

Lent at St. Roch's

33 Days to Morning Glory

Gatherings will continue each morning at 9:30 in the Parish Center to read and reflect on that portion of Fr. Michael Gaitley's book *33 Days to Morning Glory*.

He will be using four outstanding guides to assist us in making the consecration.

St. Louis de Montfort

Blessed Mother Teresa

St. Maximilian Kolbe

St. John Paul II

The St. Roch Novena

continues each Monday & Wednesday of Lent at 6:30 pm

Monday—March 16—Benediction followed by the second part of the film on Fatima

Wednesday—March 18—Eucharist which Fr. Roy will celebrate and at which Linda Santo will speak; the Mother of Little Audrey whose cause for canonization is proceeding as the Pro-Life Saint

Monday—March 23—Benediction followed by an excellent film on Mary

March 25—FEAST of the ANNUNCIATION

Eucharist during which we will have the opportunity to make the Marian Consecration

Holy Eucharist

each weekday 8:30 AM

Wednesdays 6:30 PM

Fridays following stations at Noon

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Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 14, 2015

4:00 PM Frank Felicetti (13th Anniversary) by wife Maureen

Sunday, March 15, 2015

8:30 AM John Stone by wife Marie

11:00 AM Doris Kerswell (10th Anniversary) by family

Monday, March 16, 2015

8:30 AM The People of St. Roch

Tuesday, March 17, 2015

8:30 AM Ted Guertin by Fr. Robert Kelley

Wednesday, March 18, 2015

8:30 AM Joe Mahoney by sister Barbara Quaiel

Thursday, March 19, 2015

8:30 AM No Intention

Friday, March 20, 2015

8:30 AM No Intention

Saturday, March 21, 2015

4:00 PM Adelard Richard (33rd Anniversary) by The Richard Family

Sunday, March 22, 2015

8:30 AM Steven Smolenski by his sister

11:00 AM The Stolz Family by the family

Scripture Readings

Sunday, March 15

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23
Eph 2:4-10, Jn 3:14-21

Monday, March 16

Is 65:17-21, Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 17

Ez 47:1-9, 12, Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 18

Is 49:8-15, Jn 5:17-30

Thursday, March 19

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16

Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Friday, March 20

Wis 2:1a, 12-22

Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, March 21

Jer 11:18-20

Jn 7:40-53

Sunday, March 22

Jer 31:31-34

Heb 5:7-9, Jn 12:20-33

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Weekday Masses: Monday ~ Friday 8:30 am

Confessions: 3:00 PM Saturday or anytime on request.

HOLY WEEK April 2-5, 2015

Holy Thursday—Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM

Good Friday—Celebration of the Lord's Passion 7:00 PM

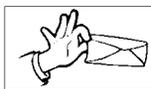
Holy Saturday—Easter Vigil Mass 7:30 PM
(no 4:00 Mass)

Easter Sunday—Resurrection of the Lord
Masses: 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Your Sacrificial Offering March 7 & 8

Offertory Envelopes (141)	\$3,449.00
Loose Money	319.00
Fuel	1,554.00
Other sources of income	<u>1,041.00</u>
Total	6,363.00
Weekly Goal	<u>5,881.00</u>
Result	+ 482.00

Thank You!



A second collection will be taken next weekend, **March 21st & 22nd**, for **Catholic Relief Services**. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

