



July 10, 2022

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight." - Lk 10:33

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MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil Mass (Saturday): 4:00 pm

**Sunday Mass: 8:00 am (livestreamed)
and 10:00 am**

Weekday Masses

(Mon., Thurs. & Fri.): 9:00 am

Holy Day Masses: To be determined

RECONCILIATION: As announced

BAPTISM: By Appointment Only

Please see the Pastor after Mass for a form.

Baptisms must be scheduled at least one month in advance.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Please contact/talk to the Pastor after Mass to make an appointment **twelve months in advance**, before making plans for reception and wedding date.

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"Behold Saint Christopher...
...Go Thy Way
in Safety"

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We thank you for visiting us!

If you wish to become a parishioner of St. Christopher's, please see Fr. Stanley after Mass for a parish registration form.





15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 9th

4:00pm **William Bourque,**
by Liz & Jesse Knott

Sunday, July 10th

8:00am **Antoinette Barnaby,**
by Mary Sullivan

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

Monday, July 11th

9:00am **Mass**

Tuesday, July 12th

No Mass

Wednesday, July 13th

No Mass

Thursday, July 14th

9:00am **Mass**

Friday, July 15th

9:00am **Mass**

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 16th

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

Sunday, July 17th

8:00am **Antoinette Barnaby,**
by Liz & Jesse Knott

10:00am **Lorraine & Richard Duggan,**
by Ken Butler



**Volunteers
Needed**

Although there is no start date at this time, we are looking for people to help with Bingo.

For more information, please call Shawn Gowen at 774-772-4244 or Terry Leboeuf at 508-853-4273.

HELP WANTED—MANY OPENINGS! ST. CHRISTOPHER'S PRAYER LINE

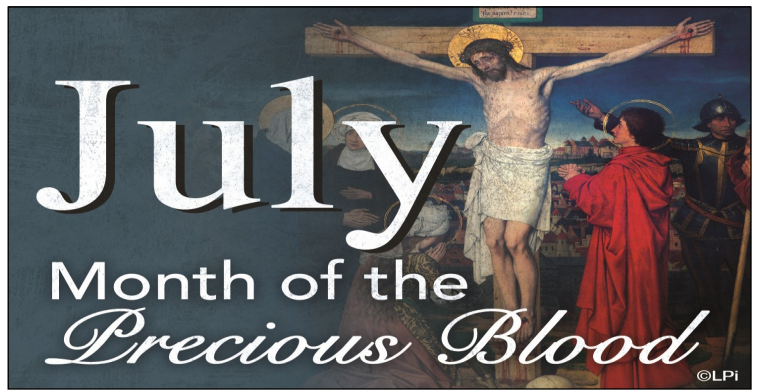
**TIME REQUIRED—NOT MUCH,
AND VERY FLEXIBLE.
COMPENSATION—"OUT OF THIS WORLD"**

Help enlarge our prayer line. Are you willing to take private time in prayer for others in need? Call Ken Butler at 508-852-0127 for more information.



Please consider joining. Also, do you know of someone in need of prayers? We just need the person's first name and the nature of the problem.

Remember, someday YOU may be the one in need!



I want to express my Thanks and heartfelt appreciation to everyone who helped orchestrate the Parish Reception for my 42nd Anniversary of Priesthood, especially Liz Knott and Members of the Retired Club--Ken, Joe, Diane, Terry, & other parishioners and Staff who helped them organize everything or clean up afterwards.

A wonderful THANK YOU as well to all the parishioners who were able to join us and celebrate with us on Sunday June 26th--everyone who offered their congratulations over the past several weeks--and a Thank You for all your cards, prayers, greetings and gifts.

Liz, Members of the Retired Club and the Staff wanted to have a reception for my 42nd Anniversary and I said it wasn't necessary--wait 'til the 45th? But they said that they "couldn't celebrate the 40th Anniversary in 2020 because of Covid, so they wanted to do this now."

They did--and kept it very simple--And it really was a very nice celebration and just what we needed to do--relax, talk, eat, and enjoy each other's company for a couple of hours--something we rarely seem to have time to do in this crazy world.

