

**FOR THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGIES**

- Processional Hymn (4,8,10:30): #645 in *Worship*
- Order of the Mass: Front Page or #202 in *Worship*
- Glory to God (4,8,10:34): #320 in *Worship*
- Liturgy of the Word: #1127 in *Worship*
- Gospel Acclamation (4,8,10:30): #333 in *Worship*
- Preparation Hymn (4,8,10:30): #743 in *Worship*
- Acclamations (4,8,10:30): #353, 356, 357, 384 in *Worship*
- Communion Litany (4,8,10:30): #590 in *Gather*



*“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy’. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father.” - Mt 5:43-45a*

**MASS INTENTIONS & REMEMBRANCES**

- Sat., 2/22 4:00 pm Nancy Hackett, 95<sup>th</sup> birthday, by family  
(Remembrance) Bernard DeNolf, 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv., by family
- Sun., 2/23 8:00 am Mr. Romulus Desrosiers, 38<sup>th</sup> Anniv.,  
Mr. Paul Desrosiers, 40<sup>th</sup> Anniv.,  
by family
- 10:30 am Violet Bourcier, 8<sup>th</sup> Anniv., by family
- 6:00 pm Parishioners’ Intentions
- Mon., 2/24 9:00 am Peter O’Rourke, 5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.,  
by his wife, Mary
- (Remembrance) Florica Tonna, by the Ford family
- Tue., 2/25 9:00 am Parishioners’ Intentions
- Wed., 2/26 7:00 am Parishioners’ Intentions
- 9:00 am Parishioners’ Intentions
- 7:00 pm Parishioners’ Intentions
- Thu., 2/27 9:00 am Parishioners’ Intentions
- Fri., 2/28 9:00 am Parishioners’ Intentions
- Sat., 2/29 9:00 am Parishioners’ Intentions
- 4:00 pm Deceased Members from the Diocese of  
Worcester Equestrian Order of the  
Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem
- Sun., 3/1 8:00 am Parishioners’ Intentions
- 10:30 am Charles & Julia Monroe, by Fr. Monroe
- 6:00 pm Parishioners’ Intentions

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13  
1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48
- Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 9:14-29
- Tuesday Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23/Mk 9:30-37
- Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14, 17  
2 Cor 5:20 - 6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6/Lk 9:22-25
- Friday: s 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32
- Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17  
Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

**REST IN PEACE**

Pray for the repose of the souls of *Mark Palumbo* and all our deceased relatives, friends and benefactors.

**LENT BEGINS THIS WEEK**

Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> will be observed as Ash Wednesday to begin our spiritual journey to another Easter celebration of the Lord’s Resurrection. The insert in this bulletin has the full schedule and explanation for the season. On Ash Wednesday, there will be Masses at **7:00 am, 9:00 am and 7:00 pm** during which ashes will be blessed and imposed as a sign of our frailty and need for growth. There will also be a Liturgy of the Word Service at **3:30 pm**. There are two booklets available for your personal daily reflections. The one by *Magnificat* is provided by the parish and *The Word Among Us* is offered by the publisher as a complimentary introduction to this monthly resource.

**CONTRIBUTION REPORT**

- Last weekend, we deposited the following donations:
- Weekly Adult Offerings: **\$4,715.00**  
(\$591.00 in loose offerings and \$4124.00 in 172 envelopes)
  - Catholic Free Press: **\$ 90.00**
  - Home Missions: **\$ 28.00**
  - Puerto Rico Relief Donations: **\$ 55.00**
  - Fuel Collection: **\$2,434.00**
  - Maintenance Fund: **\$ 83.00**
- We also received the following online donations:
- Weekly Adult Offerings: **\$ 807.50**
  - Maintenance Fund: **\$ 159.67**
  - Debt Reduction Donations: **\$ 42.00**
  - Catholic Free Press: **\$ 30.06**
  - Fuel Donation: **\$ 25.20**
  - Home Missions: **\$ 75.20**

**20<sup>th</sup> MEN’S CONFERENCE**

Men of all ages, including teens and college students, are invited to this 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference at Assumption College on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. Visit the Conference website [www.firstmensconf.org](http://www.firstmensconf.org) for information. You can purchase tickets at the website. Plan to attend and hear dynamic, outstanding Catholic speakers: Scott Hahn (offering two different presentations), Luis Soto (offering his presentation in English and at another time in Spanish) and Bishop Robert Reed, Auxiliary Bishop of Boston, speaking about the need and value of confession. Bishops and priests will be available for Confession during the lunch hour. Bishop McManus will preside at the Mass. Call Joan DeMasi at 508-929-4345 for a conference brochure, further information or to register by phone. Adult tickets are \$45 until March 11<sup>th</sup> and \$60 after that date. Student tickets are \$10 no matter when you register. There are posters in the Bell Tower and Main Street Vestibule with information and some copies of brochures with registration form included in trays at the church doors.

