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3rd
Sunday
of Lent



FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE

And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. *Romans 5:5*



Saturday, March 11

5pm **Elizabeth Power**

Celebrant: Fr. Alex

by her family

Sunday, March 12

7:30am **Marie Jasiewicz**

Celebrant: Fr. Diego

by her family

9:00am **Alan Fugere**

Celebrant: Fr. Diego

by his family

11:00am **Julia Amorelli &**

Louis Yuknavich

Celebrant: Fr. Diego

by Patricia Amorelli

Monday, March 13

9:00am **Francesca Russomanno**

by Farmer family

Tuesday, March 14

9:00am **Steve Nikopoulos**

by Farmer family

Wednesday, March 15

9:00am **Steve Nikopoulos**

by Croll family

Thursday, March 16

9:00am **Special Intention**

Friday, March 17

9:00am **James Driscoll**

by Women of St. Luke

Saturday, March 18

5pm **Charles D. Davis, Jr. (4th Anv)**

Celebrant: Fr. Diego

by cousin Paul

Sunday, March 19

7:30am **Maria Barretti**

Celebrant: Fr. Alex

by her family

9:00am **John McKeever (50th Anv)**

& Eleanor McKeever

Celebrant: Fr. Diego

by their family

11:00am **Bill Felice**

Celebrant: Fr. Diego

by his family



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

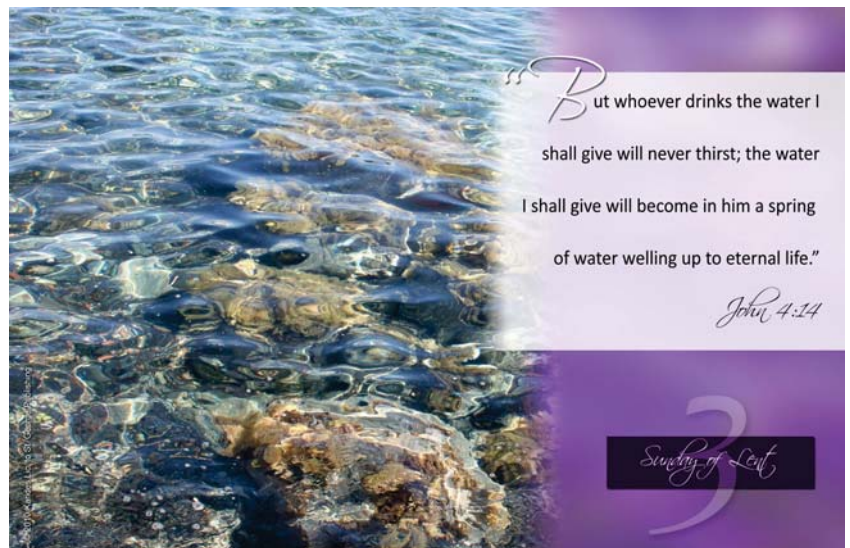
Please Pray for...

Susan Bailey, Chloe Nascimento, Jonathan Tomashefsky,
Brian Howland, Michael LeBlanc, Mary Mahan, Becky Rawson
James Wright, Evelyn Croteau, Beth Lambert, Lynn St. Jean
Annabelle Duvane, Shirley DePalma, Agnes Limberger, Zachary Collins,
Paul Fallon, Margie Morcone, 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,
Kellan Keough, Dorothy Clinton, Sr. Pamela Philbin, Karen Mooney,
Jim Killeen, Luis Ferreria, Helen Galica, Erik Olsen, Vicki Foley,
Brendon Crowley, Richard Kane, Grace Roche, Jack Curtin, Jim Bennett,
John Lynch, Kathleen Farrar, Kirolos Gergis, 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**





Things are moving around our Parish, and I'm excited and grateful.

Last weekend I felt like an inspiration of the Holy Spirit to introduce and welcome our new parishioners during masses. The response from all was great. The new members of the Parish felt loved and welcomed. I thank you all for that.

I want to extend, once again, to the new and all parishioners the invitation to participate in all the activities we have planned to walk together during this Lenten season.

On Tuesdays, we have **Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** from 9.30 to 6.00 p.m. with Benediction at 6.00 p.m.; Father Alex and I will be available to hear confessions from 5.00 to 6.00 p.m.

On Fridays, after 9.00 am Mass and at 7.00 p.m. again, we pray with the *Viacrucis*, the **Stations of the Cross**, a beautiful and old tradition that helps us to reflect on the fourteen steps of Jesus from his condemnation to death to his death on the cross. With short biblical passages and meditations, this is an excellent opportunity to contemplate the redemptive suffering of Jesus.

On Wednesday, right at the midpoint of our week, we have two moments of prayer.

