

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.'”

Luke 16:25



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Adoration at 6:30 pm

Confession during Adoration

Benediction at 7:30 pm

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The Mass 2025, Issue Two

Greetings to my brothers and sisters in Christ,

In this issue we wrap up a few additional foundational points about the Mass in the Roman Missal.

Introduction to the GIRM

4. In truth, the nature of the ministerial Priesthood proper to the Bishop and the Priest, who offer the Sacrifice in the person of Christ and who preside over the gathering of the holy people, shines forth in the form of the rite itself, on account of the more prominent place and function given to the Priest. The essential elements of this function are set out and explained clearly and extensively in the Preface for the Chrism Mass on Thursday of Holy Week, the day, namely, when the institution of the Priesthood is commemorated. For in the Preface is made clear how the conferral of Priestly power is accomplished through the laying on of hands; and, by the listing one by one of its duties, that power is described which is the continuation of the power of Christ, the High Priest of the New Testament.

5. Moreover, by this nature of the ministerial Priesthood, something else is put in its proper light, something certainly to be held in great esteem, namely, the royal Priesthood of the faithful, whose spiritual sacrifice is brought to completion through the ministry of the Bishop and the Priests, in union with the Sacrifice of Christ, the sole Mediator. For the celebration of the Eucharist is the action of the whole Church, and in it each one should carry out solely but totally that which pertains to him, in virtue of the place of each within the People of God. The result of this is that greater consideration is also given to some aspects of the celebration that have sometimes been accorded less attention in the course of the centuries. For this people is the People of God, purchased by Christ's Blood, gathered together by the Lord, nourished by his word, the people called to present to God the prayers of the entire human family, a people that gives thanks in Christ for the mystery of salvation by offering his Sacrifice, a people, finally, that is brought together in unity by Communion in the Body and Blood of Christ. This people, though holy in its origin, nevertheless grows constantly in holiness by conscious, active, and fruitful participation in the mystery of the Eucharist.

6. When it set out its instructions for the renewal of the Order of Mass, the Second Vatican Council, using, namely, the same words as did St. Pius V in the Apostolic Constitution Quo primum, by which the Missal of Trent was promulgated in 1570, also ordered, among other things, that a number of rites be restored "to the original norm of the holy Fathers." From the fact that the same words are used, it can be noted how the two Roman Missals, although four centuries have intervened, embrace one and the same tradition. Furthermore, if the inner elements of this tradition are reflected upon, it is also understood how outstandingly and felicitously the older Roman Missal is brought to fulfillment in the later one.

7. In truly difficult times, when the Catholic faith in the sacrificial nature of the Mass, the ministerial Priesthood, and the real and perpetual presence of Christ under the Eucharistic species were called into question, St. Pius V was first of all concerned with preserving the more recent tradition, then unjustly assailed, introducing only very slight changes into the sacred rite. In fact, the Missal of 1570 differs very little from the very first printed edition of 1474, which in turn faithfully takes up again the Missal used in the time of Pope Innocent III. Moreover, manuscript books in the Vatican Library, even though they provided material for several textual emendations, by no means made it possible to pursue inquiry into "ancient and approved authors" further back than the liturgical commentaries of the Middle Ages.

8. Today, however, innumerable writings of scholars have shed light on the "norm of the holy Fathers," which the revisers of the Missal of St. Pius V assiduously followed. For following the first publication in 1571 of the Sacramentary called the Gregorian, critical editions of other ancient Roman and Ambrosian Sacramentaries were disseminated, often in printed form, as were ancient Hispanic and Gallican liturgical books; these editions brought to light numerous prayers of no slight spiritual value but previously unknown. In the same way, traditions of the first centuries, before the rites of East and West were formed, are now better known because of the discovery of so many liturgical documents. Furthermore, continuing progress in the study of the holy Fathers has also shed upon the theology of the mystery of the Eucharist the light brought by the doctrine of such illustrious Fathers of Christian antiquity as St. Irenaeus, St. Ambrose, St. Cyril of Jerusalem, and St. John Chrysostom.

9. Hence, the "norm of the holy Fathers" requires not only the preservation of what our immediate forebears have handed on to us, but also an understanding and a more profound pondering of the Church's entire past ages and of all the ways in which her one faith has been expressed in forms of human and social culture so greatly differing among themselves, indeed, as those prevailing in the Semitic, Greek, and Latin regions. Moreover, this broader view allows us to see how the Holy Spirit endows the People of God with a marvelous fidelity in preserving the unalterable deposit of faith, even though there is a very great variety of prayers and rites.

