



Diocese of Worcester
Office of the Bishop
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DECREE

In Nomine Domini. Amen.

Saint Stanislaus Parish, located in West Warren, Massachusetts, is a territorial parish serving the sacramental and spiritual needs of the Catholic community in West Warren and Warren, Massachusetts. Its parish church is located at 2274 Main Street, West Warren, Massachusetts.

The parish was established in December 1908 to serve the spiritual and sacramental needs of the Polish-American community, particularly Polish immigrants, who came to America and settled in that area of the Diocese.

Its parish church was built in 1913 and has served as a place of worship, not only for the Polish-American community, but for other nationalities as well.

Since the parish was established, the general population of the Towns of Warren and West Warren have greatly diminished as has the Catholic population of that area.

I have studied the pastoral situation in West Warren and Warren as to how best to serve the spiritual and sacramental needs of those communities. With diminishing clergy personnel resources, it has become necessary to make pastoral changes in how best to serve the sacramental and pastoral needs of Catholics in the Towns of West Warren and Warren.

After prayerful reflection, and after having sought the advice of several pastors, I have decided to establish Saint Stanislaus Parish as a quasi-parish or mission of Saint Carlo Acutis Parish, West Brookfield, Massachusetts with the pastor of that parish serving as the canonical pastor of Saint Stanislaus Mission.

All the requirements of canons 50, 51, 127, 166 and 515 have been fulfilled.

After hearing the parties mandated by law, most especially the Presbyteral Council, in accord with canons 500, §§1-2 and 515, §2, of the Code of Canon Law, which met on December 15, 2025, and voted unanimously in favor of my recommendation I, the Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, Bishop of Worcester, holding before me my pastoral responsibilities to this particular church, hereby declare and decree the following:

- Saint Stanislaus Parish, the territorial parish of Warren and West Warren, Massachusetts, is to be established as a quasi-parish or mission attached to Saint Carlo Acutis Parish, West Brookfield, Massachusetts. Its name will be Saint Stanislaus Mission;
- The pastor of Saint Carlo Acutis Parish, West Brookfield, Massachusetts will serve as the pastor of the newly-established Saint Stanislaus Mission and will be responsible for its pastoral and spiritual needs, in accord with canons 121 and 516, §1;
- The newly created Saint Stanislaus Mission will retain the goods, assets, including property and patrimonial rights, as well as the burdens and liabilities of the former Saint Stanislaus Parish, respecting the intentions of the founders and donors, concerning the allocation of goods and the fulfillment of obligations, in accord with canons 121 and 123;
- The sacramental records of the former Saint Stanislaus Parish will remain under the custody and guardianship of the newly created Saint Stanislaus Mission.
- The newly created Saint Stanislaus Mission will enjoy public juridic personality by the law itself, in accord with canon 515, §3.

The effective date of this decree is January 1, 2026, at 12:01 am.

I order that this decree be published.

Approved and given at Worcester, Massachusetts, this the twenty-ninth day of December, in the year of our Lord, two thousand twenty-five, in the halls of the Chancery.

+ Robert J. McManus

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, S.T.D.
Bishop of Worcester

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