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EUCCHARISTIC 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 21, 2024



**Join us in Praying
THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY
Every Tuesday
After the 8:00 am Mass
In the Church
All are Welcome!**

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).



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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 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

Monday, January 22:

8:00 am Michael Gladden
Requested by Eve-Marie Ceryanek

Tuesday, January 23:

8:00 am Anna Marie Nelson
Requested by the Family

Wednesday, January 24:

8:00 am Lucy Bergio
Requested by Joe Luca

Saturday, January 27:

5:00 pm Mary Lou Mioduszezski
Requested by Ellen & Paul Orczyk

Sunday, January 28: 8 am Livestreamed Mass

8:00 am Peter Fargnoli
Requested by his Wife & Family
10:30 am Sara Marie Crutcher
Requested by her mother, Margaret Wilkins

Event Calendar

January 23: Divine Mercy Chaplet, After the 8 am Mass.

January 23: 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., Worc. 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

Holy Water

Bottles for Holy Water are available
at the side entrance of the Church.
Get your bottle today.



January 14 , 2024 Mass/Mailed in/Electronic Collections

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| Weekly Offering | \$ 3,045.00 |
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A Message from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

Amazingly, as we make our way forward in Ordinary Time, we stand a few weeks from the beginning of Lent (I know, right?) We just finished the Christmas Season, and in a few short weeks, we'll be right back in the swing of things preparing for Holy Week and celebrating the Paschal Mystery – Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

Why do I bring this up right now? Because I don't wish us to be caught flat-footed. Every year, because of the busy schedules so many keep, Lent can sneak up on us, and in a panic, we just choose a sacrifice without much thought. My hope and prayer is that this year is different. Here are some ways to begin to prepare and enter into this season in a few weeks:

"Commit to a traditional prayer or discipline

Add a traditional Lenten practice, like Stations of the Cross, and commit to doing it regularly. Alternatively, you might add prayers like the Rosary, daily Mass, or lectio divina while reading the Bible.

Reach out to build community with your friends

It's easy to let friendships fall by the wayside when you're busy. But spending time with friends supports your path to happiness and holiness. So invite a few friends to join in a devotional practice this Lent.

Find a way to make a loved one's life better

Brainstorm one way you can show love for someone close to you. Maybe you could get up with the kids every morning, call your parents more often, order a simple photo book online to send your grandma, or shovel the neighbor's sidewalk while you're doing yours.

Give alms with meaning

Almsgiving is one of the three pillars of Lent, but it doesn't always get as much attention as the other two, prayer and fasting. You might fast from non-essential spending or stop buying a specific thing you like, and give the money to charity instead.

Take up a new spiritual book

"Take up and read!" St. Augustine said. Spiritual reading is a wonderful way to improve your mind and soul, on your own schedule. Pick out a great spiritual book and make time to read it regularly this Lent.

A medieval Lenten fast

Most Europeans in the Middle Ages went through Lent subsisting on bread, vegetables, salt, beer and wine. Some would refrain from having any meal until 3:00 p.m. The Orthodox Churches still observe similar fasting rules.

If your health allows and your heart is in the right place, undertaking a more rigorous fast like this can build a deep connection to Christian history and be a powerful sacrificial prayer.

Get ideas from a loved one

*Nobody understands where we need to improve quite like those who know us best! Talk to the person who knows you best (your wife, your dad, your best friend) and implement one small change based on their feedback."**

God Bless,

Fr. Jim

*- <https://aleteia.org/2021/02/14/7-lenten-sacrifices-for-men-to-grow-in-faith/>



January 21, 2024
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

***"Follow me and I will make you
fishers of men."***

Mark 1:17

Jesus' call to "follow me" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule, but that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.



January 18, 2024

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Many dioceses in the United States face significant challenges due to priest shortages, lack of funds, remote geography, or impoverished parishes. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal, which began in 1924, supports these dioceses in order to serve the many needs of their parishioners. Home missions are those Latin and Eastern Rite dioceses in the United States, its territories, and former territories that cannot provide basic pastoral services to Catholics without outside help. Currently, over 40% of dioceses are considered home missions.

Home mission dioceses often have Catholic populations distributed across a large geographical area and have few priests to serve them. The Diocese of Amarillo in Texas is a good example. In the Diocese of Amarillo, the diocesan criminal justice ministry answers Christ's call to visit and serve prisoners and patients confined to hospitals. Since 2004, this ministry has expanded to bring the Eucharist, Sacred Scripture, and prayer to inmates of the seven prisons and two large hospitals in the diocese. This ministry of mercy includes retreats during which inmates can encounter the love of Jesus, heal from past failures and wounds, and develop new hope for the future. Many inmates have experienced spiritual conversions that have inspired them to join formation programs and enter the Catholic Church.

The criminal justice ministry is one of many innovative outreach efforts made by dioceses supported by Catholic Home Missions.

I encourage you to be generous on the weekend of January 28 to help strengthen the Church at home. Your support will truly make a difference. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain
Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester



Office of the Bishop



Rutland Food Pantry

Distribution Dates

| 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.

Positions Available

Parish Administrator

St. Christopher Parish, 950 West Boylston Street, Worcester is currently accepting applications for the position of Parish Administrator. This is a (21-24) hour per week position. Responsibilities include: answering phones/emails; updating and maintaining parish database; creating parish bulletins; maintaining parish website; preparing and scheduling daily and Sunday Mass intentions; mailing periodic information to parishioners; ordering and maintaining office supplies. If you are interested, please contact the Pastor at 508-853-1492 or submit your resume by email to parish@stchristopherpa...

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