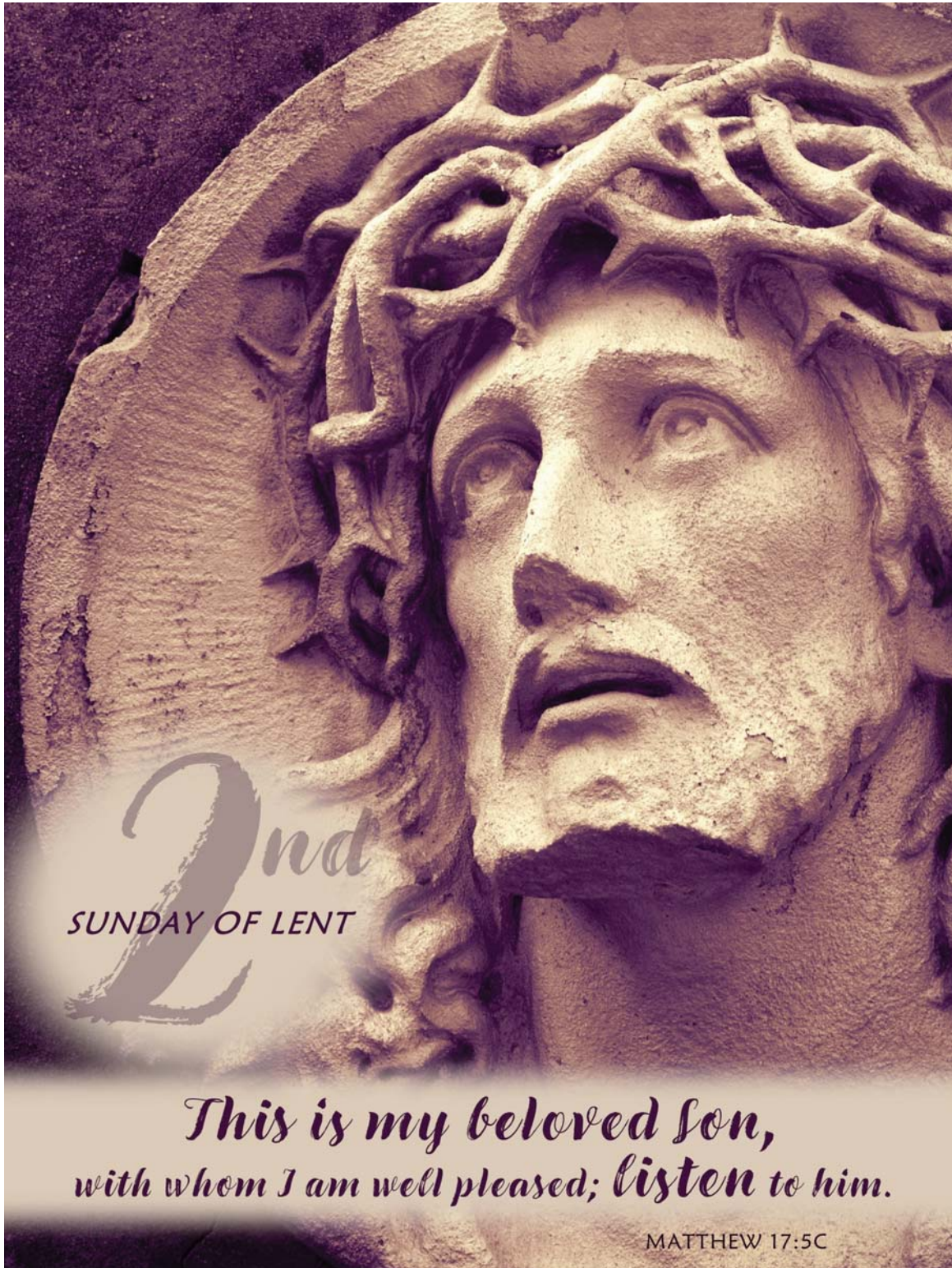




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2nd
SUNDAY OF LENT

*This is my beloved son,
with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.*

