

INDEPENDENCE DAY



Our nation continues to hunger for freedom, unity, healing, and hope. The answer to that hunger is not found in greater division or louder arguments. It is found in a deeper encounter with Jesus Christ. The One who sets us free.

~ Sarah Houde, Vice President, National Eucharistic Congress

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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

Confession

Tuesday 6—7 pm, Friday 6:30—7:30 pm,

Saturday 3—3:30 pm

or by appointment

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Greetings to my brothers and sisters in Christ,

One of the crucial questions in life that we all eventually ask ourselves is: what else is there? When we start contemplating this question, we quickly come to the realization that there needs to be something bigger than this broken world. This world of war, hate, pride, self-importance, depression, anxiety, panic, and objectification.

Our society treats people as human doings, and not as we are made, as human beings. Our value is not contingent on what we contribute or how much we can produce, but intrinsic to our relationship to God. Our intrinsic value is based on our being. Because we were created by our loving God, and we are His greatest creation, we have intrinsic value that we can never lose.

Why were we created? It was not because God had to create, but because He wanted to create us out of His abundant love. He wanted to be able to share this love with us. This is a love that we cannot lose, no matter what we do. But we do push God away by our sins, and He does not force us to love Him back. The Baltimore Catechism says it this way; we are created to know God, to love God, and to serve God in this world, so that we can be happy with Him forever in the next. This is the primary vocation of every human being; this is what will bring us joy and true happiness. This is what will bring us to eternal life, to be in the presence of God forever.

Our secondary vocations help us achieve our primary vocation. Maybe we are called to marriage, to help our spouse and family achieve their primary vocation. Maybe we are called to clergy, religious life, or consecrated life, to help others achieve their primary vocation. Finally, we may be called to a God centered single life, also to help others achieve their primary vocation. With clergy and religious life, our third vocation (job) comes with the second vocation, but with married, consecrated, or single life, our third vocation needs to be discerned. Our third vocation should always assist us in achieving our first vocation. We work our third vocation as if we are doing it for Christ Himself.

We need to focus more on people than tasks at hand. The task will be there later, but people are made in the image and likeness of God. The way we interact with others is important. We should always be present, sympathetic, empathetic, loving, kind, and a good listener. Not to be harsh and dismissive. When we deal with people, our priority in life is to help them recognize their intrinsic value and how much God loves them. To help them achieve their primary vocation. To walk with them on the narrow path.

The purpose in life is to love God and neighbor with the same agape love that God shows us. The same love that put Jesus on the cross so that we could be saved and enjoy eternal life with Him.

I have mentioned in the past that we are going to be starting the Alpha Evangelization Series this fall, but after prayer and looking at the church calendar, we realized spring works better because it will lead right into the next OCIA class if anyone is interested in continuing their journey into faith. We will begin the Alpha series in April 2027. Will you consider joining us to invite non-believers and those who have wandered away to Come and See. To help people achieve their first vocation. We will also be approaching people to assist in facilitating the program, be open to the will of God.

Psalm 46:10 – “Be still and know that I am God.”

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

✠ Mass Intentions ✠

Saturday, July 4	4:00 pm	Gary Kemp
Sunday, July 5	8:30 am	Walter P. McCarthy (11th Anniversary)
	11:00 am	Alfred J. Dumais (37th Anniversary)
Monday, July 6	8:30 am	Cynthia Clark
Tuesday, July 7	8:30 am	George Coonan
Wednesday, July 8	8:30 am	Joel Lavedure
Thursday, July 9	8:30 am	NO MASS
Friday, July 10	6:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Roch Parish
Saturday, July 11	4:00 pm	Martha Przelomski
Sunday, July 12	8:30 am	Delores Lyons (3rd Anniversary)
	11:00 am	Douglas Fortune



Sacrificial Offering

June 27 & 28

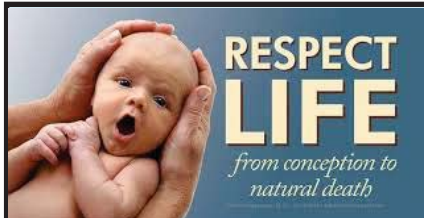
Offertory Envelopes	3,643.00
Second Collection	2,152.00
Online Giving	440.00
Other Sources of Income	<u>1,330.00</u>
	\$7,565.00



THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
Monday, July 6th as well as July 13-July 17.

334 Club Winners Week 2

1. **#448 Nancy Hardigan**
2. **#370 Judy Labonte**
3. **#177 Sandra Crossman**
4. **#599 Laurie Boucher**



Respect Life Meeting
Thurs, July 9th, 2026
6:30—8:00 PM
St. Joseph Church
Charlton MA



PRAY FOR ...

