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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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*When Jesus saw the crowds,
He went up the mountain.
He began to teach them, saying:
"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for
theirs is the kingdom of heaven."*

Matthew 5: 1, 2-3

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Greetings to my brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Mass 2025/6, Issue Seventeen

After proclaiming the Mystery of Faith, following the Consecration of the Eucharist, the priest resuming the Orans position, continues praying to the Father, through the Son, in the Holy Spirit. The Priest recounts to the Father that we celebrate the passion, death, resurrection, and ascension of Christ our Lord. The prayer continues that the offerings that we offer are from the gifts that the Father has already given us, and we offer them back to Him. As the true body, blood, soul, and divinity of Christ who is on the Altar by way of the Eucharist, we offer Christ Himself back to the Father as the pure, holy, spotless victim, the Bread of life and Chalice of everlasting salvation.

The Priest continues praying that God the Father be pleased with our offerings, our personal offerings and those placed upon the Altar. The Priest asks the Father to accept our offerings just as He was pleased and accepted the offerings of Abel the just, the sacrifice of Abraham our father in faith, and the offerings of His high Priest Melchizedek; that same Priest who ministered to Abraham as a foreshadowing of Christ, the holy sacrifice – the spotless victim.

The Priest then folds his hands and bows profoundly before the Altar asking that God command that these gifts be brought by His Angel, spiritually to His Altar on high, to be in His sight so that all of us who participate at this Altar will receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. The Priest then stands upright and signs himself with the sign of the cross praying that all “may be filled with every grace and heavenly blessing” (Roman Missal, 94).

The Priest, with hands in the Orans position, then turns the prayer to those who have died, those who are in Purgatory who need our prayers. The Priest asks God the Father to remember His servants who have gone before us with the sign of faith, that they may have rest and sleep in peace. Then the Priest asks the Father to grant “all who sleep in Christ a place of refreshment, light and peace” (IBID, 95).

Returning the prayer to those living in this world, the Priest prays that all of us, His servants, who are sinners: hope in His abundant mercies, that he will grant us a share and fellowship with the Apostles and Martyrs. The Priest then begins another litany of Saints and Martyrs in which we are asking to have fellowship with, in heaven, and to share in His glorious reward. In this list of Saints and Martyrs we start with John the Baptist, followed by early Church Martyrs and comprising of other biblical figures. Excluding John the Baptist, there are seven men and seven women. Seven being a number of completion, this litany symbolizes that complete number of all the Martyrs and the Church as a whole. Following this litany, the Priest asks the Father to admit us into their company, not weighing our merits – because we have none – but granting us His pardon (IBID, 96).

Then, folding His hands, the Priest brings everything that he has addressed to the Father through the Son by saying, “through Christ our Lord” (IBID). He then continues the prayer praising the LORD that it is only through Jesus that all good things are made; that “He sanctifies all these good things, He fills them with life, blesses them, and bestows them all onto us” (IBID, 97).

At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer, The Priest will hand the Chalice to the Deacon, and the Priest will take the Paten, or in the absence of the Deacon, the Priest will take both. Then the Paten and Chalice are elevated, and the Doxology or proclamation of the Trinity is chanted or sung by the Priest; all will acclaim, AMEN.

This concludes the Eucharistic Rite, next time we will continue with the Communion Rite.



With all my love and blessings from God,

Fr. Jim

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 31	4:00 pm	Griffin & Jones family members (living) by Pat Jones
Sunday, February 1	8:30 am	Walter P. McCarthy by the family
	11:00 am	Yvonne Reeks by daughter Yvonne Nelson & family
Monday, February 2	8:30 am	John Laverdure (living) by Paula Miner & Ken Mills
Tuesday, February 3	8:30 am	Roland & Shirley Quillia by Brian Quillia
Wednesday, February 4	8:30 am	The Parishioners of St. Roch Parish
Thursday, February 5	No Mass	
Friday, February 6	6:00 pm	Marie Harrington & family (living) by Paula Miner & Ken Mills
Saturday, February 7	4:00 pm	Bette & Bill Stevens by the family
Sunday, February 8	8:30 am	Catherine H. Mills by Paula Miner & Ken Mills
	11:00 am	Paula Bouthiller by David Dumais



Sacrificial Offering

JANUARY 24 & 25

Offertory Envelopes	3,835.00
Online Giving	15.00
Other sources of income	1,113.00
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	4,963.00

Thank you!



A second collection for **Catholic Home Missions** will be taken up this weekend, **Jan 31 & Feb 1**. Thank you.

A second collection for **Fuel** will be taken next weekend, **February 7 & 8**. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



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AMERICAN CHOP SUEY

Donations for Rachel's Table may be dropped off in the church hall kitchen refrigerator on **Monday, February 2nd before 3:00 PM**.

Pancake
Breakfast



Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Sunday, February 15

Please join St. Roch's *American Heritage Girls* and *Trail Life USA* for a pancake breakfast after the 8:30 AM Mass. The suggested donation is \$5 per person, with a \$20 cap for families.



Scouts will be available to discuss their programs and will handle all cooking, setup, cleanup, and activities in the parish hall. Come enjoy breakfast and support our scouts!



SOCK DRIVE

Please consider dropping off new socks, hats and mittens for adults and children in the designated bins by the doors of the church during the month of February.
Thank you for your generosity towards others.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CALENDAR
January & February:

Collect socks, hats & mittens

March: Deliver Easter flowers to shut-in parishioners

April: Collect items for Mother's Day gift bags

Monthly: Donations of Chop Suey to Rachel's Table





John & Bev Makowski, Cynthia Clark,

David Dumais, Ann Caplette, Deacon Jim Denning, Jay and Jon Moore, Rose, Jill, Desirae, Jenn, Rayana and Julie, Fern Goldsmith, Cameron Chickering, Evelina Piscopo, Annmarie Morrissey, Julia Krasinskas, Paula Kapurch, June Deary, 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, Pam Jackman, Leonard Marcotte, Chloe Jones, Jane Desy Montigny, 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, Barbara Wessell, Barry Fanion, Laura Kida, Sr. Jeanne Rouillard, Vinnie Rivers, David Breault, Gail Dunham, Tyler Tremblay, Patrick Driscoll, Sr., Michael Orciuch.

