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4th Sunday of Lent

*"I came into this world for judgment,
so that those who do not see might see,
and those who do see might become blind."*

John 9:39





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

Monday, March 20

9:00am **Marie Jasiewicz**
by Linda & Richard O'Donnell

7:00pm **SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH MASS**
Tuesday, March 21

9:00am **Mark Gagnon**
by Bob Simcoe

Wednesday, March 22

9:00am **Bill Felice**
by family

Thursday, March 23

9:00am **Margaret & Richard Horrigan**
by their family

Friday, March 24

9:00am **William Felice**
by Salsman family

Saturday, March 25

5pm **Jeanne Marie Barrett**
Celebrant: Fr. Diego
by Szczepankiewicz family

Sunday, March 26

7:30am **Paul Damiani**
Celebrant: Fr. Diego
by his family

9:00am **Kevin Burke**
Celebrant: Fr. Diego
by St. Luke Parish family

11:00am **Frank Amorelli &**
Anthony Amorelli

Celebrant: Fr. Alex
by Patricia Amorelli



**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, Laconya Mobley, Demetrius Mobley, Maria Matejko,
Gary Wilson, Jr., Debbie Giroux, Kevin & Donna Brennan, Luz Chavez,
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

Thomas Livingstone, Edward Gilloly

**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**

LAETARE SUNDAY

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is the midpoint and known as Laetare Sunday. Laetare means "rejoice" and the Church expresses hope and joy in the middle of our penitential Lenten practices. Rose is the color of rejoicing, so you might see your priest wearing rose colored vestments this Sunday!



ST. JOSEPH LENTEN RETREAT

Monday, March 20 Mass at 7pm,
Celebration of Solemnity of St. Joseph, followed by
Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Mon., Mar. 20 8:00pm through Tues., Mar. 21 6:00pm
(Morning Mass on Tuesday, at 9:00am)



Tuesday, March 21 at 6pm
closing Benediction
Wednesday, March 22 at 7pm
Lenten Penance Service

Morning Prayer (*Laudes*)

Wednesdays, 7:00 AM in Church

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.

TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT

Wednesday, Mar 29th at 6:00pm in Church

An opportunity to come together for a time of praise and worship, and to listen to His Word as we seek to be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT 7 PM

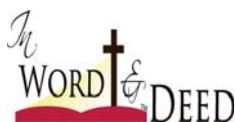
Let us walk the way of the cross together at 7 PM every Friday of Lent. Looking for volunteers to read, sing or carry the cross to the stations. I

If 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.

“Being a guardian is the distinctive trait of Joseph: Being the guardian is his great mission . . . We look to Joseph as the model educator, who watches over and accompanies Jesus as he grows ‘in wisdom, age and grace,’ as the Gospel says. He was not Jesus’ father: the father of Jesus was God, but he was a father to Jesus, he was a father to Jesus in order to help him grow. And how did he help him grow? In wisdom, age and grace.”

—Pope Francis, March 19, 2014



Color televisions amazed people. Black and white images were replaced by all the colors of the rainbow and both people and cartoons seemed to have more life. Now, high-definition televisions show amazing detail. Colors are more vivid and the picture has a depth and clarity that older televisions lack. The viewer can see every line, wrinkle, and subtlety that was once left to the imagination. The viewer can really see bigger and better!

When Jesus restores the man's vision, he also gives him the gift of faith. Just as no one can explain why he was blind from birth, the man cannot explain how Jesus restored his sight. He just knows he can see. It is that experience of seeing that allows him to see Jesus—in high definition—as the Son of Man. He can freely acknowledge Jesus, even before the Pharisees, because what he lacks in knowledge, he knows through experience and faith. His vision is not limited to what he knows. He can see with his whole being—mind, heart and soul!

Lent brings our vision into sharper focus. Through self-examination, penance and the intention to amend our life, we can see more clearly the work and the will of God. Every detail and subtlety of grace is vivid and ready for us to say, "I see and I believe".

James Gaffney



"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7) How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.

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.

Might God be calling you to the priesthood?

Join us for our annual priestly vocation discernment retreat with Bishop McManus. This retreat is free and for ages high school aged and up. It will take place 6 PM to 6 PM March 31—April 1 at the Immaculate Conception Retreat Center in Putnam, CT 06260. To register, please go to: <https://www.worcestervocations.com/retreat>



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!

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.



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Month of December 2022	60,297
Month of January 2023	71,529
Month of February 2023	52,242



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

Lent

GIVING THINGS UP FOR LENT

BY FR. LARRY RICE

Ask nearly anyone who grew up Catholic what they're doing for Lent, and they'll probably tell you what they're "giving up" for Lent. The notion of giving up some pleasure for the 40 days of Lent is very much in keeping with the penitential character of the season. Of course, the primary pillars of Lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. All of these are intended to turn our hearts back to God, to purify us, and prepare us for the celebration of Christ's resurrection at Easter. One of the things that the whole Church gives up for Lent is the acclamation "Alleluia", before the proclamation of the Gospel.

Of course, when it comes to giving things up for Lent, people often get into trouble by taking on too much, or by working from the wrong motivation. To take on too much is to set oneself up for failure. Several years ago, I decided to give up both meat and chocolate for Lent. Instead of turning my heart back to God, this only served to make me

irritable, as every bacon cheeseburger or peanut butter cup I encountered began to take on demonic proportions. The following year, I decided that perhaps the spiritual discipline of Lent was what I needed to help me lose 10 pounds by Easter. This was obviously the wrong motivation, because it made my Lenten practice all about me. This discipline is supposed to get us out of ourselves, and back to God. Needless to say, by Easter I still had those 10 pounds, and felt like a failure besides. The gift of humility comes from all sorts of interesting places.

So this year, I'm trying a different tack. For Lent, I'm giving up complaining. I'm also trying to give up a grudge that I've been quietly carrying around since Christmas. I've also given up elevators, as an occasional reminder of my tendency to take the easy path. Time will tell, but I think I might make it all the way to Easter this year.

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Volunteer Opportunities with Ignatian Volunteer Corps.

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) has begun to recruit applicants for the coming year. Father James Martin, SJ will be hosting a national online information session for anyone interested in exploring an IVC commitment in the upcoming (September to June) year. This Zoom webinar takes place on **Thursday, March 21, from 4-5 pm**. Register at: <http://ivcusa.org/info>. IVC volunteers, women and men 50 years of age and better, commit to a ten-month period of service and spiritual reflection. For more information about the opportunities in New England, contact us at newengland@ivcusa.org

Rectory Office & Finance Office
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To see Maria or Linda visit them in their
new office in the Parish Center.

All Parish offices are closed on Friday.

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Program of the Month
4th Monday of the Month
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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
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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

*Saturday from 4:00 to 4:45PM ~ also by
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SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

*Please contact a Priest at least six months
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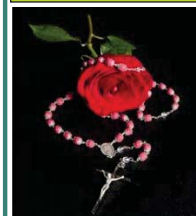
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