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St. Roch Parish

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Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 PM & Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 AM

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

Tuesday 6—7 pm, Friday 6:30—7:30 pm,
and Saturday 3—3:30 pm
or by appointment

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Greetings to my brothers and sisters in Christ,

We continue to move forward with negotiations with the potential buyers for our property in North Oxford. We hope to be able to share more information in the coming weeks as we finalize these negotiations. Please know that many people are working hard for the parish to bring this deal to completion. On Thursday, we began removing key pieces of the church to be reused, to be sold to other churches in the future, or to be disposed of properly. According to Canon Law, we are required to remove the stained-glass windows that contain Christian symbols, the consecrated bell, the cornerstone of the building, and the three crosses that are on the top of the building.

As you pass by the property, you may have seen or will see workers onsite completing these tasks. Please do not worry, these are licensed companies who have done this kind of work for us in the past. I know it seems like this is taking a long time, but we are moving much faster than expected. Thank you for your prayers and understanding.

On another note, the response to the Woo Sox afternoon has been great, we have increased the number of tickets that we are offering from 30 to 50 and we currently have 18 left. Please call the office to reserve your tickets ASAP. Tickets are being sold at cost – tickets are \$30 each and your ticket will have a \$5 concession credit. Also, registrations for Totus Tuus (Totally Yours) Catholic Summer Camp is open. Please see the ad in the bulletin for more information. The youth schedule will be in the daytime and teens in the evening. It is also time for our Parish Festival – there will be many activities, games, food, and fun for everyone. See the ad in the bulletin for more information. We also need ministers to help make this event successful. We cannot do it alone, but together and with God we can do all things. American Heritage Girls and Trail Life USA will also be here to help with our festival.

In addition to all this, Jackie and I are currently working on a new curriculum for the K-8 religious education, and we have found material that offers solid and foundational Catholic teachings for our kiddos. From what we have seen, the curriculum is very engaging for all ages. Also, two years ago we moved the K-8 religious education ministry from Sunday to Monday to accommodate combining the two ministries that we were managing. Now that we are all together, and after polling all the families, K-8 religious education is being moved back to Sundays between the Masses to facilitate Mass attendance for the families, and to assist the families with their busy schedules. We look forward to the new faith formation year, it will be upon us before we know it.

We are also very excited about venturing into a new ministry here at Saint Roch. Gina Hamwey, coordinator of the mom's group, has been working with me on developing a homeschooling Co-op. In reviewing this new ministry, it looks great, comprehensive, wonderful, and the interest from families who have already signed up is overwhelming. The Co-op is called The Little Crown (TLC) and will meet Monday mornings in the St. Ann Center. For more information see the ad in the bulletin and visit our website.

One last thing is that our Trail Life Troop has been chartered for a little while now, and we are getting lots of families who are interested in signing their young boys up to become authentically masculine, God-fearing young men. We are also just a couple weeks away from having American Heritage Girls chartered here. Again, there are lots of interested families who want to sign their young girls up to become authentically feminine, God-fearing young women.

I love seeing ministries come alive and flourish for the greater glory of God. Let's then go out, for we have been sent, to bring the Gospel to others and to invite all to come and see what the Lord has in store for them.

With all my love and blessings from God,

Fr. Jim

Mass Intentions



Saturday, June 28	4:00 pm	Claire Huckins by Roger Vandro
Sunday, June 29	8:30 am	Walter P. McCarthy (10th Anniversary) by the family
	11:00 am	Yvonne Reeks (26th Anniversary) by daughter Yvonne Nelson and family
Monday, June 30	8:30 am	Richard Laverdure & Nadine Miner (living) by Paula Miner & Ken Mills
Tuesday, July 1	8:30 am	Alexina St. Martin by Brian Quillia
Wednesday, July 2	8:30 am	John Boyle by Cheryl & Don Letson
Thursday, July 3	8:30 am	No Mass
Friday, July 4	6:00 pm	The People of St. Roch Parish
Saturday, July 5	4:00 pm	Stanley Sklarz by the grandchildren
Sunday, July 6	8:30 am	Anne & Steve Walinsky by the Jalbert family
	11:00 am	Alfred Dumais by son David Dumais

Sacrificial Offering

JUNE 21 & 22

Offertory Envelopes	4,044.00
Online Giving	117.00
Other sources of income	<u>1,593.00</u>
<i>Thank you!</i>	5,754.00



A Second Collection will be taken this weekend, **June 28 & 29** for the Peter's Pence Collection. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

THE CATHOLIC FREE PRESS



To renew your subscription, pop an envelope in the basket or mail to the rectory office with \$39, your name & address. Thank you.