MATTHEW 17:5C



Saturday, March 4

5pm **Dec'd Members of Gorak Family**
Celebrant:

by their family

Sunday, March 5

7:30am **Anne & George Heyward**
Celebrant:

by their family

9:00am **James Driscoll**
Celebrant:

by John & Sue McCann

11:00am **Patrick Macomber**
Celebrant:

by Foster family

Monday, March 6

9:00am **Special Intention**
 by Courtney Rouse

Tuesday, March 7

9:00am **David Holmes**
 by his family

Wednesday, March 8

9:00am **Maryanne Hall**
 by Richard & Linda O'Donnell

Thursday, March 9

9:00am **Patrick Blaney**
 by his family

Friday, March 10

9:00am **Souls in Purgatory**
 By Pat & Paul Horrigan

Saturday, March 11

5pm **Elizabeth Power**
Celebrant:

by her family

Sunday, March 12

7:30am **Marie Jasiewicz**
Celebrant:

by Judy Malley

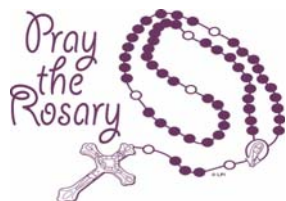
9:00am **Alan Fugere**
Celebrant:

by his family

11:00am **Julia Amorelli &
 Louis Yuknavich**

Celebrant:

by Patricia Amorelli



**We invite you to pray
 the Rosary everyday after
 the 9am weekday Mass
 Monday through Friday**

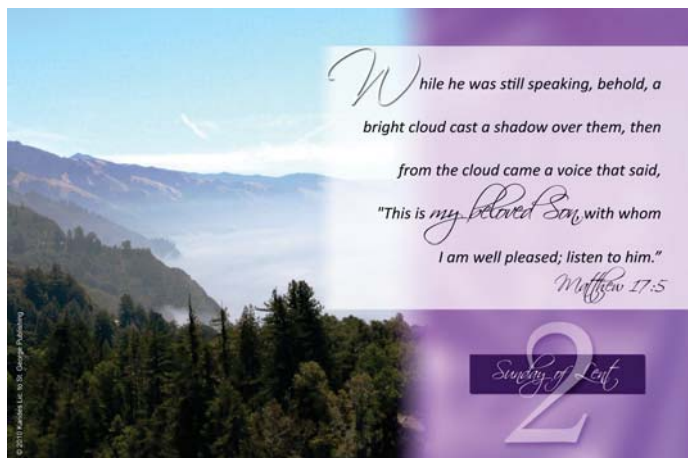
Please Pray for...

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 James Wright, Evelyn Croteau, Beth Lambert, Lynn St. Jean
 Annabelle Duvane, Shirley DePalma, Agnes Limberger, Zachary Collins,
 Margie Morcone, Elise MaryAnn Hall, Sharon Beaulieu,
 Stephen & Kimberly Bankcroft, Peg Christensen, Toby Claufon,
 Dawn Haight, Carol Aloisi, Teresa Putnam, Carmelia Potenti,
 Leanne McCann, Ellie Carlson, Jane Burke, Hayleigh Scott,
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 Paul Fallon, Jim Killeen, Luis Ferreria, Helen Galica, Erik Olsen, Vicki Foley,
 Brendon Crowley, Richard Kane, Grace Roche, Jack Curtin, Jim Bennett,
 John Lynch, Kathleen Farrar, KirolosGergis, Gregg Merloni, Tome Valadao,
 Maryann Bisco, Susan Garry, Melvin Boucher, T.J. Bautz, Joan Fallon,
 Nancy Camp, David Perry, Lucia Engdahl, John Durnan, Linda Darby,
 Nancy Santory, Laonya Mobley, Demetrius Mobley, Maria Matejko,
 Gary Wilson, Jr., Debbie Giroux, Kevin & Donna Brennan, Luz Chavez,
 Thomas Livingstone, Nick Johnson, James Thomas, Christina Narensky,
 Alyssa Bloom, Ann Martin, Michael Berthuime, Trisha Suzi, Norman Beland,
 Hailie McLatchey, Barbara Auger, Barbara Barnes, Doris Biedermann,
 Beverly Taylor, Jeanne Amendola, Jack Walker, Daniel Baker
 Rebecca Coax, Robert Trant, Michael McAndless, Michael Del Pozzo,
 Edward Hubbell, Claire Kennedy, Susanne Ollman, Joel Rivera,
 Frank Sannelli, Pat & John Lusek, Michael Zanczewicz, Kristy Cautello,
 Judy Melfa, Neil Kenny, Joseph Malzone, Lois Kerbel, Michael Turpin,
 Elise Ollman-Kahle, Patricia Amorelli, Connor Blaney, Debbie Krikler,
 Austin Tomalewski, Gary Shults, Erin Magrane, George Beecher

**Let us remember to pray for all the men and women who are over
 seas in harm's way.**

We remember those who have died

**EXPOSITION OF THE
 BLESSED SACRAMENT & ADORATION
 TUESDAY 9:30AM TO 6:00PM
 Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00pm
 Prayers For Sanctity of Life 5:00pm
 BENEDICTION AT 6:00PM**





TRANSFIGURED PEOPLE II SUNDAY OF LENT

How was your first week of Lent?

