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MASSES
Daily: Mon - Fri : 8:00 AM
Saturday 4:30 PM
Sunday 10 AM
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."

May 25, 2025
6th Sunday of Easter



"...Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."
(John 14:27)

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we often think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you. Make God your first choice and not your last resort.

Daily Rosary-Praying of the Rosary will continue after the 8am daily mass in the church on Monday through Friday and at 9:15am before the 10am Sunday Mass.

Mass Intentions & Calendar

Sat, May 24

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

Sun, May 25 6th Sunday of Easter

10:00 am **Robert Roach** req by Denise & Bill Perron
Jolanta Braskiene (6th anniv) & **Regina Vanagiene Glodas** (5th anniv) req by friends

Mon, May 26 Memorial Day

8:00 am

Tue, May 27

8:00 am

Wed, May 28

8:00 am

Thu, May 29 The Ascension of the Lord

8:00 am **Alexander & Irene Morris** req by the family

12:00 pm

4:30 pm

Fri, May 30

8:00 am

Sat, May 31 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

4:30 pm

Sun, Jun 1 7th Sunday of Easter/The Ascension of the Lord

10:00 am **Robert & James Roach** req by Cathy Pimley and the chaplains at Memorial, North Pavillion and UMass Hospitals

SCRIPTURE READINGS

25 SUN Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

26 MON Acts 16:11-15/Ps 49:1b-2,3-4,5-6a and 9b/
Jn 5:26-16:4a

27 TUE Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

28 WED Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/
Jn 16:12-15

29 THU Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/
Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

30 FRI Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

31 SAT Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd,5-6/
Lk 1:39-56

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

JUNE CALENDAR RAFFLE

Only one week left to sell as many June Calendar raffles as possible. As of 5/20, we have sold 228 tickets. There are extra copies on the table at the entrance of the church. Please return bottom slip and money to Our Lady of Lourdes by May 31st. Checks can be made out to Our Lady of Lourdes. Someone will be selling tickets after the masses at the front of the church.

MEATBALL MADNESS

We will be having a "Meatball Madness" dinner on Saturday, June 21, after the 4:30pm mass. The sit down dinner will consist of macaroni, meatballs and salad. Pastries are welcome. If you would like to help make meatballs, please join us at 10 am that morning. Tickets go on sale this weekend after mass and are \$15/pp. This will be our only event until our annual church picnic in September.

PARISH RAFFLE

If you would like to buy tickets for the CT Parish Raffle, they are on the front entrance on the table, or you can scan this QR code to buy directly online. (do not use the QR code on the ticket, that is for their internal use only). The tickets are \$25 each and there are 23 prizes to be awarded totaling \$68,000. If no one from Our Lady of Lourdes wins in that drawing on July 19th, Catholic Initiatives will be donating grant money to each non-winning church to be raffled to someone that has purchased a ticket.....so someone here at Lourdes will be a winner!!



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Offertory 5/17-5/18	\$1,875.00
Online Giving	315.00
Candles	82.75
Fuel & Heating	80.00
Ascension	15.00
Maintenance	193.00
Mass Offerings	20.00
Parish Debt donation	35.00

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

PARTNERS IN CHARITY - 2025

As of May 19th, 51 of our 269 parish families have responded with donations totaling \$29,580 putting us at 62% of our goal. However, we need the support of all members of Our Lady of Lourdes if we are to be successful in reaching our parish goal of \$47,500. We have just over \$17,900 left to donate to reach that goal. If you have not yet completed your pledge, please prayerfully make your pledge and return it to the church office or in the collection basket. We are confident that, with God's help and yours, we will rise to it! If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment pledge envelope today or visit www.partners-charity.net. Thank you!

Baby Bottles for Visitation House

Visitation House provides shelter, food, education and health care services to pregnant girls/women. In this Catholic action, we, the parishes of the Diocese of Worcester are the main providers of financial support. The annual Baby Bottle Drive is a major source of financial support for this ministry. If you have not done so, please take a bottle from the bin located at entrance to the church. Each evening empty your pockets with change, folding money or write a check payable to Visitation House and return bottles to the bin located in front of the podium. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

I often lead group prayer with similar words: "Give us the wisdom to know Your will for our lives and the courage to follow it as we seek to make our community a clearer reflection of the Kingdom of God." The words acknowledge that we need to be about God's will, not our own, and in that journey, we will bear greater witness to the transforming power of Jesus Christ.

