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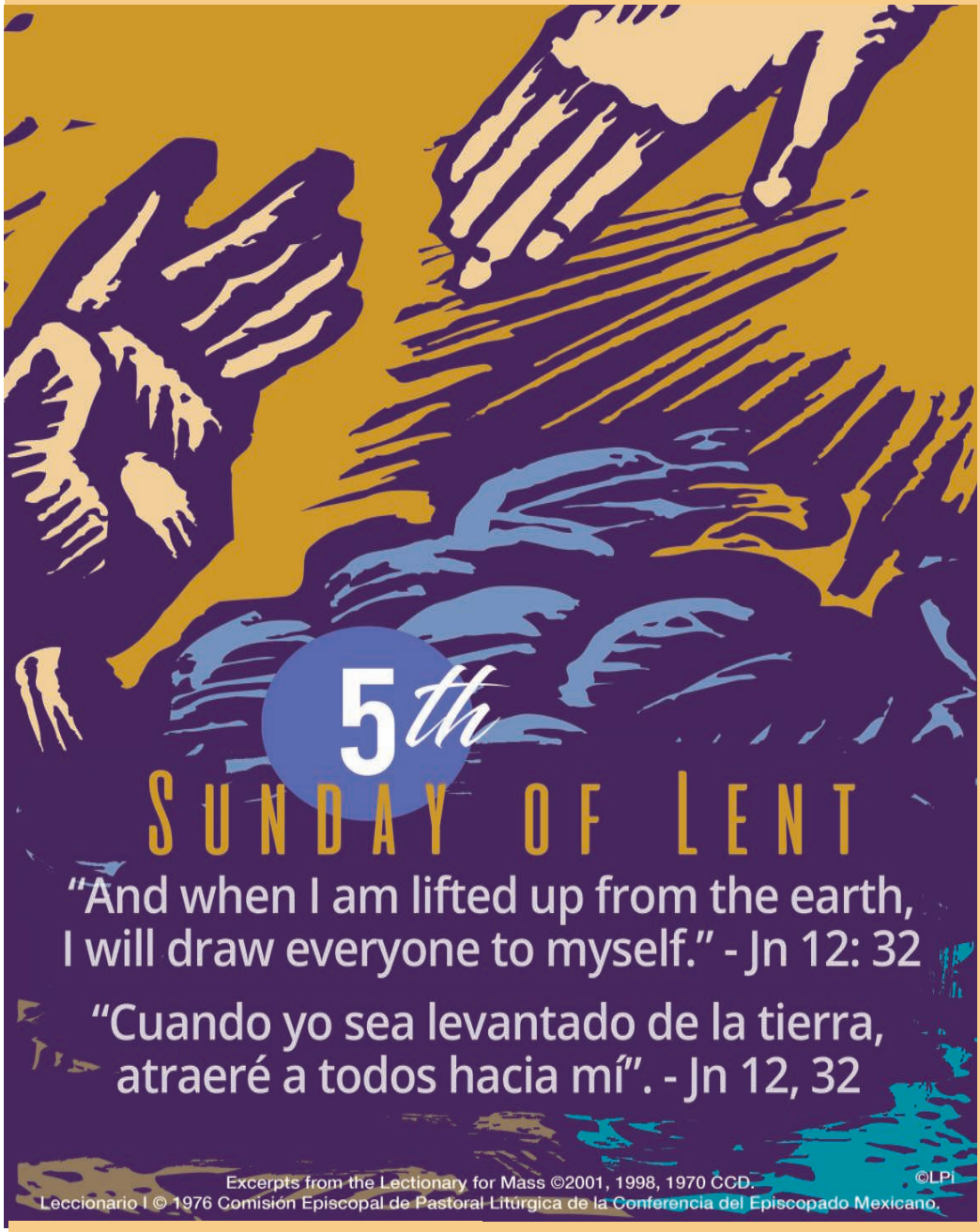

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***OFFICE HOURS*: Elaine Nowlan- Parish Secretary**
Monday through Friday
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

SCHEDULE OF LITURGIES:
Saturday 4:30 PM
Sunday 8:30 and 11:00 AM
Monday-Thursday 8:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday 3:30 PM
Wednesday 8:45AM
Anytime by request.

BAPTISMS: Please call the rectory to meet with a member of the baptismal team.

MARRIAGES:
Please call the rectory at least twelve months in advance to begin required marriage preparation.

