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MASS SCHEDULE

Lord's Day Masses
Saturday 5:30PM, Sunday 8:30AM & 10:45AM
Weekday Masses: Monday through Friday, 7:30AM
Holy Day Masses: 7:30AM & 7:00PM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:30–5PM (or by appointment)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

By appointment. Please call to arrange for date and instruction.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please call the rectory office at least one year prior to the marriage to make arrangements.

CARE OF THE SICK

Please advise us of parishioners who are sick or in the hospital, that we might keep them in prayer and, if possible, visit them. Anyone who is unable to celebrate Mass with us in Church is urged to advise us so that we might bring the Eucharist to them at home.

Your Family Parish

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 9:00 AM -12:00PM

Stewardship – Time - Talent –Treasure

Sunday Collection	**$**	**2,132.00**
Parish Repairs & Cap. Improvement	**$**	**85.00**
Fuel	**$**	**65.00**
All Saints / All Souls	**$**	**245.00**
Total Collection 11/1/20	**$**	**2,527.00**
Sunday Collection	**$**	**1,142.00**
Parish Repairs & Cap. Improvement	**$**	**10.00**
Fuel	**$**	**40.00**
All Saints / All Souls	**$**	**63.00**
Total Collection 11/8/20	**$**	**1,255.00**

Pope Francis said, "The measure of greatness of a society is found in the way it treats those most in need" The CCHD responds directly to this call. Next week's second collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. This year, 75% of the collection will stay here in our diocese. During this pandemic the need has increased dramatically in food pantries and emergency assistance programs which receive support from our local CCHD funds. Please help the efforts of CCHD to break the cycle of poverty. We are "working on the margins" in Central MA and across America. Support the CCHD Collection on Nov. 21/22 in response to the Fourth World Day of the Poor, Nov.15 as called for by our Holy Father, Pope Francis.

Prayer to Emulate St. Elizabeth of Hungry

Almighty God, by Whose grace your servant Elizabeth of Hungary recognized and honored Jesus in the poor of this world; Grant that we, following her example, may with love and gladness Serve those in any need or trouble, in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

Mass Intentions

Week End Schedule

Sat Nov. 14th 5:30pm Mass ✞ Donald Gustafson, requested by Denise Davis

Sun. Nov. 15th 8:30am Mass ✞Daniel Pope Senior and Catherine Pope, requested by Jack and Nancy McDonald

Sun. Nov. 15th 10:45am Mass ✞Sylvia Sicree, requested by the Probst Family

Sat Nov. 21st 5:30pm Mass ✞ Thomas F. Nenninger, requested by Richard Hamel

Sun. Nov. 22nd 8:30am Mass ✞John McDonald Sr. and Rose McDonald, requested by Jack and Nancy McDonald

Sun. Nov. 22nd 10:45am Mass ✞Marian Bissonnette, requested by her husband

Week Day Mass Schedule

Mon Nov. 16th– 7:30am Mass ✞Tom Ellam, req. by the Rouxs
Tues. Nov. 17th –7:30am Mass for Parishioners
Wed. Nov. 18th– 7:30am Mass for Parishioners
Thurs Nov. 19th– 7:30am Mass for Parishioners
Fri. Nov. 20th – 7:30am Mass for Parishioners

All Soul's Envelopes are placed on the altar for the entire month of November as we pray for all the Faithful Departed.

Holy Saints this Week

Tues. Nov.17th – *St. Elizabeth of Hungary*
Sat. Nov. 21st – *Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Intercessions for Life

For married couples considering adoption:
May the Holy Spirit guide
their discernment, grant them peace,
and bring to fruition his holy will;
We pray to the Lord

Tabernacle Light, November 15th – November 21st
In loving memory of All the Faithful Departed

NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH

Join Fr. Tokarz for our weekly novena to St. Joseph our patron saint on Wednesdays, after morning Mass. St. Joseph is our patron and we must pray to him for favors and blessings.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities." -Matthew 25:21

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, use them wisely and be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us.

Prayers for the sick: Marty, Jean, Ed, Theresa, Laura, Jacqui, Lindsey, Terry, Mary Baer, Jennifer Berube, Elsa Polewarczyk, Ray Renzoni, Pat Renzoni, Cathy Simmons, Skip Spinney, Bill, Mark, Cory, Luke LeSage, Marianne, Nick, Treasure, Karen Baum, Jason, Don, Michael Shutt, Robert Wild, Evelyn Centeno

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday November 14th– 5:30 pm	Sunday November 15th- 8:30am	Sunday November 15th- 10:45 Mass
Altar Servers:	**Altar Server:**	**Altar Server:**
Acolyte: George	**Acolyte:**	**Acolyte:**
Lector: Bob Rainville	**Lector:** Lucille Roux	**Lector:** Jim Wrobel
Eucharistic Ministers:	**Eucharistic Ministers:**	**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Parishioners of St. Joseph the Good Provider,

