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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."

March 10, 2024
4th Sunday of Lent



"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." -John 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

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, Mar 9

4:30 pm **Ray Trainque** b'day remembrance req by Cindy
Mary Bartkiewicz req by the family

Sun, Mar 10 4th Sunday of Lent/Daylight Savings Begins

10:00 am LIVE/Zoom **Kenneth Loiselle** req by Joe

Mon, Mar 11

8:00 am **Michelina D'Angelo** birthday remembrance req by
Mona Metro-Gagnon

Thu, Mar 14

8:00 am

Fri, Mar 15

8:00 am **Keith Michael Patterson** birthday remembrance req
by the family

Sat, Mar 16 5th Sunday of Lent

4:30 pm **Robert Racicot Sr and Robert Racicot Jr** req by
Family
Feola Family, Antoinetta Rossetti, Rosalba Puca
req by the D'Andrea family

Sun, Mar 17

10:00 am LIVE/Zoom **Edmond Kelly** 2yr anniv remembrance
req by the family

Suzie Anusauskas anniv remembrance req by
the family

Breakfast after mass in church hall

SCRIPTURE READINGS

10 SUN 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/
Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5,
6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

11 MON Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/
Jn 4:43-54

12 TUE Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

13 WED Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

14 THU Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

15 FRI Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

16 SAT Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

Stations of the Cross during Lent

We will have Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 12:00 noon. All are welcome!

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.

75th Anniversary Commemorative Booklet

To celebrate our 75th anniversary this year, we will be producing a commemorative booklet highlighting our church, ministries and what we have accomplished in the last 25 years. If you would like to be a sponsor, there are different levels of sponsorship. Please see the forms on the table at the entrance of the church.

Our anniversary celebration will take place on Saturday, May 18 with a catered meal in the church hall. We will be selling tickets (\$25 per person) to attend the celebration. All are welcome!

BREAKFAST

Next weekend is our first of our monthly events hosted by our very own Knights of Columbus for their membership breakfast to be held next **Sunday, March 17** after mass in the church hall. Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased today after mass.

There is a Knights of Columbus Meeting Wednesday, March 13 at 6:00 pm in the church hall.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Offertory 3/2-3/3	\$2,802.00
Online Giving	200.00
Ash Wed/Priest Retirement	10.00
Easter Sunday	30.00
Easter Flowers	30.00
Fuel & Heating	115.00
Maintenance	268.00
Snow Removal	160.00
Room & Board	1,000.00

*Thank you for your continued, generous support.
We appreciate your support of the church.*

Partners in Charity

Once a year, we commit ourselves to this ongoing work to supporting this life-giving appeal. We reflect on God's great generosity and respond with generous giving of our own. With your support, faith in action is visible every day in the compassionate outreach of Catholic Charities, to the least among us; in the prayerful witness of our retired priests and the joy of new priestly vocations; to the many diocesan ministries and programs that heal, teach and care for others. Watch the appeal video at home this week at www.partners-charity.net. If you have already made a gift to the 2024 appeal, we thank you. Your gift will help us in reaching our parish goal. You can also make your gift online at www.partners-charity.net. Thank you!

Around Town...

There are many events around the diocese that make it impossible to list all of them in the bulletin. Go to <https://worcesterdiocese.org/the-diocesan-dispatch> or see them in the Catholic Free Press

Spring Cleanup at Diocesan Cemeteries Notice

On **Monday March 18**, weather permitting, we will begin our spring cleanup of our 14 Diocesan Cemeteries that are currently managed by the Diocesan Cemetery Group. *Please have all winter baskets, wreaths and decorations removed by Sunday, March 17.* Anything remaining after this date will be removed and discarded. Visit www.worcesterdiocese.org/st-john-cemetery for updates on the progress and completed cemeteries prior to placing any spring flowers. You may also call our office at 508-757-7415 for updates.

Holy Hour in Worcester

Please join us for a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady of the Angels Church, Worcester on **Sunday March 24 beginning at 1:30 pm** with rosary and have silent adoration time with the Lord.

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
508-726-2880 - direct, confidential line

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT CYCLE B



GATHERING HYMN

In These Days of Lenten Journey

Ricky Manalo, CSF

Refrain

In these days of Len-ten jour-ney we have seen and we have heard
the call to sow jus-tice in the lives of those we serve.

Verses

1. We reach out to those who are home-less, to
2. We o - pen our eyes to the hun - gry and
3. We o - pen our ears to the wea - ry and
4. We call on the Spir - it of Jus - tice and

1. those who live with - out warmth. In the cool-ness of
2. see the fac - es of Christ. As we nour - ish all
3. hear the cry of the poor. To the voic - es that
4. pray for righ-teous-ness' sake. We will sing for the

1. eve - ning we'll shel - ter their dreams; we will
2. peo - ple who hun - ger for food, may their
3. ech - o the song of de - spair, we will
4. free - dom of all the op - pressed; we will

1. clothe them in mer - cy and peace.
2. faith in our God be re - newed.
3. show our com - pas - sion and care.
4. loos - en the bonds of dis - tress.

to Refrain

PENITENTIAL RITE

CONFITEOR



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.



