

Saint Stanislaus Mission

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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

As we celebrate Palm Sunday, we are reminded on the need for disciples of Christ to follow in His footsteps. Consider our King. He entered the world in poverty and then made His triumphal entry riding a colt. Rather than worldly power, Jesus was armed with love. This extraordinary king calls for extraordinary followers. We are to love God and to love our neighbor as He loves us. We are to help our neighbor "carry his cross" as Simon does for Jesus. It requires just ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them or simply saying hello. The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return. We see Jesus as the suffering servant of the Lord spoken of from the prophet Isaiah. Despite His agony, Jesus does not refuse obedience to the Father and completely surrenders to His Father will. He fully submits to suffering for our sake. We must do the same. Following Christ's example, it is through humble service to one another and through our patience and endurance in times of suffering that we will be exalted and one day share in the inheritance of eternal life promised by God. We journey together, never alone, always united with Jesus.

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday:

4PM at St. Joseph (North Brookfield)
4PM at St. Stanislaus (West Warren)

Sunday:

8AM at Sacred Heart (West Brookfield)
8AM at St. Stanislaus (West Warren)

9AM at St. Joseph (North Brookfield)

10:15AM at Sacred Heart (West Brookfield)

11AM at St. Joseph (North Brookfield)

Monday, Wednesday, Friday:

8:30AM at Sacred Heart (West Brookfield)

Tuesday, Thursday, First Saturday:

8:30AM at St. Joseph (North Brookfield)

Dear Parishioners,

Adoration is from 5PM to 7PM on Tuesday, March 31, 2026.

There is a special collection on Good Friday (April 3) in support of Christians living in the Holy Land. Please see the attached letter from Bishop McManus for more information. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Great news for our Partners in Charity campaign!! As of March 27, \$4590 has been raised, just \$410 short of our \$5000 goal! Thank you very much for all who have contributed to date!! Please consider donating to this worthy cause. No amount is too small.

Donations are needed for the church Easter flowers and decorations. There are canisters in the back of the church, or you may place the donation in the offertory basket in a plain envelope marked "Flowers". Thank you for your help in creating a beautiful worship space!

As a reminder, the Diocesan "**GUIDELINES FOR FAST AND ABSTINENCE**" are as follows:

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen (14) years of age and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting is to be observed by all Catholics who are eighteen (18) years of age but not yet fifty-nine (59) years of age on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed Lenten penitential practices.

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 do you 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: "With great openness and courage, we need to question how widespread is the culture of life today among individual Christians, families, groups, and communities in our Dioceses. With equal clarity and determination, we must identify the steps we are called to take in order to serve life in all its truth" (The Gospel of Life 95).

- Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*. © 1995 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

DEACON DOM'S IN-OFFICE SCHEDULE: Deacon Dom plans on being in the rectory office Monday (03/30), Tuesday afternoon (03/31), and Friday (04/03). He may always be reached at ststanoffice@gmail.com or 774-200-6868.

NOVENA TO THE DIVINE MERCY: Our Lord specifically asked that a Novena to the Divine Mercy be recited, beginning on **Good Friday, April 3 through the Saturday Vigil for the feast of Divine Mercy, April 11**. All parishioners are encouraged to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet during this time.

OPEN HOUSE: St. Aloysius Catholic School is hosting an Open House on **Monday, April 6 from 3PM to 5PM**. Prospective families are encouraged to visit the school, located at **52 Church Street in Gilbertville**, where they can tour the classrooms, meet the teachers and learn more about the rich, faith-filled educational experiences that await. For more information, please call the school and speak to Roberta McQuaid, Enrollment Coordinator, at 413-477-1268. Or apply online at <https://www.staloysiuscs.com/join-our-family/application/>.

VISITATION HOUSE ANNUAL DINNER: On **Saturday, April 18 from 5:30PM to 9PM**, the Visitation House 2026 Annual Dinner will be held at the **College of the Holy Cross Hogan Campus Center**. Tickets are **\$120 per person (cash bar)**. The theme is "The House that Ruth Built" and will feature speakers Atty. Dwight Duncan, postulator for the Cause of Ruth Pakaluk and Meghan Tallarita, Exec. Director of the Ruth Pakaluk Foundation. Tickets can be purchased online at www.visitationhouse.org or call Rebecca at 508-798-8002.

