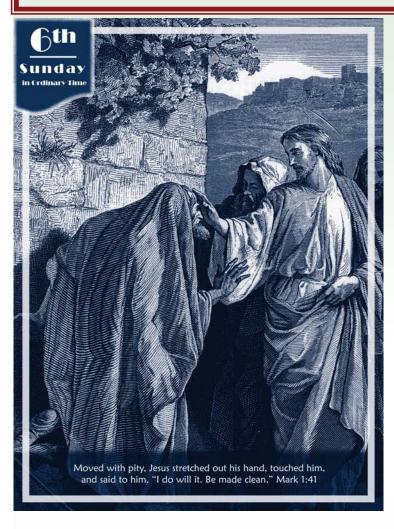
Saint Joseph Basilica





LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS/ MSZE ŚWIĘTE

Sunday Vigils / Soboty wieczorem: 4:00 p.m.

Sundays/Niedziele

7:00 a.m. (Polish); 9:00 a.m. (English); 10:30 a.m. (Polish)

Holy Day Vigil / Wigilie Świąt: 5:00 p.m.

Holy Days/Święta

6:30 a.m.; 8:30 a.m.; 6:00 p.m. (Polish)

Weekdays / W tygodniu

6:30 a.m. (Mon-Fri); 7:00 a.m. (Sat)

CONFESSIONS / SPOWIEDŹ

Saturdays / Soboty: 7:30 a.m. and at 3:15 p.m.

First Friday / Pierwszy Piątek: 6:00 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon., Tue., Wed., Fri.:

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. & 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Thursday / Czwartki Office Is Closed! / Biuro zamkniete!

Please call ahead for an appointment with a priest. Spotkania prosimy osobiście umawiać z księdzem.

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Mission Statement

Saint Joseph Parish is committed to proclaim the gospel message of Jesus Christ as a Catholic community of faith, by promoting a sense of commitment to the Church, encouraging divine worship and prayer, fostering evangelization and nurturing the spirit of service.

Within the context of our Polish - American religious and cultural heritage, we foster our tradition and aspire to personal growth in faith. We are determined to develop our vision for the future, to educate the children in Christian values and to be receptive to the creative and saving grace of God.

Weekly Masses Intentions Intencje Mszalne

Sunday Vigil, February 10th

4:00pm - r.s. Brian Recko (6th anniv.)

- int. Mr. & Mrs. James Recko & family

Sunday, February 11th - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:00am - ś.p. Włodzimierz Sudyka (10 r. śm.)

- int. córka, Renata z rodziną

9:00am - Reine Gorski (6th anniv.)

- int.children & grandchildren

10:30am- O Boże błogosławieństwo dla Brigidy Wiśniewskiej z okazji urodzin - int. córka

Monday, February 12th

6:30am - r.s. Ray Chapdelaine - int. Robert Gatzke

2:00pm - Brookside Nursing Home

Tuesday, February 13th

6:30am - For the parishioners 6:30am - For the deceased remembered in Wypominki

Wednesday, February 14th - Ash Wednesday

6:30am - r.s. Rita Augustynski

- int. Kathy & Michael Piniarski

8:30am - r.s. Józef Piwowarczyk

- int. Alicja Pater

3:00pm - Service with ashes

6:00pm - r.s. Robert J. Miller

- int. Roland P. Malboeuf

Thursday, February 15th

6:30am - r.s. Rita M. Wolkowicz - int. Wolkowicz family

Friday, February 16th

6:30am - r.s. Mary (Szynal) Engelhardt

- int. cousin, Joanne Minarik

6:30am - r.s. Richard, Bruno, Parmelia, Alice, John & Joan

- int. Virginia Woznicki

Saturday, February 17th

7:00am - r.s. Judith (Ciesla) MacAbee

- int. aunt, Theresa Gwozdz

7:00am - r.s. Robert & Shirley Rekowski

- int. Gerald & Jacqueline Arpin

Sunday Vigil, February 17th

4:00pm - r.s. Albert Plouffe (13th anniv.) - int. wife

- r.s. Dudek siblings, Lena, John, Gladys, Stanley, Theresa and Walter - int. Charlotte

Sunday, February 18th - 1st Sunday of Lent

7:00am - ś.p. Kathleen Knurowski (24th anniv.)

