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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."

July 27, 2025  
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



*"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."*  
(Luke 11:9)

Jesus assures us that if we ask, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that our culture often confuses what we really need with what we simply want. The truth is that many of us need very little. However, we usually want so much more! Stewardship is simply being grateful for all that we are and all that we have been given, and generously sharing all of our God-given gifts with others. Gratitude and generosity are gifts that opens doors to new relationships with others and with God.

**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, Jul 26**

4:30 pm **Joseph B. Cocozzella** req by Francine

**Sun, Jul 27 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:00 am **Robert Roach** req by Denise & Bill Perron

**Marcilia Reyes de Suarez** 10th anniv req by her daughter Melania

**Mon, Jul 28**

8:00 am

**Tue, Jul 29**

8:00 am

**Wed, Jul 30**

8:00 am

**Thu, Jul 31**

8:00 am

**Fri, Aug 1**

8:00 am

**Sat, Aug 2**

4:30 pm **Elliott "Smitty" Smith** req by Denise & Bill Perron

**Sun, Aug 3 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:00 am **In Memory of Marta Bautista de Fuentes & Jose de la Cruz Fuentes** req by Martha

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

**27 SUN** Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3,6-7,7-8 (3a)/Col 2:12-14/  
Lk 11:1-13

**28 MON** Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/  
Mt 13:31-35

**29 TUE** Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/  
Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

**30 WED** Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46

**31 THU** Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a,11/  
Mt 13:47-53

**1 FRI** Lv 23:1, 4-11,15-16, 27,34b-37/Ps 81:3-4,5-6,10-11ab/  
Mt 13:54-58

**2 SAT** Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12

## **PARISH RAFFLE**

Did you watch the livestream to see the raffle drawing?! Unfortunately no one from Our Lady of Lourdes won but there were 4 winners in MA...St. Anne's in Shrewsbury, St. Denis in Ashburnham, Holy Family in S. Deerfield, and St. Robert Bellarmine in Andover. We are now waiting for information on the grant funding award to see who at Our Lady of Lourdes is a winner! Stay tuned.....

## **Religious Education Fall 2025-2026**

Registration starts August 17, 2025 after the 10am mass. You can print off the registration form from our website and also pay through online giving. Religious Ed starts on September 21st. For more information, contact Judy Verdini at [jverdini26@gmail.com](mailto:jverdini26@gmail.com).

### **Our Lady of Lourdes Outdoor Mass & BBQ**

**Sunday, September 14, 11 am Mass  
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Sausage  
Assorted Salads**

**Pastries  
\$15/pp**

**Tickets go on sale in August**

**NEEDED -  
RAFFLE BASKETS  
PASTRIES, SALADS**

***Proceeds go toward Church Expenses***

## **Vacation**

Cheryl, our Adm Asst/Bookkeeper will be away on vacation starting August 5 and will be back in the office on August 18th. If there is something important or you would like to book a mass, please see Fr. O'Toole.

### **STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

#### **WEEKLY OFFERING**

|                                   |                   |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Sunday Offertory 7/19-7/20</b> | <b>\$1,838.50</b> |
| Online                            | 385.00            |
| Candles                           | 43.76             |
| Fuel & Heating                    | 25.00             |
| Assumption of Mary                | 6.00              |
| Maintenance                       | 117.50            |
| Mass Offerings                    | 130.00            |
| Peter's Pence for the Holy Land   | 2.00              |
| Raffles Income (donated back)     | 50.00             |
| Snow Removal                      | 25.00             |

***Thank you for your continued, generous support.***

## **PARTNERS IN CHARITY - 2025**

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. As of July 15, we are still in need of \$19,885. There have only been 63 donations compared to last years 89. 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](http://www.partners-charity.net). Thank you!

## **Catholic Charities Back-to-School Program**

**As we approach the new school year, Catholic Charities is once again seeking support to provide essential school supplies to children in need within our community.**

**Could you kindly consider donating school supplies such as notebooks, pens, pencils, backpacks, and other educational materials?**

**Leave supplies in the bin.**

***DEADLINE AUGUST 3***



## **Pernet 70th Anniversary**

Please join us as we celebrate 70 years of strengthening Worcester area families! The Little Sisters of the Assumption and Pernet Family Health Service invite you to a Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday, Aug. 16 at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit at Assumption University. A brunch reception will follow. Kindly respond with the number of brunch attendees to [rharpin@pernetfamilyhealth.org](mailto:rharpin@pernetfamilyhealth.org) or (508) 755-1228 no later than August 1.

## **Retreat in Daily Life**

Are you looking for a way to make your prayer life more meaningful or finding a clearer sense of God's presence in your life? If so, you may want to consider "The Retreat in Daily Life". A 30-week prayer experience in the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola will be held at St. Peter's Church in Worcester beginning September 30, 2025. Offered by a team of Jesuit trained people experienced in Ignatian prayer and the Spiritual Exercises. There is an information night explaining the Retreat in Daily Life, held on Tuesday, July 29th, 6:30pm at St. Peter's Church, 929 Main St., Worcester. You can read about this retreat at [www.IgnatianSpiritualExercisesWorcester.com](http://www.IgnatianSpiritualExercisesWorcester.com). We also have a recorded version from past years available on the website above.

# SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME


# CYCLE C

## GATHERING HYMN

## *Sing A New Song*


Dan Schutte

**Refrain**




Sing a new song un - to the Lord; let your song be sung from  
moun-tains high. Sing a new song un - to the Lord, sing-ing

**Verses**




al - le - lu - ia.

1. Shout with glad-ness! Dance for joy!
2. Rise, O chil-dren, from your sleep;
3. Glad my soul for I have seen



1. O come be - fore the Lord. And play for God on
2. your Sav - ior now has come. † He has turned your
3. the glo - ry of the Lord. The trum - pet sounds; the

to Refrain



1. glad tam - bou-rines, and let your trum - pet sound.
2. sor - row to joy, and filled your soul with song.
3. dead shall be raised. I know my Sav - ior lives.

## 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

## GENESIS 18:20-32

In those days, the LORD said: "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great, and their sin so grave, that I must go down and see whether or not their actions fully correspond to the cry against them that comes to me. I mean to find out."

While Abraham's visitors walked on farther toward Sodom, the LORD remained standing before Abraham. Then Abraham drew nearer and said: "Will you sweep away the innocent with the guilty? Suppose there were fifty innocent people in the city; would you wipe out the place, rather than spare it for the sake of the fifty innocent people within it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to make the innocent die with the guilty so that the innocent and the guilty would be treated alike! Should not the judge of all the world act with justice?" The LORD replied, "If I find fifty innocent people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake." Abraham spoke up again: "See how I am presuming to speak to my Lord, though I am but dust and ashes! What if there are five less than fifty innocent people? Will you destroy the whole city because of those five?" He answered, "I will not destroy it, if I find forty-five there." But Abraham persisted, saying "What if only forty are found there?" He replied, "I will forbear doing it for the sake of the forty." Then Abraham said, "Let not my Lord grow impatient if I go on. What if only thirty are found there?" He replied, "I will forbear doing it if I can find but thirty there." Still Abraham went on, "Since I have thus dared to speak to my Lord, what if there are no more than twenty?" The LORD answered, "I will not destroy it, for the sake of the twenty." But he still persisted: "Please, let not my Lord grow angry if I speak up this last time. What if there are at least ten there?" He replied, "For the sake of those ten, I will not destroy it."

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

## PSALM 138

Rory Cooney



Lord, on the day I called for help, you an-swered me, you an-swered me.

## SECOND READING

## COLOSSIANS 2:12-14

Brothers and sisters: You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And even when you were dead in transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, he brought you to life along with him, having forgiven us all our transgressions; obliterating the bond against us, with its legal claims, which was opposed to us, he also removed it from our midst, nailing it to the cross.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mass of Christ the Savior  
Dan Schutte



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL

## LUKE 11:1-13

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test." And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived at my house from a journey and I have nothing to offer him,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been

locked and my children and I are already in bed. I cannot get up to give you anything.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence.

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish? Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

## **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:**

***“Lord hear us.”***

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

*Isaiah 49*

Carey Landry

Verse 1



1. I will nev - er for - get you, my peo-ple; I have carved you  
1. on the palm of my hand. I will nev - er for - get you; I will  
1. not leave you or-phaned. I will nev - er for - get my own.

Verse 2



2. Does a moth-er for - get her ba-by? Or a  
2. wom-an the child with-in her womb? Yet e - ven if these for-  
2. get, yes, e - ven if these for-get, I will nev - er for - get my own. (Repeat Vs 1)

## 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

When we eat this bread  
And drink this cup,  
We proclaim your death, O Lord,  
Until you come again.

## GREAT AMEN

## MASS OF CHRIST THE SAVIOR

## OUR FATHER

## SIGN OF PEACE

## LAMB OF GOD

## MASS OF CHRIST THE SAVIOR

# COMMUNION

## *These Alone Are Enough* Dan Schutte



1. Take my heart, O Lord, take my hopes and
2. Take my thoughts, O Lord, and my mem - o -
3. I sur - ren - der, Lord, all I have and
4. When the dark - ness falls on my fi - nal



1. dreams. Take my mind with all its plans and
2. ry. Take my tears, my joys, my lib - er -
3. hold. I re - turn to you your gifts un -
4. days, take the ver - y breath that sang your



1. schemes.
  2. ty.
  3. told.
  4. praise.
- } Give me noth - ing more than your love and



- 1-4. grace. These a-lone, O God, are e-nough for me.

# RECESSIONAL

## *Blessed By Your Sacrifice*

ST. ELIZABETH



1. Blessed by your sac - ri - fice, Strong in your love, O Christ,
2. O Splen - dor, Glo - ry bright, Brought forth as Light from Light!
3. Come, raise the an - them high! Let prais - es fill the sky!



1. Our grate - ful voic - es to you we raise. True ad - o - ra - tion
2. O Day, all days en - light - en - ing! An - gels with one ac - cord
3. Sing out a new song un - to the Lord! Let all, with heart and voice,



1. Through - out cre - a - tion Rings out in joy - ful songs of praise.
2. Cry "Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord!" To you, our ev - er - last - ing King.
3. Be - fore the throne re - joice Of him whom heav'n and earth a - dore.



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