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PARROQUIA DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LA PROVIDENCIA  
228 Lincoln Street Worcester, Massachusetts 01605



## BAPTISM OF THE LORD

And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Mt 3:17

## BAUTISMO DEL SEÑOR

Y oyó una voz que decía desde el cielo: "Éste es mi Hijo muy amado, en quien tengo mis complacencias". Mt 3, 17

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January | Enero

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## Bishop of Worcester

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus

## Pastor

Rev. Jonathan J. Slavinkas  
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## Assisting Priest

Rev. William E. Reiser, S.J.

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Matt Geiger

## Cantor & Music Director

Monica Hatch

## Organist

Gavin Klein

## 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.

## PARISH INFO | INFORMACIÓN

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## FOOD PANTRY | DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS

Harlow Street Entrance | 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the Month | 4<sup>o</sup> Lunes del Mes  
4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

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## Mass Intentions | Intenciones Para Las Misas

### January | Enero 10 Saturday | Sábado

4:00 p.m. Lorraine Fontaine (1<sup>st</sup> ann.) †  
Req by Her Children

### January | Enero 11 Sunday | Domingo

9:00 a.m. Patrici M. Gardner (13<sup>th</sup> ann.) † Req by Family  
11:00 a.m.

5:00 p. m. Ken Benoit (1<sup>st</sup> ann.) †

Req by Family & Friends

### January | Enero 14 Wednesday | Miércoles

8:15 a.m. Sheila Burbank †

### January | Enero 15 Thursday | Jueves

8:15 a.m. Marjorie Bousquet †

7:00 p.m.

### January | Enero 16 Friday | Viernes

8:15 a.m. James LaPrade †

### January | Enero 17 Saturday | Sábado

4:00 p.m. Shawn McKinnon (2<sup>nd</sup> ann.) †  
Req by Donna McKinnon

### January | Enero 18 Sunday | Domingo

9:00 a.m. Jannette LeBoeuf (26<sup>th</sup> ann.) † &  
Michael Surabian (6<sup>th</sup> ann.) † Req by Family

11:00 a.m.

5:00 p. m. Rosa Mastrototaro (5<sup>th</sup> ann.) † Req by Family



### 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.

### Weekly Collection | Colecta Semanal

4:00 pm.	\$620.00
9:00 a.m.	\$961.00
11:00 a.m.	\$494.00
5:00 p.m.	\$149.00
Mail-Ins	\$0.00
Online Contribution	\$375.45
<b>Collection Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$2,599.45</b>

We are deeply grateful to all who financially support the work of our parish community. May God help us to be responsible stewards of the material and spiritual goods that have been given to our parish.

Agradecemos profundamente a todos los que apoyan financiando el trabajo de nuestra comunidad parroquial. Dios nos ayude a ser administradores responsables de los bienes materiales y espirituales que se han dado a nuestra parroquia.

### Word & Eucharist 156 | Palabra y Eucaristia 157

Journeysongs: 879

Entrance Hymn: 338

Offertory Hymn: 337

Communion Hymn: 626

Recessional Hymn: 333



### The Baptism of Our Lord

*“John tried to prevent him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, yet you are coming to me?”*

*(MATTHEW 3:14)*

The Catholic Catechism states that “Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.” In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

### El Bautismo de Nuestro Señor

*“Juan les respondió, ‘Yo bautizo con agua; pero ya viene el que es más poderoso ...él los bautizará con el Espíritu Santo...’ (Lucas 3:16)*

El Catecismo Católico establece que “la inmersión de Jesús en el agua es una señal para todos los seres humanos de la necesidad de morir para cumplir la voluntad de Dios”. En otras palabras, como Católicos bautizados solo necesitamos darle un don a Jesús - el don de nosotros mismos. Ríndete ante Dios, coloca tu confianza en Él y permite al Espíritu Santo trabajar a través de ti para la mayor gloria de Dios.

Please join us as we celebrate Fr. Bill Reiser on Sunday, January 25th at the 11:00 AM Mass.

Fr. Bill is one of the longest-serving priests to the Spanish-speaking community in our Diocese. His years of faithful ministry, pastoral care, and dedication have touched countless lives.

