



MASS SCHEDULE ©LPI

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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MASS INTENTIONS

Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 8th (Immaculate Conception)

9:00am **For our Parish Family**

4:00pm **Luigi & Assunta Mischitelli,**
by Family

Sunday, December 9th

8:00am **Barbara Deir Knott,**
by Family

10:00am **Deceased Members of**
The O'Malley & Moloney Families,
by Family

Monday, December 10th

9:00am **Mass**

Tuesday, December 11th

No Mass

Wednesday, December 12th

No Mass

Thursday, December 13th

9:00am **Mass**

Friday, December 14th

9:00am **Mass**

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 15th

4:00pm **Lilia Butler,**
by Husband

Sunday, December 16th

8:00am **Frank A. Zingarelli,**
by Family

10:00am **Mass**

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.



Christmas Festival Thank You

Thank you to Joe Camere and Diane Bennett our Coordinators—who worked diligently for many months to make sure that everything at our Festival would add up to be a wonderful day—and it was—Thanks especially to all our parishioners, helpers and volunteers and all those who spent countless hours throughout the year getting ready; the crafters who donated their time, talent and treasure; those who donated gifts and all the people who **helped in any way** to make this Christmas Festival a wonderful event and gathering for everyone to enjoy!

It is so difficult to make sure that every group or individual is recognized without leaving someone out, so I want you all to know that this **THANK YOU** is meant for **EVERYONE**—even if I do forget someone. I am so very grateful for your faithfulness and willingness to help and be of service to our parish. Because of you and all the many people from around the area who supported us, and visited us on Saturday, our total raised—“so far”—is \$9,800.—(without other revenue yet to be added in.)

Elizabeth, one of our younger parishioners and altar servers, with her Mom, staffed the “Young Peoples” area on the stage and had a great time with the Activity Table and cookie decorating and the Cake Walk. She was overwhelmed and beaming with joy and so very thankful because she was able to help and be a part of the Festival. (Simply put: she is a great example to all of us!)

Thanks also to Jim Joinville (our Music Director) and some of the Chorus Students from Quaboag Regional M.H.S who provided some uplifting and spirit-filled Christmas music in the Hall while everyone was eating and shopping and visiting. I hope they will be able to do it again!

Thanks to all our Vendors who made some wonderful donations for the Festival. And we can't forget O'Connor's Restaurant and Gino's Calzones for the Food and Pat, Gino, Rich and David and parishioners who helped in the Kitchen. And we most definitely Thank all the pastry, bread and cookie bakers. They really did bring thousands of cookies.

We also must thank our Hall take-down and clean-up crew (“kids”) (were also very grateful for the pizza!)—they were wonderful as they swiftly and easily lifted and transported boxes up and down the stairs, rearranged tables and chairs & carried trash to the dumpster. Ron did a super job ‘policing the area’ and re-cycle duty during the day too!

For the 4th year, we also thank the two U.S. Marine Corps Corporals from Ft. Devens who staffed the **Toys for Tots** area. They shared and listened to many a story with some of our veterans and were fascinated with a Parris Island Marine Platoon photo from 1940 and my Dad's Marine ID card! We also made sure they had some cookies for their journey home. And most gratefully we thank them for their visit with us and for their service to our nation.

So, once again I Thank You All, and apologize if I missed anyone and say God Bless You for your help and support, your time, talent and treasure, and heartfelt generosity for all you do for St. Christopher's Parish.

Fr. Stanley



Sunday, December 9th

Grade 9 only will meet from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the church hall.

Grades 1-6 will meet from 11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. in the church hall.

Rehearsal for Christmas Pageant (Grades 1-6) will be held from 12:15-12:45 p.m. in the church hall.

Sunday, December 16th

Grades 7-9 will meet from 11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. in the church hall.

Rehearsal for Christmas Pageant (Grades 1-6) will be held from 11:15-11:45 a.m. in the church hall.

IMPORTANT: We encourage all students & parents to attend Mass together at 10:00 a.m. just prior to Religious Education classes.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S RETIRED CLUB

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 16th ~ 1 p.m.

St. Christopher's Church Hall

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 information.



NOTE: Meetings are cancelled in the event that Worcester schools have a delay or cancellation due to inclement weather.

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

Tune in to cable TV on Charter TV3 (Channel 193) to watch this animated family special. The program will air on Saturday, December 15th at 6:00 p.m. The program will also be rebroadcast on Sunday, December 16th at 6:00 a.m. & on Wednesday, December 19th at 9:30 a.m.

Holy Hour to Pray for Priests

Immaculate Conception Church
353 Grove Street, Worcester

Friday, December 14th ~ 7:00-8:00 p.m.

