October 14, 2018

28th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:27

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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"

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Parish office is closed on Friday.

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MASS INTENTIONS

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 13th
4:00pm **For our Parish Family**
Sunday, October 14th
8:00am **Mass**
10:00am **Deacon Chris Meyers,**
Birthday Remembrance,
by Bob & Mary Anne Josephson
Monday, October 15thl
9:00am **Mass**
Tuesday, October 16th
No Mass
Wednesday, October 17th
No Mass
Thursday. October 18th
9:00am **Mass**
Friday, October 19th
9:00am **Mass**

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 20th
4:00pm **Mass**
Sunday, October 21st
8:00am **Gloria Halloran**
by Family
10:00am **Anne Blanton,**
by Family

Dementia Caregiver Support Groups

All are welcome for learning, sharing & support.

Dementia

St. John's Church Hall
44 Temple Street in Worcester
on the First Tuesday of the Month at 5:00 p.m.

Ducharme Center, 10 Dupont Street, Worcester
(behind Holy Family Parish at St. Joseph Church)
on the Third Thursday of the Month at 9:30 a.m.

Call Jeanne Pellegrino, Alzheimer Program Director at St. Francis Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, at 508-471-2272 for more information.

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.

We are happy to announce that we have a newly-designed parish website! Our thanks to Cindy and Mike Barnaby for helping to design and implement the new website.

Our new parish website offers access to weekly bulletins and information on parish ministries, clubs & activities, youth & young adult events, diocesan news & events, and much more. Our website also offers parishioners the opportunity to make regular offertory donations to the parish via Online Giving for those who do not wish to use weekly offertory envelopes. The website also offers a link to the diocesan daily Mass from St. Paul Cathedral for anyone who may be unable to attend Mass due to illness or accessibility.

Please visit *www.stchristopherworcester.org* ....
...and let us know what you think!

Reminder Regarding Daily Morning Mass

Because it will be getting colder in the church, Mass on Monday and Thursday mornings will soon be celebrated downstairs in the church hall (signs will be posted as you enter into the church). We do this in order to keep our heating costs down.

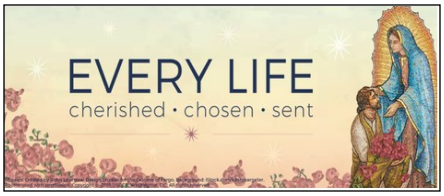
Please note that Friday morning Mass will ALWAYS be celebrated in the church.

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.

Join Catholics nationwide in celebrating Respect Life Month in October.

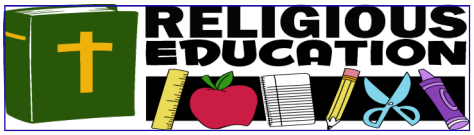


Learn more at *www.usccb.org/respectlife*.

Taizé

Blessed Sacrament Church
551 Pleasant St., Worcester
Sunday, October 14th ~ 7 p.m.

All are invited to this evening of sacred music and prayer. Songbooks will be available to join in the song, if desired. The Taize group will continue on the second Sunday of the month through the month of December, 2018.



Sunday, October 14th

Grade 9 only will meet from 9:00-10:00 a.m. on the church hall stage.
Grades 1-6 will meet from 11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. in the church hall.
Grade 2 Parent Meeting (First Reconciliation) at 11:00 a.m. in the church hall.

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Sunday, October 21st

Grades 7-9 will meet from 11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. in the church hall.
Confirmation Class (Gr. 10) will meet from 11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. in the church sacristy.

IMPORTANT: We encourage all students & parents to attend Mass together at 10 a.m. just prior to Religious Education classes.

Turkey Dinner Fundraiser for Serra Club

Publick House, 277 Main Street, Sturbridge
Monday, October 15th
1st Seating-4:30-6:15 pm; 2nd Seating-6:30-7:30 pm

$14 per dinner/adults; $5 per dinner/children
Call or text 508-574-2630 or
email *serrasoworcco@gmail.com*.

2018 CURSILLO WEEKEND FOR WOMEN

Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center
Putnam, CT
Thursday, October 25th-Sunday, October 28th

Cursillo or "short course in Christianity" is an uplifting and educational experience. The weekend is full of laughter, prayer, great music, wonderful meals & more. Contact Sue Leighton at 508-278-3155 or by email at *sleighton1958@gmail.com.*

WORD OF LIFE

"Heavenly Father . . . give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable, and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living."
~USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Every Life is Worth Living" Prayer Card

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S RETIRED CLUB

St. Christopher's Church Hall
Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 17th ~ 1 p.m.