***PARISH COUNCIL*:** Barbara Ramian, Audra Gaul, Pete Sabourin, George Murray, Jeff Roy, Luke Williams, Karen Lemoine

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY March 17th

4:30PM **Laura Dupre & Marianna & Edward Brouillard**
By the Dupre Family

SUNDAY March 18th

8:30AM **Helena Gendron** by friends at the Rockdale house

11:00AM **Annette Courteau** by her children

MONDAY March 19th

8:00AM **Arthur & Blanche L'Ecuyer** by their grandson

TUESDAY March 20th

8:00AM **Suzanne Quaranta** by her family

WEDNESDAY March 21st

8:00AM **Parish Family**

7:00PM **Evening Prayer, Confession, Adoration**

THURSDAY March 22nd

8:00AM **Edmond Lemoine** by Helen

SATURDAY March 24th

4:30PM **Irving Belanger** by George and Arlene Murray

SUNDAY March 25th

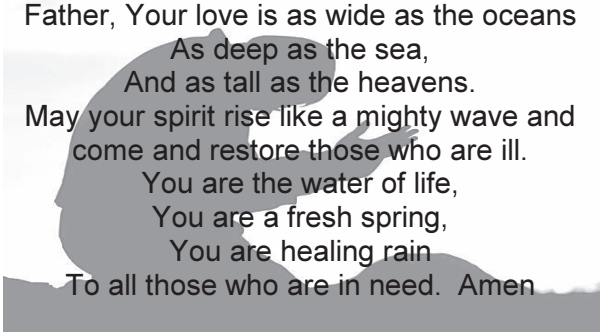
8:30AM **Raymond Kaminski 10th anniversary by**
Gladys Kaminski, Sharon & Kevin Curtin

11:00AM **Eldon Dunbar Sr**. 30th anniversary and
Chad Dunbar 18th anniversary by family

Please Pray for:

George Antinelli, Sharron Grocki,
Linda Chipman,
Jeannine Patnode, Rhonda Lavallee,
Ed Kennedy, Eric Lambert, Luke Wiegers,
and Donna Labrie

Prayer for the sick



Father, Your love is as wide as the oceans
As deep as the sea,
And as tall as the heavens.
May your spirit rise like a mighty wave and
come and restore those who are ill.
You are the water of life,
You are a fresh spring,
You are healing rain
To all those who are in need. Amen

Stewardship of treasure

March 11, 2018

Envelopes Collected 88	$ 2,962.00
Electronic Giving 35	2,051.00
Renovations envelopes 14	181.00
Winter expenses 30	532.00
Easter flowers	20.00
Easter offering	100.00
NA Rental	60.00
Donations	112.00
Total	$ 6,018.00

There will be a second collection this weekend for Catholic Relief Services.

Partners in Charity

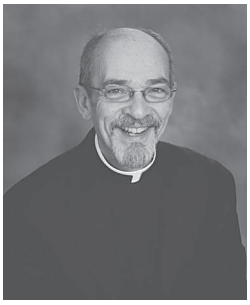
Last weekend we began our parish participation in this year's *Partners in Charity Campaign*. We thank all of you have made your commitment to *putting our faith in action.*

Our parish goal of $33,300 for this year's campaign can seem daunting, but our shared commitment and sacrifice for the sake of the many charitable works of ministry and education throughout the Diocese of Worcester has enabled us to be successful in years past. We have every reason to believe that, with God's help, we will do so again this year.

If you have not yet made a pledge or a gift, please find and fill out a commitment pledge envelope in the pew today. If you prefer to make your commitment on line, you may take the opportunity to do so at www.partners-charity.net.

Ring Found …

During the past week a ring was turned in to the Parish Office that was found in the church.
It appears to be a class ring, Class of 1959. The first two initials inside the band are "SM." Please contact the Parish Office at 508-234-2156 if you have been looking for this item which must have great personal significance.



A note from Father Tom

"The days are coming, says the Lord …"
Jeremiah 31:31

At this moment, as I write, I am hoping that the days are coming! I'm not sure how many inches of snow have fallen in this most recent edition of winter, but I know it's significant! After putting our clocks ahead this past weekend, I really thought I could begin thinking and writing about days with less white stuff and more green!

But the markers and the reality of time can be like that. What the remote or recent past has brought to our lives can make us very cautious or excited with anticipation. What is happening in the present moment can have the same effect on how we view time to come. The Scriptures for this Fifth Sunday of Lent lay bare the possibility that our path to celebration might be marked with suffering. Our path to liberation might require a whole new approach to and appreciation of "the Law" which our God writes into our hearts. The path to full revelation of God's power to redeem and give life will begin with a parable of the seed which must be sown and die in order to yield its harvest and then burst into reality on the tree of the Cross.

In the final verses of today's Gospel according to John Jesus is looking ahead. His own words and the words of God from heaven point those who are seeking him and those who would lead others to him to that inescapable suffering that lies ahead. But Jesus uses words like "to be glorified" and "lifted up that [he] might draw everyone to [himself]." These words do not convey to his hearers what it is that causes him "to be troubled now." The full power behind these words and images are yet to unfold as they hear him. For us, now, the days of Lent quickly will give way to next week's Palm Sunday, and after that the holiest of our days as Church. I encourage you with all my heart to be with us and to invite someone to join you here for Palm Sunday. I encourage you with all my heart to plan now to be with us in Holy Week for the wonderful liturgies with which our Parish Family will bridge time and eternity, sin and redemption, death and life!

