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228 Lincoln Street Worcester, Massachusetts 01605



January | Enero
18
2026

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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.

PARISH INFO | INFORMACIÓN

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FOOD PANTRY | DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS
Harlow Street Entrance | 2nd Floor
4th Monday of the Month | 4^o Lunes del Mes
4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

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Mass Intentions | Intenciones Para Las Misas

January | Enero 17 Saturday | Sábado

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

January | Enero 18 Sunday | Domingo

9:00 a.m. Jannette LeBoeuf (26th ann.) † &
Michael Surabian (6th ann.) † Req by Family
11:00 a.m.

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

January | Enero 21 Wednesday | Miércoles

8:15 a.m. Hai Van Nguyen †

January | Enero 22 Thursday | Jueves

8:15 a.m. Donna L. Fontane †

7:00 p.m.

January | Enero 23 Friday | Viernes

8:15a.m. Youth of Our Parish

January | Enero 24 Saturday | Sábado

4:00 p.m. Christine O'Connell (30th ann.) †
Req by Family

January | Enero 25 Sunday | Domingo

9:00 a.m. Michael Connelly (20th ann.) † Req by Family
11:00 a.m.

5:00 p. m. Robert Haran (2nd ann.) † Req by Family

If you wish to have a mass said for either the living or deceased or for a particular intention, please call the office.

Si usted desea alguna misa por algún motivo especial o por el alma de algún ser querido, favor de llamar a la rectoría de la parroquia.



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.p.m.	\$311.00
9:00 a.m.	\$561.00
11:00 a.m.	\$559.00
5:00 p.m.	\$165.00
Mail-Ins	\$100.00
Online Contribution	\$616.95
Collection Sub-Total	\$2,312.95

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 292 | Palabra y Eucaristia 293

Journeysongs: 931
Entrance Hymn: 465
Offertory Hymn: 444
Communion Hymn: 793
Recessional Hymn: 747



*Help us to embrace your will,
Give us the strength to follow your call,
So that your truth may live in our hearts
And reflect peace to those who believe in your love. - Roman Rite*

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb...” (ISAIAH 49:5)

God have given each of us different gifts. In order for God's plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do, and I have to do what God is calling me to do. And guess what? God has given each of us a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and become the saint that God is calling you to be.

Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

“Y ahora dice el Señor, que desde el seno materno me formó para que fuera yo su siervo...”

(ISAÍAS 49:5) Dios nos da diferentes dones a cada uno de nosotros. Para que el plan de Dios funcione, usted tiene que hacer lo que Dios lo llamó a hacer y yo tengo que hacer lo que Dios me llamó a hacer a mí. ¿Y adivina qué? ¡Dios tiene un plan diferente para cada uno de nosotros! Así que deje de compararse con los demás. No deje que la envidia y los celos entren en su vida. De gracias por los dones que Dios le ha dado y transfórmese en el santo que Dios lo está llamando a ser.



January 2026

My dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,

On Thursday, January 22, 2026, the Church throughout the United States will observe the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children". This observance is designated by the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal (n. 373)*, as a particular day of prayer and penance, reminding us of our preeminent priority to pray and work for an end to the tragic scourge of abortion. All the faithful in dioceses throughout the United States of America are called to observe this day in a spirit of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for the violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.

While the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in the case *Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health* thankfully overturned the infamous and unjust 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision that legalized abortion in the U.S. throughout all nine months of pregnancy, the issue of the legalized abortion has now returned to the states and our work is far from over.

Fifty-three years of legalized abortion in this country has left an incomprehensible aftermath. With millions of lives lost, and countless women and men, mothers and fathers, grandparents, siblings, and friends who have been deeply wounded physically, emotionally, and spiritually by this tragedy, we need now more than ever to re-commit ourselves to defending life. I encourage our diocesan parishes and institutions, and all the faithful, to reverently observe the **Day of Prayer and Penance on January 22nd** both personally and within your communities. Let us unite our hearts and minds through special acts of prayer, fasting, and sacrifice on this day and in the months to come, to uphold the inherent dignity of all human life from conception to natural death.

As we reflect on this unspeakable tragedy, we also recall how the Church for many years has continued to reach out to those who have been so sadly affected by the culture of death, particularly through ministries providing aid to women and families in crisis pregnancies, offering the healing love and mercy of Christ to those wounded by abortion through the ministry of Project Rachel, and by continuing to teach and preach the truth and beauty about love and life that bring authentic freedom and happiness. It is through our prayers, charitable works, and loving sacrifices that the culture can be transformed.

Let us take this opportunity of the January 22nd Day of Prayer and Penance to renew our resolve to live and proclaim the Gospel of Life. May we respond generously to the challenge Saint Pope John Paul II put forth in *Evangelium vitae*: "A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. May an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and Lover of life, from the heart of every believer." Our active participation in the shared commitment to the sacredness of human life and the dignity of the human person will, with God's grace, truly work toward the building up of a Culture of Life and a Civilization of Love.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

Word of Life January 2026

January 18th "Even with the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* in June 2022, a decision that returns the abortion issue to the electorate, many states continue not to recognize children in their mothers' wombs as persons warranting protection under the law. Federal laws in our country fail to protect the lives of unborn children, and many political leaders at the state and federal level, work actively to increase access to abortion. Some falsely describe it as health care and even as a basic human right."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Priorities at the Polls"

Project Rachel is the Catholic Church's ministry of healing and reconciliation to those wounded by a past abortion. Find hope and healing by contacting our confidential helpline at 508-791-HOPE(4673). Trust in God's mercy!

FAITH FACTS

The reading is from the gospel of Saint John.

Saint John tells us that the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove. He also calls Jesus "the Lamb of God."

Artists who have wanted to represent the three persons of the Trinity have often used these symbols. The drawing shown here has been taken from a carving on a medieval church. God the Father is in the center. God the Holy Spirit is shown as a dove, at the top. God the Son is shown as a lamb, at the bottom.



Cursillo 2026

Men – June 11-14, 2026 & December 3-6, 2026

Women – April 9-12, 2026 & October 15-18, 2026

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Divine Mercy Ministry to Seniors

Volunteers are needed to spread Jesus' message of Divine Mercy to seniors in local nursing homes and assisted living facilities. As a volunteer prayer group leader, you would lead a weekly 30-minute Divine Mercy prayer group using a simple prepared model of readings, prayers, and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. If you feel that the Lord is calling you to this ministry of mercy, please contact Mary Higgins (413) 552-7231 or email Mary at: DivineMercyMinistryToSeniors@gmail.com.

Saint Agnes

DIED CIRCA 304
FEAST DAY – JANUARY 21

Agnes may have been only 12 or 13 when she died a martyr's death in Rome. According to tradition, she refused to consider marrying and consecrated her maidenhood to God. When a persecution broke out, she left home and offered herself for martyrdom, probably dying by being stabbed in the throat, a common form of Roman execution. She was buried in a cemetery in the Via No mentana, where a church honoring her was built about 350. Her name and feast date were listed in a calendar of martyrs in 354. She is the patron of girls.

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St. Peter Central Catholic Elementary School, 865 Main Street Worcester will host an Open House on Sunday, January 25 from 1:00-3:00pm.

There are openings for Grades Pre-k thru 7.

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