The Roman Missal: Renewed by Decree of the Most Holy Second Ecumenical Council of the Vatican, Promulgated by Authority of Pope Paul VI and Revised at the Direction of Pope John Paul II, Third Typical Edition (Washington D.C.: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2011), 20–21.

With all my love and blessings from God,

Fr. Jim

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 27	4:00 pm	Alberta Boyle by the Parish of St. Roch
Sunday, September 28	8:30 am	Marie Harrington & Family (living) by Paula Miner & Ken Mills
	11:00 am	Gerda Rusnica by Kathy & Joe DiVeglia
Monday, September 29	8:30 am	Bertha Richard by the family
Tuesday, September 30	8:30 am	Patricia Dumais by son David Dumais
Wednesday, October 1	8:30 am	The Parishioners of St. Roch Church
Thursday, October 2	8:30 am	No Mass
Friday, October 3	6:00 pm	All the Holy Souls in Purgatory by the Helpers of the Holy Souls
Saturday, October 4	4:00 pm	Eddy LaPlante by a friend
Sunday, October 5	8:30 am	John J. Barry (6th Anniversary) & Marie Barry (2nd Anniversary) by Dan & Shannon Barry
	11:00 am	Msgr. Louis R. Piermarini by the Rawson family



Sacrificial Offering

SEPTEMBER 20 & 21

Offertory Envelopes	4,012.00
Online Giving	262.00
Other sources of income	<u>1,280.00</u>
Thank you!	5,554.00



A second collection for **The Annual Catholic Schools Appeal** will be taken up this weekend, **Sept 27 & 28**. Thank you in advance.



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



COAT & BOOT DRIVE

The **St. Vincent de Paul Society** is holding their annual coat and boot drive during the **month of September** for the needy in our area. Clean used coats and

boots for children, women, and men are desperately needed for local shelters.

Designated bins will be available at the front entrance of the church for boots. Please hang coats up neatly on the coat rack in the church hall.

Please return by October 5th. Thank you!

Items returned after due date will be discarded.

We will not store them or deliver them late. Thank you!



FREE Community Dinner

For Anyone & Everyone including families!

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

October 14th from 5:00—6:00 PM

ST. ROCH PARISH HALL

Come Join Us for a Delicious Free Meal and Friendship!



AMERICAN CHOP SUEY

Donations for Rachel's Table may be dropped off in the church hall kitchen refrigerator on **Monday, October 6th before 3:00 PM**.

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



Saint Monica Ministry

Announcing the restart of the Saint Monica Ministry at Saint Louis Church, Webster.

This ministry is rooted in prayer, hope, and support for all those who carry the heartfelt desire to see their loved ones return to the practice of the faith. Inspired by Saint Monica, the mother of Saint Augustine, whose perseverance and prayer brought about her son's conversion, we come together to encourage one another and to entrust our families and friends to God's loving mercy.

Next meeting will be on **October 22nd at 6:30 – 7:30 PM in the church hall**. They will meet the 4th Wed. of each month in the church hall. Please contact Kathy Archambault with any questions. Kathyarch6@gmail.com

All are welcome!

Register for Worcester Catholic Women's Conference

All women are invited to this exciting Conference,

"I Thirst for the Salvation of Souls"

to be held at St. Joseph School in Webster on
Saturday, Sept. 27.

Hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders, Noelle Mering, Dr. Madeline Colon-Usovicz, Tim Francis, and Adam Janke. Diocesan and religious priests will hear confessions and there will be many interesting exhibitors. Bishop McManus will celebrate Mass.

For more information and to register, visit our website at www.wcwconference.com or call Corinn Dahm at 508-277-3969. Seating is limited, register today!



Great Resources Year Round!!

www.formed.org/signup

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

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 YEAR OF HOPE

A Special Year of:

**FORGIVENESS
RECONCILIATION
CONVERSION
and CELEBRATION**



<https://worcesterdiocese.org/jubilee>

334 CLUB WEEK 14 WINNERS



208 Christine Lee
327 Terry Cote
575 Kimberly Harmon
228 Joseph Spokis, Sr.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!!

Meetings

The St. Vincent de Paul Society will meet on Monday, October 6th at 6:00 pm in the church hall.



SIGN UP TODAY!

How many times do we forget our envelope at home or miss a collection? Online giving

allows us to schedule weekly, monthly, or other intervals for giving options. Online giving offers us total control to change or cancel at anytime as our situation changes, and we will never miss an opportunity to give again.

