

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



BRUEGEL, Pieter the Elder, 1559

But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you: and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?'

Thus will it be for the one who stores up treasure for himself but is not rich in what matters to God.

Luke 12:20-21



St. Roch Parish

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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,

I am filled with joy to announce that we had a great festival last weekend. It began slowly but exploded in the early afternoon with many people coming by for lunch, games, sweet treats, and a chance to dunk Isaac, me, and others in the dunk tank. Some from the Oxford Police Department also stopped by to dunk me and have some lunch. Congratulations to Sgt. Conlon, with one ball he put me into the tank. **THANK YOU** to all who were ministers and helped at the festival. There were so many who stepped forward to assist that I would not even try to name them all. YOU made this day a success. As always, with all we do, we do “**ad maiorem dei gloriam**,” for the greater glory of God! Thank you to all who attended and made this a great festival – without you this festival would not be possible.



This weekend is the final weekend for our seminarian Isaac. His assignment with us will end on Sunday August 3rd, although he will be attending the Woo Sox with us on Sunday afternoon. Please join me in thanking him for all his hard work for these past 10 weeks. Summer assignments are wonderful but can also be grueling, and a lot is learned on both sides. It was a pleasure having Isaac with us and we keep him in our prayers as he returns to seminary. God willing, he will be ordained to the Diaconate next year. On Saturday, after the 4pm Mass, we will have a small gathering in the church hall to send him off. Please join us!

Also, Doug informed me last week that he would be retiring at the end of July. His last day was Friday, August 1st, 2025. Please join me in thanking Doug for his 15 years of service to the Church here at Saint Roch Parish. I hope that Doug will have a restful and relaxing retirement.

With all my love and blessings from God,

Fr. Jim

Mass Intentions



Saturday, August 2	4:00 pm	Fr. Michael J. Roy by The Northern Worcester County Serra Club
Sunday, August 3	8:30 am	Erica, Tom, Kelsey & Justin (living) by Mom & Dad
	11:00 am	Deceased Members of the Drahos & Murphy Families by the Drahos family
Monday, August 4	8:30 am	Noah Miner & Family (living) by Paula Miner & Ken Mills
Tuesday, August 5	8:30 am	Fr. Thomas Hultquist
Wednesday, August 6	8:30 am	The People of St. Roch Parish
Thursday, August 7	8:30 am	No Mass
Friday, August 8	6:00 pm	Fr. Thomas Hultquist
Saturday, August 9	4:00 pm	Nelson & Elsa DeJesus and Bobby DeJesus, Jr. by Robert & Glenna DeJesus
Sunday, August 10	8:30 am	Karen Currie by the family
	11:00 am	Emery Lucier, Sr. by Don & Cheryl Letson

Sacrificial Offering

JULY 26 & 27

Offertory Envelopes	4,527.00
Online Giving	66.00
Other sources of income	1,099.00
Thank you!	5,692.00



A second collection for **Maintenance** will be taken up this weekend, **August 2 & 3**. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



A second collection for **Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe** will be taken up next weekend, **August 9 & 10**. Thank you.

Join us in celebrating **Doug Cadarette's** retirement and thanking him for his fifteen years of dedicated service to St. Roch Parish.

We will surely miss him and wish him a happy, healthy and peace-filled retirement! For those who would like to forward him a card his address is:



Douglas Cadarette
23 Wheelock St. C-4
Oxford, MA 01540



AMERICAN CHOP SUEY

Donations for Rachel's Table may be dropped off in the church hall kitchen refrigerator on **Monday, August 4th before 3:00 PM.**



FREE Community Dinner

For Anyone & Everyone including families!

Sponsored by the St. Vincent De Paul Society of St. Roch Church

August 12th from 5:00—6:00 PM

ST. ROCH PARISH HALL

Come Join Us for a Delicious Free Meal and Friendship!

Please join us in the hall after the 4:00 afternoon Mass this weekend as we say farewell to **Seminarian Isaac Cross** as he returns to the seminary. Isaac has been a wonderful addition to the staff this past summer helping out in many ways and reaching out to homebound parishioners. We will miss him!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #4241

Meeting every **first Tuesday** of the month at 6:30 pm. All meetings will be held downstairs in the hall at **St. Roch's Church.**

We try to help our church and church family individually as well as a group to make the world a better place. We are always looking for new Brothers to help with our mission! You may contact us by email to: kofcoxfordmass.org

ST. ROCH NOVENA

As you may know, the St Roch Novena has been moved from Lent to nine consecutive days in August leading up to the Feast Day of Saint Roch.



