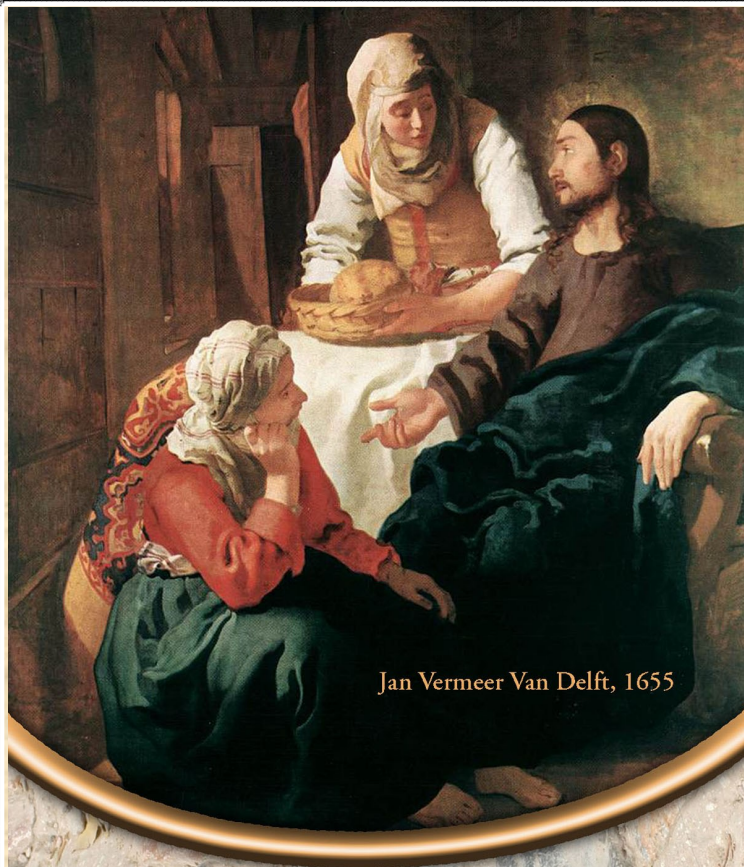




Jan Vermeer Van Delft, 1655

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*The Lord said to her  
in reply, "Martha, Martha,  
you are anxious and worried  
about many things. There is need  
of only one thing. Mary has chosen  
the better part and it will not  
be taken from her."*

*Luke 10:41-42*



## 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

Tuesday 6—7 pm, Friday 6:30—7:30 pm,

and Saturday 3—3:30 pm

or by appointment



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## THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC BIOETHICS CENTER

# Living a Catholic Life *The Anointing of the Sick*

“Living a Catholic Life” is a collaboration between dioceses, parishes, Knights of Columbus councils, grassroots organizations, and The National Catholic Bioethics Center to educate the laity on principles of the moral life and their application.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is referred to in the New Testament and explicitly dealt with by the ecumenical councils of Constantinople II, Florence, and Trent. Citing Trent, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states,

“This sacred anointing of the sick was instituted by Christ our Lord as a true and proper sacrament of the New Testament. It is alluded to indeed by Mark, but is recommended to the faithful and promulgated by James the apostle and brother of the Lord.” ... Over the centuries the Anointing of the Sick was conferred more and more exclusively on those at the point of death. Because of this it received the name “Extreme Unction.” Notwithstanding this evolution the liturgy has never failed to beg the Lord that the sick person may recover his health if it would be conducive to his salvation. (nn. 1511–1512)

In *Ordo unctionis infirmorum eorumque pastoralis curae* of the revised rite, the Congregation for the Sacraments and Divine Worship retains the Scholastic and Tridentine emphases on the Anointing of the Sick’s being a remedy for sin and aid in dying, but the Congregation also restores to the Church’s conscious appreciation other equally traditional elements of the sacrament, such as its being an aid to grapple with the riddle of human suffering vis-à-vis the Paschal Mystery and the possibility of healing (in a sense inclusive of body and soul). Here it is taught that the sacrament should not be delayed until the dying process clearly begins but is available to anyone seriously ill, the sacrament can be repeated if one falls ill again or if the present illness takes a turn for the worse, and one may be anointed before surgery. Dead bodies may not be anointed, but their souls should be prayed for. The doubtfully dead should be anointed conditionally (nn. 8–15). Interestingly, the Congregation says, “Elderly people may be anointed if they have become notably weakened even though no serious illness is present” (n. 11). This is an important development in the history of the sacrament, inasmuch as it highlights more effectively the distinctiveness of this sacrament and what precisely it does.