JULY 26



The **ANNUAL ST. ROCH FESTIVAL** THE FESTIVAL BEGINS AT 10:00 AM UNDER THE BIG TENT



- Hot off the grill: **Burgers, Dogs, Sausage & Peppers, and Pulled Pork!**
- Come enjoy the company of fellow parishioners and neighbors! Bring your family & friends!!
- Try your luck at some **raffles**, enjoy the **music, strawberry shortcake and fried dough!**
- Play some favorite **outdoor games**—Bocci, Cornhole, and others or cheer on your friends!
- **DUNK THE PASTOR!!** Start practicing your aim now!
Fr. Jim is willing to take a few dunks in the **Dunk Tank!** Others also welcome to take the dunk challenge!
- **Cornhole Tournament!** 16 teams. Cash prizes to top 2 teams! Sign up today! - Forms at entrances to the church.
- **The Chicken Barbecue will take place after the 4:00 Mass!** - *Tickets are on sale now! Don't wait!*
Due to inflation, the barbecue tickets are now \$22. Children's Meals of a hot dog and mac & cheese are also offered for \$5.



CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

St. Roch lot on the corner of Main & Water Streets

Bouncy House

Organized games for young children

Water Balloon Toss, 3 Legged Races, Obstacle Course, Potato Sack Races, Free Cold Drinks, Prizes & More!



Our "**Adopt-A-Basket**" Raffle Table could use your help!
Donations of Themed Gift Baskets or items for a gift basket are needed and greatly appreciated.

Families or Individuals—pick a theme or make up your own! Examples: Beach, Reading Nook, Coffee, Barbecue, Chocolate, Garden, Outdoor Games, Pasta Dinner, Etc.

Other Items to be donated:

Gift Cards/Certificates, Plants, Baked Goods.

Drop off location—tba





Worcester Red Sox August 3, 2025 Sunday 1:05 Game

St. Roch Parish has a block of
50 seats along the first-base
line.

Tickets \$30 each includes \$5 credit to purchase
food, beverages or merchandise. Call the rectory
office at 508-987-8987 to **RESERVE NOW**.

Payment due by July 15. Gates open at 11:30 am.

Polar Park Section 14.

(Transportation not included.)



JUBILEE YEAR 2025 YEAR OF HOPE

A Special Year of:

FORGIVENESS
RECONCILIATION
CONVERSION
and CELEBRATION



<https://worcesterdiocese.org/jubilee>

334 CLUB WEEK 1 WINNERS



219 Larry Nelson
300 Robert Krasinskas
345 Debbie Guskey
588 Doris Jarvis

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!!

Great Resources Year Round!!

www.formed.org/signup

Something for Everyone! It's Easy and It's Free!

GOD'S HELPING HANDS

Do you find yourself having a little extra time during
the day? Do you want to help others who are
homebound or need a little extra love and assistance?

We Will Provide:

Visits and Conversation	Rides to the Doctors
Pickup a Needed Item	Groceries
Food Delivery	or Other Needed Services

Call the Parish Office today at **508-987-8987** to sign-up
and we will get your information to Linda Lloyd who is
leading this vital new Parish Ministry.

GIANT PARISH RAFFLE



1st PRIZE \$30,000*
2nd PRIZE \$10,000*
3rd PRIZE \$8,000*
4th—23rd PRIZES \$1,000* each

***ALL PRIZES ARE AWARDED AS
AMERICAN EXPRESS GIFT CARDS
(not redeemable for cash)**

DONATION FOR EACH TICKET: \$25

**Raffle tickets need to be returned to the rectory office
BY JULY 7TH**

Half of all sales will be kept at the parish.

If you did not get a mailer with tickets or need more,
please call Teri at the rectory 508-987-8987.

Drawing to take place

July 19th at 7 pm

LIVE-streamed at

www.parishraffle.com

from St. Roch Church, 10 St. Roch Ave, Greenwich, CT.