Priestly Vocation Retreat

March 27 6 pm—March 28 5 pm

Immaculate Conception Retreat Center,
Putnam, CT

Retreat is for men high school age and up,
and is FREE!



To live your true calling is a life of joy, but you will only hear His voice if you take the time to listen.

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 stairs before our parishioners arrive.

Any help is always welcome and appreciated!

SERRA CLUB OF SOUTHERN WORCESTER COUNTY



**Pasta Dinner
February 17, 2026**

The Serra Club of Southern Worcester County, representing parishes of the Worcester Diocese, is once again pleased to announce our “all you can eat” pasta dinner fundraiser event in conjunction with a lottery raffle. The pasta dinner will be held from 5-7 pm at Point Breeze Restaurant in Webster, MA on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 or better known as “Mardi Gras”. Flyers for this event are available at the entrance to the church. The cost of the dinner is \$10.00.

We also have a lottery raffle that will be drawn the evening of the pasta dinner. For a donation of \$10 you will have an opportunity to win a book of \$1, \$2 or \$5 MA lottery tickets. The tickets are available by contacting Roland Malboeuf at (508) 943-5374. Will you be one of our lucky winners? The winning tickets will be drawn the evening of the pasta dinner.

If you attended our fundraiser in 2025, we thank you. It was a success thanks to your generous support. We welcome your participation in this very important fundraiser and ask for your prayers to support our mission to promote and foster vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

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**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 CEMETERY NEWS

Winter decorations may be placed on the cemetery lots. Please be sure that all decorations are placed by the monument or on top of the flat marker.

We recommend removing small statues and lamps before winter. We will not be responsible for any broken items. For more information call the rectory office at (508) 987-8987.



**American Heritage
Girls and Trail Life
USA**

**WE NEED
YOUR HELP!**



It has now been about seven months since AHG and TLUSA chartered here at Saint Roch. These groups are thriving and we have lots of kiddos running around learning skills and all about their Christian Faith. But we need your help because we don’t have enough adult leaders. Because of this issue we will have to start turning children away because we will not have the correct ratio. Please give the office a call if you are able to assist us in forming children with important life skills and in their faith.



For more information please see our website at <https://strochoxford.com/american-heritage-girls> or <https://strochoxford.com/trail-life-usa> or scan the QR codes.



334 CLUB WEEKLY \$25 WINNERS

— Week 7 —



- # 142 Carol Pytko
- # 185 Linda LaFleche
- # 244 Joyce O’Keefe
- # 181 Elaine Gendron

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Religious Education & Youth Nights Schedule 2026

February Sessions:

- 2/1** - K-8th Grade Religious Ed
@9:30-10:45 AM at Parish Center
- High School Session @4:00-7:30 PM
at St. Joseph Basilica in Webster
- 2/8** - K-8th Grade Religious Ed
@9:30-10:45 AM at Parish Center
- 2/22** - K-6th Grade Religious Ed
@9:30-10:45 AM at Parish Center
- 7th/8th Grade Session
@5:00-7:00 PM at St. Joseph in Webster



ST. ROCH'S CATHOLIC MOMS GROUP
INVITES YOU TO A ***DAY EARLY***

Valentine's Day Party

FRIDAY 2/13/26 @ 9:30 - 10:30 A.M.
IN ST. ROCH'S PARISH HALL

Moms and children are invited to a morning of love-themed fun! Bring a treat to share, learn about St. Valentine, and make crafts and valentine's for your loved ones!

To help us get a headcount, please RSVP to
catholicmoms.strochoxford@gmail.com



QUIZ? Can you choose the correct endings?

- The Lord would leave as a remnant:
(a) a people humble and lowly (b) a strong army
(c) those he had rejected?
- Happy the poor in spirit, for theirs is:
(a) influence over others (b) a life without trouble
(c) the kingdom of heaven?
- To shame the strong, God chose:
(a) the clever (b) those of royal descent
(c) the weak of this world?
- Blest are the single-hearted, for they:
(a) shall see God (b) shall achieve their goals
(c) shall conquer others?
- Be glad when you are slandered and persecuted because of Christ, for:
(a) God will save you (b) your reward in heaven is great
(c) your opponents will die?

ANSWERS

The correct answers are: 1(a); 2(c); 3(c); 4(a); 5(b)

Sunday Funday © Pilot Bulletins



CATHOLIC MOMS GROUP
Happy New Year Mamas!

The best way to stay in the loop with the Catholic Moms Group community is by joining our WhatsApp group chat.

Reach out to join the chat or to learn more
catholicmoms.strochoxford@gmail.com

Ways we are connecting in 2026

Praying the rosary virtually @ 6:00 a.m. on Fridays

Adoration & Confesion (1st Wednesdays @ 4:30 pm)
Pray & Play (2nd and 4th Wednesdays @ 9 a.m.)

Save the Dates

Valentine's Day Gathering (Fri 2/13 @ 9:30 a.m.)
Lenten Evening of Prayer and Fellowship (Sat evening 3/14)

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PLEASE: ONLY BEDDING!

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The Oxford Ecumenical Council, our volunteers and the families we support are grateful for your generosity during this holiday season. We appreciate your donations for our Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner fixings bags. Thank you.

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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.

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

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