At 7.00 a.m., we pray the **Liturgy of the Hours**. Morning Prayer (or *Laudes*) is the first prayer in the morning that monks, priests, nuns, and consecrated people are bound to pray daily. It's a selection of psalms, bible readings, and hymns that help us to keep the rhythm of prayer as we consecrate every hour of the day to the Lord.

In the evening, "**Together in the Spirit**" takes place at 6.00 p.m. We gather in the vestibule of the Church for a moment of fellowship as we share a cup of tea or coffee; then, at 6.30, we move into the sanctuary to pray in a more relaxed setting. A moment of praise and worship with music, meditation of a passage of the Scripture, and finally, intercessions for different needs such as healing, strength, support, guidance, or wisdom. We let the Holy Spirit fill our hearts and our mouths as we raise our hands, our voices, and our hearts to honor the Lord.

I hope these different manifestations of devotion help us in our Lenten journey as we turn our hearts to the Lord, to love him and our brothers and sisters with all our hearts, minds, and souls.

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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.

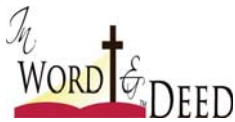
STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT 7 PM

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. I

f you are interested, please contact Ramona N Michael at n.ramona.m@gmail.com.

In addition to 7:00pm on Friday evenings, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed 9:30am on Friday mornings.

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IS OPEN 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK,
WE CAN MAKE A VISIT ANYTIME WE PASS.
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AS WE ARE TO SEE HIM.



Water has been getting lots of coverage in the news lately. Besides the usual problems of drought in one place and floods in another, there is also the discussion about bottled water, clean water, acid rain, water and health, and water in the environment. To paraphrase another quote: water, water everywhere, and something new about it everyday.

The water at Mirabah and the water at the well in Samaria is just ordinary water. What makes it extraordinary is the one who gives it. Water is given to the people through the action of Moses and Jesus. Not only is their status as prophets affirmed, but the providence of God is proclaimed. The ordinary water becomes extraordinary because it reveals the mercy and love of God.

At this time of Lent, it is easy to take our Lenten practices for granted and see them as ordinary acts of sacrifice. We may even forget the reason why we are doing them. But these ordinary ways we grow spiritually can become extraordinary because of the One who receives them. Prayer, sacrifice and sacrament may seem too simple to be worth doing and we may be tempted to look for something "bigger" to do. Resist the temptation. God meets us where we are—in the simple and ordinary.

James Gaffney

SCRIPTURE READINGS 2023

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT March 12	Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/ Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
MONDAY March 13	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30
TUESDAY March 14	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6+7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35
WEDNESDAY March 15	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
THURSDAY March 16	Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
FRIDAY March 17	<i>Saint Patrick, Bishop</i> Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14+17/ Mk 12:28-34
SATURDAY March 18	<i>Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14
4TH SUNDAY OF LENT March 19	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/ Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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.

FILL IN THE GAPS

The sentences below are missing key words. Can you find the correct ones? (They are all in today's readings.)

- In their _____ for _____, the people _____ against Moses.
- Strike the _____, and the _____ will flow from it for the _____ to drink.
- If _____ you hear his _____, harden not your _____.
- At the _____ time, when we were still powerless, Christ _____ for us _____ men.
- God is _____, and those who _____ him must worship in Spirit and _____.

ANSWERS

1. thirst, water, grumbled 2. rock, water, people
3. today, voice, hearts 4. appointed, died, godless
5. Spirit, worship, truth

Sunday Funday © Pilot Bulletins

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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"...the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit..."



Allow the Holy Spirit to transform your relationship. Apply for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience: June 2-4, 2023, Upton, MA (Other dates and locations are found on the website.)

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church.

Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Joe & Ginny Vatele at 978-870-5646 or <https://www.mema.org/>.



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.



WESTBOROUGH ASP FOOD DRIVE

Saturday, March 25th, 9:00am
Help Stock Westborough Food Bank

To participate, email to register your address: westboroughfooddrive@gmail.com.

Please leave groceries at the bottom of your driveway by 9:00am. And, please help us get the word out -- tell your neighbors! Thank you for your continued support!



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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.

THE FOREVER YOUNG

(St. Luke's Senior Adults)

Welcome Seniors

Gathering – Refreshments
Short Business Meeting
Program of the Month
4th Monday of the Month
9:45 – 11:30 a.m.



Come join us for a fun-filled morning playing Bingo!
Prizes will be given.
Save the date – March 27, 2023

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



Third Sunday of Lent

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again." (John 4:13)

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us over the long run. When we build our lives around material possessions we will always want more and no amount will ever satisfy our desire. True joy and peace only comes when we follow Jesus - when we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."



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

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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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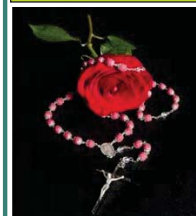
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