

Saint Stanislaus Parish

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Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

God created us to be in relationship with Him. Sin broke that relationship. Jesus came to earth so that we may reconcile our relationship with God. Following Jesus' example, we are blessed with a joy-filled life on earth and eternal life in Heaven. We may see the cross as a horrible instrument of death. However, it is actually a cause for celebration because this Cross means that no evil, no pain, no darkness cannot be transformed by Christ. He enters into whatever we are confronting to bring His perfect love, goodness, truth, and life to us. Lift high the Cross, keep our eyes on it for through it, God has worked our salvation!

Dear Parishioners,

My heart grieves over the news of once again senseless violence plaguing our country. The murder of Charlie Kirk and yet another school shooting at the same time are just horrifying. It is at these times where we can feel hopeless. Yet, our hope and faith remain in our Lord and Savior, Jesus, who offered His life to redeem and save us. We must demand all our political leaders stop their intolerance, hatred, and bigotry towards others. It was disheartening to hear the demonizing comments of too many of our "leaders" when nothing was known about the attacker. This has to end! This is not what Jesus died for! It is time for us to unite as one voice and hold each other accountable for our speech and actions. We must not become numb to the extreme rhetoric and make excuses for it. If we are Christians as we claim, then we must act as such. We are to follow Jesus Christ and obey all He taught us and requires of us. At this moment, each of us has to examine our own attitudes towards those we disagree with or those unlike us. Do we love as Jesus loves? Do we forgive as Jesus forgives? Do we show mercy, compassion, and kindness as Jesus does? If not, then, as St. John the Apostle says, we are liars (1 John). We are all brothers and sisters in Christ. It is time we act like it!

Adoration is on September 16, 2025, from 5PM to 7PM. There are no Confessions.

Please note there will be **NO DAILY MASS** on Tuesday (September 16) and Wednesday (September 17). Please check the other local parishes for their Mass schedule.

There is a finance committee meeting on Tuesday September 16 at 5:30PM in the rectory.

Bishop McManus will be giving a lecture on the document, "*Evangelium Vitae*". Please see the announcement below and the attached flyer for more information.

Are you or someone you know House Bound and are unable to attend church services? Have you or someone you know lost loved ones, had recent hospitalizations, or just need a friend to talk to? If you or the person you know wish to be visited by a Eucharist Minister to receive the Eucharist or have someone from the parish to stop by to say hello, please send an email to ststanoffice@gmail.com or call either the office at 413-436-8020 or me directly at 774-200-6868.

Yours in Christ,
Deacon Dom

Quote: "We pray to you, O Lord, that we always recognize each member of this human family as being made in your image and beloved by you, with worth and dignity".
- USCCB: "*Prayer to Heal Racial Division*"

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

DEACON DOM'S IN-OFFICE SCHEDULE: Deacon Dom plans to be in the office at St. Stanislaus Rectory this week Tuesday afternoon (September 16). Deacon Dom may always be reached at ststanoffice@gmail.com or 774-200-6868.

GRIEVING WITH GREAT HOPE WORKSHOP: St. Anne St. Patrick parish is offering a free faith-based grief support workshop. It is a program from Good Mourning Ministry, a Catholic apostolate dedicated to helping those mourning the loss of a loved one. It is recommended that attendees wait three months after the event to join the workshop. There are five Saturday sessions from **9:30AM to 11AM** at the lower level of St. Anne Church. The sessions are **September 20, September 27, October 4, October 11, and October 25**. Registration is necessary as the group is limited to 12 people. For more information and to register, please contact Chris Williams at 508-347-7738, or by email at cwkiki@charter.net, or call the parish office at 508-347-7338.

