

SEVENTH
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME



“Be merciful,
just as your Father is merciful.”

Luke 6:36

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St. Roch Parish

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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday at 8:30 AM

Friday Mass at 6:00 pm

Adoration at 6:30 pm

Confession during Adoration

Benediction at 7:30 pm

Confessions

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and Saturday 3—3:30 pm
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Greetings to my brothers and sisters in Christ,

On Wednesday, I sent a Flock Note to the parish about the news that our beloved former pastor Fr. Michael Roy was placed on Hospice Care. I wrote:

I am reaching out to you to ask for your continued prayers for our former pastor, Fr. Roy. I was informed this morning that Fr. Roy has been placed on Hospice Care. Fr. Roy is a priest with the heart of Christ and was a great mentor as I entered the ministry. He is full of love for all God's people and is in love with God himself. Please join me in praying for Fr. Roy in this time of sickness. "May the Lord shine His merciful love upon you and deliver you in this time of trial."

We are one body, the Mystical Body of Christ. I ask that we continue praying for Fr. Roy, and all those who are currently struggling with sickness. Not forgetting all their families and friends whose lives are being overturned by grief and sadness. I offer the following prayer for all the sick and dying in our lives:

Ever-living and ever-loving, Lord God,
You are the everlasting salvation of those who believe.
Hear us on behalf of all who are sick. We ask You to have mercy on them that,
bodily health may be restored.
We thank You and praise You
through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Watch, O Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight,
and give Your angels charge over those who sleep.
Tend Your sick ones, loving Lord. Rest Your weary ones.
Bless Your dying ones. Soothe Your suffering ones. Pity Your afflicted ones.
Shield Your joyous ones.
Give strength and vigilant awareness for all Your care givers
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Remember that Christ conquered death, death no longer has any power over us because of Jesus Christ. Death is but a transition from this life to the next. Let us pray that all who go before us be hastened into the presence of God where they will be at peace, and in ultimate joy.

On another note, if you have not heard, Bill Bass gave his notice, and his last day was this past Friday. Please join me in thanking Bill for all his hard work over the nearly three years that he has been with us as a custodian. Bill will be missed as he moves into the next phase of his life. But he won't be far, just across the highway at Home Depot. When you see Bill, wish him well and offer prayers for his wellbeing and success. Bill will be missed, and on behalf of the staff and parishioners I offer my prayers and support in all future endeavors. May God be with you and walk with you in all that you do.

With all my love and blessings from God,

Fr. Jim

Mass Intentions

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| Saturday, February 22 | 4:00 pm | The People of St. Roch Parish |
| Sunday, February 23 | 8:30 am | Ann LeClair (living) by LOTW Group |
| | 11:00 am | Christian (living) by Linda J. Harris |
| Monday, February 24 | 8:30 am | Carol Sweeney by Barbara Wessell |
| Tuesday, February 25 | 8:30 am | Marie Harrington & family (living) by Paula Miner & Ken Mills |
| Wednesday, February 26 | 8:30 am | All the Holy Souls in Purgatory by the Helpers of the Holy Souls |
| Thursday, February 27 | No Mass | |
| Friday, February 28 | 6:00 pm | The People of St. Roch Parish |
| Saturday, March 1 | 4:00 pm | Roland Gauthier by Germain Fernandes |
| Sunday, March 2 | 8:30 am | Lawrence C. Gray (1st Anniversary) by Teri Rawson |
| | 11:00 am | Rev. Michael J. Roy (living) by David Dumais |



Sacrificial Offering

FEBRUARY 15 & 16

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| Offertory Envelopes | 2,576.00 |
| Online Giving | 72.00 |
| Fuel | 1,332.00 |
| Other sources of income | 179.00 |
| Thank you! | 4,159.00 |



A second collection for **Fuel** will be taken up at both Ash Wednesday Masses, **March 5th, for the Priests' Retirement Fund.**

Thank you in advance for your generosity in this very important appeal for our own diocesan priests.

LENT BEGINS



March 5

Masses
with Distribution of Ashes
8:30 AM & 6:30 PM

Day of Fast and Abstinence



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent ~ St. Roch Church
at Noon & 6:30 PM after Mass,
during Adoration & Confessions.

Fridays: March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11.
Good Friday stations at noon only.

Please note: The St. Roch Novena, which for many years has taken place during Lent, will be held in August this year and will conclude on August 16, St. Roch's feast day.



PRAY FOR...