John & Bev Makowski, 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, 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, Judith Perry, Keyes Family, Jana Lamothe.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP FEED THE HUNGRY?

Can You Cook A Batch of American Chop Suey?

This cooking involves a very simple recipe. **Brown 1 pound of hamburger. Drain. Add 1 jar of spaghetti sauce. Cook 1 box of elbow macaroni. Mix all together and place in a gallon zip lock bag.**

AMERICAN CHOP SUEY DROP OFF

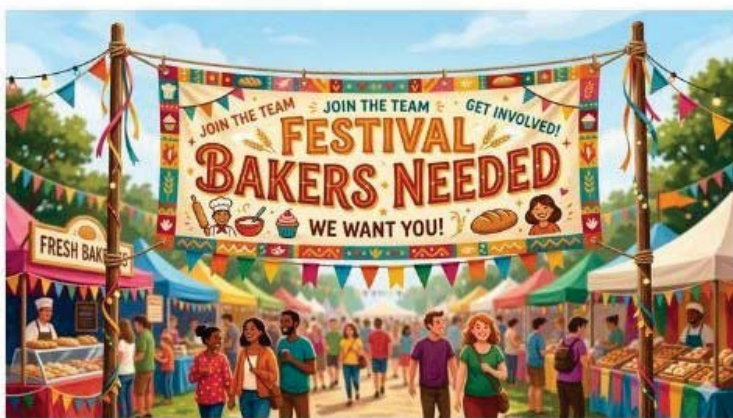
Donations may be dropped off in the church hall kitchen
Refrigerator on **Monday, July 6th before 3pm.**

As you know from various news reports, the earthquakes which struck parts of Venezuela have caused a humanitarian crisis for the people in the area, including more than one thousand deaths, countless injured, and tens of thousands of people left with nothing. Please consider a gift to support the response being provided through Caritas Venezuela, which is working in conjunction with Catholic Relief Services. Your online donation can get to work immediately.





One of the biggest attractions at our Festival is our large gift basket raffle. We are looking for people to donate items to create baskets or to donate a completed basket, already put together. Please drop off items and baskets at the Saint Ann Center by July 19th. Thank you for your support!



Another huge success at our Festival are our baked goods. Are you a baker? Share your skills with the parish to support our Festival.

To sign up to help at the Festival goto:
<https://strochoxford.flocknote.com/signup/263352>
 or scan the QR code below



RAFFLE!!

In honor of the 250th Anniversary of our Country, a parishioner so kindly donated a hand knitted, American Flag Afghan to be raffled off at our Parish Festival on July 25th. All proceeds collected are for the benefit of St. Roch's Parish. Tickets will be sold after Mass and are 1/\$5.00 and 3/\$10.00.



**WE APPRECIATE YOUR
SUPPORT & GOOD LUCK!**



**JOIN US at Polar Park for the
Worcester Red Sox
Sunday, August 9, 2026
1:05 Game**

ONLY 3 TICKETS LEFT!

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.)



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL #4241**

Meeting every ***first Tuesday*** of the month
at 6:30pm-July 7th.

All meetings will be held downstairs in the hall at **St. Roch 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

**SUBMIT FINAL TICKETS
FOR THE GIANT PARISH RAFFLE
NO LATER THAN 7/10 TO THE
PARISH OFFICE BEFORE NOON.**



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***Drawing to take place
July 18th at 7 pm***

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from St. Roch Church, 10 St. Roch Ave, Greenwich, CT.



St. Roch Church Festival BBQ Menu

Adult Dinner

- Main: 1/2 Chicken BBQ 🍗
- Side: Corn on the Cob 🌽
- Side: Potato Product 🥔
- Side: Salad 🥗

Child Dinner

- Main: Grilled Hotdog 🌭
- Side: Corn on the Cob 🌽
- Side: Potato Product 🥔

Drinks Sold Separately! CASH BAR!

**GET YOUR MEAL TICKETS
NOW!**



Oxford Ecumenical Food Shelf



Please Help with Foods for our Community's School Children.



Each summer, once school lets out, we provide our families with children with some additional foods for breakfast, lunch and snacks. We need boxes of cereal that children like to eat.

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

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

Thank you for your generosity.

If you need help providing food for yourself or your family, please come to see us. The Oxford Ecumenical Food Shelf is Oxford's food pantry.

Located in the lower level of the Oxford Community Center, 4 Maple Road, the 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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CATHOLIC MOMS GROUP

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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!

★ 4TH OF JULY ★

★ SPOT THE DIFFERENCE! ★

☆ Look closely! Can you find 10 differences between the two pictures? ☆



CAN YOU FIND 10 DIFFERENCES?

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Starting
July 21st...



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+ + In need of Baptism, First Communion, or Confirmation and over the age of 7?

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