- int. niece, Joanne

9:00am - r.s. Lorette R. Gogolinski

- int. The Staff at Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral

10:30am- ś.p. Józefa i Stefan Bezak - int. córka Teresa z rodziną

10:30am- ś.p. Jan Bębenek - int. pogrzebowa od córki Urszuli



BAPTISM. On designated Sundays. Please call to make arrangements. Parents are required to receive orientation.

SAKRAMENT CHRZTU W wyznaczone niedziele. Proszę zadzwonić na plebanię, aby ustalić datę. Rodzice zobowiązani są do krótkiej katechezy.

MARRIAGE. Proper preparation for marriage requires one year's notice. Please contact the rectory for appointment.

SAKRAMENT MAŁŻEŃSTWA Narzeczeni powinni zawiadomić kancelarie parafialną rok przed datą ślubu.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK For those of advanced age, ill or hospitalized, call the rectory to arrange visitation.

SAKRAMENT CHORYCH Po sakramentalną posługę księdza proszę dzwonić na plebanie.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP If you would like to become part of St. Joseph Parish Family, please call the rectory.

ZAPISY DO PARAFII Parafia św. Józefa serdecznie zaprasza nowychzłonków. Zapisy przyjmujemy w kancelarii parafialnej.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process established by the Church for individuals to become Catholic and receive the Sacraments of Initiation-Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. If you wish to become Catholic, or are a Baptized Catholic in need of making your First Communion

JOIN OUR PARISH / DOŁĄCZ DO NASZEJ PARAFII If you wish to become a member of our family please fill out this form and mail it to the rectory or put it into the collection basket. Jeśli pragniesz dołączyć do naszej rodziny, wypełnij poniższy formularz i prześlij go do biura parafialnego lub włóż do koszyka z kolektą.				
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Name / Imię i Nazwisko:				
Street / Ulica:	_ City/Town / Miejscowość:	State / Stan:		
Zip: Phone / Telefon:	email:			

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - February 11, 2024

"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." - 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31



One of the best-known and well-liked students at the local college was a 70-year old woman named Ruth. She started her college career many years ago, but dropped out to work to support her husband in medical school. Then she had children and raising them was a full-time job. She signed up for classes when her youngest started college, but then a sickly grandchild needed full time nursing, and college was once again put on hold. Finally, after so many delays, she made it back to the class-room. Her motto was eloquently simple: "Now, where was I?"

Supporting others is demanding. Our own goals and dreams might be sidelined until someone else achieves, or recovers, or stands on their own. The amazing thing is that none of us are successful without such supports. Our parents, teachers, pastors, relatives, and friends give us the best part of their lives so that our life is better. We benefit from others' generosity and love.

Then, it will be our turn to give until it hurts, to love and cherish with everything we have and all that we are. Give thanks to those who helped you along the way and take a page from their book as you help those who most need you.

SHARING OUR BLESSINGS

February 4, 2024

Weekly \$4358.05; Online Weekly \$342 Fuel \$1563; Diocesan Obligations \$240

Thank You For Your Generosity! God Bless You!

DONATIONS

St. Joseph School Scholarship Fund - \$1,000 - Given by Arthur & Kathleen McLean

Polish Saturday School - \$1,000 - Given by Anna & Edward Kudron

St. Joseph School Fund - In memory of Lorette Gogolinski - \$50 Given by Brian & Carol Kondek

Stewardship Note: Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride, ego, money and possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, "Am I doing this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?"

St. Vincent de Paul: In the Gospel today Jesus moved with pity touched the leper and healed him. Let us pray today for the grace to be generous with our gifts to help those who are suffering. By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you indeed put your faith into action as you bring healing to the poor, hungry and weeping.

To make a donation to St. Vincent de Paul, send it c/o Sacred Heart Parish, 18 E. Main Street, Webster, MA 01570.

Sanctuary Votive Candles Blessed Mother Altar

Candle 1 & Candle 2

In memory of Krystyna Plewa
 Given by Aunt Anna & family

2023 TAX STATEMENTS

If you require a statement from St. Joseph Basilica for your annual contributions, please contact the rectory at 508-943-0467. We will be happy to mail you the information.

NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH



The opportunity to pray to God through the intercession of St. Joseph for our intentions will be held after the 6:30am Mass. St. Joseph is a powerful intercessor and we can bring our needs and petitions to him. Please join us in our weekly Novena and Devotion to our Patron. You may want to state your intentions on the peti-

tion slips available in Our Lady of Czestochowa Chapel to be read during the devotion.

ASH WEDNESDAY



Wednesday, February 14th is Ash Wednesday. The Season of Lent is a time of preparation for Easter and recalls the forty days Jesus spent in the desert preparing for His public ministry. During this time, a spirit of penance, conversion and prayer prepares the Church to cele-

brate the Easter mysteries. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday with the imposition of ashes from burnt palms on the heads of the faithful as a sign of repentance.

Lent is a time of somber reflection, sacrifice, fasting, prayer and works of charity. It is the time of retreat for the Church. Many people undertake special practices during Lent, especially attending daily Mass. Personal sacrifices and penance should help a person address his or her personal spiritual needs, or help overcome a failing or strengthen one's resistance to temptation. The backbone of all penitential practice consists of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

LENTEN FASTING REGULATIONS

Fasting is to be observed by all Catholics who are eighteen (18) years of age but not yet fifty-nine (59) years of age on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. **Abstinence from meat** is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen (14) years of age and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. **Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed Lenten penitential practices.**

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL SCHEDULE

Gorzkie Zale (singing of Lenten lamentations) are scheduled each Saturday at 5pm (English) and Sunday at 11:30am (Polish).

Stations of the Cross will be every Friday 6:00pm (English) and 7:00 pm (Polish).

Confessions daily after the 6:30 am Mass and on Saturdays after the 7am Mass and at 3:15 pm.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all the parishioners and friends of St. Joseph parish who have been generously contributing to the church and the school during these difficult times. I am most grateful for your support. God bless you.

To help support the parish, you may mail your envelopes to the rectory, drop them off, or give online. This information can be found on the parish website. This weekend's second collection is for Parish Obligation to the Diocese.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Religious Education classes for grades 1-9 will meet on Monday, February 12th from 5:30-6:30pm in St. Joseph School.

Confirmation class (Grade 10) - No class this week Next class will be held on Monday, February 26 from 5:30-6:30 in St. Joseph School.

125 CLUB WINNERS

February 10 - Mathieu Prunier #171

PACC MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

As we begin the New Year with new hopes and challenges, we are asking you all to help us reach our membership goal of 200 which is the number who responded to Msgr. Czarnecki's appeal back in 2013. Individual membership is \$50 for the year and the spouse of a member is only \$25. We are continuously working on providing members attractive benefits such as discounted event tickets, birthday gift drawings, and 10% rental discounts for each year of paid continuous membership among others. But most of all, your membership allows us to keep and operate this over 125year-old club, a piece of Polish-American history established by

The Board of Directors is working on the event lineup for 2024 which we will be sharing shortly. To renew your membership, you may send a check made out to PACC to 37 Harris Street, Webster, MA 01570.

Please include your mobile number and email address. We count on you and thank you in advance for your support!

PRAYER GROUP

A prayer team is being formed in our parish. Their goal is to bring souls to Jesus through Mary by praying the rosary with anyone they meet. They would like to encourage everyone to pray and to turn to the Sacraments. The group would also be able to bring the Eucharist to the sick.

The group would like this to be in the form of a visit at the nursing home, to anyone homebound or anyone in the church itself who would like to pray with others. They may visit once or as much as needed. Would you or someone you love be interested in having a prayer team come for a short visit to pray with you? Feel free to reach out to Fr. Gregory or the rectory at 508-943-0467.

VOCATIONS

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 6PM to 6PM March 22 - March 23 at the Immaculate Conception Retreat Center in Putnam, CT. To register or learn more, please go to https://www.worcestervocations.com/retreat

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

We are looking for new members, especially those with children in St Joseph School. Please contact Ron Ducharme at 508-414-4450 for information.