Beyond being a sign and avenue of grace, the Anointing of the Sick provides insight into the question, How does medicine relate to sickness? The answer may seem obvious, inasmuch as the art of medicine finds its precise role in the cure of illness and the relief of physical suffering. While this is a true assertion, what are the implications of this fact? First, no one denies that health

care professionals do not confine their activity to diagnosis, prognosis, and treatment. Theirs should be a high-touch relationship with the patient, such that they come to know the latter’s treatment values and perhaps something of his or her philosophy of life or religion. Nevertheless, theirs is an objective relationship focused on the medical condition of the patient.

Second, what remains essentially a medical condition for the health care professional is experienced by the patient as a human dilemma involving questions of the existence of evil (physical evil in me), the reality of suffering, and the matrix of meaning by which the patient faces this reality of suffering beyond the confines of physical pain. Basically, we cannot expect medical science to answer human dilemmas, because they cannot be reduced to medical conditions. Reducing the drama of illness to medical coordinates abstracts one’s dilemma from the human heart, the arena of one’s lived experience. Suggested means of treatment do not assuage one’s deeper encounter with frailty and mortality, and the medical art offers little that is positive by which one might do so. The medical art exists to extend the number of battles with this or that illness not to give the meaning of life.

The Anointing of the Sick neither replaces science nor denigrates it. Rather, the celebration of this sacrament effectively contextualizes the larger horizon in which the physical evils of illness, frailty, and mortality are experienced. The battle with sickness will be waged differently and with varying success in each person’s life. What does not vary is the Christian framework in which suffering is understood. Each sacrament signifies and effects, in the life of any given individual, the saving action of Christ in his Paschal Mystery. The Church teaches that the Anointing of the Sick is “a particular gift of the Holy Spirit. The first grace of this sacrament is one of strengthening, peace, and courage to overcome the difficulties that go with the condition of serious illness or the frailty of old age.” This gift, like all sacraments, forgives sins. It unites those who suffer with the Passion of Christ: “Suffering, a consequence of original sin, acquires a new meaning; it becomes a participation in the saving work of Jesus.” United to the Cross of the Lord, it becomes redemptive of others. And finally, it is a preparation for the final journey home to the Lord: “Penance, the Anointing of the Sick and the Eucharist as viaticum constitute at the end of Christian life, ‘the sacraments that prepare for our heavenly homeland’ or the sacraments that complete the earthly pilgrimage” (*Catechism*, nn. 1520, 1521, 1525).

# Mass Intentions

|                    |          |                                                               |
|--------------------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday, July 19  | 4:00 pm  | Charles & Trudy Hardigan by daughter Nancy                    |
| Sunday, July 20    | 8:30 am  | Fr. Robert Kelley by Teri Rawson                              |
|                    | 11:00 am | Larry, Estelle and Jim Griffin by the Jones family            |
| Monday, July 21    | 8:30 am  | Jeffrey Gentile & Family (living) by Paula Miner & Ken Mills  |
| Tuesday, July 22   | 8:30 am  | The People of St. Roch Parish                                 |
| Wednesday, July 23 | 8:30 am  | Albert Miano by the Ford family                               |
| Thursday, July 24  | 8:30 am  | No Mass                                                       |
| Friday, July 25    | 6:00 pm  | Marie Harrington & Family (living) by Paula Miner & Ken Mills |
| Saturday, July 26  | 4:00 pm  | Tomasz Palkon by Jadwiga                                      |
| Sunday, July 27    | 8:30 am  | Emery & Jaime Lucier (living) by Don & Cheryl Letson          |
|                    | 11:00 am | Frederick Reeks, Sr. by daughter Yvonne Nelson and family     |



## Sacrificial Offering

JULY 12 & 13

|                         |                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Offertory Envelopes     | 4,530.00        |
| Online Giving           | 49.00           |
| Maintenance             | 1,661.00        |
| Other sources of income | <u>1,559.14</u> |
| <i>Thank you!</i>       | 7,799.14        |

## PRAYER LINE EMAIL

We have prayer warriors who constantly pray for your intentions. Please reach out to us and let us know your prayer needs. We would love to add all your intentions and people that need prayers to our prayer line.

If you wish to become a Prayer Warrior —send email to sign up to pray for your fellow parishioners and their families.

