

August 19, 2018

“Whoever

eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me.” - Jn 6:56-57

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MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil Mass (Saturday): 4:00 pm
Sunday Masses: 8:00 & 10:00 am
Weekday Masses
(Mon., Thurs. & Fri.): 9:00 am
Holy Day Masses: 9:00 am & 5:30 pm

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 3:00-3:30 pm

BAPTISM: By Appointment

Please see the Pastor after Mass for a form.

Baptisms must be scheduled at least one month in advance.

Baptism Preparation: **Mrs. Sheila Slik**
by appointment only.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Please contact the Pastor to make an appointment
twelve months in advance before making
plans for reception and wedding date.

St. Christopher Church

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“Behold Saint Christopher...
...Go Thy Way
in Safety”

CONTACT US

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MASS INTENTIONS

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 18th

4:00pm **Anne Conner,**
by Janet Nunn

Sunday, August 19th

8:00am **Mass**

10:00am **For our Parish Family**

Monday, August 20th

9:00am **Mass**

Tuesday, August 21st

No Mass

Wednesday, August 22nd

No Mass

Thursday, August 23rd

9:00am **Robert Moynagh,**
by Steve & Fran Flattery

Friday, August 24th

9:00am **Mass**

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 25th

4:00pm **Mass**

Sunday, August 26th

8:00am **Mass**

10:00am **Georgette Camere, 2nd Anniversary,**
by Joe and Diane

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) New England is seeking non-profit partners for the 2018-2019 (September to June) year. IVC volunteers, men and women 50 years of age and better, work one or two full days/week with programs addressing poverty and marginalization.

There is a small partnership fee.

Contact Dave Hinchin, IVC New England Regional Director, at dhinchin@ivcusa.org or visit website at www.ivcusa.org for more info.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S PRAYER LINE

If you have a request for prayers, or know of someone who might, please call and leave a message for me. All we need is the person's first name and the nature of the request (example: Annie - for successful operation).



I will contact those on the Prayer Line to add the intention to their list.

Also, if you want to join us in prayer, please call Janet Stank at 508-852-8117.



FAITH IN ACTION

Loving God by serving others

THANK YOU to all our parishioners who have made their annual gift to the 2018 Partners in Charity Appeal, which serves 28 vital charitable, educational and pastoral ministries. However, we need the support of all members of our parish if we are to be successful in reaching our parish goal.

St. Christopher's Parish has raised \$21,463 from 113 gifts received thus far, putting us at 63.5% toward our goal of \$33,800!

Your gift or pledge helps the church fulfill its mission to respond to the needs of our brothers and sisters who look to us for hope. They could be your neighbors, co-workers, or even someone right here at Mass with us today.

Please reflect on the blessings you have received from God as you prayerfully consider a pledge or gift to the Partners in Charity Appeal.

If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, envelopes are located in the pews. Checks should be made payable to "Partners in Charity."

You can also make your gift online at www.partners-charity.net.



Thank you!

Fr. Stanley

Open House for Boy Scout Troop 9, Worcester

Boys, ages 11 and over and in grade 6 and over, are invited to attend an Open House on Thursday, September 6th at 7:30 p.m. at Greendale People's Church, 25 Francis Street in Worcester.

Scout activities include camping, hiking, rock climbing, swimming, kayaking, sports, canoeing, skiing, etc.

Email Scoutmaster.Troop9@gmail.com, visit website at Troop9Worcester.org, or call 508-856-0303.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

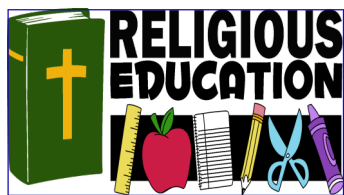
Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend for married Christian couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together.



The next weekends are

Sep 15-16, 2018 in Medway, MA
and Dec 7-9, 2018 in Duxbury, MA.

Call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/> for info.



Registration forms were sent out earlier this month. Please complete the form and return it to the Religious Education Office in person or by mail.

Registration forms may also be placed into the collection basket at Mass.

Mrs. Slik and/or Mrs. Dadah will be available in the main entrance of the church after the 4 PM Mass on Saturday, August 25th, and after the 10 AM Mass on Sunday, August 26th.

Please stop by to drop off your registration form, registration fee, and to have any questions answered about our religious education program.



Also, if your child is entering first grade and you have not yet received a registration form by mail, please contact the Religious Education Office or stop by in the main entrance of the church on August 25th or August 26th to say "hello" and to get a form.

ATTN: Religious Education Teachers

There will be a Teachers' Meeting on Thursday, August 23rd at 6:30 p.m. downstairs in the Religious Education Office.

Please make every effort to attend this meeting.

Also, we are in need of a first grade teacher. If anyone is interested or has any questions, please call the Religious Education Office at 508-853-3302 or come to the Teachers' Meeting on August 23rd.



We are currently looking for volunteers to help us once a month with Sunday Morning Coffee Shop.