MARCH CASH CALENDARS NOW AVAILABLE

Please help to support your Basilica with the purchase of one or more March Cash Calendars. All profits benefit our parish obligations to the diocese. For \$10 you receive 31 chances to win a daily cash prize of \$25 to \$500. You need not be present to win; winners will be notified by telephone or mail. Please see Jane O'Leary or Sr. Jeanne after Mass at the Basilica entrance to make your pur-

PARTNERS IN CHARITY



This weekend our parish is beginning the 2024 Partners in Charity Appeal. As you may know, this appeal is a lifeline for more than two dozen agendimers cies and ministries which provide charitable, pasto-Charity ral and educational services that complement what DIOCESE of WORCESTER we can provide at the parish. We help those in need, regardless of race, creed or circumstance, to find

hope. Please consider making a pledge or gift to this year's Appeal. Our parish goal is \$31,300. It is important for all of us to participate in order to support our mission as a diocese. Thank you!

CARMELITE DAY OF RECOLLECTION

The Friars of the Discalced Carmelite Order in Boston are having a Day of Recollection for young women (ages 20-30) on Saturday, March 2nd from 9am-3pm at the Boston Monastery of the Discalced Carmelite Nuns at 61 Mt. Pleasant Ave. Boston, MA 02119. The guest speaker is Fr. Michael Berry of the Heart of Jesus, OCD Discalced Carmelite Priest.

The event is free. Food will be provided. For more information and to register: www.tinyurl.com/CarmelWomen2024

DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR WOMEN Spring 2024

The Diocese of Massachusetts have invited Fiat Ministries to host a discernment retreat for women April 5-7, 2024. Single women, age 18-30 who are seeking to do God's will, are invited to attend an upcoming Fiat Ministries Discernment Retreat at Betania II Spiritual Retreat Center, 154 Summer Street, Medway MA. Fiat Ministries cultivates an authentic culture of discernment for young women by inspirig them to say yes to God's call. Religious sisters from various communities assist at the retreat by giving talks, leading small groups, giving their testimonies, and providing a joyful witness of what it means to be a consecrated religious sister. Cost is \$150. https://fiatministries.org/retreat-worcester/

ST. ANDREW BOBOLA, PRAY FOR US!



Please join us at St. Andrew Bobola Parish in Dudley for monthly Masses we hold in his honor, and to request petitions of, our Patron for the grace to elevate St. Andrew Bobola Church to become a national shrine.

Pray with us for solutions to the grave issues of our day: for those suffering from addiction; the healing of broken families; for miraculous healings of the sick; for a good Catholic education and a strong Catholic devotion for young people.

Adoration and petitions to St. Andrew Bobola will begin at 5:30PM with Mass following at 6PM on the 15th of the month in English and 16th of the month in Polish, leading up to us celebrating the feast of St. Andrew Bobola on May 16 with His Excellency, Bishop McManus.



PARTNERS IN EDUCATION AWARD

It has been a tradition since 2003 that during the celebration of Catholic Schools Week, Saint Joseph School awards the Partners in Education Award to a person or persons who've made a significant impact on the school community. Saint Joseph School is pleased to present this Award to John and Louise Hester this year.

John Hester was born in Worcester and baptized at Our Lady of Fatima Church. He also made his First Communion at that same church and his Confirmation at Immaculate Conception Church. John attended Worcester public schools. After high school, he graduated from Quinsigamond Community College and Central New England College of Technology. While attending college, John worked at Norton Company. He received his master's degree from Anna Maria College. John later left Norton Company and became a postmaster.

Louise Hester was born in Webster and baptized at Saint Joseph Church. She graduated from Saint Joseph School, having made her First Communion and Confirmation there. She received her degree in Education and master's degree from Worcester State College. Louise taught in the Dudley Public Schools for 37 years before retiring. She then taught Grade 2 for one year at Saint Joseph School.

John and Louise were married at Saint Joseph Church and are celebrating their 47th anniversary this year. Their children and grandchildren are also graduates of Saint Joseph School, which means three generations of their family have completed their elementary Education at Saint Joseph School.