**LITURGICAL MEMORIALS**

We invite people to consider donating the cost of bread and wine used at weekly Masses or candles used at the altar. A third option is to donate the cost of the candles at the tabernacle for an entire month. In each situation, we suggest a \$25 donation that can be made in memory of deceased loved ones or to honor a special occasion for someone who is living. Simply call the rectory to schedule these listings in the bulletin.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

During Lent each year around the United States, people are asked to join in prayer and fasting to direct the hearts of people to the protection of all life and in a special way to pray that developing life in mothers' wombs is protected and nurtured. Here in Worcester, people are invited to join in silent, prayerful vigil across the street from Planned Parenthood at 470 Pleasant Street. Members of our Respect Life Ministry will be doing so on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9 am to 1 pm and 3 pm to 6 pm. They invite you to consider joining them for whatever length of time you might have available. For information or to volunteer, text Nancy Clark at 508-353-9262 or Carol Johnston at 508-667-6452.

**MONTHLY RESPECT LIFE PROJECT**

Next weekend, we invite you to bring with you to Mass items that would be useful in assisting Visitation House to help expectant and young mothers in need. Items can be placed at the Holy Family Shrine. Recommended items include diapers of all sizes, wet wipes, baby photo albums and toiletries of all kinds, powder, baby blankets or anything else you think would help expectant or new mothers care for themselves and their child.

**HALO SUPPORT GROUP**

HALO stands for **Healing After Loss (from) Overdose**. On the first Monday of each month this support group meets to help family members cope with the loss of a loved one from drugs or alcohol. They meet at 7:00 pm in the Rieger Hall of our church. The next session will take place Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. For more information or to ask questions, contact Aileen Lovejoy at 508-755-5041 or Deb Dowd-Foley at 508-248-5622.

**MONTHLY DISMAS HOUSE MEAL**

On the second Monday of each month – March 9<sup>th</sup> next month - a group of parishioners prepares, serves and shares the meal with men living at the local facility that houses and assists people reintegrating in society after serving jail sentences. If you would like to discuss either this ministry or volunteer to help, contact the rectory and we will put you in contact with the ministry coordinators.



We thank all who made pledges and are faithfully making monthly payments on their pledges. As you may remember, we will get our first check for the 40% parish share of all onetime gifts and pledge payments due as of the end of June this year. At the present moment, it will be \$44,223.68 based on onetime gifts and pledge payments made to date.

There are ten parishes now engaged in the early stages of their campaign as part of Block Three of the diocesan effort. As of a few weeks ago, more than \$17,000,000 has been raised by parishes in Blocks One and Two toward the \$32,000,000 goal.

It is not too late to make a pledge if you would like to do so. Also, we recognize that a number of our parishioners have not felt comfortable making a specific pledge but are donating what they can afford as they can from month to month using the Legacy of Hope envelopes in the bimonthly contribution packets or found in trays at the church doors. We are grateful for anything you can do.

**THE WEEK AT A GLANCE**

Sun., February 23 – 7<sup>th</sup> Ordinal Sunday

**8:00 am Lord's Day Mass**  
**9:00 am Religious Education Classes Grades K-1, 3-9**  
**Confirmation Session 2**  
**First Communion Session 1**

**10:30 am Lord's Day Mass**

**6:00 pm Lord's Day Mass**

Mon., February 24 – Monday of 7<sup>th</sup> Ordinal Week

**9:00 am Daily Mass**

Tue., February 25 – Tuesday of 7<sup>th</sup> Ordinal Week

**9:00 am Daily Mass**

Wed., February 26 – Ash Wednesday

**7:00 am Mass – Blessing & Imposition of Ashes**

**9:00 am Mass – Blessing & Imposition of Ashes**

**3:30 pm Lit. of Word - Blessing & Imposition of Ashes**

**7:00 pm Mass – Blessing & Imposition of Ashes**

Thu., February 27 – Thursday After Ash Wednesday

**9:00 am Daily Mass**

Fri., February 28 – Friday After Ash Wednesday

**9:00 am Daily Mass**

**4:00 pm Way of the Cross**

Sat., February 29 – Saturday After Ash Wednesday

**9:00 am Daily Mass**

**3:00 pm Confessions**

**4:00 pm Vigil Mass**

**120 CLUB**

The winner of last week's drawing is *Dora Beaudin - #19*.

**CATHOLIC FREE PRESS MONTH**

February is renewal time for subscribers for home delivery of our diocesan newspaper. The cost for 52 weeks of home delivery is \$30 – just 58 cents per week. The Catholic Free Press was established to inform Catholics of local, national and international events of the Catholic Church and provide educational and spiritual renewal articles to help us grow in understanding and practicing our Christianity.

Those who receive contribution packets in the mail have an envelope in the current packet for this purpose. There are also white envelopes in trays at the church doors for renewal or new subscriptions. You can place your donation envelope in the collection basket any weekend through March.

Our parish is assessed \$4,859 for Communication Ministries of the diocese that include the Free Press. Every subscription or donation we receive goes toward that assessment. Please consider subscribing or making a donation to help pay this assessment.

**PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

Saturday, February 29	4:00 pm	Bishop McManus
Sunday, March 1	8:00 am	Fr. Dougherty
	10:30 am	Fr. Monroe
	6:00 pm	Fr. Monroe

**PLEASE NOTE**

Next Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup> at the 4:00 pm Mass, Fr. Monroe will once again host Bishop McManus and other members of the Worcester area from the Northeastern Lieutenancy of the Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem for a memorial Mass in honor of their deceased members.