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MASSES
 Daily Mon - Sat: 8:00 AM
 Saturday 4:30PM, Sunday 7:30 & 9:30AM
 Holy Days 8:00 AM, Noon, 5:30 PM
 PENANCE Saturdays 2:30-3:30 PM



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Mission Statement:

"Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, disciples of Jesus Christ in Worcester, MA, reaches out with love into the neighborhoods to welcome, serve, support, and engage the community in Jesus. In creating a welcoming relationship with Eucharistic and prayerful celebrations, we gather to make a difference by coming closer to God and one another."

March 10, 2019
 1st Sunday of Lent



"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me."

(Deuteronomy 26:10)

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits", the best that you have to offer, or do you give from what is leftover? Second, do you recognize that everything you have has been given to you by God?

Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

Snow Day Policy Reminder

The policy for mass being cancelled is that if Worcester Public Schools is closed, there will be NO morning mass.

Mass Intentions and Calendar

Sat, Mar 9 4:30 pm	Daylight Savings Begins Bob Racicot Sr and Bob Racicot Jr req by the family
Sun, Mar 10 7:30 am 9:30 am 10:30 am opens	Stephen Leanna req by the family Ellen Cote req by the MacAdam Family -Sharing Our Bounty in Church Hall
Mon, Mar 11 3:00 pm	Pray the Rosary
Tue, Mar 12 8:00 am	Michael Tamburro 22nd anniv req by the family
Wed, Mar 13 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting in church hall Knights of Columbus Meeting in sacristy
Fri, Mar 15 7:00 pm	NA Meeting in Church Hall
Sat, Mar 16 4:30 pm	Marjorie Kotel 2nd anniv req by her family
Sun, Mar 17 7:30 am 9:30 am 10:30 am opens	Ona Pajeda req by the Jakubauskas family John McNamara req by the MacAdam family -Sharing Our Bounty in Church Hall

Scripture Readings

- 10 **SUN** Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/ Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
- 11 **MON** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [Jn 6:63b]/ Mt 25:31-46
- 12 **TUE** Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/ Mt 6:7-15
- 13 **WED** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/ Lk 11:29-32
- 14 **THU** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12
- 15 **FRI** Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/ Mt 5:20-26
- 16 **SAT** Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME

Meatball Madness

Don't forget your appetite at our annual Meatball Madness this **Saturday, March 2** after the 4:30 pm mass. Admission is \$5.

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

There will be a meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society on Wednesday, March 13 at 6:30 pm. The meeting will take place downstairs in the church hall. All are welcome to attend!

Religious Ed

Update on our Religious Ed Teens.....Our teens made 40 Heartfelt Essential Bags for Caregivers for the Healing Heart Hospitality House. Donations for these bags came from the donations collected by Sharing Our Bounty and 10 bags were donated by Jennifer Butler and her daughters Kierra and Jaden Butler. Thank you to all who donated to this special cause.

Old Palms

If you have any palms at home, there is a basket at front entrance of church for you to leave them in.

Jack Barry Softball Registration...new and returning players. Final in-person registration Saturday, March 16, 9:00am-12:00 pm at Jack Barry Fieldhouse at 277 Harrington Way or online registration at jackbarryworchester.com



Prayer Shawl

If any parishioner would like a prayer shawl for someone they know who might need one. Please call Donna at 508-304-1745 or 508-579-9299. You may also call the rectory at 508-757-0789.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Offertory 3/2-3/3	\$3,664.00
Maintenance	640.00
Church in Latin America	30.00
Catholic Home Missions	30.00
Easter Flowers	30.00
Catholic Free Press	39.00

Thank you as always for your generous support!

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Lent comes late this year. Late though it may be, most of us are not immediately eager for the austerities of Lent. Though perhaps not ready for it, we all nonetheless need Lent. We need Lent because we are sinners called to repentance. We need it because we are Christ's disciples called to holiness and we need Lent because the demands, distractions and allures of modern life can imperceptibly skew our priorities and dampen the spiritual joys that rightly belong to those whose faith is fervent.