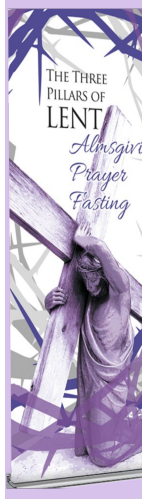
Kathy Perry, John & Bev Makowski, Cynthia Clark, David Dumais, Ann Caplette, Deacon Jim Denning, Jennifer Cowperthwaite, Jay and Jon Moore, Rose, Jill and Desirae, Cyndy Paradis, Fern Goldsmith, May Stanikmas, Cameron Chickering, Evelina Piscopo, Carol Clouthier, Pauline Clouthier, Annmarie Morrissey, Julia Krasinskas, Linda Harris, Paula Kapurch, June Deary, Paula C. Bouthillier, Andrea Reeves, Nancy Mott, Adam Yankauskas, Joel Balsh, Robert & Aline Krasinskas, Mary-ann Richard, Leona Shaw, Lorraine Dumais, Ernie LaVallee, Lisa Ackley, Lorna Hennessey, Cheryl Ducharme, Judy Leone, James Malo, Joseph, Matthew & Marie, Kyle Brodeur, Donald Morin, Leonard Marcotte, Pam Jackman, Chloe Jones, Jane Desy Montigny, Theresa Stone, Linda Vigeant, Dianne Ackley, Randy Henderson, Charley Theodore Cutting, Barbara Lavalley, Andrea Boyle, Melissa Dube, William Patrick Bernard.



The **LIGHT OF THE WORLD**
Retreat will take place at
St. Roch Parish

March 28-31, 2025

More info to follow.



LENTEN REGULATIONS FOR FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

The Church teaches that Catholics in good health are to observe the following practices during Lent unless for some serious reason they are unable to. **Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, all Catholics 14 years old and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent.**

Fasting as explained by the U.S. bishops means partaking of only one full meal and two smaller meals that do not equal the main meal. Abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments made of animal fat.

Saint Roch is pleased to Welcome both American Heritage Girls and Trail Life to the Parish this fall!



We are looking for families who are interested in joining our troops in the fall and we look forward to meeting and welcoming this vital ministry to our parish!



For more information scan the QR Codes.



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CATHOLIC MOMS GROUP

St. Roch Parish (334 Main Street, Oxford, MA)
Moms from all parishes are welcome!



1st Wednesdays of Month - Adoration/Confession & Potluck

30 minutes of kid-friendly adoration starting promptly at 4:35pm, meet upstairs in the church by 4:30pm. Confessions available 4:30-5:30pm. Potluck style dinner 5:05-6:00pm downstairs. Please RSVP by Mondays to gina.hamwey@gmail.com so we can plan for dinner accordingly.

Location: St. Roch Church (334 Main Street, Oxford)

Time & Dates: 4:30 - 6:00pm on 2/5, no March meeting (Ash Wednesday), 4/2, 5/7



2nd & 4th Wednesdays - Pray & Play

Pray the rosary and sip coffee with other mamas while our children play. Kids are always invited to join in the prayer too! Prayer starts at 9:30am.

***Time & Dates:** 9:00-10:30am on 1/22, 2/12, 2/26, 3/12, 3/26, 4/9, 4/23, 5/14, 5/28



3rd Wednesdays - Post-Bedtime Prayer/Discussion

Join other moms for a kids-free evening of faithful fellowship.

***Time & Dates:** 8:15 - 9:45pm on 1/15, 2/19, 3/19, 4/16, 5/21



**Pray & Play and Post-Bedtime Discussions are hosted at various moms homes. Contact Gina for locations.*

New to moms group? Got questions?

Please contact Gina at gina.hamwey@gmail.com.



SLEEPING BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS

The **Golden Bees Group** at the *United Church of Christ, Federated in Webster*, has been putting together **"Sleeping Bags for the Homeless"** for over 30 years.

They are looking for gently used blankets, comforters, and bedspreads to help continue their ministry. Donations can be put in the marked bin downstairs inside the church hall of St. Roch Church. For pick up please call Charlene Lachapelle 508-987-3003.



DROP-A-SOCK CAMPAIGN

The St. Vincent dePaul Society is asking for your help. There are many among us in need. One of those needs is warmth.

We are asking you to buy new socks for men, women, and children and place them in the bins at the doors of the church. This drive will be held throughout the **Month of February**. They will be donated to local nursing homes, veteran's shelters, and places that assist families in need. You always help in such a generous manner. Thank you!