August 8th to the 16th

Friday, August 8th—6:00 pm during Mass -Fr. Joseph Zwosta
Saturday, August 9th—4:00 pm during Mass -Fr. James Boulette
Sunday, August 10th—6:00 pm with Adoration -Dcn. Paul Connolly
Monday, August 11th—6:00 pm with Adoration-Fr. Stephen Gemme
Tuesday, August 12th—6:00 pm with Adoration -Fr James Boland
Wednesday, August 13th—6:00 pm with Adoration -Fr. Javier Julio
Thursday, August 14th—6:30 pm during Mass -Fr. Jonathan Amidon
Friday, August 15th—6:30 pm during Mass -Fr. James Boulette
Saturday, August 16th—4:00 during Mass -Dcn. Paul Connolly

Join us as we express our devotion to God and pray for the intercession of our Patron, Saint Roch.

PARISH APPRECIATION COOK-OUT

Sunday, September 14 - Noon

All in the parish are invited
for a fun day of games and
fellowship!

Hot dogs, burgers, beans
and salads.

FREE!

Come join us!



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 Saturdays
in September 9-11 am ONLY. Please no drop offs beforehand.



Contact:
Don Letson
413-835-1915



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

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

YEAR OF HOPE

A Special Year of:

FORGIVENESS
RECONCILIATION
CONVERSION
and **CELEBRATION**



<https://worcesterdiocese.org/jubilee>

334 CLUB WEEK 6 WINNERS



150 Arthur Robert
165 Marcia Kollios
252 Norman Mercier
296 Jim Moore

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!!

Great Resources Year Round!!

www.formed.org/signup

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

2025 St. Roch Parish Event Calendar!

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

Parish Appreciation Cookout—Sat, Sept 14 Noon

Yard Sale—Saturday, September 27 8-2pm

Vendor Fair—Saturday, October 18

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

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

American Heritage Girls and Trail Life USA



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HERITAGE
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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!



Trail Life

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




SCAN ME

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) 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 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

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

WORDSEARCH

Can you find and circle the words listed below?

VANITY EARTH GREED
 WISDOM ABOVE HEART
 WEALTH GLORY GRAIN
 CREATOR PROFIT FOOL
 HARVEST IMAGE TOIL

Solution to last week's crossword

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Hey Parents!



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

Register easily online at
strochoxford.com/religious-education-registration

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

strochoxford.com

Help is needed with grounds maintenance.

Any help will be much appreciated. Please contact the rectory office at 508-987-8987 if you are able to give a hand. Thank you!



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!

I Thirst for souls to visit Me in Adoration

Jesus longs for us to visit Him during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. His words to Peter in the Garden of Gethsamane, "Could not you keep watch with me even one hour?" (Mt. 26:40), have resonated throughout the ages from Holy Scripture. They speak to us in a personal way. Jesus longs to delight in us as we gaze at Him and he gazes back at us during the intimacy of Eucharistic Adoration.

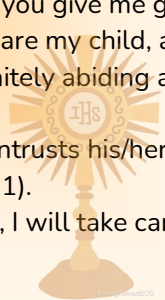
Come to Me, as you are, and I promise you will find rest (Mt. 11:28). Come to Me with all your thoughts, hardships, questions, and I promise, you will find what you are looking for, which is ultimately Myself (Mt. 6:36).

I delight in you for your own sake, and you give me great comfort by being with Me (Is: 62:50). You are my child, and nothing you say or do can change my infinitely abiding and ever-present Merciful Love for you.

Entrust everything to Me, like a child entrusts his/her cares to their mother and or father (Ps. 131).

I wait patiently for you. I desire for you, I will take care of everything.

Will you come?



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.

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, 508-987-1062.



- 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:

<https://strochoxford.flocknote.com/everyone>



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 Lavalley, Andrea Boyle, Melissa Dube, William Patrick Bernard, Peter Giles, Michelle, Susan Maass, Jack Hamilton, Paul Neboski.