Fr. Tom

Lenten Night of Prayer
+ Wednesdays of Lent +

7:00 PM	Evening Prayer
7:15 PM	Celebration of Eucharist
7:45 – 8:30 PM	Eucharistic Adoration
	Sacrament of Reconciliation

Make more of your Lenten experience!

COMING SOON

March 28th 7:30pm Tenebrae service of darkness
March 29th Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper
March 30th 3:00pm Living Stations of the Cross
March 30th 7:00pm Good Friday service
March 31st 7:30ish Easter Vigil
April 1st Easter Sunday! Regular Mass schedule
April 1st Dynamite Sale begins
April 19th 6:30pm Boys Only Night
April 22nd 1st Communion Breakfast
April 28th 1st Communion rehearsal
April 28th Dynamite pick-up
April 29th 1st Communion at the 11:00am Mass

Jesus Christ Superstar

A free musical concert

Saturday March 24th @ 7:00pm
United Presbyterian Church
51 Cottage St. Whitinsville

A timeless work, set against the backdrop of an extraordinary and universally know series of events but seen, unusually, through the eyes of Judas Iscariot. Come enjoy the free concert. A freewill offering will support Peace of Bread community Kitchen and Blackstone Valley Emergency Shelter.

This year's Easter egg hunt will once again take place after each of the morning Masses on Easter Sunday.

If you'd like to donate plastic eggs or wrapped candy, we would greatly appreciate it. Please bring it to the rectory during the week.

Project 351 Ambassador

My name is Kaia Dziekiewicz and I'm in the 8th grade at Northbridge Middle School. This year I have been chosen by the administrators at NMS to serve as the Project 351 ambassador. Project 351 is an statewide service organization that unites an 8th grader from each of the 351 cities and towns in Massachusetts to make a change in their community. I am organizing a spring service event to collect clothes and shoes for children in need in Massachusetts through the Cradles to Crayons organization. These items will bring comfort to thousands of children across the state. I will have a donation bin in the parish foyer beginning Saturday March 24th through Saturday April 7th. Cradles to Crayons requests clothes in youth sizes 0-20 or adult sizes S - M (appropriate for young people) and shoes in infant/child sizes 0-13 or adult sizes 1-10. New socks and new pajamas are also greatly appreciated. I thank my parish family for donations in support of my service project to benefit children in need.

DON'T MISS this opportunity as **Our Lady of the Valley School** has some openings at this time for the 2018-2019 Kindergarten Class and very limited openings in other grades. See the great things going on at OLV and Catholic Education at the Open House on March 22nd at 6:00pm. If you can't make it, call 508-278-5851 and schedule a personal appointment.

The **Loreto** children will be packing up the Blessing Bags at the March 25th Gathering Day. Until that time, they are still collecting winter hats, gloves, socks, band-aids, trial size toilet paper, chapstick, dry shampoo, trial size toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, lotion, wipes, gum, granola bars, protein bars, beef jerky, fruit snacks, nut packs and cookie snack packs. There is a bin in the gathering area for all donations. Thank you!!!

March 18th is the banner making day for all **First Communion** children and their families. We will start the day at the 8:30 a.m. Mass and then head over to the hall for breakfast treats and fellowship. The children and their families will be making their banners for their big day!! It has truly become a wonderful tradition.

As you all know we have begun offering the **Children's Liturgy of the Word** at the 11:00 Mass. We could sure use a couple more volunteers. There is no planning involved. It is all done for you by the program we use. It would only be once a month or even every 2 months. If you are interested, please contact Patty @ 508-320-5743 or email me at st.petersloreto@gmail.com.

The Edge Unfortunately, our edge night was canceled because of the Nor'easter this past week. This Tuesday is a planning night, we will not have an Edge night. The following week is our night on the Triddum. We're looking forward to sharing this beautiful night with the kids. Any parents who would like to join us for the night are welcome.

Our **lifenight** series called the Battle concluded last Sunday. We hope the parents who attended enjoyed a chance to talk about their own faith for a bit. We were very happy to have you as part of our lifenights. We hope you will come again next time we offer a parent series. Thank you for joining us!

The Lifeteen kids received their parts for the Tenebrae and the living stations of the cross last Sunday. This week they will begin to prepare for these two Holy Week events. Mrs. Hansson will be preparing the meal this week.

Mission Trip *The kids will be selling Chef Pete's famous "Dynamite" ($6.00 per pint) during the month of April. Kids will be at weekend Masses taking orders. Orders can also be placed by stopping by the religious education office in the parish center. Call 508-234-6355 if you have any questions.*

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