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"Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" Luke 24:32



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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

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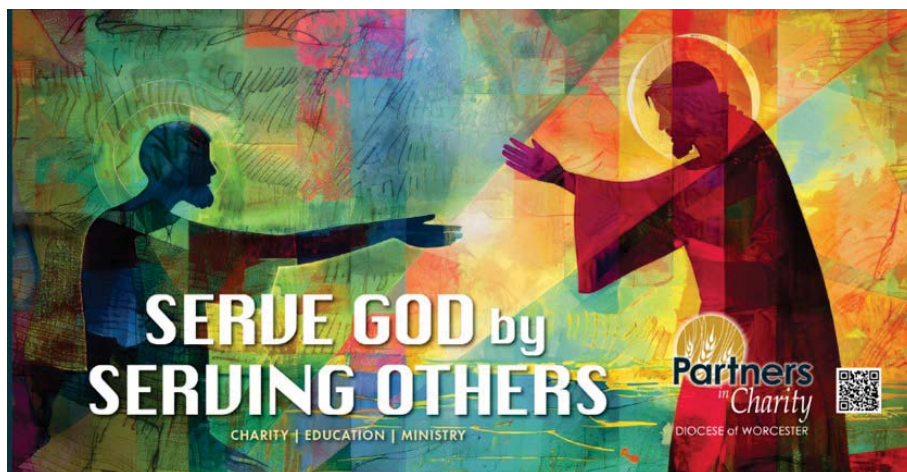
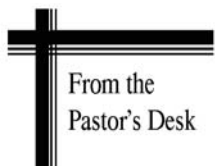
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Greetings to my brothers and sisters in Christ,

As you may know, we have begun our Diocesan Partners in Charity Campaign. We are a little over a month into this campaign, and we have already collected \$43,834, out of our \$55,000 goal. This is amazing, and I am so grateful for your generosity. Some will say that this is a fund for the bishop's use to run the Diocese. That is absolutely untrue. These funds go to support those in need: education, food, clothing, shelter, vocations, campus ministries, youth ministries, Catholic communications, family ministries, seminarian support, Pro-Life, etc. These funds are all used for charity, to assist those in need. Partners in Charity is a way to live out our calling to care for the poor.

Even though we have collected \$43,834 as of 04/10/2026, only 87 gifts have been received. This is amazing, but we can do better. The amount of the gift is not important. The important part is that we are all doing something – big or small. Remember when Jesus was sitting by the Temple watching people walk by? Some would give big gifts to the treasury, but Jesus was taken back and moved by the widow who gave two small coins (two mites), which was the smallest coin in circulation. In today's value it would be a small fraction of a cent. He praises her because she gave from what she needed in life, and the others gave from their surplus. The amount is not important. If we can only give one, five, or ten dollars, that is ok, God will be extremely pleased that we trust enough in Him to share what we have with the poor. And if we can give more, by all means, we do. We give according to our means in life, and then we trust that God will take care of us. St. Thérèse of Lisieux, a.k.a. The Little Flower said that it is the little things we do in life that are the most meaningful. If we constantly do little things, in the end, we have a mountain of little things.

I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your generosity, and please know that you are all in my prayers.

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PROMO VIDEO



<https://vimeo.com/1167567740?fl=pl&fe=sh>

With all my love and blessings from God,
Fr. Jim

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 18	4:00 pm	Alan Laverdure & James Laverdure (living) by Paula Miner & Ken Mills
Sunday, April 19	8:30 am	Eileen Kapulka by the family
	11:00 am	Delicia Mondejer Navarra by the family
Monday, April 20	8:30 am	Annette Proulx by David Dumais
Tuesday, April 21	8:30 am	Jeffrey Gentile & family by Paula Miner & Ken Mills
Wednesday, April 22	8:30 am	The Parishioners of St. Roch Church
Thursday, April 23	No Mass	
Friday, April 24	6:00 pm	Jacqueline & Aurele Pelletier by daughter Doris Jarvis & family
Saturday, April 25	4:00 pm	Evelina Piscopo (living) by Lee & Karin
Sunday, April 26	8:30 am	Anthony, Anna & Olga Kersis by the Jalbert family
	11:00 am	Cheryl Lotti by husband Dennis



Sacrificial Offering

April 11 & 12

Offertory Envelopes	4,218.00
Online Giving	520.00
Maintenance collection	1,603.00
Other sources of income	622.00
<i>Thank you!</i>	<u>6,963.00</u>

A second collection for **St. Vincent de Paul** will be taken next weekend, **April 25 & 26**. Thank you.



