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MASSES

Daily: Mon - Thur - Fri : 8:00 AM
Saturday 4:30PM LIVE,
Sunday 10AM LIVE and ZOOM
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."

February 18, 2024
1st Sunday of Lent

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Feb. 18th, 2024



"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...."
(Mark 1:14)

Have you ever thought about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to go to Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that He was proclaiming. It took great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, living a stewardship lifestyle takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that He will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

Daily Rosary-Praying of the Rosary will continue after the 8am daily mass in the church on Monday, Thursday and Friday and at 9:15am before the 10am Sunday Mass both Live and via Zoom. If you need the Zoom information, please contact the rectory.

Mass Intentions & Calendar

Sat, Feb 17

4:30 pm Feola family, Antoinetta Rossetti and Rosalba
Puca req by the D'Andrea family

Sun, Feb 18 1st Sunday of Lent

10:00 am LIVE/Zoom Michelina D'Angelo req by John Riley

Mon, Feb 19 President's Day

8:00 am

Tue, Feb 20

Wed, Feb 21

Thu, Feb 22

8:00 am

Fri, Feb 23

8:00 am

Sat, Feb 24

4:30 pm Eldon Ellerbeck req by the family

Sun, Feb 25 2nd Sunday of Lent

10:00 am LIVE/Zoom

SCRIPTURE READINGS

18 **SUN** Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/
Mk 1:12-15

19 **MON** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

20 **TUE** Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

21 **WED** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

22 **THU** 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19

23 **FRI** Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

24 **SAT** Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

Daily Rosary

We will continue to pray the rosary on Tuesday and Wednesdays at 8:30am even though there is no morning mass.

Prayer Shawls

We have a couple blessed prayer shawls. If you need one or know someone that needs one, please call the rectory. You can join us the first Thursday of the month in the church hall or you can also work on at home and donate when completed.

Upcoming Church Events

Our **Senior Luncheons** start back up next month....**Thursday, March 7** at 11:30 am in the church hall for a light lunch and entertainment for \$5 per person. Please sign up on the board at the entrance of the church so we can plan for food.

Also, our 1st monthly event will be hosted by our very own Knights of Columbus for their membership breakfast to be held on **Sunday, March 17** after mass in the church hall. Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased after mass.

Please come join us.....All are welcome!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Offertory 2/10-2/11	\$3,265.05
Online Giving	440.00
Ash Wed/Priest Retirement	50.00
Catholic Free Press Subscription	39.00
Catholic Home Missions	5.00
Catholic Univ. of America	30.00
Christmas	5.00
Candles	135.40
Christmas Flowers	5.00
Fuel & Heating	65.00
Solemnity of Mary	10.00
All Saints/ All Souls	10.00
Immaculate Conception	5.00
Maintenance	381.00
Mass Offerings	85.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	30.00
Snow Removal	222.00
Prop of Faith/ Campaign Human Dev	10.00

Thank you for your continued, generous support.

We appreciate your support of the church.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“Jesus is calling us deeper.” That reminder of our three-year National Eucharistic Revival is intended to “renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus in the Holy Eucharist” (www.eucharisticrevival.org). That call of renewal through a deepened relationship with Christ is particularly apt in this season of Lent.

We have begun our forty-day journey of deepened prayer, more frequent penance, and greater charity. We embark on the journey because we are sinners in need of and called to repentance by Jesus Christ. Lent’s annual journey also prepares us for the fruitful celebration of the Paschal Mystery—from the Last Supper on Holy Thursday and His Passion and Death on Good Friday to his Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

The forty penitential days of Lent derive from Jesus’ forty days of prayer and fasting in the desert. They also call to mind Moses’ forty days on Mount Sinai during the forty-year journey of the Israelites through the desert to the Promised Land.