To Enter
Online
Scan this
QR code.
Please
Share!



2025 Fundraising / Event Calendar!

Multi-Parish Raffle—Saturday, July 19th
Live-Streamed at www.parishraffle.com at 7 pm

Festival - Saturday, July 26th

Opens at 10 am

Chicken Barbecue at 5:30 pm - Pre-sale tickets only

WooSox Game—Sunday, August 3rd 1:05 pm

Yard Sale—Saturday, September 27 8-2pm

334 Club Dinner—Saturday, November 1 5:30 pm

Parade of Soups—Saturday, November 15th 5-8pm

American Heritage Girls and Trail Life USA



THE ADVENTURE BEGINS HERE!

It is with excitement that I
announce the official char-
tering of Trail Life for boys
in our parish. We are now
Trail Life Troop MA1321!



Also this summer, Troop MA0716 of the American Heritage
Girls will transfer their charter to Saint Roch.

If you are looking for a Christian Catholic alternative to the
Boy and Girl Scouts, here it is! If you have children in your
life between the ages of 5 and 18 who want live a Christ Cen-
tered life, go on adventures, and have fun, check out our
webpages at <https://strochoxford.com/american-heritage-girls>
or <https://strochoxford.com/trail-life-usa>
or scan the QR codes. There are interest
forms to fill out so you can receive more
information about signing up.





CATHOLIC SUMMER CAMP

TWO SESSIONS OFFERED:
1ST-6TH GRADE: 9AM-3PM
7TH-12TH GRADE: 7PM-9PM

AUGUST 10-15 2025

Registration **\$25**

DISCOUNTS FOR FAMILIES

Sacred Heart Parish Hall
 11 Day Street
 Webster MA 01570
Registration Link
www.shojwebster.org/totus-tuus

Co-sponsored by Sacred Heart & St Louis Parish, Webster; St Roch, Oxford





CATHOLIC MOMS GROUP



Summer Schedule & Events

Adoration/Confession & Potluck -- 4:30pm on 6/11, 7/2, and 8/6
 Meet upstairs in the church for kid-friendly adoration. Confessions available 4:30-5:30pm. Potluck style dinner downstairs. Please text or email Gina (gina.hamwey@gmail.com) to RSVP/ sign up for potluck.

Rosary Pray & Play -- 9:30am on 5/28, 6/25, 7/9, 7/23, 8/13, 8/27

Post-Bedtime/Late Night Moms Only -- 8:15pm on 6/18, 7/16, 8/20

***NEW* Summer Bible Study** -- 9:30am on Tuesdays
 6/3, 6/17, 7/1, 7/15, 8/5, 8/19

Please contact Gina gina.hamwey@gmail.com for locations.

Also, we are planning a kid-friendly, day-trip this summer to the **Shrine of the Little Flower** in Nasonville, RI (~30 min from St. Roch). Date TBD. There is lots of space to run around for the littles, a picnic table area, and of course many places for prayer and reflection. Please reach out if you are interested.



New to moms group or the parish? Got questions?
 Please contact Gina at gina.hamwey@gmail.com



THE LITTLE CROWN

Catholic Homeschooling Community & Co-op

The Little Crown (TLC) is a parent-led Catholic homeschooling group and a ministry of St. Roch Church. Membership is open to all practicing Catholic families from any parish.

Registration is now OPEN for the Fall Semester!

Please visit the following webpage for more information:
www.strochoxford.com/the-little-crown-homeschooling-co-op

Contact Gina at gina.hamwey@gmail.com with any questions.

Apostles Peter and Paul

These apostles share a feast as founders of the church in Rome. Peter, a Galilean fisherman chosen by Christ as one of the Twelve Apostles, became the undisputed leader of the fledgling church after Pentecost. Paul, a Pharisee and Roman citizen who had persecuted Christians, became after his dramatic conversion the church's greatest missionary, its "apostle of the gentiles." By tradition both were martyred in Rome. Their adventures are recounted in the Acts of the Apostles, and letters from them are included in the New Testament.