STAR OF BETHLEHEM

Maysoon khair will be at our church in **May 2 & 3, 2026** representing over a hundred Christian families who make their livelihood through the selling of their hand carved olive wood religious articles.

After all Masses there will be a display of these beautiful hand carved religious items; such as nativity scenes, crucifix, rosaries, last supper and many other beautiful religious statues.

Please stop by and look over the carvings that are available and help support this self-help project to keep the Children and the Christians living in the Holy Land.

Thanks and God Bless you.



MOTHER'S DAY GIFT BAG DRIVE

During the month of **April** our thoughts go to those in need. The St. Vincent de Paul Society is sponsoring a **Mother's Day Drive** to let mothers who are experiencing hard times know that they are not forgotten. We ask that you purchase personal care items for women. These items will be packaged and given to a mother at the Veteran's Shelter, New Hope Woman's Shelter, and PIP Shelter.

We feel that all mothers should be remembered in a special way. Some personal care items might include shampoo, body sprays, lotions, emery boards, razors, toothpaste, floss, toothbrushes, makeup, powder, etc. Drop off bins will be located by the entrance doors of the church. Thank you!

The deadline for donations is Sunday, April 27th.



MAY CALENDAR RAFFLE!

St. Roch Parish is pleased to again announce the May Calendar Raffle! **Each day in the month of May** a winner will be drawn to win the prize(s) indicated on that date.

There will be a wide variety of prizes ranging from gift cards to local restaurants, shops, salons, a local golf course, to **CASH!**

A mailer will be sent out the first week of April to each parish family with 3 calendars. This will serve as one of our major fundraisers. We ask that you share this fundraising opportunity with your family and friends. Each calendar contains a return portion to be returned to the rectory along with a small \$15 donation to enter. All entries due April 30th.

Additional calendars will be available upon request. One entry per form. Photo copies are acceptable. Must be 21 to enter.

Best of luck!!





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, Peter Giles, Michelle, Susan Maass, Jack Hamilton, Barbara Wessell, Barry Fanion, Laura Kida, Sr. Jeanne Rouillard, Vinnie Rivers, David Breault, Gail Dunham, Patrick Driscoll, Sr., Tyler Tremblay, Michael Orciuch.



**Worcester Red Sox
Sunday, August 9, 2026
1:05 Game**

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

Tickets \$31 each includes \$5 credit to purchase food, beverages or merchandise. Call the rectory office at 508-987-8987 to **RESERVE NOW.**

First come-first served. Payment due by July 15.
Gates open at 11:30 am. Polar Park Section 14.
(Transportation not included.)



MEETING—Monday, April 27th 6:00 pm

Everyone is invited!

Looking to build onto our Fundraising Committee.
We will be working on the details for the Summer Festival!
More hands needed! Come join us!



**American Heritage
Girls and Trail Life
USA**
**WE NEED YOUR
HELP!**



AHG and TLUSA is 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 18 —



- # 191 Lawrence Crowley
- # 141 Lynn Briggs
- # 385 Bill Barker
- # 206 Paula Miner

CONGRATULATIONS!!

CATHOLIC MOMS GROUP

Join us in whatever ways you can!

Virtual Rosary @ 6:00 a.m. on Fridays

Holy Hour for Domestic Church @ 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays at Sacred Heart Perpetual Adoration Chapel in Webster. Reach out to learn more.

Adoration/Confession & Potluck
1st Wednesdays @ 4:30 pm at St. Roch Church
**Opening this up to husbands/families in the summer*

Pray & Play (2nd and 4th Wednesdays @ 9 a.m.)
Hosted at different homes

Save the Dates

May Crowning - Sun 5/10 after 8:30 a.m. Mass
*Moms and children will help make the crown the week before!
Coffee and donuts following crowning, moms receive gift!*

Visit to the Shrine of the Little Flower - Wed 7/22
In Burrillville, RI. Sometime in the morning, walking rosary, picnic lunch

Please contact Gina at gina.hamwey@gmail.com for rosary links, meeting locations, or reach out if you are new to moms group or the parish!

