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EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Mass Schedule is: **Only 8am Mass Livestreamed***

Saturday (Vigil) 5:00 pm

Sunday *8:00 am and 10:30 am

**WEEKDAY: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
*8:00 am**

BAPTISM: Parents please call the Parish Office to arrange for instructions and Baptismal date.

MARRIAGE: Couples planning marriage should contact the Pastor at least one year in advance. Participation in a Marriage Preparation Program is expected.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm in the Church

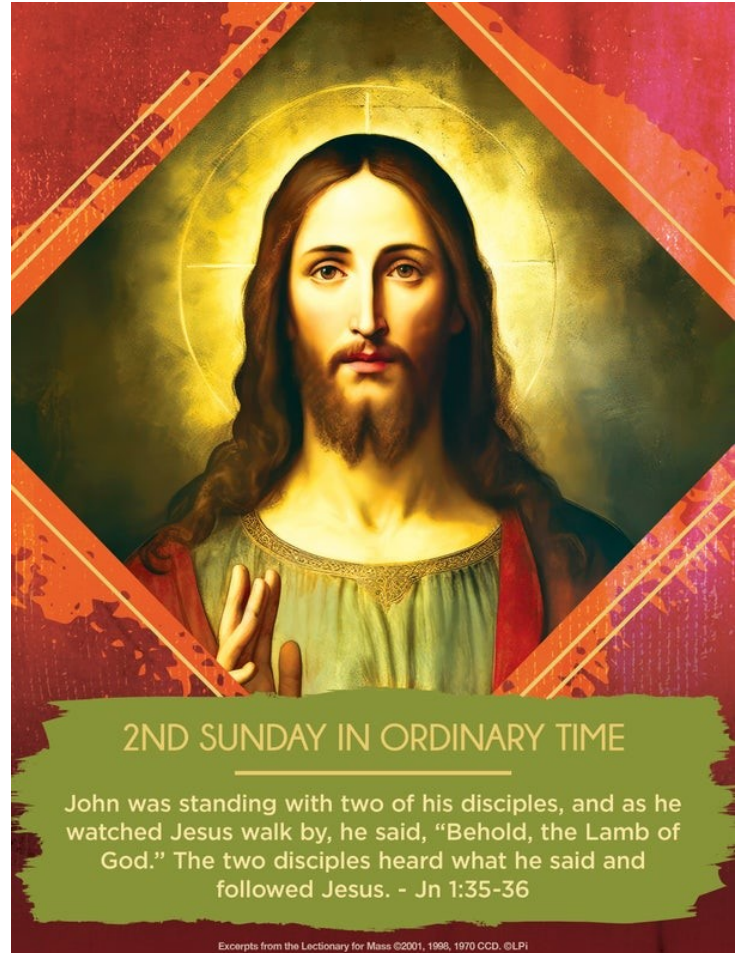
HOME & HOSPITAL VISITATION: Please notify us if you know of someone who is ill or homebound.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome! We hope that you will become an active part of our parish family. Please introduce yourselves at your first opportunity, or call the Parish Center to register.

PRAYER REQUEST LINE: Call with your requests. Paula Stidsen 774-696-3008

Or email: PaulaStidsen@gmail.com

January 14, 2024



Calling New Altar Servers

**Altar Serving ministry training
Sunday, January 14
at 11:45 am,
in the Church**



PROTECTING OUR YOUTH AND CHILDREN

If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a priest, religious or lay person working for the Church, and you want to share feelings of hurt or betrayal, call Judith Audette, Victim Services Coordinator, Office of Healing and Prevention, 508-929-4363 (confidential line).



Handicap accessibility by the elevator entrance on the left driveway side of the Church building or by the Ramp located on the right side of the Church building.





Mass Intentions

FAMILIES REQUESTING A MASS
ARE WELCOME TO BRING UP THE GIFTS AT THE OFFERTORY.
PLEASE LET THE SACRISTAN KNOW YOU ARE AT MASS.