During that long journey, the Israelites were sustained by the manna which each night came down from Heaven to nourish and strengthen the people. Centuries later, Jesus would say, “I am the living bread which comes down from heaven; if anyone eats of this bread he will live forever; and the bread that I give is my flesh for the life of the world” (John 6: 51). Just as the Israelites would not have made it to the Promised Land without the manna from Heaven, we cannot complete the journey of life to Heaven without the nourishment of Christ in the Holy Eucharist (“unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you” [John 6: 53]).

In addition to Lenten penances and almsgiving, please consider going to weekday Masses and making visits to the Church outside of Mass to adore the Lord whether reserved in the tabernacle or exposed in the monstrance. Through a greater Eucharistic devotion, we will appreciate, even more, Christ’s presence to us, the graces He offers at every Mass, and the peace and comfort of a prayerful visit to Church. Thus, nourished and strengthened, we will be better equipped to meet life’s challenges, reflect God’s love, and make progress on our journey to Him.

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

CYCLE B



GATHERING HYMN

Beyond The Days

Ricky Manalo, CSF

Refrain

Be - yond the days of hope and mys - t'ry we
 see a light of faith re - newed, and in our long - ing

1-4 to Verses

we thirst for guid - ance to walk with you day by day.

Final **Verses**

day, to walk with you day by day.

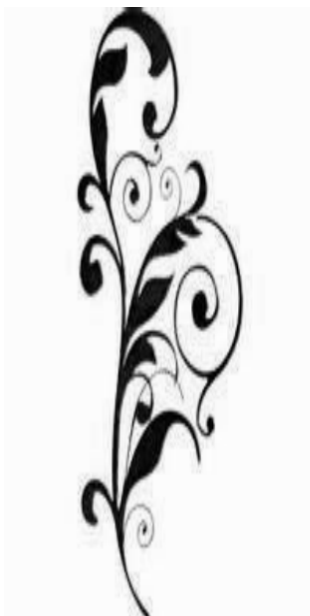
1. For - ty days and
2. Not on bread a -
3. In your hands, O
4. On our Lent - en

1. nights, you guide the steps of our jour - ney. May your
2. lone are we to walk on this jour - ney. Speak the
3. God, we feel the touch of your guid - ance. Keep us
4. path we see the dawn of a new day. Be our

3 **to Refrain**

1. pres - ence be felt in the whis - per of your voice.
2. words that give life to the yearn - ings of our hearts.
3. safe in your care: may your gen - tle - ness be there.
4. vi - sion of hope; be the prom - ise of our lives.

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.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

GENESIS 9:8-15

God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark. I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth." God added: "This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 25

Michael Joncas



SECOND READING

1 PETER 3:18-22

Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mass of Renewal
Curtis Stephan



GOSPEL

MARK 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

HOMILY

APOSTLES CREED

(Stand)

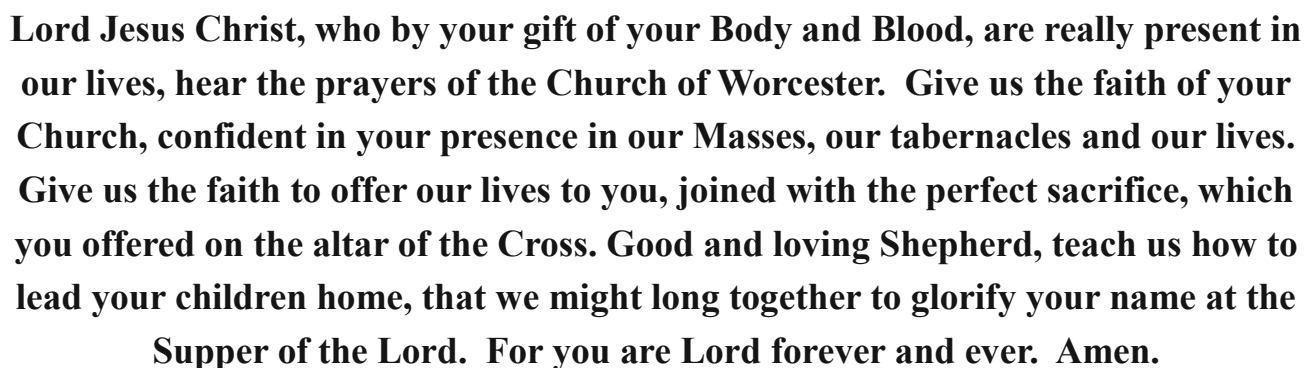
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from 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.”