Email: [prayerline@strochoxford.com](mailto:prayerline@strochoxford.com)



**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.

To purchase  
Chicken  
Barbecue  
Tickets:



SCAN ME



## 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—St. Ann Center Rm 3: M-F 8am-3pm by July 20th please. (Baked Goods— Fri or Sat)**





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

***We have sold out!***

Thank you for purchasing your tickets! If you have not paid in full, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you!

Tickets \$30 each includes \$5 credit to purchase food, beverages or merchandise.

Gates open at 11:30 am. Polar Park Section 14.

(Transportation not included.)



**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.

# Yard Sale!

**September 27, 2025**

The Yard Sale Committee will be collecting the first 3 weekends in September only. Please no drop offs beforehand.



Religious Education is almost back for the 2025-2026 school year! Is the Lord calling YOU to serve?

**Seeking catechists and assistants for grades K through High School. We are also looking to increase our OCIA team.**

All are CORI checked per Diocesan policy and have a mature, well-formed Catholic faith.

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace..."  
 1 Peter 4:10

How will YOU serve? Contact Jackie at [faithformation@strochoxford.com](mailto:faithformation@strochoxford.com)

## JUBILEE YEAR 2025 YEAR OF HOPE

**A Special Year of:**

**FORGIVENESS**  
**RECONCILIATION**  
**CONVERSION**  
**and CELEBRATION**



<https://worcesterdiocese.org/jubilee>

### 334 CLUB WEEK 4 WINNERS



# 134 **Bonnie Luks**  
 # 360 **Julie Masley**  
 # 243 **Pat Metcalf**  
 # 131 **Ashley Walker**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!!**

**Great Resources Year Round!!**

**[www.formed.org/signup](http://www.formed.org/signup)**

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

### 2025 Fundraising / Event Calendar!

**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 chartering 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 Centered 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:**  
**1<sup>ST</sup>-6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: 9AM-3PM**  
**7<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> 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](http://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 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](mailto:gina.hamwey@gmail.com)) to RSVP/ sign up for potluck.

**Rosary Pray & Play** -- 9:30am on 7/9, 7/23, 8/13, 8/27

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

**\*NEW\* Summer Bible Study** -- 9:30am on Tuesdays  
 7/15, 8/5, 8/19

Please contact Gina at [gina.hamwey@gmail.com](mailto:gina.hamwey@gmail.com) for meeting locations, or reach out if you are new to moms group or the parish!



## 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](http://www.strochoxford.com/the-little-crown-homeschooling-co-op)

Contact Gina at [gina.hamwey@gmail.com](mailto:gina.hamwey@gmail.com) with any questions.

## JOIN ST. ROCH'S CATHOLIC MOMS GROUP

*for a kid-friendly day trip to*

### The Shrine of the Little Flower

35 Dion Dr, Burrillville, RI 02830 (~30 min drive from St. Roch)

**Wednesday 7/30**

Meet at the Shrine @ 10am  
 \*Rain date TBD in August\*

Everything listed below is optional...do whatever works best for you and your children!

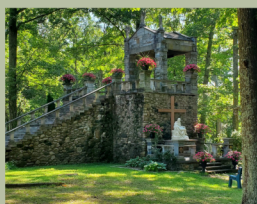
Walking rosary @ 10:30am  
 (stroller friendly, older kids will be invited to lead a decade)

Angelus and mid-day Prayer with Sr. Grace and sisters @ 12:00pm

BYO Picnic Lunch @ 12:30pm

Hangout/pray/play the rest of the afternoon. Head home whenever you need to.

Possibly stop at Ice Cream Lady in Douglas on the way home...



There is lots of outdoor space for littles to run around, a picnic table area, and many devotional areas including Stations of the Cross, a Holy Stair, a Chapel Crypt beneath the stair, the Garden of the Saints, and a Rosary Walk.

The Shrine knows we are coming and is not expecting a quiet group 😊 However, we will encourage age-appropriate respect to this beautiful place of prayer!

Please contact Gina at [gina.hamwey@gmail.com](mailto:gina.hamwey@gmail.com) if you plan to join or if you have any questions.

## Hey Parents!



**Religious Education and High School Ministry** begin in September.  
 Are YOUR kids registered??

Register easily online at  
[strochoxford.com/religious-education-registration](http://strochoxford.com/religious-education-registration) or scan the QR code



Full class schedule for all grades is on the parish website.

## 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**  
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24 Hours a day, 7 Days a week.

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|     |                                               |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------|
| 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](http://www.strochoxford.com/ocia) or scan the QR code.



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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,

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