TO **SCHEDULE A MASS INTENTION** OR
REQUEST A TABERNACLE LAMP,
PLEASE **CALL** THE PARISH OFFICE: **508-886-4984**
(*Living Intention)

Saturday, January 13:

5:00 pm Bill Bailey

Requested by Richard & Jean Moio

Sunday, January 14: 8 am Livestreamed Mass

8:00 am Emil & Josephine Novak

Requested by their daughter, Chris

10:30 am Richard Allen, 1st Anniversary

Requested by Susan Lopez

Monday, January 15:

8:00 am Patricia Markiewicz

Requested by the Carroll Family

**MARTIN LUTHER
KING JR. Day**

Tuesday, January 16:

8:00 am A Special Intention

Requested by Barbara Rustenburg

Wednesday, January 17:

8:00 am Phil Dion

Requested by the Skrocki Family

Saturday, January 20:

5:00 pm Innez Kennedy & her sister

Shirley (Boquist) Dickman

Requested by Linda (Kennedy) Sweeney

Sunday, January 21: 8 am Livestreamed Mass

8:00 am Tom Erickson

Requested by his wife, Sam (Sandy)

10:30 am Lisa Ford, 7 Months Anniversary

Requested by Patricia Lavigne

January 7, 2024

Mass/Mailed in/Electronic Collections

Weekly Offering	\$ 2,665.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,651.60
Higher Utilities	\$ 25.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 20.00
Holy Days	\$ 20.00
	\$ 4,381.60

Special Collection:

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*We are grateful for your ongoing
generosity! Thank you!*



Event Calendar

January 15: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 15: Holy Hour, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

January 16: Divine Mercy Chaplet, After the 8 am Mass.

January 16: Scripture Study & Faith Sharing, 9 am, in the Church Hall following the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

February 4: Rosary following the 10:30 am Mass (First Sunday of every month) Please join us.

February 5: Holy Hour, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

February 9: Holy Hour to Pray for Priests, 7-8 pm, Immaculate Conception Church, 353 Grove St., Worcester. Every second Friday of the month.

February 14: Ash Wednesday Masses, 8 am & 7 pm

February 19: Confessions/Holy Hour, 5:55 - 7:30 pm

March 4: Confessions/Holy Hour, 5:55 - 7:30 pm

March 8, 9, 10, 11: Light of the World Parish Retreat, Mark your calendars to join in this retreat. Watch the bulletin for more details.

March 18: Confessions/Holy Hour, 5:55 - 7:30 pm

March 24: Palm Sunday

March 28: Triduum Begins

March 31: Easter Sunday

January 14, 2024 | 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Jesus turned and saw them following him
and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'"*

John 1:38

When we recognize who we are, it's easier to find what we are looking for. Once we see ourselves, and others, as children of God, we spend less time looking for the material comforts of the world. Instead, our hearts long for something deeper that can only be filled by God. Ask God daily how He wants you to live the life He intended for you.



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January 2024

My dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,

On Monday, January 22, 2024, the Church throughout the United States will observe the “Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children”. This observance is designated by the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (n. 373), as a particular day of prayer and penance, reminding us of our preeminent priority to pray and work for an end to the tragic scourge of abortion. All the faithful in dioceses throughout the United States of America are called to observe this day in a spirit of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for the violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.

While the U.S. Supreme Court’s ruling in the case *Dobbs vs. Jackson Women’s Health* thankfully overturned the infamous and unjust 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision that legalized abortion in the U.S. throughout all nine months of pregnancy, the issue of the legalized abortion has now returned to the states and our work is far from over.

Fifty years of legalized abortion in this country has left an incomprehensible aftermath. With millions of lives lost, and countless women and men, mothers and fathers, grandparents, siblings, and friends who have been deeply wounded physically, emotionally, and spiritually by this tragedy, we need now more than ever to re-commit ourselves to defending life. I encourage our diocesan parishes and institutions, and all the faithful, to reverently observe the **Day of Prayer and Penance on January 22nd** both personally and within your communities. Let us unite our hearts and minds through special acts of prayer, fasting, and sacrifice on this day and in the months to come, to uphold the inherent dignity of all human life from conception to natural death.

As we reflect on this unspeakable tragedy, we also recall how the Church for many years has continued to reach out to those who have been so sadly affected by the culture of death, particularly through ministries providing aid to women and families in crisis pregnancies, offering the healing love and mercy of Christ to those wounded by abortion through the ministry of Project Rachel, and by continuing to teach and preach the truth and beauty about love and life that bring authentic freedom and happiness. It is through our prayers, charitable works, and loving sacrifices that the culture can be transformed.