This holy hour will be held again on the second Friday of each month. All are welcome!

Prayer & a Call to Action Regarding Addiction

Blessed Sacrament Church, 555 Pleasant St., Worc.

Tuesday, December 11th at 7:00 p.m.

All are welcome to this interfaith prayer service for hope, recovery and guidance in this matter of addiction that affects us all.

This is an inter-generational service that is family focused. All are invited!

ADORATION on Thursdays

St. Bernard Church of Our Lady of Providence Parish

228 Lincoln Street, Worcester

Adoration will be held on Thursdays beginning after the 8:15 a.m. Mass until 6:45 p.m. If you can commit to spending one hour with Jesus, please call the parish at 508-755-3820.



Sunday, December 9th

Coffee Shop

Religious Education (Grade 9 only)

Religious Education (Grades 1-6)

Rehearsal for Christmas Pageant (Grades 1-6)

Monday, December 10th

NO Wachusett Community Band Practice

Tuesday, December 11th

Religious Education Office Hours

Boy Scout Troop 9 Meeting

Thursday, December 13th

Religious Education Office Hours

Friday, December 14th

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

Sunday, December 16th

Coffee Shop

Religious Education Classes (Grades 7-9)

Rehearsal for Christmas Pageant (Grades 1-6)

Following the 8:00am Mass

9:00-10:00am

11:00am-12:15pm

12:15-12:45pm

Church Hall

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10:00am-2:00pm

7:30-9:00pm

Rel. Ed. Office/Church Hall

Church Hall

6:30-7:30pm

Rel. Ed. Office/Church Hall

7:00pm

Church Hall

Following the 8:00am Mass

11:15am-12:15pm

11:15-11:45am

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Offertory Collection

Weekly Goal:	\$3,465
Last Weekend:	\$2,797
Deficit:	(\$ 668)
Number of Envelopes:	90
Loose Money:	\$ 479
Renovation & Maintenance:	\$ 785
Air Conditioning (to date):	\$12,771

Year-to-Date Budget:	\$48,510
Year-to Date Collections:	38,983
Year-to Date Electronic Payments:	4,945
Year-to Date Deficit:	\$ 4,582

This weekend's second collection is for the
Retirement Fund for Religious.

Next weekend's second collection is for
Christmas Flowers.

Thank you for your continued support!



PRAYER PROGRAM

**Marie Anne Center at
St. Bernard Church**
228 Lincoln Street, Worc.
Tuesdays, 10-11:30 a.m.



December 11th - Regina O'Connor,
Director of Social Concerns for the Sisters of
Saint Anne and Vacations that Give
"Making Straight the Path"

December 18th - Sr. Yvette Bellerose, SSA,
Co-director of Women of Faith,
a Ministry of the Sisters of Saint Anne
"In the Light of Joy"

Blessed Sacrament Church
551 Pleasant Street, Worcester
Sunday, December 9th at 7:00 p.m.



All are invited to come together in song & prayer
for peace in the world and unity in the Christian faith.
Songbooks available to sing along. Also, contact
Will Raymond at will@rbusinessservices.com
or at 508-775-3847 if you wish to sing in the choir.

50-50 CLUB

The winner for week 4
(December 3, 2018):
#35 - Peter Cutillo
Good luck to all our 50/50 members!



TIME • TALENT • TREASURE

**"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase
ever more and more in knowledge and every kind
of perception, to discern what is of value . . ."**

~Philippians 1:9-10

Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship
values and distort our needs and wants. It is
important that during this season of endless buying
we remember that each of us also has the need to
give back to God and to those who are in need.

Cathedral of St. Paul

Saturday, December 15th ~ 10 a.m.

All are welcome to the priesthood
ordination of Deacon Juan Sanchez.
Two transitional deacons will also
be ordained on this same date.



St. Richard Church is planning
to begin a Grief Support Group.
This 10-week group will be held
on Wednesday evenings from
7:00-8:30 p.m. in the downstairs
chapel of St. Richard Church,
4 Bridge Street in Sterling.

The group will be facilitated by Bereavement
Counselor, Peggie Arcouette, MSW, LCSW, BC.
The group will be limited to twelve people & sessions
may begin before Christmas if there is interest.
Call Fr. Steuterman at St. Richard's at 978-422-8881
or Peggie at 508-735-6634 if interested.

Reminders Regarding Weekday Morning Mass

To keep heating costs down, Mass on
Monday and Thursday mornings will be
celebrated downstairs in the church hall
(signs will be posted as you enter into
the church). Please note that Friday
morning Mass will ALWAYS be
held in the church.