We continue with the end of the year readings. Today's Gospel tells us about the master and the talents he entrusted to his servants. One was given five and made another five; one was given two and made another two. The third was given one talent. He buried it and it did nothing. The master was angry. The first two were proud of what they did; the third was left with nothing but sadness. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities. We all have particular skills and abilities, and each person's combination of skills and abilities is unique. Our skills and abilities are among God's many gifts to us. This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbor. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven. We are entrusted with the goods of this world. What we do with our talents will one day be judged by God. Next Sunday is the last Sunday of the Church year. The following Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent, marks the beginning of a new Church year. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus gives his followers some advice that might serve as inspiration for resolutions to improve our lives. What might your 'new year' resolutions look like? As stated in today's Psalm 128, "Blessed are those who walk in God's ways." Let us strive to make good with what we have been given.

NIECH BEDZIE POCHWALONY JEZUS CHRYSTUS! PRAISED BE JESUS CHRIST! - *Fr. Tom Tokarz, Pastor*

Next Sunday is the Feast of Christ the King! It is the last week before we begin the new church year with the Season of Advent!

Religious Ed Classes – A reminder for classes scheduled in November 2020

Gr. 1 – 5 will meet Sun., Nov. 15, 22
Beginning with 8:30 Mass until 10:30am
Grades 7, 10 will meet on Nov. 22
Sun. evening, 6:00 'til 8:00pm
Grades 8, 9 meet on Nov. 15 Sun. evening, 6:00- 8:00pm

Religious Education News:

Grades 1-5 will meet after the 8:30am Mass until 10:30am. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, in which he teaches about the importance of using the gifts that God has given to us in service to others. Let's not bury our talents! We'll learn we should be thankful to God, for the talents He has given us and we'll make a plan to use one of our talents this week to help someone.

Grades 8, 9 will meet from 6:00 to 8:00 Sunday evening. We learn in this week's Gospel, one of the things that Jesus would like us to do is to use our gifts and talents to help others. God created us and gave us different talents, or things we are good at. We share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven when we all use our talents to help and serve others.

A special Thank You!!!
to Brother Jorge and Father Paul Kallal for the time and effort they gave to the special Confirmation Retreat!
The retreat was focused on prayer and gratitude. The afternoon was powerful, fun, and the teens were awesome! Our wonderful students participated and discovered how prayer fits into their busy lives. All went home with a new sense of belonging, united in the grace and blessings of the Holy Spirit!

ST. JOSEPH'S ANNUAL GIVING TREE

The wonderful Christmas season is fast approaching and St. Joseph's will be continuing its annual tradition of the *St. Joseph's Giving Tree*. If you know of a child that you would like included on the Giving Tree please contact Sondra Pendergast: Home 978-838-2132 Cell 508-494-6587 or at sixpendys@gmail.com by Monday, November 23

The Giving Tree is for children ages newborn to 18, who live in the local community. All requests are confidential.

Multi Prize Virtual Raffle

Mailing sent out this week!
Watch your mail for tickets!
Lots of great prizes and many chances to win!
Raffle will be drawn on
Sunday December 20th!!!
Thank you all for the many prize donations!

Fall Fair Raffle!

Thank you to all who participated in the raffle!
What a tremendous help for the parish!
We are happy to report the proceeds from the raffle!
$5,665.00
We are both grateful and blessed!

We remember all those who have died and those affected by the Coronavirus as we pray for strength, mercy & peace.

Prayer in Time of Pandemic

O God, whose Only Begotten Son bore the weight of human suffering for our salvation, hear the prayers of your Church for our sick brothers & sisters and deliver us from this time of trial.
Open our ears and our hearts to the voice of your Son: Be not afraid, for I am with you always.
Bless all doctors and nurses, researchers and public servants;
give us the wisdom to do what is right and the faith to endure this hour,
that we might gather once again to praise your name in the heart of your Church,
delivered from all distress and confident in your mercy.
Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Berlin Family Food Pantry could use your help to refurbish their supplies. Thank you for your kindness.
We will be collecting items Nov. 22, the 4th Sun. of the month.
Food Donation Box is at the Church entrance.
Thank you for your continued support & generosity!

REMINDER Altar Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers

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November 13, 2020

My dear friends in Christ,

Earlier this week the Massachusetts House of Representatives utilized the state budget process to approve the expansion of abortion in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In certain respects, the budget amendment did remove some provisions that were deeply troubling in the ROE Act.

However, there remain several aspects in the proposal that are completely unacceptable. Among them is the expansion of abortion in certain circumstances for the full term of pregnancy. Additionally, it would reduce the current age of consent for an abortion from 18 years of age to 16 years of age.

This week, the budget debate will move to the full State Senate. I am asking you to call your local Senator and urge him or her to vote no on any amendment that expands abortion in Massachusetts. You can find the contact number for your Senator by visiting the Massachusetts Catholic Conference website at macatholic.org or by calling 617-746-5630.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

+ Robert J. McManus

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