Louise has served as a lector, substitute teacher, and monitor of children. John has also been involved in parish activities, serving on the Parish Council, cooking at parish festivals, and becoming a Eucharistic Minister. He worked in different capacities at the school, including as a basketball coach, CCD instructor, janitor, kitchen help, and monitoring children before the start of school.

Saint Joseph Basilica and School have always been a significant part of their lives.

During the award presentation, Saint Joseph School principal Beth Boudreau noted that the manner in which Mr. and Mrs. Hester do their work amazes her. She said, "Whether Mr. Hester is zipping around the school between his many duties, or Mrs. Hester is working in PreK with 4-year-olds one day and then giving a middle school Spanish test the next, they never complain. Their work is always done with compassion and love." She then said that words cannot adequately express how much the students, faculty, and staff appreciate all John and Louise do for them. They are always willing to help – no matter what they are asked to do!

Following Mrs. Boudreau's speech, John and Louise accepted the prestigious Partners in Education Award from Bishop Robert J. McManus and thanked everyone who made it possible.

Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Hester! Saint Joseph School's students, faculty, and staff appreciate your support and dedication.

Mark Your Calendars! April 6, 2024 - Comedy Night Sponsored by the Home and **School Association**

You're invited for a night full of laughter and fun! Great comedians, silent auctions, Watch for more demore! tails! Proceeds benefit Saint Joseph School.

May 4, 2024 - Saint Joseph School 20th Annual Golf Tournament

18 holes at Dudley Hill Golf Club. 1:00 p.m. shotgun start followed by a banquet with cash bar. Prizes, raffles, and more! Proceeds benefit Saint Joseph School Athletic Program.

SZÓSTA NIEDZIELA ZWYKŁA 11 lutego, 2024

"Przeto czy jecie, czy pijecie, czy cokolwiek innego czynicie, wszystko na chwale Bożą czyńcie." (1 Kor 10, 31)



Czytanie z Księgi Kapłańskiej było znakomitym preludium wprowadzającym do sceny spotkania Jezusa z trędowatym. Oto wobec Żyjącego staje teń, który za życia jest umarły, wobec Świętego i Czystego pojawia się teń, który był w oczach ludzi wcieleniem wszystkiego, co nieczyste i grzeszne. Trędowaty postawił wszystko na jedną kartę. I tak stracił już życie, mimo że wciąż budził się jeszcze o poranku. Już bardziej nie mógł być martwy za życia, jak w stanie, w którym się znajdował. Postano-wił chwycić się ostatniej nadziei. Złamał przepisy Prawa, które kazały mu się trzymać z daleka od żywych. Nie krzyczał, że jest nieczysty. Poprosił o oczyszczenie. I otrzymał łaskę, której tak bardzo pragnął. Niemożliwe stało się możliwe. Serce Boga kieruje

się miłosierdziem i pragnieniem dzielenia się życiem. Stwórcę wzrusza szamoczące się w objęciach śmierci stworzenie. Przecież chwałą Boga jest żyjący człowiek. Dokonuje się więc cud. Została tylko radosna przekora uzdrowionego. Ocalenie przyniosła mu odwaga przekraczania granic nakreślonych Prawem. Nie mógł się jednak powstrzymać również od przekroczenia granic nakreślonych słowem Jezusa, i zamiast milczeć, zaczął opowiadać o tym, co go spotkało, uniemożliwiając Nauczycielowi z Nazaretu wejście do miasta. Bóg nie pragnie śmierci grzesznika. Jest zawsze gotowy przebaczyć, przywrócić życie obumarłemu sercu. Ważne jednak również pozostaje posłuszeństwo Jego Śłowu. Czasem nawet nadmiar gorliwości może okazać się czymś, co na chwilę wstrzyma wędrówkę samego Boga przez krainy pogubionych człowieczych serc.

Msza za Ojczyznę za wstawiennictwem św. An-Boboli drzeja Patrona Polski

Zapraszamy Polonie na mszę za Ojczyznę w każdy 16 -ty dzień miesiąca o godz. 18 wstawiennictwem św. Andrzeja Boboli

Patrona Polski do

parafii św. Andrzeja Boboli w Dudley. Msza połączona jest z modlitwą w intencji wyniesienia Kościoła św. Andrzeja Bóboli w Dudley do rangi sanktuarium narodowego.