We talk about how we are called to live a stewardship way of life and that we have been given many good gifts, but it is never truly about us. We are never the main thing. In the same manner, it is never really about our parish. Our combined stewardship may lead to many fruits, like an increased offertory or more vibrancy in parish life. However, it is always about the Kingdom of God and the King, Jesus Christ.

Through our stewardship, we allow our parish community to shine like a city on a hill for others to see and then be drawn toward Jesus Christ. It is about leading people to heaven. Our actions of stewardship do not point toward us but instead to the one who calls us to this life. Our constant prayer needs to be that we always seek to discern God's will and follow it instead of our own. By doing that, we can transform our own lives, our parish communities, and then the world around us.

~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER CYCLE C



GATHERING HYMN

Join In The Dance

Dan Schutte

Refrain

Join in the dance of the earth's ju - bi - la - tion! This is the feast of the
love of God. Shout from the heights to the ends of cre - a - tion:
Je - sus the Sav - ior is ris - en from the grave!

Verses

1. Wake, O	peo - ple;	sleep no	long - er;	greet the
2. All cre - a - tion,	like a	moth - er,	la - bors	
3. Now our shame be - comes	our glo - ry	on this		
4. None on earth, no prince	or pow - er,	nei - ther		
5. Love's tri - um - phant day	of vic - t'ry	heav - en		
6. Christ for - ev - er,	Lord of a - ges,	Love be -		

1. break - ing	day!	Christ, Re - deem - er,	
2. to give	birth.	Soon the pain will	
3. ho - ly	tree.	Now the reign of	
4. death nor	life.	noth - ing now can	
5. o - pens	wide.	On the tree of	
6. yond our	dreams:	Christ, our hope of	

to Refrain

1. Lamb and	Li - on,	turns the	night a - way!
2. be for - got - ten,	joy for	all the	earth!
3. death is	end - ed;	now we	are set free!
4. ev - er	part us	from the	love of Christ!
5. hope and	glo - ry	death it - self	has died!
6. heav - en's	glo - ry,	all that	yet will be!

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord, God, Heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord, Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us:

You take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer,
You are seated at the right hand of the
Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One;
You alone are the Lord.
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God, the Father.

Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 15:1-2, 22-29

Some who had come down from Judea were instructing the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the Mosaic practice, you cannot be saved." Because there arose no little dissension and debate by Paul and Barnabas with them, it was decided that Paul, Barnabas, and some of the others should go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders about this question.

The apostles and elders, in agreement with the whole church, decided to choose representatives and to send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. The ones chosen were Judas, who was called Barsabbas, and Silas, leaders among the brothers. This is the letter delivered by them:

"The apostles and the elders, your brothers, to the brothers in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia of Gentile origin: greetings. Since we have heard that some of our number who went out without any mandate from us have upset you with their teachings and disturbed your peace of mind, we have with one accord decided to choose representatives and to send them to you along with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. So we are sending Judas and Silas who will also convey this same message by word of mouth: 'It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities, namely, to abstain from meat sacrificed to idols, from blood, from meats of strangled animals, and from unlawful marriage. If you keep free of these, you will be doing what is right. Farewell.'"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 67

Timothy R. Smith



SECOND READING

REVELATION 21:10-14, 22-23

The angel took me in spirit to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. It gleamed with the splendor of God. Its radiance was like that of a precious stone, like jasper, clear as crystal. It had a massive, high wall, with twelve gates where twelve angels were stationed and on which names were inscribed, the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites. There were three gates facing east, three north, three south, and three west. The wall of the city had twelve courses of stones as its foundation, on which were inscribed the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw no temple in the city for its temple is the Lord God almighty and the Lamb. The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mass of Christ the Savior
Dan Schutte



GOSPEL

JOHN 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me.

"I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you, 'I am going away and I will come back to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe."

HOMILY

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen. ·

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

The Response is:

"Risen Lord hear us."

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

I Love The Lord

Paul Inwood



1. I love the Lord who has heard my cry. I
2. I seek the Lord through each night and day. I
3. I need the Lord more than I can tell. I
4. I praise the Lord, sing - ing clear and strong. I



1. love the Lord, stand-ing at my side. I love the Lord,
2. seek the Lord as I walk my way. I seek the Lord
3. need the Lord— this I know so well! I need the Lord,
4. praise the Lord, fo - cus of my song. I praise the Lord,



1. al - ways close to me. I love the Lord, love the Lord
2. when the light seems gone. I seek the Lord, seek the Lord
3. how I need the Lord! I need the Lord, need the Lord
4. strength-en - ing my voice. I praise the Lord, praise the Lord



1. who saves and sets me free.
2. who calls me to go on.
3. with love on me out - poured.
4. and rap-t'rous - ly re - joice!