Volunteers serve donuts & bagels, along with coffee & tea, downstairs in the church hall for all to enjoy between the 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Masses. If you can help or have any questions, please see Angela or Rich Halloran at Sunday Morning Coffee Shop or call the rectory at 508-853-1492.

We are now accepting donations of new or gently-used items for the White Elephant Table at our upcoming Christmas Festival. Donated items should be clean and



should not include any food items, clothing, large furniture items, or opened or unsealed beauty products. **Please leave donations inside the church entrance doors, clearly marked "Christmas Festival."**

Also, if you would like to volunteer to help with the White Elephant Table or if you have any questions about the Christmas Festival, please call Diane at 508-852-5012 or Joe at 508-832-5098. Thank you all!

Join Us For Coffee, Donuts and Conversation

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH HALL
Every Sunday following the 8:00 a.m. Mass

This is a great chance to meet new people and to spend some time with dear friends.

This Week

Sunday, August 19th

Coffee Shop

Following the 8:00am Mass

Church Hall

Monday, August 20th

NO Wachusett Community Band Practice

Tuesday, August 21st

Religious Education Office Hours

10:00am-2:00pm

Rel. Ed. Office/Church Hall

"Pure in Heart" Pick-up Volleyball Game (Ages 18-35)

7:00pm

St. Christopher's Volleyball Field

Thursday, August 23rd

Religious Education Office Hours

6:30-7:30pm

Rel. Ed. Office/Church Hall

Friday, August 24th

Bingo (Call Leo at 508-853-9492 to help.)

7:00pm

Church Hall

Saturday, August 25th

Religious Education Registration (2018-19 year)

Following 4:00pm Mass

Front Church Entrance

Sunday, August 26th

NO Coffee Shop

Reception for Deacon John Barton

Following the 10:00am Mass

Church Hall

Religious Education Registration (2018-19 year)

Following the 10:00am Mass

Front Church Entrance

Offertory Collection

Weekly Goal:	\$3,551
Last Weekend:	\$3,624
Surplus:	\$ 73
Number of Envelopes:	101
Loose Money:	\$ 527
Church in Central/Eastern Europe:	\$ 529
Air Conditioning (to date):	\$11,361

Year-to-Date Budget: \$177,550
 Year-to-Date Collections: 147,459
 Year-to-Date Electronic Payments: 18,812
 Year-to-Date Deficit: (\$ 11,279)

Next weekend's second collection is for fuel.

Thank you for your continued support!



If you manage your bills online, you may enjoy the convenience of giving to St. Christopher's online. It's safe and secure, and you decide exactly

when your gift is made and where it goes. You can even view your giving history and pledge progress at any time, just by logging in. Please visit www.stchristopherworcester.org and click the "Online Giving" link to get started or to access your existing account.

50-50 CLUB

The next round of drawings is scheduled to begin on Monday, September 3rd.

Please plan to either begin or renew your 50/50 membership after Mass this weekend, August 18th & 19th, or next weekend, August 25th & 26th. Visit the table in the main entrance of the church for renewals and details.

Renewals may also be made by placing your money in an envelope, along with your name & 50/50 number, and placing the envelope into the collection basket.

The winner for week 8
 (August 13, 2018):
 #16 - Angela Halloran

Good luck to all our 50/50 members!



† STEWARDSHIP ✉

What shall I render unto the Lord
 for all his benefits to me?

**"Watch carefully then how you live,
 not as foolish persons but as wise . . ."**

~Ephesians 5:15

A wise person recognizes that all we have
 and all we are comes from God.

A wise person thanks God continually
 throughout the day for all His many blessings.

A wise person realizes that God has blessed us
 for a reason and that He wants us to
 help Him build His kingdom on earth.

St. Thomas More Law School Scholarship

Each year the St. Thomas More Society of our Diocese awards a scholarship of not less than \$3,000 to a law student attending an accredited law school.

Applicants or parents must be registered and active members of a parish in the Diocese of Worcester.

Applicants may be in any year of law school studies.

Call Sara Smillie at 508-929-4345 or visit website at www.worcesterdiocese.org/st-thomas-more-society



to obtain an application. Applications are due on or before September 21, 2018.

Contributions to this scholarship fund may also be made by calling 508-929.4345.

Eucharistic Minister Volunteer Openings

**UMass Memorial Medical Center
 Memorial Campus, 119 Belmont St., Worcester**

UMass Memorial Medical Center has volunteer openings for Eucharistic Ministers to administer Communion to Catholic patients during their hospital stay.

Volunteer commitment is one day
 a week for 2-3 hours.

If interested, call Tatjana Abovich, Coordinator,
 Volunteer Services, at 508-334-6308.



RESTORE THE CHURCH BUILD THE FUTURE

Thank you for your generous contributions last week to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe! Your donations help **restore the Church and build the future** in over 25 countries.

If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give, visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.



In this Sunday's Gospel, the conflict escalates in the Bread of Life Discourse. Confusion is mounting in the crowd. "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

Their minds were thinking literally, not mystically. Jesus doesn't seem to help, however, and only drives his point home with more emphasis. "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." Jesus would later institute the

Eucharist at the Last Supper. There he would definitively establish the sacramental reality in which bread and wine become substantially his own Body and Blood. We celebrate this sacrament in the Mass.

