

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

LIGHT

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. - Jn 3:20



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Parish Vision Statement:

We, as Christ's disciples, are the hands, minds & voices which lovingly glorify God by serving Each other as a Christian family.

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Food Pantry Hours: Thursday 9:45am—2:30pm,
Saturday 10am—1pm

Bingo: Every Friday 6:30-10pm lower church hall

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Lord's Day:

Saturday 4:00 PM, Sunday 10:00 AM

Weekday:

Monday-Tuesday, Thursday- Friday 9:00 AM
(No Mass on Wednesday)

Blessed Sacrament Adoration/First Friday:

9:30 AM - 5:30PM

Confessions:

Every Saturday 3-3:30 PM

WEEK OF March 10 & 11, 2018

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND LITURGIES

Sat. March 10—Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent
4:00 PM - Proko & Zybas Families

Sun. March 11 - Fourth Sunday of Lent
10:00 AM—Norman LaFlash (25th Ann.) - Family
11:00 AM Recitation of the Rosary

Monday, March 12
9:00 AM Edward Prostack—wife, Theresa

Tuesday, March 13
9:00 AM Theresa Espinosa—Family

Wednesday, March 14
9:00 AM Annie Mae Bynum (Birthday) - Family

Thursday, March 15
9:00AM Special Intention for Fr. Thaddeus Stachura—Friend

Friday, March 16
9:00 AM Special Intentions for Fr. George Ridick—Friend

Sat. March 17 - Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent
4:00 PM - Helen Hannon—Ann & Kathy Hannon

Sun. March 18 ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent
10:00 AM Noreen Collins (40th Ann.) - Family
11:00 AM Recitation of the Rosary

4th Sunday of Lent

Why is the world the way it is? We all wonder that from time to time. Each successive generation projects rose-hued longing on the past and casts furtive glances at the impending future. We see forces beyond our control in nature and in the newspaper. The world is changing and we're being pulled out with the tide. In the face of this confusion, today's Gospel features one of the most oft-quoted Scripture verses of all time: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." But if Christ has come, why is the world so challenging? Why is the world still -- to our eyes -- being carried off in a proverbial hand basket? Jesus' response is a deeply personal one. "This is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light." Patterns arise, habits are formed, and systems become engrained, but each is the result of an interconnected web of human choices. Where do we stand? Our answers, perhaps, vary from week to week, hour to hour, missed traffic light to spilled coffee to teenage child's rebellion. The world isn't perfect because we aren't perfect. Our parish is flawed because we're flawed. Our families need work because every one of us needs to be converted. Christianity is a process, not a destination! This Sunday, Jesus invites us to consider our own lives. Where in our own lives do we prefer darkness to light? What flaws are we trying to hide? Humbly acknowledge those places today. Ask God for the grace to be transformed. Share with your spouse or a friend where you'd like to improve this week. "Whoever loves truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God."



(As of Monday)

Saint Vincent Hospital at Worcester Medical Center:
Mary Quill, Shirley Wamback, Beverly Snyder.
Memorial Hospital: **None Listed.** UMass. Campus:
None Listed.



Please continue to pray for all of our service men & women who serve to protect us.

(Please arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass)

Saturday, March 17

Lector: Christina Marotta
Commentator: Kathy Hannon
Ministers of Holy Communion: Diane Marotta

Sunday, March 18

Lector: Rose Kempton
Altar Servers: Noah Sulminski & Caroline Villa
Ministers of Holy Communion: Kate Hamilton & Kerri Sulminski

Prayer for Lent

Loving God, as the season of Lent unfolds, you call us to return again and again. As you invite us to reflect on your love made visible in the person of Jesus, align our lives more closely with you through prayer, fasting and generous giving. Bless our desire to accompany Jesus suffering here and now in the crucified people of our world. With your grace, may we live Lent fully and move with transformed hearts into the abundant life of Easter morning.
Amen

As a reminder, our parish follows the guidelines of the national Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People approved by the US Bishops and the policies of the Diocese of Worcester in screening those who work with children in our care and in helping victims of abuse find healing. If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a Church employee or volunteer in the past, please contact Cathaleen Peloquin Victim Services Coordinator for our diocese at 508-929-4363 (direct line & confidential voicemail). If you are concerned about a current case of abuse, please contact the local civil authorities immediately.