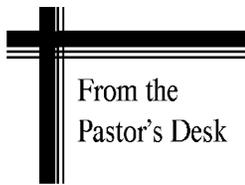


Communal Lenten Penance Service

March 31st at 7 pm
St. Ann's, North Oxford



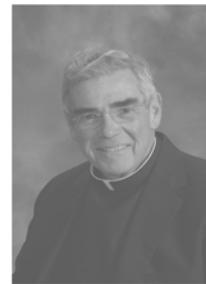
PRAY FOR ... *Kathy Perry, Owen Benway, Irene Richardson, Jane Lewicki, Anthony Nguyen, Judy Chiancola, Sean Cryan, Olga Brault, Barbara Swenson, Andrew Rivers, Connie Croteau, Chloe Barbara Jones, Fr. Robert Kelley, Ruth Andrzejczyk, James Butler, Jr., Al Sinkis, Craig Ladd, Carol Violette, Raymond Joseph, Roseanne Ferlito, John & Bev Makowski, Rosellen Roy, Pat Shong, Maddy Desrosier, Phyllis Day, John Hickman, John Barton, Walter McCarthy, Stephen Rice, Debbie Byrne, Dale Mahota, Joel Winslow, Cindy Flores, Roger St. George, James Sumerlin, Julie Guertin, Timothy Bowes, Anita Prunier, Liz Iandolli, Ed Carpenter, Charlene White, Bob St. George, Victor Pizzolato, Ernest Lavallee.*



From the
Pastor's Desk

*The Readings for next Sunday, March 22, 2015
The Fifth Sunday of Lent*

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Hebrews 5:7-9
John 12:20-33



My dear parishioners,

I have been profoundly moved this week while reflecting on the spirituality of Mother Teresa that is found in the book *33 Days to Morning Glory*. I thank God greatly that He guided us to choose this book as a central part of our Lenten observance. It is all so simple yet goes so very much to the core of all we are searching for. As Mother puts it, "Jesus is thirsting for us."

The following is from Mother Teresa's letter to her sisters that she wrote on March 25, 1993.

"Every day if you listen with your heart, you will hear Jesus say, "I thirst." What does it mean? Something so hard to explain in words. "I thirst" is something much deeper than Jesus just saying, "I love you." Until you know deep inside that Jesus thirsts for you—you can't begin to know who He wants to be for you. Or who He wants you to be for Him.

Our Lady was the first person to hear Jesus' cry "I thirst." Because Our Lady was there on Calvary she knows how real, how deep is His longing for you. Ask her to teach for her role is to bring you face to face with the love in the heart of the Crucified Jesus."

It will be at the Eucharist on March 25, the Feast of the Annunciation, that those of us who have been preparing with Fr. Gaitley's book will be making the Marian Consecration.

From the days of Mother Mary's *yes* in Nazareth her deepest desire is to bring Christ to us. At Lourdes, Fatima and Guadalupe she continues with true maternal affection to guide us toward heaven.

While Mother Teresa is so well known for her care of the poor in very difficult circumstances, we may feel that we cannot imitate her in that way. However as we follow the Lenten practice of almsgiving we can truly touch the lives of the needy. We have made a good start on Partners in Charity, but we will need the sacrificial cooperation from everybody to achieve our parish goal.

Two weeks from today the Liturgy brings us to Jerusalem and Jesus' triumphal entry on Palm Sunday. Please note the new brochures at the entrances regarding our parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land in October. A chance to truly walk in the footsteps of Jesus.

Let us continue to love one another,

Fr. Roy



Surrender Yourself to Jesus Through Mary

Daily March 15^h—March 24th
 - together we are praying the rest of the devotion **33 Days to Morning Glory, 9:30 AM daily in room 1 of the parish center, and Sundays in the church.** Call **508-987-2382** for more on how to complete this at home or come to the parish center to pray and share. *Just keep praying.*



Last weekend was our Parish Commitment Weekend for the 2015 Partners in Charity Appeal. Thank you to those who made a gift and a special thank you for those who gave for the first time. Your gift will help

us in reaching our parish goal. To date 49 of 1089 parish families have responded. However, we need the support of all members of St. Roch if we are to be successful in reaching our parish goal of \$45,000. If you have not yet completed your pledge, please prayerfully make your pledge and return it to the church office or in the collection basket. Facing the challenges God has put before us, we invite you to consider God's generosity to you. It is our sincere hope that you will be as generous as possible. As Pope Francis asked in a twitter post, "Are we ready to be Christians full-time, showing our commitment in word and deed?" this is our challenge. We are confident that, with God's help and yours, we will rise to it! If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment pledge envelope located in the pew today. Or visit www.partners-charity.net. Thank you!