Scan this QR Code or:

<https://strochoxford.com/online-giving>



Holiday Bishop's Dinners

We are excited to invite you to be a part of something special! **Catholic Charities Worcester County's Holiday Bishop's Dinner** are just around the corner, and we are seeking dedicated volunteers to help make this year's event a success. Your time and support will go a long way in helping us serve our community during the holiday season.

There are a few volunteer opportunities available, including:

- Meal Packaging
- Meal Deliveries
- Sit Down Dinner

If you're interested in lending a hand, we'd love to have you on board! To register, please visit the link below and sign up for your preferred opportunities:

www.ccworc.org/bishopsdinnervolunteer



American Heritage Girls and Trail Life USA



**THE ADVENTURE
BEGINS HERE!**

Trail Life for boys is now chartered in our parish. We are now Trail Life Troop MA1321!



In addition, Troop MA0716 of the American Heritage Girls has transferred 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.



Religious Education & Youth Nights

Schedule 2025-2026

September Sessions:

9/28 - K-8th Grade Religious Ed
@9:30-10:45 AM at Parish Center



October Sessions:

10/5 - K-8th Grade Religious Ed
@9:30-10:45 AM at Parish Center
- High School Session
@4:00-7:30 PM at St. Anthony
in Dudley

10/19 - K-6th Grade Religious Ed
@9:30-10:45AM at Parish Center
- 7th/8th Grade Session
@5:00-7:00 PM at Sacred Heart
in Webster

10/26 - K-8th Grade Circle of Grace
@9:30-10:45AM at Parish Center
- High School Circle of Grace
@9:30-10:45 AM at Parish Center

The holy eucharist among the Christian sacraments is par excellence a great social sacrament, the symbol of true social unity in the Mystical Body of Christ and the pledge of that unity to all people of good will. The eucharist is the source of social unity in Christ's plan. It is the food which nourishes, invigorates, and preserves the life of the church, Christ's Mystical Body, his basic social plan. - *Cardinal Suenes*



CATHOLIC MOMS GROUP

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



1st Wednesdays of Month - Adoration/Confession & Potluck

Evening starts with reverent, kid-friendly adoration, then young children head downstairs for potluck dinner and fellowship.

Moms take turns adoring the Blessed Sacrament and going to confession. Please RSVP Monday or Tuesday to gina.hamwey@gmail.com or via Google spreadsheet.

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

Time & Dates: 4:30 - 6:00pm on 11/5, 12/3



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 9/24, 10/8, 10/22, 11/12, 12/10 (off on 11/26 and 12/24 for Thanksgiving and Christmas)



3rd Wednesdays - Post-Bedtime Prayer/Discussion

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

***Time & Dates:** 8:15 - 9:45pm on 10/16, 11/19, 12/17



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



New to moms group? Got questions? Got ideas for ways we can build up our moms group community?

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

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!

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Bishop Robert J. McManus will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, Oct. 26 at 3:00 pm** at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Worcester. This liturgy of thanksgiving to God for many years of faithful witness to the sacredness of Christian marriage honors couples who are marking significant anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, etc.) this year. A light reception will follow downstairs in the Cenacle. Family and friends are welcome! Couples wishing to attend should **pre-register no later than October 14** so that commemorative certificates may be issued. To register, complete the registration form at worcestardiocese.org/w or contact the Office of Marriage and Family at 508-929-4311 or email aledoux@worcestardiocese.org to request that a copy of the registration form be sent to you.



Oxford Ecumenical Food Shelf

The Oxford Ecumenical Food Shelf thanks you for your continued support!

We need non-perishable food items such as canned vegetables (peas, carrots, green beans, etc.), and packaged cereals and pasta. Also needed: canned pasta, jams and jellies, and soups.

Please leave your donations in the Food Shelf DROP BOX located in the bins inside the front doors of the church.

If you need help providing food for yourself or your family, please come to see us.

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.



Walk to Support the Oxford Ecumenical Food Shelf

Join the Oxford Ecumenical Food Shelf volunteers and others **Sunday, October 19,** for the **Annual Crop Hunger Walk.**



We begin our easy 3.5 mile walk at the First Congregational Church on 355 E. Main St. at 1 pm. Registration at the church is at 12:30 pm.

Everyone is welcome!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 2025-2026 CALENDAR



September: Collect coats & boots
October: Collect items for Veteran's gift bags
January: Collect socks, hats & mittens
March: Deliver Easter flowers to shut-in parishioners
April: Collect items for Mother's Day gift bags

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.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR DONATIONS!!



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