**ALSO, daily morning Mass will be
cancelled in the case of inclement
weather when Worcester schools
have delays or cancellations.**

On snowy mornings, the church parking
lot may not be plowed out as yet.
Vehicles driving into the lot make the
plowing more difficult. We also
do not want people coming out in
hazardous weather conditions.



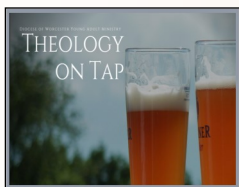


Many thanks to the following businesses who supported us with donations to this year's Christmas Festival:

O'Connor's Restaurant & Bar—George's Barber Shop
 Worcester Bravehearts—Finder's Pub
 New England Roast Beef, Inc.—The Mill
 McGovern's Greendale Liquors—Lou Roc's Diner
 Ava's Beauty Salon—Jerry's Hardware
 O'Hara's Wine & Liquors—Papa Gino's
 Jungle Jim's Garden Center—My Salon
 Holmes-Shusas Florists, Inc.—Sharon St. Germain
 Panera Bread, 120 Gold Star Blvd., Worcester
 Home Depot, 130 Gold Star Blvd., Worcester
 Clothes Clinic—The Little Gym—Flagg RV
 S & S Marketplace—Apple Homecare & Rehab
 Elegant Nails & Spa—99 Restaurant & Pub
 Crown Bakery—The Draught House Bar & Grill
 Gardner Automotive—Pucci's—Franco's Pizza
 Christmas Tree Shops—Quinn's Irish Pub
 Shaw's, 368 Southbridge St., Auburn
 Shaw's 14 West Boylston St., Worcester
 Stop & Shop, 940 W. Boylston St., Worcester
 In Bloom-Designs by Lisa—The Sole Proprietor
 A Shower of Roses Religious Shop—Boulevard Diner
 Price Chopper, 72 Pullman Street, Worcester
 Chick-fil A, 80 Gold Star Blvd., Worcester
 Wraps N' Bowls—Pass It On Consignment
 Honey Dew Donuts, 1181 W. Boylston St., Worcester
 Metro West Surplus Army Navy—Oli's Italian Eatery
 Nutrition Source—Papa John's Pizza
 West Boylston Seafood & Restaurant

We also thank our volunteers and individual contributors who have helped with this event.

Compass Tavern, 90 Harding St., Worcester
Tuesday, December 11th
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.



All young adults, ages 18-39, are invited to this monthly gathering in an informal, laid-back atmosphere to meet other young adults, encounter Christ, and dive deeper into various topics and real-life issues that relate to our faith. Food & drinks available for purchase. This month's speaker, Fr. Nick Desimone, will begin around 7:15 p.m. and his topic will be "The Last Things" (Death, Judgement, Heaven & Hell). Visit www.neworchester.org/young-adult-events.



'TIS THE SEASON!

Our Giving Tree is up! Parishioners may choose a tag and purchase an age-appropriate gift for a child in need affiliated with Pernet Family Health Service or Urban Missionaries of Our Lady of Hope.

Please follow these guidelines for gift-giving to facilitate the distribution of gifts as well as to help our environment:

- 1) **DO NOT wrap any gifts or place them in decorated gift bags and do not enclose ribbon, bows or any external decorations. Instead, please use plain brown bags or cardboard boxes.**
- 2) **Try to avoid purchasing a gift that requires batteries. Should a gift require batteries, please do not include them with the gift.**
- 3) **Do not enclose candy, cookies or foodstuffs with your gift.**

All gifts (with tags attached) must be returned to the church by 11:00 AM on Sunday, Dec. 16th.

We cannot be responsible for delivering gifts received after the deadline.

We also have tags available on our Giving Tree for our diocesan seminarians. These gifts can be mailed in directly using the attached envelope.

Help Residents get a Good Night's Sleep!

Dismas House has a need for new twin sheet sets, new blankets and new comforters for their newly-arriving residents who often show up with very little. Any donations can be brought directly to Dismas House at 30 Richards Street in Worcester or you can call Artie at 508-799-9389.



Your donation helps residents to feel welcome as they begin their journey from prison or homelessness back into our communities. Thank you!

MARCH FOR LIFE 2019 in Washington, DC

All are invited to join the Diocese of Worcester's bus trip. Buses leave on Thursday, January 17th after the 7:30 p.m. Mass at St. Paul Cathedral and travel to Washington, DC for the March for Life on Jan. 18th, followed by the return trip to Worcester.

Cost is \$80/seat for registrations postmarked by December 31st and \$95/seat thereafter.

Donations are also accepted to help defray expenses for students in need of financial help to attend.

Visit www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life for info.