For forty days Lent calls us to re-prioritize our lives that they may be centered on Jesus Christ and His Gospel. We do this through deepened prayer, more frequent penances and more generous almsgiving. We undertake these practices not to revert to old ways six weeks later. We undertake them that, through conversion of life, we may know Christ better and share more deeply in the joy of His Easter triumph throughout the whole of our lives.

The Lenten season is austere in its observances, reserved in its liturgies and sacrificial in its call for generosity. But because its practices draw us closer to Christ, Lent is also renewing, inspiring and exciting. So often we let things come between us and the radical call to take up the Cross and follow Christ with a selfless love of God and neighbor. Lent gives us the incentive, framework and communal support to acknowledge the primacy of God in our lives and to seek our consolations by putting God first. When we do that, we realize that the security, happiness and peace for which we daily strive come not from the acquisition of things, the esteem of others or the experience of pleasures. Rather, they are found in drawing close to God, experiencing His love and being confident in His promises. That continuing discovery can make our lives simpler, happier and more meaningful. What we "give up" is more than compensated by what we gain.

We all have so much to gain this Lent. I urge you to reflect on Christ's love and mercy. Examine your life, confess your sins and draw close to God through your prayer and acts of penance, regular celebration of the sacraments and sacrifice for those in need.

Lent may start late this year but it is also just in time. May we embrace its opportunities that we may reap its rewards --- Christian joy, not only at Easter, but throughout our lives on earth and forever in Heaven.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain
Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Robert J. McManus

Try Online Giving and Help Your Parish

Go to: ololma.org & click on *Online Giving* for easy and secure instructions to set up your personal and confidential account or make an appointment with Fr. Brian or Cheryl at the rectory for help to set up your account.

-By doing this: you can take the chore of filling your contribution envelopes unnecessary and take the guesswork out of how you support your parish.

-By doing this: you help your parish maintain a consistent budget, especially when you are away from the parish and reduce the expense of sending envelope packages each month.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT CYCLE C



GATHERING HYMN

Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN



1. Lord, who through - out these for - ty days, For
2. As you with Sa - tan did con - tend, And
3. As you did hun - ger bear and thirst, So
4. And through these days of pen - i - tence, And
5. A - bide with us that when this life Of



1. us did fast and pray, Teach us with you to
2. did the vic - t'ry win, O give us strength in
3. teach us, gra - cious Lord, To die to self, and
4. through your Pas - sion - tide, For - ev - er - more, in
5. suf - fer - ing is past, An Eas - ter of un -



1. mourn our sins, And close by you to stay.
2. you to fight, In you to con - quer sin.
3. al - ways live By your most ho - ly word.
4. life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.
5. end - ing joy We may at - tain at last!

PENITENTIAL RITE



I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done
and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault,
through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary
ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

CONFITEOR



LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

DT 26:4-10

Moses spoke to the people, saying: "The priest shall receive the basket from you and shall set it in front of the altar of the LORD, your God. Then you shall declare before the Lord, your God, 'My father was a wandering Aramean who went down to Egypt with a small household and lived there as an alien. But there he became a nation great, strong, and numerous. When the Egyptians maltreated and oppressed us, imposing hard labor upon us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and he heard our cry and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. He brought us out of Egypt with his strong hand and outstretched arm, with terrifying power, with signs and wonders; and bringing us into this country, he gave us this land flowing with milk and honey. Therefore, I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O LORD, have given me.' And having set them before the Lord, your God, you shall bow down in his presence."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 91



SECOND READING

ROM 10:8-13

Brothers and sisters: What does Scripture say? The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart—that is, the word of faith that we preach—, for, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. For the Scripture says, No one who believes in him will be put to shame. For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, enriching all who call upon him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

LK 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, One does not live on bread alone." Then he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant. The devil said to him, "I shall give to you all this power and glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve." Then he led him to Jerusalem, made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written: He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you, and: With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone." Jesus said to him in reply, "It also says, You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test." When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.

HOMILY

APOSTLES CREED (Stand)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the
dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.

Amen.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

The Response is: "Lord have mercy."