So, in a 'John Boy Walton kind of way'--"as I write and reflect on that day, it couldn't have been better or more memorable--after all the months of Covid; a tedious winter of snow and cold; a crazy world of too much politicking; people taking and never giving; and a lack of respect for life and one another;--that warm Sunday gathering of parishioners, with time to relax and smile and say hello and thank you, was the best way to celebrate priesthood, and people and Church."

*God Bless You and Thank You
Fr. Stanley*

**Religious Education Teachers needed
for ALL grades for the 2022-23 year,
beginning in September 2022.**

If you love to share your faith, and feel that God is calling you to this wonderful ministry, please contact Kim Fitzpatrick in the Religious Education office at 508-853-3302 or 774-318-0713 for more information or email religiously@stchristopherparishworchester.org.



Co-teaching or alternative weekly schedules are also available. We provide all materials & training. You provide the love of your faith and the willingness to share it! You will be amazed by how much YOU will learn by teaching our children!

**Bishop responds to Supreme Court decision
to overturn Roe v. Wade**

While some people are looking at the Dobbs decision by the Supreme Court as a victory for those who advocate for the life of both the mother and the child in the womb, we must also keep in mind that this decision is a legal recognition of states' rights. The abortion debate formally moves to 50 states and US territories to decide whether abortion will be legal, limited, or illegal within their borders. Will we be known to the world as a group of states defined by being either pro-life or pro-death? Or, will we acknowledge someday that a country whose foundational principle is freedom and justice for all cannot exclude the most vulnerable, a child in the womb?

Our prayers must continue in earnest for a greater respect for all human life. As Christians we must respond with charity in support of the life of the child in the womb whose dignity deserves our respect and legal protection, to the mother who is afraid, alone or whose life may be in jeopardy, and with respect for all citizens who struggle with this most divisive issue in our country and our world. As Christians we cannot react with violence and hatred toward those with whom we disagree. Only the virtue of charity can vanquish evil.

**St. Anne Youth Theatre Performance Troupe
St. Anne Church, 20 Boston Road, Southborough**

All youth, ages 12-18, are invited to join this Summer Theatre Troupe. Musical, comedy, historical & dramatic performances will be held at St. Anne's Stage throughout the year. Meetings will be held on Saturdays after the 5 p.m. vigil Mass at St. Anne Church beginning July 30th. Email theodramaclub@gmail.com to sign up or for more information.



Be the face of CHRIST

Thank you to all who made a gift to our 2022 Partners in Charity Appeal! So far, St. Christopher's has raised \$16,890 from 93 gifts, bringing us to 49.9% of our goal of \$33,800!



Why give to the Partners in Charity Appeal?

And the king will say to them in reply, "Amen,, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)

Your gift to the Partners in Charity Appeal will support diocesan ministries and agencies that collaborate or reach beyond our parish resources, such as formation of future priests, priests' retirement, preparing catechetical leaders & catechists, youth & adult faith formation, homeless prevention & emergency stabilization, and more. Every pledge or gift makes a difference.

**You can make your pledge or gift by doing
one of the following:**

- **Place your donation in the collection basket at Mass.**
Partners in Charity envelopes are available in the pews.
- **Text the word "donate" to 84576 to access the online giving page;**
- **Make online donations at www.Partners-Charity.net;**
- **Call in a pledge or gift to 508-929-4366; or**
- **Mail a check, payable to "Partners in Charity," to:
Partners in Charity, 49 Elm St., Worcester, MA 01609**
Thank you for your continued support! *Fr. Stanley*

**Introduction to Catholic Social Teaching (CST)
St. Mary's Parish Hall, 77 Mendon Street, Uxbridge
5 Wednesdays—July 27th, August 3rd, 10th, 24th & 31st
6:30-8:00 p.m.**

We are all aware that God loves us and asks us to love our neighbors. But fewer people know that the church gives us principles and guidelines to help us love God and neighbor. Catholic Social Teaching (CST) is the body of those principles and guidelines.