Lord Jesus Christ, who by your gift of your Body and Blood, are really present in our lives, hear the prayers of the Church of Worcester. Give us the faith of your Church, confident in your presence in our Masses, our tabernacles and our lives. Give us the faith to offer our lives to you, joined with the perfect sacrifice, which you offered on the altar of the Cross. Good and loving Shepherd, teach us how to lead your children home, that we might long together to glorify your name at the Supper of the Lord. For you are Lord forever and ever. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

From The Depths We Cry To Thee

HEINLEIN



1. From the depths we cry to thee, God of sov'-reign maj-es - ty!
2. Gra-cious God, our hearts re-new; Strength-en us thy will to do.
3. Lord, ac - cept our Len-ten fast And for-give our sin-ful past,



1. Hear our prayers and hymns of praise; Bless our Lent of for - ty days.
2. Wash us, make us pure with - in; Cleanse us from the stain of sin.
3. That we may par - take with thee In the Eas - ter mys - ter - y.

HOLY, HOLY

MASS OF RENEWAL

**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 RENEWAL

**Save us, Savior of the World,
For by your Cross & Resurrection,
You have set us free**

GREAT AMEN

MASS OF RENEWAL

OUR FATHER

SIGN OF PEACE

LAMB OF GOD

MASS OF RENEWAL

COMMUNION

Not By Bread Alone

Bob Hurd

Refrain

Not by bread a - lone do we live but by
 ev - ery word that comes from the mouth of God, but by
 ev - ery word that comes from the mouth of God.

Verses

1. The Spir - it led Je - sus out to a des - ert
 2. Re - ject - ing temp - ta - tion, no glo - ry would he
 3. And know - ing our weak - ness, like us in all but
 4. O Christ, live with - in us, come teach us wis - dom's
 5. O taste, taste and see the good - ness of our

1. place to heal sin and bro - ken - ness with God's a -
 2. seek; o - bey - ing the will of God his on - ly
 3. sin, he gave him - self will - ing - ly that we might
 4. ways and make us your dwell - ing place, a sac - ri -
 5. God; how bless - ed, how bless - ed those who shel - ter

to Refrain

1. bound - ing grace, with God's a - bound - ing grace.
 2. food and drink, his on - ly food and drink.
 3. ful - ly live, that we might ful - ly live.
 4. face of praise, a sac - ri - fice of praise.
 5. in the Lord, who shel - ter in the Lord.

RECESSIONAL

Again We Keep This Solemn Fast

ERHALT UNS, HERR

1. A - gain we keep this sol - emn fast, A gift of
 2. The law and proph - ets from of old In fig - ured
 3. More spar - ing, there - fore, let us make The words we
 4. Let us a - void each harm - ful way That lures the
 5. We pray, O bless - ed Three - in - One, Our God while

1. faith from ag - es past, This Lent which binds us
 2. ways this Lent fore - told, Which Christ, all ag - es'
 3. speak, the food we take, Our sleep, our laugh - ter,
 4. care - less mind a - stray; By watch - ful prayer our
 5. end - less ag - es run, That this, our Lent of

1. lov - ing - ly To faith and hope and char - i - ty.
 2. Lord and Guide, In these last days has sanc - ti - fied.
 3. ev - 'ry sense; Learn peace through ho - ly pen - i - tence.
 4. spir - its free From schem - ing of the e - ne - my.
 5. for - ty days, May bring us growth and give you praise.

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