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Religious Education & Youth Nights Schedule 2026

April Sessions:

4/12 - K-8th Grade Religious Ed
@9:30-10:45 AM at Parish Center
- High School Session
@4:00-7:30 PM at St. Roch

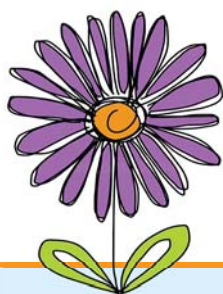
4/26 - K-8th Grade Religious Ed
@9:30-10:45 AM at Parish Center

May Sessions:

5/3 - K-8th Grade Religious Ed
@9:30-10:45 AM at Parish Center

5/17 - First Communion @8:30 AM Mass
- K-8th Grade Religious Ed
@9:30-10:45 AM at Parish Center

5/24 - K-8th Grade Religious Ed
@9:30-10:45 AM at Parish Center



Please pray for our young people
as they prepare to receive the
Sacrament of Confirmation on
April 27th.

Catherine Cloutier
Nate DeAdder
Ashlyne Monsen
Krystiana Sobocinski

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of
Your faithful!



May Crowning

Sunday May 10, 2026

Following 8:30 a.m. Mass

Join us in honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary as Mother of
Jesus and Queen of Heaven during the month of May!

All are invited to coffee & donuts after the crowning
ceremony, and all mothers can receive a special
Mother's Day gift.

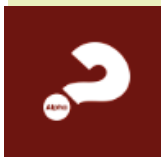


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Once a year, we commit ourselves to this ongoing work by supporting this life-giving appeal. We reflect on God's great generosity and respond with generous giving of our own. With your support, faith in action is visible every day in the compassionate outreach of Catholic Charities, to the least among us; in the prayerful witness of our retired priests and the joy of new priestly vocations; to the many diocesan ministries and programs that heal, teach and care for others. If you have already made a gift to the 2026 appeal, we thank you. Your gift will help us in reaching our parish goal of \$55,000. You can also make your gift online at www.partners-charity.net. Thank you!

COMING THIS FALL

ALPHA!



Whether you're curious about faith or just want space to talk about life, Alpha is for you. It runs all over the world in churches, homes, cafés, and online, bringing people together to watch thought-provoking talks and have honest conversations.

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We will be looking for people who can be trained to help facilitate the sessions. If you enjoyed Light of the World, then Alpha is a ministry for you.

We are going **FISHING**, we want to invite everyone to **COME and SEE!** We are becoming **FISHERS of MEN!**

Go and make disciples of all nations.

<https://alphausa.org/>

Oxford Ecumenical Food Shelf

The Oxford Ecumenical Council, our volunteers and the families we support are grateful for your continued generosity.

To help us restock our shelves in the coming weeks, we need non-perishable food items such as canned vegetables (peas, carrots, green beans, potatoes, etc.), pasta, spaghetti sauce, Hamburger Helper and condiments (such as ketchup, mustard, relish, mayonnaise).

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.

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



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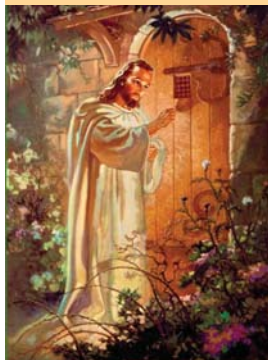
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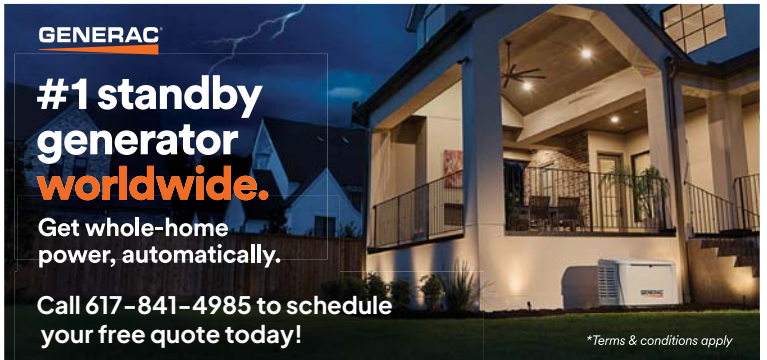
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