All are invited to attend this course by Peter Fritz, Associate Professor, Department of Religious Studies at College of the Holy Cross.

No prior knowledge of CST or theology is needed. Brief weekly readings will be provided.

Register by calling the parish office at 508-278-2226, Ext. 23, or register online at stmaryuxbridge.org/st-mary-university-of-uxbridge.

Monday, July 11th

Diocesan Volleyball Games
Wachusett Community Band Practice

Friday, July 15th

Young Adult Pick-up Volleyball Games (through August 26, 2022)



Begin at approximately 6:15pm Volleyball Courts
6:30-8:30pm Church Hall

6:00pm Volleyball Courts



Weekly Goal:	\$ 3,438
Weekend of June 25 th & 26 th :	\$ 2,236
Deficit:	(\$ 1,202)
Peter's Pence:	\$ 171
Air Conditioning (to date):	\$ 21,573

Year-to-Date Budget (FY 9/1/21-8/31/22): \$147,834
 Year-to Date Collections: \$ 95,414
 Year-to Date Electronic Payments: \$ 25,241
 Year-to Date Deficit: (\$ 27,179)

Next weekend's special collection is for
Saint Vincent de Paul.

Thank you for your continued support!

"Adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God's power and of his love for us. We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives."



RESPECT LIFE

Read more at www.bit.ly/AdoptionLoveStory.

~USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"An Adoption Love Story"

**Gifts in a will,
 estate plans
 benefit future
 of Catholic causes**



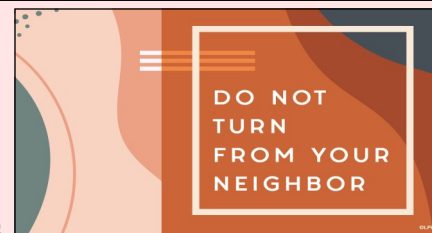
Your hard-earned wealth may be large or small or somewhere in between. No matter the size, when you make a wise plan to put your resources to work for Christ, you are committing a beautiful act of love that will live on for eternity. Creative, thoughtful planned gifts enable you to make an even bigger impact for our parish. Make a gift in your will to St. Christopher Church or to a specific project or program at our parish. Save on taxes by giving appreciated stocks, bonds or mutual fund shares. Donate life insurance you no longer need or include our parish as a beneficiary on your policy. Add our parish as a beneficiary of your 401K or IRA. Plan a gift. Spread the faith. Change the world. For immediate resources, call 508-929-4368 or visit <http://worcesterdiocese.plannedgiving.org>. **Thank you!**



Due to an early bulletin deadline, the winner for week 10 (7/4/22) will be reported in next week's bulletin.

Our next 50/50 Session begins this Monday, 7/11. Please submit your dues today if you have not yet done so. Envelopes are at the church entrances.

We can learn a great deal from Mister Rogers. Remember him? He was the gentle soul who found his way into living rooms



worldwide starting as far back as 1968. Mister Rogers' Neighborhood was a beloved program that celebrated and exalted people, especially children. He taught us that we are neighbors and that everyone has a place. Everyone matters. He had a vision, born of his relationship with God that highlighted every human life's innocence, beauty, and uniqueness. To that end, he called us to be responsible for each other, saying nothing different than what Jesus said. Viewers quickly learned that life is not just about me.

"We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It's easy to say, 'It's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem.' Then there are those who see the need and respond . . . " It is so easy to look the other way. After all, I'm not the one who needs to leave home out of fear and try to find somewhere safe. I am not the one who is hungry and without shelter or food. I am not the one who has a child being bullied or ridiculed because of the way they dress or act. I am not the one being threatened with violence or unable to find meaningful work. The distress and agony of our neighbors are our distress and agony. We cannot walk by it with an attitude of indifference, especially if we call ourselves believers. When we no longer care, we have suffocated our souls. This is a great sin.

God's law "is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out." We all have a need for love and acceptance. That's why Mister Rogers' television show was so popular. It spoke to something deeper, something sacred about humanity. God didn't give us his law in a book. He wrote it on our hearts. We know what we need to do. It's a matter of choice. Love is sacred. When we love another human being, especially without regard for ourselves, it is a holy moment. These moments are often missed due to our self-serving agendas and rules.