PRO-LIFE MORNING OF REFLECTION: The Pro-Life Morning of Reflection and Enrichment is **Saturday, May 9 from 9:30AM through 1PM** at the **Cathedral of St. Paul**, 38 High St., Worcester. The day will include reflections by Msgr. James Moroney, Mass, and light lunch. There is no cost to attend but pre-registration is required. To register, send your name, parish, and email address to aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org, or contact the Respect Life Office at 508-929-4311.

OPERATION CARRY THE CROSS: On **June 6 at 9AM**, local native Noah Hajdu will be carrying a life-size cross up **Mount Wachusett**. Father Derek Mobilio will offer **Mass near the summit**. If you would like to learn more about how to sponsor his effort

or join the hike, please check out www.worcestervocations.com/operation. All proceeds support college campus ministry in the Diocese of Worcester.

CALL TO VOCATION: "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" (Matthew 21:9) As we enter Holy Week, we honor Christ's sacrifice. Priesthood, consecrated life, and holy matrimony mirror this self-giving love, offering one's life for others. Could God be calling you to serve? Talk to your pastor or reach out to the Vocation Office at (508) 630-4473 or via email: donato.infante@worcesterdiocese.org.

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).

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER MASS SCHEDULE:

HOLY THURSDAY	April 2 at 7:30PM (St. Joseph North Brookfield)
GOOD FRIDAY	April 3 at 1PM (Mary's Way of the Cross; Sacred Heart West Brookfield) April 3 at 3PM (The Lord's Passion; St. Stanislaus West Warren) April 3 at 7:30PM (The Lord's Passion; Sacred Heart West Brookfield)
EASTER VIGIL	April 4 at 7:30PM (Sacred Heart West Brookfield)
EASTER SUNDAY	April 5 at 8AM (Sacred Heart West Brookfield) April 5 at 9:30AM (St. Stanislaus West Warren) April 5 at 11AM (St. Joseph North Brookfield)

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, March 28, Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, 4PM, St. Stanislaus
+ Gary Odiorne by Louise Mundell

Sunday, March 29, Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion: **NO MASS AT ST. STANISLAUS**

Saturday, April 4, Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil: **NO MASS AT ST. STANISLAUS**

Sunday, April 5, The Resurrection of the Lord, **9:30AM**, St. Stanislaus
+ Elmer Fontaine by Joanne Wilson

COLLECTIONS WEEKEND (03/22/2026):

Offertory	\$822
Maintenance	\$10
Catholic Relief Services	\$237
Mass Intentions	\$200
Votive candles	\$18



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March 27, 2026

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Each year, the Holy Father asks Catholic parishes around the world to take up a **Good Friday Collection** to support Christians in the Holy Land. Our brothers and sisters in the Lord who live in the Holy Land not only struggle to live their faith and worship in their parishes – they are also the stewards of the sacred places that are without pilgrims due to the continuing conflict in the Middle East.

The Holy Land is an area desperately seeking hope. People across the area are tasked with rebuilding homes, schools, hospitals and even churches. Palestinian Christians, who trace their roots to the earliest converts to Christianity, earn their living from pilgrimages which have been suspended for years due to continuing conflicts. Many have lost jobs. According to the Franciscans Friars who are in the Holy Land, fear and despair have driven many Christians to leave.

This annual collection supports the work of the Franciscans in the sacred shrines which are also communities of faith, not museums. It allows them to continue to minister to parishioners, provide formation and education in communities and schools, and care for the basic needs of the Christian faithful who continue to call the Holy Land their home. Your support is more essential than ever to their ministry.

Each Lent I invite parishioners to participate in the Way of the Cross in a local parish church. This is such a powerful way for us to recall the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. Christians in the Holy Land are faced with the particular challenge of bringing their own suffering to the cross every day as they witness to the faith. The Latin Patriarch of the Holy Land has been a voice for Christians living not just in Jerusalem, but also in Jordan, Syria and Lebanon.

Please be generous in this year's Good Friday collection in your parish. I invite you to visit www.myfranciscan.org to learn more about the good work made possible thanks to your response to this pontifical collection. With your help, the Franciscans can continue to be a light of hope to Christians who continue to struggle in the Holy Land.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

Please share with your bulletin on Palm Sunday and take up the collection on Good Friday.