During this season, several Christian practices and devotions are performed such as the Stations of the Cross on Fridays, abstinence and fasting, we try to increase our prayer time, and so forth.

In a unique way, the Church invites us, from Sunday to Sunday, to move by the rhythm of the Liturgy.

This year we listen to the readings of cycle A (from the Old Testament, the New Testament, and the gospel.)

The gospel's selection from this cycle creates a progression in the message, from the revelation of Jesus' identity as the Son of God (the passage of the Transfiguration of the Lord in the gospel of Matthew) toward the final sign of his glory in the passage of the resurrection of Lazarus in the gospel of John.

This cycle was designed to help the Catechumens to complete their formation to celebrate the Sacraments of Christian Initiation, also known as RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.)

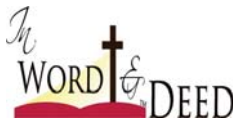
In other words, it is a cycle of conversion. The gospels want to present Jesus as our Savior and to introduce Jesus' Paschal Mystery, the salvific power of his life, death, and resurrection.

Last Sunday, we celebrated the Rite of Candidacy at St. Paul's Cathedral in Worcester. In this celebration, the Church presents to our Bishop all the Catechumens and candidates to receive the sacraments of Christian Initiation as he welcomes them into the final steps towards the celebration of the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and eucharist during the Easter Vigil.

Along with more than a hundred candidates from different parishes of the diocese, Bishop McManus received our six candidates: Rebekah, Janeth, Wenderli, Sheily, Marlyn, and Hilda. I encourage you to keep these sisters in your prayers during this season of Lent.

As we listen to the beautiful passage of the Transfiguration, we keep journeying along the path of conversion, asking to the Lord for the gift of being transfigured by his love, and reflecting his presence in words and deeds to our brothers and sisters.

SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST CHURCH



Late in spring, my young nieces would stay with me for a few hours while their parents worked. I had them plant an assortment of small flowering plants. During the summer, they often would help me water the garden and marvel at the size and beauty of the flowers that grew so quickly. By summer's end, the mature plants added beauty and grace to an otherwise barren spot.

When Jesus is transformed before the Apostles, he is not just a bright light in a dark moment. He reveals something new and as yet unseen: the glory of the Father, proclaimed in the Law and the Prophets, and now fully seen in the person of Jesus. This is God's love and mercy, promising new hope and new life to the whole world. Encouraged by their vision, the Apostles would be the first to witness to Jesus and to the Gospel.

Every so often, we may get a small insight into faith. An understanding of the Gospel, or a new appreciation for the sacraments or a sense of awe during a special holy day can reinvigorate our faith. It gives us an added incentive to seek the truth or to delve more deeply into our beliefs. It may also be the little spark that renews a faltering faith. Look for those little moments when we are transformed. When we seek the Lord, He is always to be found.

James Gaffney

LENT 2023 Adult SMALL GROUP BOTH IN-PERSON and REMOTE OPTIONS

**The Mysteries of the Rosary
Mondays (February 27 - April 13th)
7:00 - 8:30 PM ~ Remotely over ZOOM**

**The Screwtape Letters
Tuesdays (February 28 - April 4th)
7:30 - 9:00 ~ Parish Center**

**Hebrews: The New and Eternal Covenant
Thursdays (March 2 - April 27)
7:00 - 8:30 PM ~ Parish Center**

**Pathways to Prayer
Thursdays (March 2, 9, 16)
10:30 - 12:00 PM ~ Parish Center**

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DISPENSATION

The Liturgical Commemoration of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, March 17, is observed this year, 2023 on a Friday of Lent that the Church prescribes as a Day of Abstinence from meat. In light of the importance of this feast day for many in the Diocese of Worcester, I am granting a dispensation from the rule of abstinence on Friday, March 17, 2023.

I ask that those who take advantage of this dispensation perform another act of penance in its place on that day.

**Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester.**



ST. LUKE'S ORGANIC GARDEN

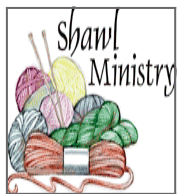
St. Luke's Organic Garden is a 48-patch community garden adjacent to St. Luke's cemetery. We are currently assigning garden patches for spring 2023. We do have a few openings.