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Little Audrey Santo Foundation is welcoming volunteers. For more information, call 508-755-8712.

St. Bernard Church will hold a summer program at the Marie Anne Center, 1 Harlow St. in Worcester for children, age 7 and up, from Mon., July 11th - Thurs., August 4th. Call Monde at 508-825-9254 to register or to get more info.



SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

"No, it is something very near to you,
already in your mouths and in your hearts;
you have only to carry it out." (Dt 50:14)

PSALM:

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live. (Ps 69)
Or Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)

SECOND READING:

For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth,
the visible and the invisible,
whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers;
all things were created through him and for him.
(Col 15:15)

GOSPEL:

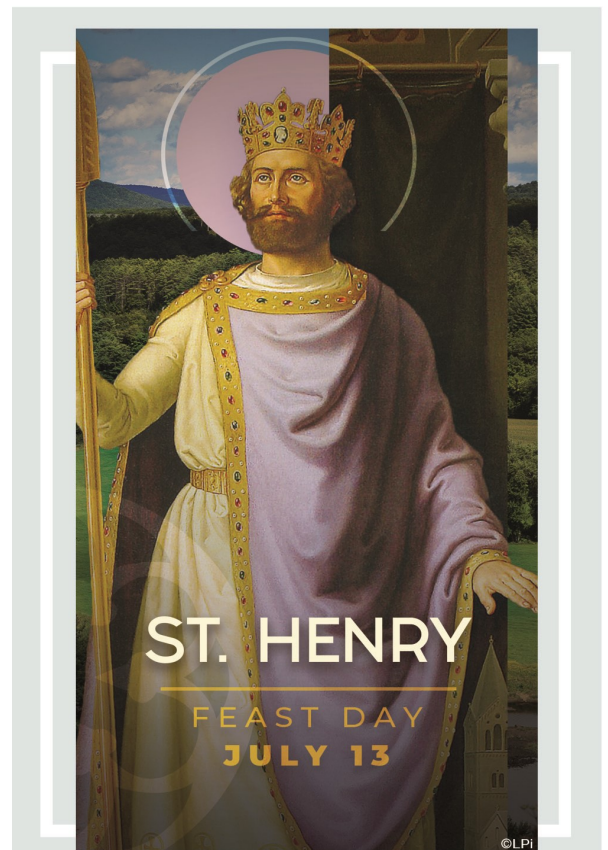
"Which of these three, in your opinion,
was neighbor to the robbers' victim?"
He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy."
Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise." (Lk 10:36-37)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 10, 2022

Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Benedict, Abbot
Wednesday: St. Henry
Thursday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
Friday: St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Next Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the Week

Saint Henry was born in 972 to Henry, Duke of Bavaria, Germany, and his wife Gisela of Burgundy. Saint Henry's early life was permeated with Christianity, among those who guided his education was Bishop Wolfgang of Ratisbon, who became a saint himself. In 995, Saint Henry succeeded his father as Duke of Bavaria, and in 1002, upon the death of his cousin, Otho III, he was elected emperor. In 1014, Saint Henry undertook the long journey from Germany to Rome to be crowned Holy Roman Emperor by Pope Benedict XIII.

In 1022 Saint Henry assisted Pope Benedict VIII in holding the Council of Pavia, which promoted clerical celibacy and sought to end simony (the buying and selling of ecclesiastical goods and offices). During his reign, Saint Henry used his wealth and position for the Church. He confirmed Benedict's authority over Rome, was a patron of churches and monasteries, supported the Cluniac Reforms, restored episcopal sees, and founded the Diocese of Bamberg where he built a cathedral. Saint Henry was married to Cunigunde of Luxembourg, to whom he was incredibly devoted. Although disputed by some historians, some stories of the couple's marriage report they took vows of chastity because their union was childless. Saint Henry died in July of 1024 and was canonized in 1146 by Pope Eugene III.