KYRIE ELEISON

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

2 CHRONICLES 36:14-16, 19-23

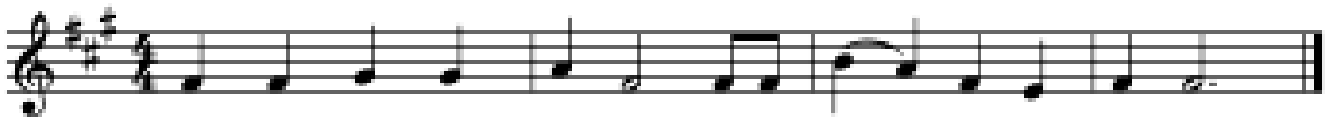
In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations and polluting the LORD's temple which he had consecrated in Jerusalem.

Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy. Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects. Those who escaped the sword were carried captive to Babylon, where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans and his sons until the kingdom of the Persians came to power. All this was to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah: "Until the land has retrieved its lost sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled."

In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD inspired King Cyrus of Persia to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom, both by word of mouth and in writing: "Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD, the God of heaven, has given to me, and he has also charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his people, let him go up, and may his God be with him!"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 137



R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 2:4-10

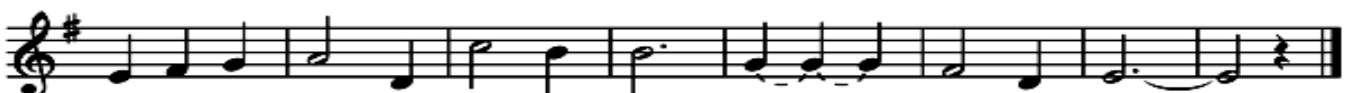
Brothers and sisters: God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ — by grace you have been saved —, raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Mass of Renewal
Curtis Stephan*



Glo-ry to you, O Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ!
Glo-ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, Son of the liv - ing God.



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Glo-ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, Son of the liv - ing God.

GOSPEL

JOHN 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

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

Turn To Me

John Foley, S.J.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of several staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first section is labeled 'Refrain' and includes the lyrics: 'Turn to me, O turn, and be saved, says the Lord, for I am God; there is no oth-er, none be-side me. I call your name.' The second section is labeled 'Verse 1' and includes the lyrics: '1. I am God, who com-forts you; who are 1. you to be a-fraid of flesh that fades, is 1. made like the grass of the field, soon to with-er.' The third section is labeled 'Verses 2, 3' and includes the lyrics: '2. Lis-ten to me, my peo-ple; give ear to 3. Lift up your eyes to the heav-ens, and look at the 2. me, my na-tion: a law will go forth from 3. earth down be-low. The heav-ens will van-ish like 2. me, and my jus-tice for a light to the peo-ple. 3. smoke, and the earth will wear out like a gar-ment.' The score ends with a double bar line and the instruction 'to Refrain'.

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

In Every Age

Janet Sullivan Whitaker

Verse 1

1. Long be - fore the moun - tains came to be and the land and
 1. sea and stars of the night, through the end - less sea - sons of all
 1. time, you have al - ways been, you will al - ways be.

Refrain

In ev - 'ry age, O God, you have been our ref - uge.
 In ev - 'ry age, O God, you have been our hope.

Final

God, you have been our hope,
 you have been our ref - uge, you have been our hope.

Verse 2

2. Des - ti - ny is cast, and at your si - lent word we re - turn to
 2. dust and scat - ter to the wind. A thou - sand years are like a sin - gle mo - ment
 2. gone, as the light that fades at the end of day.

1-3 to Verses 2, 3 last time: to Refrain

RECESSIONAL

There Is A Wideness In God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

1. There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy Like the wide - ness
 2. For the love of God is broad - er Than the mea - sures
 3. Trou - bled souls, why will you scat - ter Like a crowd of

1. of the sea; There's a kind - ness in his jus - tice
 2. of our mind, And the heart of the E - ter - nal
 3. fright - ened sheep? Fool - ish hearts, why will you wan - der

1. Which is more than lib - er - ty. There is plen - ti - ful re -
 2. Is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more
 3. From a love so true and deep? There is wel - come for the

1. demp - tion In the blood that has been shed; There is
 2. sim - ple We should take him at his word, And our
 3. sin - ner And more grac - es for the good; There is

1. joy for all the mem - bers In the sor - rows of the Head.
 2. lives would be thanks - giv - ing For the good - ness of our Lord.
 3. mer - cy with the Sav - ior, There is heal - ing in his blood.

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