

FIFTEENTH
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME



THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."

Matthew 13:23



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Mass Schedule

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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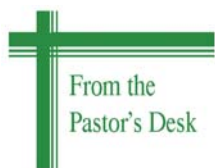
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Greetings to my brothers and sisters in Christ,

I wanted to share with you all some of the things that we have been working on for a while now. As you probably remember, we had the church boiler failure back in the late summer of 2023. We used some of the money from our Legacy of Hope to replace the boiler, which was one of the intended projects for our Legacy of Hope funds. The boiler cost was just under \$100,000, which left our Legacy of Hope significantly lower and unable to support the bathroom project, which was also an intended project for this money.

With the merger of the two parishes, both Legacy of Hope funds were also merged with a common intended project of a bathroom in the main body of the church. Over the past two and a half years since the boiler replacement, the Legacy of Hope fund has been growing. We are now just shy of \$70,000 in our Legacy of Hope account. I have been working with Nate Schroeder at the diocese, he has reviewed some similar projects that have taken place at other parishes, and he believes that \$70,000 would be enough to complete this long-awaited project.

One thing that was brought to our attention, while we were doing the lighting project a few months ago, was a safety concern with our electrical panel and service. There are scorch marks on one of the panels where major shorts have happened in the past, we also only have a 200-amp electrical service, and it should be a 400-amp service. This electrical repair and upgrade are required before we can do any more electrical work, especially increasing the load on an already taxed system. Nate and I will be meeting with an electrician on Monday and adding this as a prerequisite to the bathroom project. I have already met with one architect and will be meeting with another on Monday to get pricing to draw up plans for the new bathroom. Once we have architectural plans in hand, we can start bidding the contractors to complete the work. It is my intention to have all this completed by the fall, but there are a lot of variables at play: availability of the contractors and supplies, to name a couple. But I am excited to be able to announce this to you. This has been a long-awaited project, and it is exciting to see things coming together.

The other thing that I have been working on with Nate over the last couple of years is identifying deferred maintenance and safety concerns on the property. Nate has provided me with a comprehensive list of items that we have identified over this extended time. I am simplifying the report with estimated cost of repair, which I will provide you before the end of the summer. Just to list a few items that will be found on this list are new roofs on the Rectory and Saint Ann Center, as well as replacing the floor tiles under the pews, in the hall and choir loft.

One of the hardest things for a pastor to do is to ask for money, but this is exactly what I need to do. I spoke with Bishop McManus last month and presented what Nate and I found, and he approved Saint Roch to proceed with a capital campaign starting this fall and running for 36 months. As I mentioned above, I will have detailed information about this campaign over the next few weeks, including the list of identified deferred maintenance tasks and safety issues, along with the total amount that we are asking for. I am committing to you that I will be grant writing as projects are being completed to remove some of the burden that is placed on God's Good People. One thing that the diocese told me is that with any capital campaign, Partners in Charity will be added to the total that needs to be raised, so all will be collected together, and the campaign will send a check to Partners in Charity each year for the three years. So, people will not need to go to multiple places to make donations. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and understanding. Stay tuned for more information.

With all my love and blessings from God,

Fr. Jim

✠ Mass Intentions ✠

Saturday, July 11	4:00 pm	Martha Przelomski
Sunday, July 12	8:30 am	Delores Lyons (3rd Anniversary)
	11:00 am	Douglas Fortune
Monday, July 13	8:30 am	For the Parishioners of St. Roch Parish
Tuesday, July 14	8:30 am	Paul Graves Sr.
Wednesday, July 15	8:30 am	All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thursday, July 16	8:30 am	NO MASS
Friday, July 17	6:00 pm	Jeffrey Gentile & Family (living)
Saturday, July 18	4:00 pm	Stanley Sklarz
Sunday, July 19	8:30 am	Wanda & Donald Jalbert
	11:00 am	Kurt Edmond Trimby



Sacrificial Offering

July 4 & 5

Offertory Envelopes	4,239 .00
Second Collection	1,130.00
Online Giving	168.00
Other Sources of Income	252.00
	\$5,789.00



REMEMBER

The church office will be **CLOSED** for
BUSINESS JULY 13– JULY 17.

334 Club Winners Week 3

1. #467 Thomas Czechowski
2. #288 Mary Jane Racicot
3. #238 Frances La Riviere
4. #187 John Mastro



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.

GIANT PARISH RAFFLE WINNERS TO BE CHOSEN LIVE

Drawing to take place

July 18th at 7 pm

LIVE-streamed at www.parishraffle.com



1st PRIZE	\$30,000*
2nd PRIZE	\$10,000*
3rd PRIZE	\$8,000*
4th—23rd PRIZES	\$1,000* each

*ALL PRIZES ARE AWARDED AS
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from St. Roch Church, 10 St. Roch Ave, Greenwich, CT.

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



SCAN ME



FREE Community Dinner

For *Anyone & Everyone* including families!

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

July 14th from 5:00—6:00 PM

ST. ROCH PARISH HALL (2ND TUES OF EVERY MONTH)

Come Join Us for a Delicious Free Meal and Friendship!

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!

**USE QR CODE to buy BBQ Dinner
 tickets online or purchase physical tickets at
 the July 18 & 19 Masses.**



**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

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Payment due by July 15.

Gates open at 11:30 am. Polar Park Section 14.
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SATURDAY, JULY 18th, 2026
9:00 AM — 2:00 PM

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\$5
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Computer Towers, Laptops, DVD Players, VCR's, Small Printers, Stereos, Radios, Alarm Clocks, Speakers, Video Game Consoles, Table Lamps, Fans, Hair Dryers, Curling Irons, Projectors, Paper Shredders, Power Tools, Drills, Cameras, Clocks, Trophies, Frying Pans, Holiday Lights, Other Small Electronics.

\$10
EACH

Small Household Appliances, Vacuum Cleaners/Robots, Toaster Ovens, Ceiling Fans, Floor Lamps, Air Fryers, Electric Grills, Hot Plates, Small Radiators, Keyboard Pianos, Coffee Makers, Ice Makers, Small Garbage Disposal, Sewing Machines, Strollers, Car Seats.

\$20
EACH

Flat Screen Computer Monitors, Microwaves, Dehumidifiers, Air Conditioners, Water Coolers, Large Printers/Copiers, Leaf Blowers, Chainsaws, Heat Lamps, Artificial Christmas Trees, Fire Extinguishers, Propane Tanks (Empty).

\$25
EACH

TVs up to 26" CRT Monitors, Outdoor Grills, Dorm Sized Refrigerators

\$30
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TVs between 26" and 35," White Goods, Washing Machines, Dryers, Stoves, Dishwashers, Large Appliances, Large Yard Equipment, Treadmills, Exercise Equipment, Snow Blowers, Lawn Mowers, Rototillers, Large Generators, Motors, Water Tanks

\$35
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\$40
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Projection TVs

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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!

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.

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