HOLY, HOLY

MASS OF CHRIST THE SAVIOR

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 CHRIST THE SAVIOR

Save us, Savior of the World,
By your Cross & Resurrection
You have set us free.

GREAT AMEN

MASS OF CHRIST THE SAVIOR

OUR FATHER

SIGN OF PEACE

LAMB OF GOD


MASS OF CHRIST THE SAVIOR

COMMUNION

Our Life Is Hidden With Christ

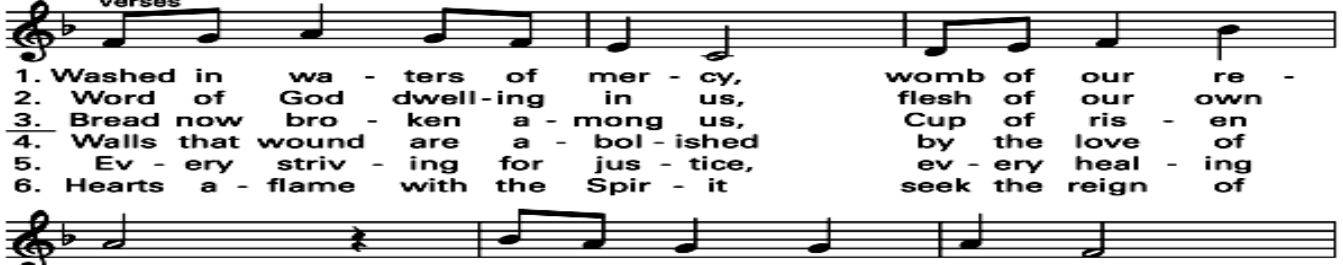
Bob Hurd

Refrain




Our life is hid - den with Christ. Once cru - ci -
fied, in glo - ry now, he holds all things, the whole cre -
a - tion, with - in the heart of God.

Verses

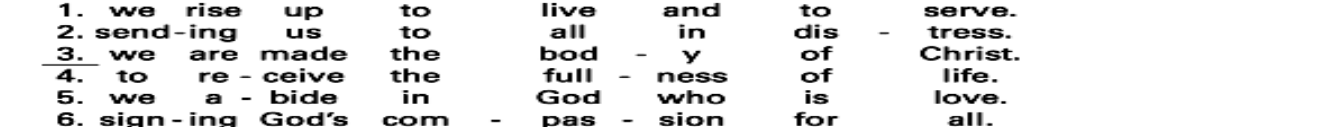


1. Washed in wa - ters of mer - cy,	womb of our re -
2. Word of God dwell - ing in us,	flesh of our own
3. Bread now bro - ken a - mong us,	Cup of ris - en
4. Walls that wound are a - bol - ished	by the love of
5. Ev - ery striv - ing for jus - tice,	ev - ery heal - ing
6. Hearts a - flame with the Spir - it	seek the reign of



1. birth,	dy - ing in Christ	Je - sus,
2. flesh,	teach - ing love of	neigh - bor,
3. life,	shar - ing in this	ban - quet,
4. Christ;	all are called and	wel - come
5. touch	borne by Christ with - in	us,
6. God,	mir - ror - ing Christ's	mer - cy,

to Refrain




1. we rise up to live and to serve.
2. send - ing us to all in dis - tress.
3. we are made the bod - y of Christ.
4. to re - ceive the full - ness of life.
5. we a - bide in God who is love.
6. sign - ing God's com - pas - sion for all.


RECESSIONAL

America, the Beautiful


MATERNA




1. O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, For am - ber waves of grain,
2. O beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet, Whose stern, im - pas - sioned stress
3. O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved In lib - er - at - ing strife,
4. O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream That sees be - yond the years



1. For pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties A - bove the fruit - ed plain!
2. A thor - ough - fare for free - dom beat A - cross the wil - der - ness!
3. Who more than self their coun - try loved, And mer - cy more than life!
4. Thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, Un - dimmed by hu - man tears!



1. A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
2. A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,
3. A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
4. A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,



1. And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea.
2. Con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, Thy lib - er - ty in law.
3. Till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, And ev - 'ry gain di - vine.
4. And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea.

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