We will be saying the Rosary at our October meeting. Anyone and everyone is welcome to join us for this special recitation of the Rosary.

The Retired Club is open to all parishioners and their friends who are age 55 and older. Call Phyllis Carrigan at 508-853-2649 for info.

This Week

Sunday, October 14th		
Coffee Shop	Following the 8:00am Mass	Church Hall
Religious Education Class (Grade 9 only)	9:00-10:00am	Church Hall Stage
Religious Education Classes (Grades 1-6)	11:00am-12:15pm	Church Hall
Grade 2 Parent Meeting (First Reconciliation)	11:00am	Church Hall
Monday, October 15th		
Wachusett Community Band Practice	6:30-8:30pm	Church Hall
Tuesday, October 16th		
Religious Education Office Hours	10:00am-2:00pm	Rel. Ed. Office/Church Hall
Wednesday, October 17th		
Retired Club Meeting	1:00pm	Church Hall
Thursday, October 18th		
Celebrate Priesthood Event	5:30-7:30pm	Atrium, St. Vincent Hospital, Worc.
Religious Education Office Hours	6:30-7:30pm	Rel. Ed. Office/Church Hall
Friday, October 19th		
Bingo (Call Leo at 508-853-9492 to help.)	7:00pm	Church Hall
Sunday, October 21st		
Coffee Shop	Following the 8:00am Mass	Church Hall
Religious Education Classes (Grades 7-9)	11:00am-12:15pm	Church Hall
Confirmation Class (Grade 10)	11:00am-12:15pm	Church Sacristy

Offertory Collection

Weekly Goal:	$3,551
Last Weekend:	$2,914
Deficit:	($ 637)
Number of Envelopes:	92
Loose Money:	$ 409
Renovation & Maintenance:	$ 799
Air Conditioning (to date):	$12,160

Year-to-Date Budget:	$21,306
Year-to-Date Collections:	16,950
Year-to-Date Electronic Payments:	1,853
Year-to-Date Deficit:	($ 2,503)

Next weekend's second collection is for *World Mission Sunday.*
Envelopes for "All Souls" offerings may also be placed in with the second collection.
Thank you for your continued support!

Catholic Schools Night at Worcester Railers

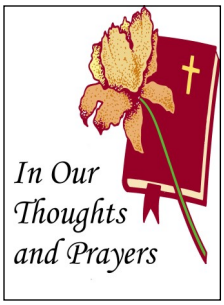
Opening Night: Saturday, October 20th at 7:00 p.m.

The Diocese of Worcester and The Catholic Schools Office are offering an Opening Night Discount! All tickets are $14 in the upper level mid-ice section and $16 in the lower level mid-ice section (a $6 & $11 savings per ticket)! Visit *https:railershc.com/worcesterdiocese* or contact Connor Haynes at *connorh@railershc.com* or at 508-365-1752 for more information.

Knights of Columbus Pro-Life Mass

St. Paul's Cathedral, 15 Chatham Street, Worcester
Sunday, October 21st at 10:15 a.m. All are welcome!

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP



Our Lady of Good Counsel Church
111 Worcester Street, West Boylston
Six sessions beginning
Monday, October 15th ~ 1-2:30 p.m.
This faith-based program offers insights about grieving in a healthy way to work toward healing.
Call Renate Isbell at 508-835-3286 to register or for more information.

50-50 CLUB

The winner for week 6 (October 8, 2018):
#56 - Kay & Dick Ekberg

Good luck to all our 50/50 members!

TIME•TALENT•TREASURE

"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."
~Mark 10:25

Jesus uses tough language that we may not want to hear. But, we are all called to be generous with all our gifts. Not just the ones we pick and choose, but all our gifts: our time in prayer to God, our talent in participating in parish ministries, and our treasure supporting our local parish and other charities.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In his message for **World Mission Sunday 2018**, our Holy Father reflects on how life itself is a mission.

"To live out joyfully our responsibility for the world is a great challenge. . . Each one of us is called to reflect on this fact: 'I am a mission on this Earth; that is the reason why I am here in this world.' (Evangelii Gaudium 273)."