BINGO

March 16, 2018

Team # 3—Alma Sheehan, Eileen Kaminski, Dave Dubey, Donald Ducharme, Tony & Elaine Halpin

The Every –Week Crew and Early Shift Workers

Theresa Courtney, John Harrington, Lisa Hickory, Emma Lusignan, Patricia Wassel, Joan Lorusso, Pat Markiewicz, Ed Corrigan, Carole Nourse, Jeannine Corrigan, Debra Diaz, Donald Ducharme, Fran Peperato, Debbie Plant, Ed Wall, Julie Carrigan & Michael Burgraff

**Ladies Guild Kitchen Crew:
Beverly Farrar & June Sulminski**

Beverly Farra & Jeanne Lavallee

Vision statement is located on the cover of bulletin

18th Annual Diocesan Catholic Men’s Conference at Assumption College

All men are invited to this important annual Conference, scheduled for Assumption College on Saturday, March 17 and ticket prices increase on Thursday, March 1st. Hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: **Marcellino D’Ambrosio, Father David Cavanagh, Robert Rogers, Ryan Tremblay, and Elvis Grbac.** Bishops and diocesan and religious priests will hear those confessions. Bishop McManus will offer Mass. For a Conference brochure, further information, or registration, speak to Mike Buffone 508-873-4237.

Parish Council Meeting

We will have our parish council meeting on Sunday, March 11th at 6:30pm in parish hall followed by fellowship.

Ladies Guild Meeting

Our monthly Ladies Guild Meeting will take place Monday, March 19th at 6:30 in the parish hall followed by benediction.

Catholic Relief Services Collection

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and bring Christ’s love and mercy to all people here at home and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC, and **help Jesus in disguise.**

Thank you!

This month’s food collection we collected 76 items and \$150.00. Thank you for your continued support to help serve others.

LENTEN Schedule

Every Tuesday

Confessions will be heard from 7-8pm.

Every Friday

Stations of the Cross at 7pm followed by Benediction.

Everyone is invited to join us.

The group that will be attending as a group on March 16th is the **Ladies Guild.**

LENTEN REGULATIONS

1) Abstinence on all the Fridays of Lent, and on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

- No meat may be eaten on days of abstinence. Catholics 14 years and older are bound to abstain from meat. Elderly, pregnant and nursing mothers are exempt.

2) Fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

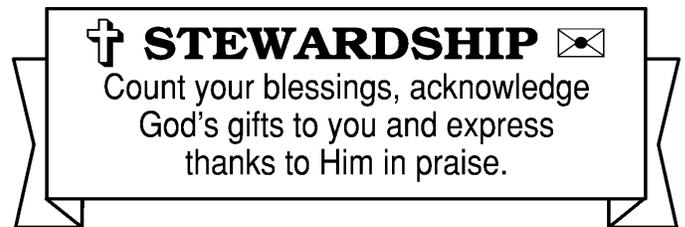
- Fasting means having only one full meal to maintain one's strength. Two smaller, meatless and penitential meals are permitted according to one's needs, but they should not together equal the one full meal. Eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Catholics from age 18 through age 59 are bound to fast. Again, elderly, pregnant and nursing mothers are exempt.

*****Lenten Soup Suppers*****

Due to the changes and closings of some of the churches that participated in the Lenten Soup Suppers we will have only **ONE** Soup Supper and Service which will be held on **Wednesday, March 14th, 6pm** at Emmanuel Lutheran , 200 Greenwood St., Worcester. All are welcome!

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING



March 4, 2018

Not Updated

Partners in Charity

Goal \$28,700

Raised \$17,895

Balance to Raise \$10,805