

## FOR THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGIES

Processional Hymn (4,8,10:30):	#392 in <i>Worship</i>
Order of the Mass:	Front Page or #202 in <i>Worship</i>
Liturgy of the Word:	#1009 in <i>Worship</i>
Responsorial Psalm (4,8,10:30):	#129 in <i>Gather</i> Refrain 2
Gospel Acclamation (4,8,10:30):	#328 in <i>Worship</i>
Preparation Hymn (4,8,10:30):	#388 in <i>Worship</i>
Acclamations (4,8,10:30):	#365, 366, 367, 382 in <i>Worship</i>
Communion Litany (4,8,10:30):	#606 in <i>Gather</i>



*John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16*

## MASS INTENTIONS &amp; REMEMBRANCES

<u>Sat., 12/15 4:00 pm</u> (Remembrance) (Remembrance)	Mary Ellen Barry, 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniv., by family Angelo & Fermina DiDomenico Ed Rafferty, Lois Rafferty, Anne Gay, James Cove, by Josephine Rafferty (Remembrance) Robert Tapply, 11 <sup>th</sup> Anniv., by Celeste Butcher
<u>Sun., 12/16 8:00 am</u> 10:30 am (Remembrance)	Mary & Arthur Cousineau, by family Joan Tamulevich, by Joe & Ann Doyle Deceased Members of the McCarthy family (Remembrance) Karrie Nason, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv., by family 6:00 pm Mary O'Doherty, by grateful parishioners (Remembrance) Clement & Judith Anish and Paul & Alice Chase, by family
<u>Mon., 12/17 9:00 am</u> <u>Tue., 12/18 9:00 am</u> <u>Wed., 12/19 9:00 am</u> (Remembrance)	Parishioners' Intentions Bill Sullivan, Birthday, by family Sarah Lavin, by Marty & Giles Maryellen Standring, by her husband
<u>Thu., 12/20 9:00 am</u> <u>Fri., 12/21 9:00 am</u> <u>Sat., 12/22 9:00 am</u> 4:00 pm (Remembrance) (Remembrance) (Remembrance) (Remembrance)	Bobby Cicio, Anniv., by family Marguerite McShera, Birthday, by family Parishioners' Intentions Jim & Courtney Butcher, by family Joseph Finnegan, 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniv., by family Elaine Finnegan, 4 <sup>th</sup> Anniv., by family Jeffrey Holm, 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniv., by family Michael Chalifoux, by family
<u>Sun., 12/23 8:00 am</u> 10:30 am (Remembrance) (Remembrance) 6:00 pm	James McCullough, 5 <sup>th</sup> Anniv., by Mark McCullough Edgard Nieves, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniv., by family Sheila Shanley, 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniv., by family John Alexandrov, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv., by family Parishioners' Intentions

## REST IN PEACE

Pray for the repose of the souls of *Firefighter Christopher Roy, Barbara Miller, Paul Thomas, Brian Sullivan, Helen Cavanaugh, Mary O'Toole, Normand Marois* and all our deceased benefactors.

## MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS FEASTS

There will be four Masses to observe the Birth of the Lord:

- 4:00 pm Vigil Mass on Monday, December 24**  
*(Our youth will enact the Gospel – children are invited to come dressed as shepherds or angels to take part)*
- 11:00 pm Mass for Mid Night on Monday, December 24**  
*(Choral preludes will be offered at 10:40 pm)*
- 8:00 am Mass for Dawn on Tuesday, December 25**
- 10:30 am Mass During the Day on Tuesday, December 25**

## PLEASE NOTE

There will be a 9:00 am Mass on Saturdays, December 22 and 29 for those who would like to observe the full weeks before and after Christmas.

## CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Last weekend, we deposited the following donations:

-- Weekly Adult Offerings:	\$5,803.00
(\$403.00 in loose offerings and \$5,400.00 in 190 envelopes)	
-- Children's Envelopes (1)	
for Religious Education:	\$ 15.00
-- Liturgical Memorials:	\$ 125.00
-- Outreach:	\$ 65.00
-- Funeral Offerings:	\$ 600.00
-- Christmas Flowers:	\$ 452.00
-- Maintenance Fund:	\$ 271.00
-- Family Center Donations:	\$ 215.00
-- 120 Club Dues:	\$ 25.00
-- Immaculate Conception:	\$ 839.00
-- Religious Retirement Collection:	\$2,180.00
-- Outreach Reimbursement:	\$ 240.00

We also received the following online donations:

-- Adult Ordinary:	\$1,043.75
-- Children's Offering:	\$ 3.00
-- Maintenance Fund:	\$ 156.29
-- Family Center Donations:	\$ 150.00
-- Unrestricted Gifts:	\$1,025.00
-- Flower Donations:	\$ 35.00
-- Christmas Donations:	\$ 71.31
-- Immaculate Conception:	\$ 66.31
-- Religious Retirement:	\$ 136.05

Thank you to all who contributed.

