MARRIAGE | MATRIMONIO

Please call the office at least 9 months prior to the anticipated date. Favor de comunicarse con la oficina por lo menos 9 meses antes de la boda.

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Prayer Before Mass

Come, Holy Spirit, quiet my heart and my head, as I gather with my family, friends, and neighbors to celebrate Mass. Quiet the thoughts and distractions that will keep me from worship. Open my mouth in prayer and song. Open my ears to hear God's word. Open my eyes to the mystery of the Eucharist. Open my heart to receive Jesus with love. May I go forth strengthened to take the Mass into my life this week. Amen.

Oración Antes De La Misa

Ven, Espíritu Santo, silencia mi corazón y mi cabeza, y así junto con mi familia, amigos y vecinos a celebrar esta misa. Calma los pensamientos y las distracciones que me impiden vivir esta celebración. Abre mi boca a la oración y al canto. Abre mis oídos para escuchar la palabra de Dios. Abre mis ojos al misterio de la Eucaristía. Abre mi corazón para recibir a Jesús con amor. Permíteme salir fortalecido al celebrar esta misa para vivir mi vida esta semana. Amén.

End-of-Year Giving

As we approach the end of the year, I want to thank you for the generosity that continues to strengthen our parish. If you are planning your year-end charitable contributions, please consider supporting our parish community. Your gift—no matter the size—helps us continue our ministries, care for our buildings, and serve those most in need.

Thank you for your faithful support, and may God bless you in the year ahead.

Donaciones de Fin de Año

Al acercarnos al final del año, les agradezco de corazón la generosidad que fortalece nuestra parroquia. Si están planificando sus contribuciones caritativas de fin de año, les pido considerar apoyar a nuestra comunidad parroquial. Su donación—sin importar la cantidad—nos ayuda a continuar nuestros ministerios, cuidar nuestros edificios y servir a quienes más lo necesitan.

Gracias por su apoyo fiel. Que Dios los bendiga en el año que viene.

the joy of



giving



Welcome! Whether you're here visiting for a brief time, looking for a new parish home, are returning to the practice of your faith or are interested in finding out more about our community, we're happy to have you here. In the midst of the craziness of our lives we all need a sense of peace where we can go to retreat from it all and we are glad that we are able to keep the doors here always open for you.

¡Bienvenidos! Ya sea que esté aquí de visita por un breve tiempo, buscando un nuevo hogar parroquial, esté regresando a la práctica de su fe o esté interesado en obtener más información sobre nuestra comunidad, estamos felices de tenerlo aquí. En medio de lo ocupado de nuestras vidas, todos necesitamos una sensación de paz donde podamos ir a retirarnos de todo y aquí nos alegramos de poder mantener las puertas siempre abiertas para ti.

A Christmas Message from Fr. Jonathan

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, I offer my heartfelt gratitude for the faith, generosity, and love you bring to our parish. Christmas reminds us that God enters our world quietly and tenderly, bringing light to every corner of our lives. In a world that often feels weary, Christ's presence renews our hope.

This Advent has been a time of grace for our community, and as we look toward the new year, we do so with a spirit of excitement and anticipation. The ongoing pastoral planning process invites us to strengthen our mission, deepen our unity, and dream boldly about what God is preparing to do among us. It is a moment filled with possibility, and I am grateful to be walking this path with all of you.

May the joy of Christ's birth fill your homes, may His peace quiet every anxious heart, and may His love guide us into a new year filled with faith and renewed purpose.

Please know of my prayers for you and your loved ones this Christmas season.

With gratitude and prayer,
Fr. Jonathan



Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Al celebrar el nacimiento de Jesús, quiero expresar mi profunda gratitud por la fe, la generosidad y el amor que cada uno de ustedes aporta a nuestra parroquia. La Navidad nos recuerda que Dios entra en nuestro mundo de manera humilde y tierna, trayendo luz a cada rincón de nuestras vidas. En un mundo que a veces se siente cansado, la presencia de Cristo renueva nuestra esperanza.

Este Adviento ha sido un tiempo de gracia para nuestra comunidad, y al mirar hacia el nuevo año lo hacemos con un espíritu de entusiasmo y expectativa. El proceso de planificación pastoral nos invita a fortalecer nuestra misión, profundizar nuestra unidad y soñar con valentía sobre lo que Dios está preparando para nosotros. Es un momento lleno de posibilidad, y doy gracias a Dios por caminar este camino junto a ustedes.

Que la alegría del nacimiento de Cristo llene sus hogares, que su paz calme todo corazón ansioso, y que su amor nos guíe hacia un nuevo año lleno de fe y propósito renovado.

Cuenten con mis oraciones por ustedes y sus seres queridos en esta temporada de Navidad.

Con gratitud y oración,
P. Jonathan

Thank you to all of our musicians, lectors, deacons, servers, decorators, and volunteers who helped make our Christmas Mass celebrations so beautiful and memorable. We are truly grateful for your dedication, generosity, and unwavering support.

Gracias a todos nuestros músicos, lectores, diáconos, monaguillos, decoradores y voluntarios que ayudaron a hacer que nuestras celebraciones de las Misas de Navidad fueran tan hermosas y memorables. Estamos verdaderamente agradecidos por su dedicación, generosidad y constante apoyo



Reminder:

The Parish Office will be closed during school vacation and will reopen with regular hours on **January 5, 2026.**

We wish you all a **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year!**

Recordatorio:

La oficina parroquial estará cerrada durante las vacaciones escolares y reanudará su horario habitual el **5 de enero de 2026.**

Les deseamos a todos una **Feliz Navidad** y un **Próspero Año Nuevo.**

Important Notice:

If there is a two-hour school delay or if school is canceled, **Daily Mass will be canceled.** Please plan accordingly.

Aviso Importante:

Si hay un retraso de dos horas en la escuela o si la escuela se cancela, **la Misa diaria se cancelará.** Por favor, planifique en consecuencia.



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Solemnidad María, Madre de Dios

Thursday, January 1st | Jueves, Enero 1st
9:00am, 11:00am Spanish



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