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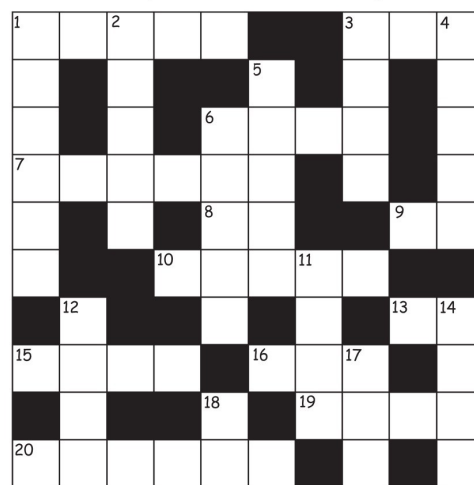
FIRST CENTURY
 FEAST DAY: JUNE 29



CROSSWORD

(Most answers are in today's readings)

CLUES ACROSS 1. The angel left Peter at the end of this 3. Everyone 6. The death of James pleased them 7. When Jesus rose 8. Peter was ___ glad to be free 9. Peter thought ___ was all a vision 10. One who decides guilt and innocence 13. Exclamation 15. The iron gate led to this 16. Male child of a father 19. It opens and closes 20. They fell from Peter



CLUES DOWN 1. Take into custody 2. Untie, set free 3. As well 4. Peter's cell was filled with this 5. Wicked king 6. Heavenly king 11. God is this 12. Peter left ___ the angel 14. Herod wished this on all the members of the Church 17. The present moment 18. Not out

Meetings

Fundraising Meeting –Monday, July 14th at 6:00 pm in the St. Ann Center. All are invited!

GOD'S HELPING HANDS

Are you homebound or need a little extra love and assistance?

We Can Provide:

Visits and Conversation	Rides to the Doctors
Pickup a Needed Item	Groceries
Food Delivery	or Other Needed Services

Call the Parish Office at **508-987-8987** for more information. Linda Lloyd is leading this vital new Parish Ministry with a small number of ministers who are here to help. Call today!

Come spend one hour a week with JESUS!

At the **Blessed Sacrament**
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration
Chapel, 17 E. Main St., Webster, MA.

24 Hours a day, 7 Days a week.

Door locked 9 pm-6 am. Scheduled Adorers only. All hours are available—Hours in need of dedicated adorers:

Sun	12-1am, 5-6am, 8-9pm
Mon	2-3am, 10-11pm
Tue	2-3am, 3-4am, 4-5am, 5-6am, 10-11am
Wed	11am-12pm
Thu	3-4pm, 4-5pm
Fri	2-3am, 3-4am, 9-10pm
Sat	2-3am, 3-4am, 9-10am, 11am-12pm, 3-4pm, 4-5pm

We are also in need of substitutes. Please consider being placed on our Substitute Call List.

Please contact: Adoration Chapel at 508-206-8153



Oxford Ecumenical Food Shelf

The Oxford Ecumenical Food Shelf provides backpacks filled with supplies to our families with children as they head back to school. We need your help.

We are asking for donations of these supplies: single-subject notebooks, pocket folders, dry erase markers, color markers, and glue sticks. We also need backpacks for younger children.

Please leave your donations in the Food Shelf DROP BOX located in the bins inside the front doors of the church. Thank you for your continued support.

Open Thursdays 4:30 to 6:30 pm, except holidays, the Food Shelf is located in the lower level of the Oxford Community Center, 4 Maple Road. For more information, call 508-987-1062.

To make a financial donation, please mail a check to Oxford Ecumenical Food Shelf, 4 Maple Road, Oxford MA 01540. Open Thursdays 4:30 to 6:30 pm, except holidays. The Food Shelf is located in the lower level of the Oxford Community Center, 4 Maple Road. For more information, call 508-987-1062.

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



- Do you wonder if there is more out there than just this broken world?
- Do you want a community to journey with you as you explore the meaning of life?
- Unbaptized? Need First Communion and/or Confirmation?
- Come and See what God has in store for you!

If you are age seven to adult, OCIA is for you! For more information and to begin your journey, visit www.strochoxford.com/ocia or scan the QR code.



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Sign up by scanning this QR Code or go to:

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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, 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 Lavallee, Andrea Boyle,

Melissa Dube, William Patrick Bernard, Peter Giles, Michelle,

Susan Maass, Jack Hamilton, Paul Neboski.