## LITURGICAL MEMORIALS

The bread and wine being used at all Masses this week has been donated in memory of *Martin Kelley* by his family.

The candles being used at the altar and pulpit have been donated in memory of *Bill Sullivan* by his family.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18  
Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17  
Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25  
Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25  
Thursday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38  
Friday: Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45  
Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56  
Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/Heb 10:5-10  
Lk 1:39-45

**THIS WEEKEND**

The Holy Name High School Parents' Association will be selling tickets for their January Calendar Raffle after Masses this weekend. Each ticket is \$10 and has 31 chances to win prizes ranging from \$25 to \$200. Proceeds from this raffle helps them sponsor events throughout the year as well as providing scholarships to graduating seniors. Several of our high school altar servers and Confirmation candidates are students at Holy Name High School. Please support them if you can.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER GIFTS**

Envelopes are available in racks at the church doors for those who would like to donate to help defray the cost of decorating the church for Christmas. We will place all the envelopes with name of deceased loved ones behind the creche at the altar throughout the 3 weeks of Christmas as a reminder to parishioners to pray for those listed.

**CALENDARS FOR 2019**

The 2019 Catholic Extension calendars are now available in trays at the church doors. Once again, this year, they are a gift to us from Michael Marchand of Roy Brothers Funeral Home. We appreciate his generosity.

**ETERNITY'S CLOCK & CROWN**

What is this Advent wreath whose four candles help us mark the passing of the weeks before Christmas? It is eternity's clock—a circle that says “In our ending is our beginning.” It is the wheel of time—a circle of evergreen branches—cut and left to wither—revealing that death and life are both of a piece. It is also a crown, the victor's laurel garland, the sign that the race is done, the prize won. It is the crown of us as a people, a chosen race, a royal priesthood. It is the crown of each of us as individuals—baptized individuals (all of a piece) whose heads were smeared with that royal oil, chrism. We are marked for eternity. With four candles lit, the Advent wreath is the fiery crown that we give to Christ the King, the Savior who returns in the growing gloom to gather us into our eternal home, the new and heavenly Jerusalem.

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**O ANTIPHONS**

The Roman Church has been singing the “O Antiphons” since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the Magnificat (Canticle of Mary) that is part of Evening Prayer from December 17 – 23. They are a magnificent theology that used ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Jewish Scriptures to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment of Old Testament hopes and present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative “Come” embodies the longing of all people for the Divine Messiah. O Wisdom – O Ruler of Israel – O Root of Jesse's stem – O Key of David – O Radiant Dawn – O King of All Nations – O Emmanuel!

**DIOCESAN ADULT CONFIRMATION**

Are you a baptized, catechized Roman Catholic adult (18 or older) who has never been confirmed?

The Diocese of Worcester will celebrate a diocesan-wide adult Confirmation on **Sunday, February 3, 2019** at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Worcester. A retreat to prepare for Confirmation will be offered on Sunday, January 27, 2019 at Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center in Putnam, CT. If interested, please contact the pastor for more information.

**THE WEEK AT A GLANCE**Sun., December 16 – Third Sunday of Advent

**8:00 am Lord's Day Mass**  
**9:00 am K-10 Religious Education Classes**  
**10:30 am Lord's Day Mass**  
**12 noon Baptism**  
**6:00 pm Lord's Day Mass**

Mon., December 17 – Monday of the Third Week of Advent

**9:00 am Daily Mass**  
**6:00 pm Christmas “Mid Night” Choir Rehearsal**

Tue., December 18 – Tuesday of the Third Week of Advent

**9:00 am Daily Mass**

Wed., December 19 – Wednesday of the Third Week of Advent

**9:00 am Daily Mass**

Thu., December 20 – Thursday of the Third Week of Advent

**9:00 am Daily Mass**

Fri., December 21 – St. Peter Canisius

**9:00 am Daily Mass**

Sat., December 22 – Saturday of the Third Week of Advent

**9:00 am Daily Mass**  
**3:00 pm Confessions**  
**4:00 pm Vigil Mass**

**120 CLUB**

The winner of last week's drawing is **Lucille Talbot - #223**.

**HOLY INNOCENTS MASS & PROCESSION**

All are welcome to Blessed Sacrament Church, 551 Pleasant Street, Worcester on **Friday, Dec. 28, 8:30 a.m.** for Mass followed at 9:15 by a Prayerful Rosary procession with the Blessed Sacrament to the abortion clinic. We will return to Blessed Sacrament Church praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, followed by Benediction. Join us as we pray for The Holy Innocents, for babies lost to abortion and for all unborn babies and for their moms and dads.

**STEWARDSHIP NOTE FOR THE WEEK**

“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.” (PHILIPPIANS 4:6)

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

**PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

Saturday, December 22	4:00 pm	Fr. Monroe
Sunday, December 23	8:00 am	Fr. Monroe
	10:30 am	Fr. Monroe
	6:00 pm	Fr. Monroe