The world's missions include approximately 1,100 dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands & remote regions of Latin America. Help is offered for pastoral and evangelizing programs, for catechists and catechetical work, to build churches and chapels, for the work of religious communities in health care and education, and for communication and transportation needs.

All Catholics have the opportunity to share in the "mission of the servants of the Word" through active participation in the efforts of the four Pontifical Mission Societies: The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, the Holy Childhood Association, the Society of St. Peter Apostle and the Missionary Union of Priests and Religious. All of us can be a part of this effort, especially through prayer and through encouraging others to come to an awareness of their own role in the Church's missionary work by virtue of their Baptism.

I urge all in our diocesan family to share in the work of evangelization, offering your prayers and sacrifices for the Church's missionary efforts and in a special way on this **World Mission Sunday on the weekend of October 21**. Your generous support for this collection will also be a source of blessing for our own Diocese as we place evangelization at the heart of our Church's life and mission. This year, we are invited as well into a special opportunity to engage with Pope Francis and learn more about his missions. To do so, visit *missio.org*.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain
Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

Christian author C.S. Lewis once wrote that Christianity is not so much about being nice people but in being "new men." We see this contrast in today's Gospel. "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus first answers in the predictable way. Follow the commandments! "Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth." Perhaps for some of us it's easy to answer this way. "I'm a good person!" he seems to reply. Does he truly follow all the commandments he professes to follow? Does he -- in word and deed -- check off all the boxes of the moral law? Perhaps. Whether he's being honest or fudging the truth, Jesus accepts his answer at face value with compassion. "Jesus, looking at him, loved him."

But he's not done yet! Jesus wants to remind us that this attitude alone is not enough. "Go, sell what you have; then come, follow me." Jesus' invitation to the young man is radical. Abandon everything that gives you any sense of security. Give it all up for an unknown future with a wandering preacher.

The Christian life is not easy. "How hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!" It's easier, Jesus says, for a gigantic camel to squeeze itself through a tiny needle's eye. But the God of the universe creates out of nothing, breaks the bars of hell, and raises the dead to life. Is a needle's eye really such an obstacle? Jesus' invitation is always bigger than our own limitations. This week, what do we need to offer up? How is Jesus inviting us to follow him?

ADDICTION SUPPORT GROUP

Emmaus Center (downstairs)
(across the street from Sacred Heart Church)
18 E. Main Street, Webster
Saturday, October 20th from 1:30-2:45 p.m.

Calix is a Catholic support group (supplement to AA) for those directly affected by alcohol/addiction, and for family and friends who are also affected. This is the first Calix Society in the Worcester Diocese (A New Hope). Meetings are open to all and will continue on the third Saturday of each month. Call Kyle at 508-887-2225 for more information.

St. Christopher's Christmas Festival . . .

Saturday, December 1st

We are accepting donations of new or gently-used items for the White Elephant Table for 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.

We would also welcome any new or barely-used items (handmade or store bought) for our Raffle Table.

Please leave donations inside the church entrance doors, clearly marked "Christmas Festival."

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

Notre Dame Academy

425 Salisbury Street, Worcester
Sunday, October 21st from 2-4 pm

Students currently in fifth, sixth, seventh & eighth grade are encouraged to attend.
Call Office of Admissions at 508-757-6200, Ext. 229 or email *admissions@nda-worc.org* to pre-register.
Visit website at *www.nda-worc.org* to register for Grades 7-9 entrance exam on November 3rd or for info.

St. John's High School

378 Main Street, Shrewsbury
Tuesday, October 16th at 6 pm

For information, call Admissions at 508-842-8934, Ext. 266 or visit *www.stjohnshigh.org*.
Placement test is October 27th.

Holy Name Central Catholic Junior/Senior High School

144 Granite Street, Worcester
Sunday, October 28th from 12-2 pm

Call 508-753-6371 or visit *www.holyname.net*.

St. Peter Marion Junior-Senior High School

781 Grove Street, Worcester
Sunday, October 28th from 1-3:30 pm

Pre-register by calling 508-852-5555, Ext. 114 or by going online at *http:spmguardians.org*.

St. Mary's Schools, 50 Richland St., Worcester

Wednesday, October 24th from 6:30-8:30 pm

Openings for Grades PreK-12.
Call 508-753-1170 or visit *www.stmarysworcester.org*.