If you are interested in joining the community garden, please contact Cindy Hodgdon at stlukesorganicgarden@gmail.com or call 978-505-1186.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY USHERS FOR 7:30AM MASS

If you regularly attend the 7:30am Mass on Sunday, please consider becoming an usher. We have need of several volunteers that can make a commitment to serve at this Mass. If interested, please speak with Paul E. Freeman, Jr., the head usher. Paul is available either before or after the Mass. Thank you.

**Rectory Office & Finance Office
are now located in the Parish Center
1 Ruggles Street
To see Maria or Linda visit them in their
new office in the Parish Center.
All Parish offices are closed on Friday.**



The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet Tuesday March 14th from 1:00 – 2:30 PM in Room 23 of the Parish Center. This ministry is open to any person interested in knitting or crocheting prayer shawls, lap robes or afghans

for the sick and suffering. The ministry also makes hats and mittens for the Giving Tree at Christmas. If you would like to participate but can't make the monthly meetings, please e-mail/call Carol Mulcahy at cmulcahy@live.com/508-898-0409 for more information about patterns and yarn. We would love to have new members since there are many requests for the handmade items. Yarn is available at the Parish Center.



MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY: FRIENDLY VISITOR

A parishioner's mother is moving to Westborough and is hoping to get to

know the parish and senior center better. She isn't driving so we are hoping someone might be able to visit with her to help her get to know the community and, at times, take her to an event at the senior center or the parish, or just be a companion. One or two hours a week, but it can be more or less depending on your availability.

For more information please contact Julie Basque at 508-366-8509 ext 4 or email pastoralassociate@stlukes-parish.org.



Save these Dates
Vacation Bible School
July 31-August 4th. .

Second Sunday of Lent



"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you." (Genesis 12:1) God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet, God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful."



STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT 7 PM

Let us walk the way of the cross together at 7 PM every Friday of Lent. Looking for volunteers to read, sing or carry the cross to the stations. If you are interested, please contact Ramona N Michael at n.ramona.m@gmail.com.

In addition to 7pm on Friday evenings, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed 9:30am on Friday mornings.

Worcester Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference

Tickets are now on sale for the 22nd Annual Worcester Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference taking place on **Saturday March 25, beginning at 8:00 am** at Assumption Univ., 500 Salisbury St. Worcester. Visit <https://catholicmenworc.com> for speakers and more information. Adult tickets are \$50 / Student tickets are \$30. After March 13 or at the door, Adult tickets will be \$65. (Buy early and save 25%!) Student tickets are always \$30. Lunch is included with all tickets.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Sunday Ordinary Collection	Monthly
Month of November 2022	59,480
Month of December 2022	60,297
Month of January 2023	71,529

"Whatever Lenten practices we undertake, it is important to remember their purpose. Lenten practices are not about losing weight or quitting smoking, but they are about deepening our baptismal identity as children of God and members of the Body of Christ."

- Living Liturgy 2007





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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5 PM, in Spanish 7 PM

**Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:00AM,
11:00AM**

Weekday Masses

**Monday through Friday,
9:00 AM**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Please contact the Rectory for
information*

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

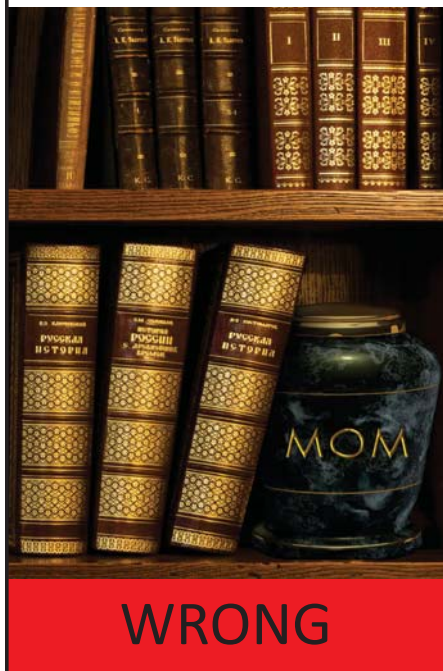
*Saturday from 4:00 to 4:45PM ~ also by
personal request
Reconciliation Room is handicapped
accessible*

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

*Please contact a Priest at least six months
in advance*

VISITATION OF THE SICK

Our extraordinary ministers are always pleased to bring the Eucharist to parishioners who are unable to join us for weekly worship. If you or a family member would like to receive Communion, please call the Rectory. If you know of someone from the parish who is in the hospital, please let us know.



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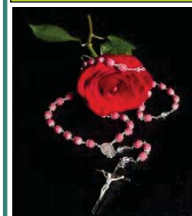
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