THE HEART OF PRAYER: BUILDING INTIMACY WITH GOD: St. Anne St. Patrick parish invites all for a 7-week journey into the heart of prayer. This will be an exploration into the diverse styles and traditions of prayer that can deepen our relationship with God. Whether new to prayer or looking to enriching our own existing practices, it will be an opportunity to discover practical techniques and personal insights that make prayer accessible and transformative. The sessions are on seven consecutive Saturdays beginning **September 20 from 6:30PM to 8PM at St. Joachim Parish Center**. The recommended book (not required) is "Learning to Pray: A Guide for Everyone" by Fr. James Martin, SJ. To register, contact Joe Krans at 508-867-8881 or by email at joseph.krans.presencework@gmail.com.

WORCESTER CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: The Worcester Catholic Women's Conference is Saturday, September 27 at St. Joseph School in Webster. For more information, please go to the website www.wcwconference.com or call Corinn Dahm at 508-277-3969

PRESENTATION OF EVANGELIUM VITAE: All are invited to attend a special lecture presented by the Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, Bishop of Worcester, titled "Evangelium Vitae: Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Gospel of Life and Its Enduring Legacy in Roman Catholic Moral Theology." The event will take place on **Saturday, Oct. 11 at 10AM at the Cathedral of St. Paul**, 38 High St., Worcester. For more information or to RSVP contact the Respect Life Office at aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org or 508-929-4311. Please join us for this very special and unique presentation!

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: Bishop McManus will celebrate this wedding anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Worcester on **Sunday, October 26 at 3PM**. This liturgy honors couples who this year are marking significant anniversaries (25, 40, 50 years etc). A light reception will follow. Family and friends are welcome! Couples should pre-register by October 14 at worcesterdiocese.org/weddinganniversary-mass or call 508-929-4311 to request a copy of the registration form.

FALL MINI-RETREAT FOR WOMEN: The Commission for Women of the Diocese of Worcester will be having a Mini-Retreat for Women with Kitty Cleveland on **Saturday, Nov. 15 from 9:30AM to 1PM** at St. Anne Parish, Shrewsbury. Kitty is a singer/songwriter, inspirational speaker, and artist from New Orleans. Kitty leads hundreds of people in praying the rosary each weekday morning at 5:45 a.m. (CT). Visit www.kittycleveland.com. For more information, please email worcestercommissionforwomen@gmail.com.

CALL TO VOCATION: "Are you open to discerning whether God is calling you to share in this mission through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Talk to your priest or contact the Vocation Office at (508) 630-4473 or email: donato.infante@gmail.com.

PROJECT RACHEL: Not every pregnancy is easy to talk about. Project Rachel is the Catholic Church's ministry of healing and reconciliation to those who have been wounded by a past abortion. Services are free and strictly confidential. Begin your healing journey by calling 508-791-HOPE(4673).

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, September 13, Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 4PM, St. Stanislaus:
† John Perron by Robert Rucki & Donna

Sunday, September 14, Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 8:30AM, St. Stanislaus:
† Peter J. Wolkowicz Sr. by Wolkowicz family

Monday, September 15, Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows, 8AM, St. Stanislaus:
Special Intention by Mike Sullivan

Tuesday, September 16: **NO DAILY MASS**

Wednesday, September 17: **NO DAILY MASS**

Thursday, September 18, Thursday of the Twenty-fourth Week of Ordinary Time, 8AM, St. Stanislaus:
† Peter & Josephine Skoczylas by Wolkowicz family

Saturday, September 20, Twenty-fifth in Ordinary Time, 4PM, St. Stanislaus:
† Witold Witaszek by Louise Mundell

Sunday, September 21, Twenty-fifth in Ordinary Time, 8:30AM, St. Stanislaus:
† Joseph Wolkowicz by Wolkowicz family

Collections weekend (09/07/2025):

Offertory	\$493
Maintenance	\$75
Higher Utility/Energy costs	\$100
Mass Intentions	\$60
Funeral	\$400

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EVANGELIUM VITAE

**CELEBRATING ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY
AND ITS ENDURING LEGACY IN ROMAN
CATHOLIC MORAL THEOLOGY**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025 | 10 A.M.

**ST. PAUL CATHEDRAL
38 HIGH ST., WORCESTER MA**

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