<u>Msze poprzedzi *Droga Krzyżowa* o</u> godz. 17:30. Zjednoczmy się w modlitwie, aby została wysłuchana prośba o utworzenie nowego sanktuarium w USA.



Dzisiejsza druga kolekta jest przeznaczona na Zobowiązania Diecezjalne.

PRZEPISY WIELKIEGO POSTU

W Środę Popielcową i Wielki Piątek post ścisły obowiązuje wszystkich katolików, którzy ukończyli 18 lat, ale nie ukończyli jeszcze 59 lat. Ci, którzy są zobowiązani do postu, mogą spożyć tylko jeden pełny posiłek. Dozwolone są dwa mniejsze posiłki, jeśli jest to konieczne, aby utrzymać siły zgodnie z potrzebami, ale spożywanie pokarmów stałych między posiłkami jest niedozwolone. Wstrzemięźliwość od mięsa obowiązuje wszystkich katolików w wieku 14 lat i starszych, w Środę Popielcową, Wielki Piątek i wszystkie piątki Wielkiego Postu. Katolicy nie powinni lekko usprawiedliwiać się od zalecanych wielkopostnych praktyk pokutnych. Potraktujmy je jako wyzwanie, które podejmiemy dla chwały Bożej i naszego osobistego uświęcenia.

NABOŻEŃSTWA WIELKOPOSTNE

Gorzkie Żale - odbywają się w każdą sobotę o godzinie 17:00 (po angielsku) i w niedzielę o 11:30 (po polsku).

Droga Krzyżowa - w każdy piątek o godzinie 18:00 (po angielsku) i 19:00 (po polsku).

Spowiedź - codziennie po Mszy św. o 6:30, w soboty po Mszy św. o 7:00 i o 15:15.

REKOLEKCJE POWOŁANIOWE DLA KOBIET

Na nadchodzącą wiosnę Diecezja Massachusetts zaprosiła Fiat Ministries do zorganizowania rekolekcji powołaniowych dla kobiet w dniach 5-7 kwietnia 2024 r. Kobiety w wieku 18-30 lat, które pragną pełnić wolę Bożą w życiu religijnym, są zaproszone o udział w nadchodzących Rekolekcjach w Betania II Centrum Rekolekcyjnym, w Medway MA. Fiat Ministries kultywuje autentyczną kulturę rozeznania powołania wśród młodych kobiet, inspirując je, aby odpowiedziały "tak" na Boże wezwanie. Siostry zakonne z różnych wspólnot pomagają w rekolekcjach wygłaszając prelekcje, prowadząc małe grupy i dając radosne świadectwo o tym, co to znaczy być zakonnicą.

Koszt to 150 dolarów. Zapisów można dokonać na stro-

https://fiatministries.org/retreat-worcester/

REKOLEKCE POWOŁANIOWE DLA MĘŻCZYZN

Czy myślałeś kiedyś, że być może Bóg powołuje Ciebie do kapłaństwa? Jeśli tak, to możesz uzyskać pomoc w odnalezieniu odpowiedzi na to pytanie. Okazją mogą byś coroczne rekolekcje rozeznawania powołania kapłańskiego z biskupem McManusem.

Rekolekcje te są bezpłatne i przeznaczone dla osób w wieku licealnym i starszych. Odbędą się w dniach 22-23 marca w godzinach 18:00-18:00, w Centrum Rekolekcyjnym Niepokalanego Poczęcia w Putnam, CT.

Aby się zarejestrować lub dowiedzieć się więcej, odwiedź strone internetowa naszej diecezji:

https://www.worcestervocations.com/retreat

KATECHEZA



Bierzmowanie - najbliższe spotkanie kandydatów do bierzmowania odbędzie się w poniedziałek, 26 lutego o godz. 17:30.



ŚRODA POPIELCOWA

W środę 14 lutego przypada Środa Popielcowa. Okres Wielkiego Postu jest czasem przygotowania do Wielkanocy i przypomina czterdzieści dni, które Jezus spędził na pustyni, przygotowując się do swojej publicznej posługi. W tym czasie duch pokuty,

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