Thank you to all who donated your used clothing to the St. Pauly Textile clothing shed on our property. They are happy to report that in 2024, 90,944 pounds of clothing were donated to our shed. This was enough to cloth an estimated 16,753 people all over the world. **Thank You!!**

Religious Education and Youth Nights Schedule 2024-2025



February Sessions:

2/24—K-6th Grade Religious Ed. @4:30-6:00 PM
at Parish Center

2/24—7th/8th Grade Religious Ed. @6:00-7:30 PM
at Parish Center

March Sessions:

3/2—High School Youth Night @4:00-7:00 PM at
St. Joseph Basilica in Webster

3/3—K-6th Grade Religious Ed. @4:30-6:00 PM
at Parish Center

3/3—7th/8th Grade Religious Ed. @6:00-7:30 PM
at Parish Center

3/16—Middle School (6th-8th Grade) Optional
Program @2:00-3:45 PM at St. Joseph Basilica in
Webster

3/16—High School Youth Night @4:00-7:00 PM
at St. Joseph Basilica in Webster

3/17—K-6th Grade Religious Ed. @4:30-6:00 PM
at Parish Center

3/17—7th/8th Grade Religious Ed. @6:00-7:30
PM at Parish Center

3/30—Confirmation Prep (for Confirmation Can-
didates only) @4:00-7:00 PM at Sacred Heart of
Jesus Parish in Webster

3/31—K-6th Grade Religious Ed. @4:30-6:00 PM
at Parish Center

3/31—7th/8th Grade Religious Ed. @6:00-7:30
PM at Parish Center

FAITH FACTS

The reading from the
first Book of Samuel

These events took place
about one thousand years
before the birth of Christ.



Saul was the king of Israel. David (who had once killed Goliath) had been a favorite of King Saul. Saul became jealous when David began to be popular and successful. David eventually had to flee from the court, because Saul intended to kill him. David lived in the wilderness with a group of followers. Saul searched for him in order to kill him. This story tells how David had the chance to kill Saul, but did not take it. David eventually became king of Israel, after Saul's death.

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CODE --

BREAKER!

The sentence below is
to be found in one of
today's readings. Can you
break the code and
write in the sentence?

Here are two clues:

Z = M, and J = W.

Crossword solution from
last week

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SBE GUR ZRNFHER JVGU

JUVPU LBH ZRNFHER JVYY

VA ERGHEA OR ZRNFHERQ

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ANSWER

For the measure with which you measure
will in return be measured out to you.

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ST. ROCH'S NEW 334 CLUB HAS BEGUN!!!!!!**Still time—get your sign up forms in now!**This Club is open to *everyone* (over 21 years of age)!*We welcome new parishioners and friends outside the Parish to join us!***Here's how it works:**

- \$25.00 dues pays for twenty weeks—giving you four chances to win \$25.00 each week for 20 weeks — (*that's 80 chances!*) plus grand prizes up to \$300 awarded at the end of the club!!
- Following the club in the Fall there is a dinner at no charge for paid members!
- There are 2 clubs that run during the course of a year.
- **The funds collected over and beyond the prizes and dinner are used to help supplement our ordinary income to support our parish.**

Former members should have received a letter to sign up for the new club.

Forms for **New Members** are available at the entrances to the church or call the rectory and a form can be mailed to you. 508-987-8987. We are hoping **you** will join us!**334 CLUB WEEKLY \$25 WINNERS**

— Week 5—

- # 375 Mitch Daury
 # 396 Frances Laws
 # 360 Julie Masley
 # 259 Lynne Strid

CONGRATULATIONS!!**Oxford Ecumenical Food Shelf**

Please help us stock our shelves for the winter by contributing **canned soups or stews or packaged pasta or cereals**. You may leave your donations in the Food Shelf DROP BOX located in the bins inside the front doors of the church.

Open Thursdays 4:30 to 6:30 pm, except holidays
508-987-1062

Lower level, Oxford Community Center,
4 Maple Road

To make a financial donation, please mail a check to Oxford Ecumenical Food Shelf, 4 Maple Road, Oxford, MA 01540. Thank you!



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SCAN ME



The Little Franciscans of Mary are grateful to St. Roch parishioners and others who continue to donate unsolicited items that almost all of us receive in the mail, but do not need. Such items include: **religious items, prayer cards, meditation booklets, new greeting cards, pads of paper, calendars, pretty stickers and cancelled stamps.**

Some of these are shipped overseas to Canada and Madagascar where they are so appreciated! Items may be left in, or behind the "Stamp Box" at the front door of St. Roch.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are looking for volunteers to help our custodial staff with **snow shoveling** at both properties. It is important to get an early start before morning Masses to clear away the snow and salt the walkways and early. **Any help is appreciated!**