Beginning in February, Fr. Bill will be entering the Jesuit Retirement Home. We gather with gratitude to thank God for his priesthood and to offer him our prayers and best wishes as he enters this next chapter.

A luncheon will follow in the gym. If you are interested in helping, please contact Sr. Susi at 508-755-3820.

Les invitamos a acompañarnos para celebrar al Padre Bill Reiser el domingo 25 de enero en la Misa de las 11:00 a.m.

El Padre Bill ha sido uno de los sacerdotes con más años de servicio a la comunidad hispana en nuestra Diócesis.

Sus años de ministerio fiel, cuidado pastoral y dedicación han tocado la vida de innumerables personas.

A partir de febrero, el Padre Bill ingresará a la Casa de Retiro de los Jesuitas. Nos reunimos con gratitud para dar gracias a Dios por su sacerdocio y para ofrecerle nuestras oraciones y mejores deseos al comenzar esta nueva etapa.

Después de la Misa, habrá un almuerzo en el gimnasio. Si desea ayudar, por favor comuníquese con la Hermana Susi al 508-755-3820



With great joy we welcome  
*Con alegría damos la bienvenida*

Elias Ciejka

who will be baptized this weekend!  
*a quienes fueron bautizados en fin de semana!*

# GET TO KNOW YOUR FAMILY

## Our Lady of Guadalupe



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### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The origin and foundation of Christian Baptism is Jesus. Before starting his public ministry, Jesus submitted himself to the baptism given by John the Baptist. The waters did not purify him; he cleansed the waters. "He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake . . . to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water" (St. Gregory Nazianzen, Liturgy of the Hours, I, 634). Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to

die to themselves to do God's will. Jesus did not need to be baptized because he was totally faithful to the will of his Father and free from sin. However, he wanted to show his solidarity with human beings in order to reconcile them to the Father. By commanding his disciples to baptize all nations, he established the means by which people would die to sin—Original and actual—and begin to live a new life with God.

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## Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys

Growing up in Troyes, France, Marguerite formed a special relationship with Our Lady. She was turned away by two religious communities, but met the founder of Montreal, Canada, when he returned to France to visit his sister. He invited Marguerite to open a school in the New World; she went, despite misgivings, after praying to Mary. From that first school in an abandoned stable, her ministry grew to include teaching women crafts and founding the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame. She managed to keep her sisters unclioistered, despite opposition from the bishop, and served as superior for many years. When Pope John Paul II canonized her in 1982, she became Canada's first woman saint.



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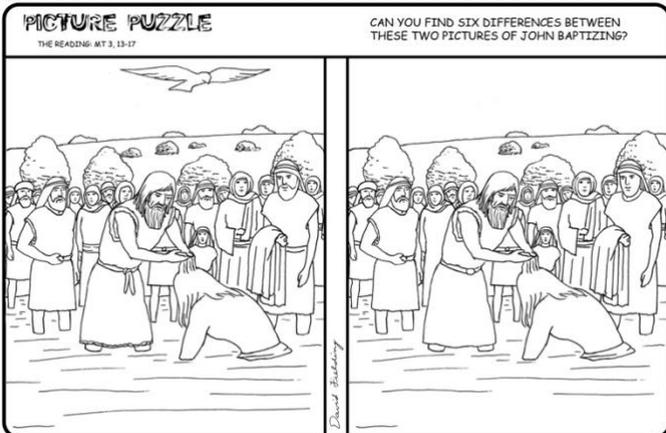
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### Word of Life January 2026

January 11th "Heavenly Father, in the sacrament of Baptism, you have given us the gift of new life. Through your son our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, you have made us your own. Help us to recognize the gift of human life as a sign of hope in our world. Reveal to us the places where your precious gift of life is most in need of protection and strengthen us to defend life in all stages and circumstances, from the child in the womb to the elderly and dying. Guided by your Holy Spirit, guard us from discouragement and give us the grace to be messengers of hope, filled with confidence that nothing can separate us from your love."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "A Prayer for Hope"



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### Cursillo 2026

Men – June 11-14, 2026 & December 3-6, 2026  
Women – April 9-12, 2026 & October 15-18, 2026  
For more information or an application contact

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