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Ashes to Ashes

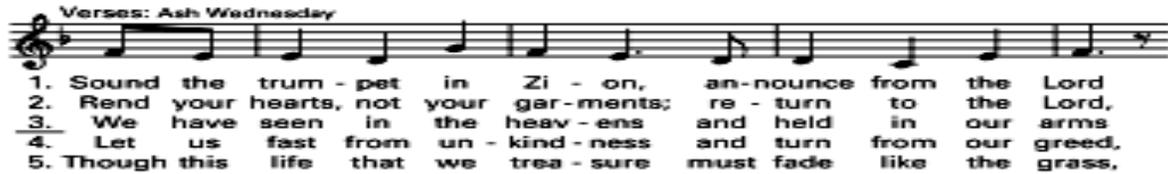
Dan Schutte

Refrain



Ash - es to ash - es, from dust un - to dust. The
cross on our fore - head, your prom - ise, O God.
Read - y us to fol - low the way of your Son, to rise from these
ash - es, re - deemed in the fire of your love.

Verses: Ash Wednesday



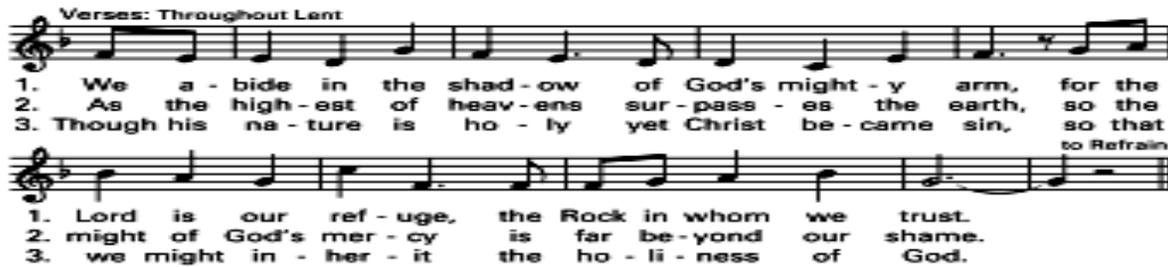
1. Sound the trum - pet in Zi - on, an - nounce from the Lord
2. Rend your hearts, not your gar - ments; re - turn to the Lord,
3. We have seen in the heav - ens and held in our arms
4. Let us fast from un - kind - ness and turn from our greed,
5. Though this life that we trea - sure must fade like the grass,

to Refrain



1. that the day of God's fa - vor is ev - er close at hand.
2. who de - lights when we of - fer a tru - ly hum - ble heart.
3. what the hand of our Mak - er can fash - ion out of dust.
4. giv - ing bread to the hun - gry and lift - ing up the poor.
5. heav - en's glo - ry a - waits those who put their trust in God.

Verses: Throughout Lent



1. We a - bide in the shad - ow of God's might - y arm, for the
2. As the high - est of heav - ens sur - pass - es the earth, so the
3. Though his na - ture is ho - ly yet Christ be - came sin, so that
to Refrain
1. Lord is our ref - uge, the Rock in whom we trust.
2. might of God's mer - cy is far be - yond our shame.
3. we might in - her - it the ho - li - ness of God.

HOLY, HOLY

MASS OF CREATION

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

MASS OF CREATION

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again

GREAT AMEN

MASS OF CREATION

OUR FATHER

SIGN OF PEACE

LAMB OF GOD

MASS OF CREATION

COMMUNION

On Eagle's Wings

Refrain

And he will raise you up on ea - gle's wings, bear you on the
breath of dawn, make you to shine like the
sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

to Verses (last time to Coda)

RECESSIONAL

Shepherd of Souls

ST. AGNES

1. Shep-herd of souls, re-fresh and bless Your cho-sen pil-grim flock
2. We would not live by bread a-lone, But by your word of grace,
3. Be known to us in break-ing bread, But do not then de-part;
4. Lord, sup with us in love di-vine; Your bod-y and your blood,
1. With man-na in the wil-der-ness, With wa-ter from the rock.
2. In strength of which we trav-el on To our a-bid-ing place.
3. Sav-ior, a-bide with us, and spread Your ta-ble in our heart.
4. That liv-ing bread, that heav'n-ly wine, Be our im-mor-tal food.