Let us take this opportunity of the January 22nd Day of Prayer and Penance to renew our resolve to live and proclaim the Gospel of Life. May we respond generously to the challenge Saint Pope John Paul II put forth in *Evangelium vitae*: “A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. May an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and Lover of life, from the heart of every believer.” Our active participation in the shared commitment to the sacredness of human life and the dignity of the human person will, with God’s grace, truly work toward the building up of a Culture of Life and a Civilization of Love.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

A Message from Fr. Jim



Dear Friends,

With our pilgrimage to Holy Land on hold until further notice, I have been invited to be the chaplain on a **pilgrimage to Italy** with Dan and Stephanie Burke of Avila Foundation (includes spiritualdirection.com, the Avila Institute, and the Apostoli Viae community).

If you would like to join in May 13 - 23, 2024 or would like more information, please click the link below:

<https://www.canterburypilgrimages.com/tour/italy-pilgrimage-with-dan-stephanie-burke/>

Space is limited and it is already over half way sold out. Praying you can join us!

God Bless, *Fr. Jim*

This year for Lent,
don't just change your habits.

DO SOMETHING THAT WILL
**CHANGE
YOUR LIFE**



Light of the World
PARISH RETREAT

PLEASE SAVE THE DATES!

Light of the World (LOTW) Parish Retreat
March 8-11, 2024

Come, grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ.

To learn more, please **contact Chris or Brenda.**

Chris Hayes: cbag14@charter.net | 508-735-2429

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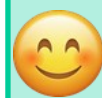
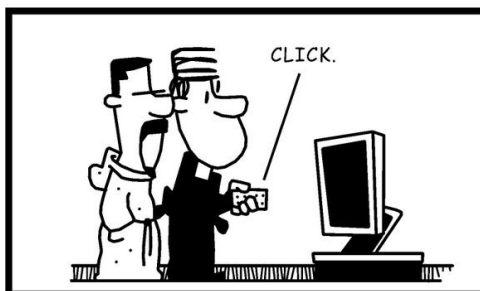
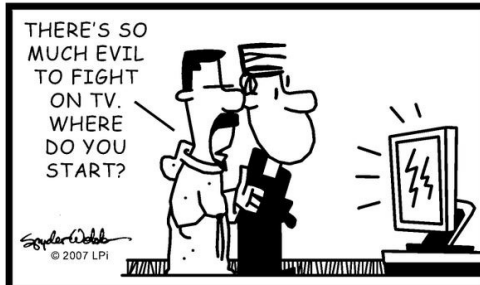
Date	Time
January	
Saturday, January 27, 2024	9:00 - 10:30 AM
February	
Thursday, February 8, 2024	6:00 - 7:30 PM
Saturday, February 24, 2024	9:00 - 10:30 AM

Our January Wish List:

- SOUP – We need SOUP – LOTS OF SOUP!
- Cereal (our shelves are empty!) - Hot & Cold Needed
- Boxed and Canned potatoes
- Hamburger Helper, Pasta Sides
- Coffee & Tea (Decaf and Regular) – Cocoa
- Rice: Rice Pilaf, Chicken & Beef Flavored
- Pasta Sauce: Family size plastic jars and cans
- Jelly

Only Non-perishable, non-expired, unopened food donations can be accepted.

Thank you for your continued support.



On the
Lighter
Side

Knock, knock.
(Who's there?)

Pew.
(Pew who?)

Pew better
hurry up,
it's almost
time for Mass!



PRO
LIFE

National Novena for Life!

Join Catholics Nationwide in the annual *9 Days for Life* novena, **January 16 – 24**. Sign up to receive daily emails and reflections by text or email at www.9daysforlife.com!

Pro-Life Mass: January 18, 2024, 7:30 pm

All are invited to join Bishop McManus for the annual Mass for Life at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 38 High St., Worcester. Please join us to pray for and with our pilgrims who will be travelling to Washington, DC for the annual March for Life on Jan. 19, and to pray for an end to abortion and the conversion of our nation.

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