Perhaps we do not always understand what we receive.

"My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink." What is the essence of food and drink? Food nourishes our bodies, providing essential calories for our survival.

Water is used throughout the body to cushion joints, regulate body temperature, and protect sensitive tissues like the brain. When we receive the Eucharist, we 'receive the spiritual equivalent of these essential elements. Like water, the Eucharist strengthens the sanctifying grace moving through us. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." The Eucharist connects us intimately to Jesus and confirms our union with him. That is why we abstain from the Eucharist while in a state of mortal sin. It would be a contradiction and deep disrespect to these words of Jesus. To receive the Body and Blood of Jesus is not a right but a gift we receive with deep humility.

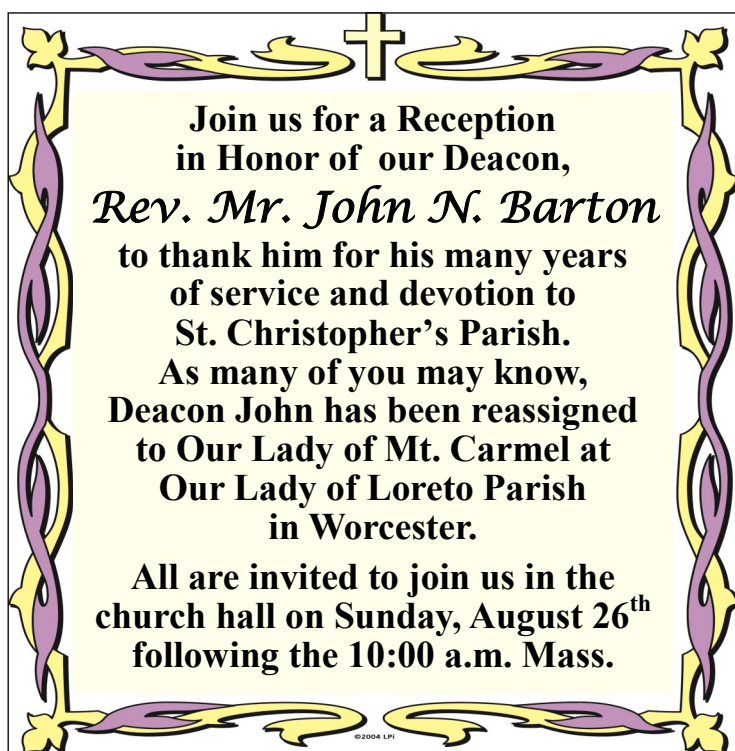
As we receive the Bread of Life, grace strengthens our love, separates us from sin -- even wiping away venial sins -- unifies us with the universal Church, and helps commit us to humble service. Together we are nourished for our mission in the world!



**Sunday,
September 23, 2018
Quinsigamond
Community College,
Worcester**

If interested in walking, volunteering or donating, visit act.alz.org/Worcester or call Catherine Leary, Development Officer, at 508-799-2386.

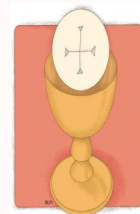
For programs & services on Alzheimer's Disease, call Alzheimer's 24/7 Helpline at 1-800-272-3900.



**Join us for a Reception
in Honor of our Deacon,
Rev. Mr. John N. Barton
to thank him for his many years
of service and devotion to
St. Christopher's Parish.
As many of you may know,
Deacon John has been reassigned
to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel at
Our Lady of Loreto Parish
in Worcester.**

**All are invited to join us in the
church hall on Sunday, August 26th
following the 10:00 a.m. Mass.**

We have Communion Ministers who visit parishioners who are unable to attend Mass. If you know someone who is homebound or recovering from illness and would like to receive the Eucharist, please call Mary Sullivan at 508-853-5787.



4th Annual PARISH POLISH FESTIVAL
St. Andrew Bobola Church, 54 W. Main St., Dudley
Friday, August 24th beginning at 4:30 p.m. and
Saturday, August 25th beginning at 11:00 a.m.
Family fun and entertainment including Polish and American food, raffles, flea market, games of chance, pastry booth, and kids' games & prizes.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Jordan
March 17th - 28th, 2019

St. Andrew Bobola Parish in Dudley is sponsoring a pilgrimage to Israel and Jordan. The all-inclusive cost with breakfasts & dinners is \$3,190 (double occupancy). Single room supplement is \$300.

Call Fr. Chris at 508-943-5633 or email rectory@standrewbobola.net for details.

1230AM & 970AM Emmanuel Radio
101.1 FM WESO—FM Radio Launch

1230AM & 970AM Emmanuel Radio will launch its third Catholic radio station, 101.1FM WESO on September 13, 2018! Emmanuel Radio is a non-profit organization whose express ministry is to proclaim the Gospel of the Lord through the New Evangelization.

Tune in to listen to Daily Mass, Daily Rosary, and quality Catholic programs from EWTN.

To donate, visit 1230radio.com.

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