Believe It Or Not.....
It's Time to Think FESTIVAL!!!!!!!

Come to the Meeting this Tuesday, March 17th at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center to start planning our biggest annual fundraising event!

Open to everyone....new ideas and helpers are welcome! We would love to see new faces ... this is a fun event and a great opportunity to get to know your fellow parishioners.

One of the Irish may even have a surprise for us that night!! —We hope to see *you* there!!!!

15th Annual Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference

All men are invited to this important annual Conference, scheduled for Worcester's DCU Center, on **Saturday, March 21, 2015**. Hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: Dynamic Catholic Institute's Allen Hunt, Arise Ministries' Dominick Albano, Blessed2Play's Ron Meyer, and 'Catholic Answers' host Patrick Coffin. Father Michael Gaitley will offer a special presentation on divine mercy, the role of the Blessed Mother and the importance of receiving mercy through confession. Bishops and diocesan and religious priests will hear those confessions. Bishop McManus will offer Mass. For a Conference brochure, further information, or registration, call 508-929-4345. Visit www.firstmensconf.org for info and ticket purchases.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

How have we responded to the gospel call to serve Jesus through the poor and vulnerable? It is for this reason that we join with parishes around the country in the **Annual Collection for Catholic Relief Services on the weekend of March 22**. This collection reminds us that through your generosity, you can help ease the burdens of our brothers and sisters around the globe. Thanks to your donation, you can:

- alleviate suffering and provide assistance to people in need through the international Catholic humanitarian agency, Catholic Relief Services (CRS)
- supply outreach and pastoral care to refugees, migrants, and travelers
- provide assistance to victims of natural disasters and other emergencies around the world through the Holy Father's Relief Fund
- advocate for poor and vulnerable people and for international justice and peace
- actively help victims of human trafficking and refugees by providing resettlement services and public policy advocacy



Please be generous in the Catholic Relief Services Collection in your parish. Your support will truly make a difference.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain Sincerely yours in Christ,
 Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, Bishop of Worcester

You are all invited and we could use your help. (Normally we meet *every second Wednesday of the month*, in the St. Ann rectory at 6:00 PM; watch the bulletin for details.)



Our Pro-Life Ministry at St. Roch's is for everyone younger and older members join together with St. Ann's No. Oxford, let's see how we can help the larger community of Oxford respect life from the moment of conception to natural death. **Won't you please join us?** The 15th "40 Days for Life" prayer campaign is taking



place in Worcester from Feb. 18 to Mar. 29, 2015. This is a coordinated, national pro-life effort that consists of 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion, and peaceful vigil outside abortion facilities.

Our St. Roch & St Ann Pro Life Community has decided to pray at the vigil site (outside Planned Parenthood at 470 Pleasant Street, Worcester) on **Tues., Mar. 24th**. If you would like to pray with us that day, **please contact Father Roy**. To learn more about 40 Days for Life, please visit: www.40daysforlife.com/worcester.

Lots of Things Coming:

We are getting ready for our Planning Sessions and Pre-Registration for Summer Vacation.



Bible Adventure 2015

Without a lot of help it cannot happen. Adults & Teens are needed to volunteer for Set Up & Breakdown & Leadership Roles during the camp.

Please Call 508-987-2382 to help us decide dates & times. Watch for more next week and the weeks to come.

Registration for Fall 2015 Classes at all levels & Sacraments sessions begin in March and end by April 30th. Watch for the letters and notices in the bulletin. Tell your neighbors all are welcome.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

We meet every Sunday at 9:45 am in the rectory. Call for more information 508-987-2382.

Do you know anyone who would like to find out about becoming Catholic, receiving Sacraments as an Adult, or parents of older children, who need Baptism or Holy Eucharist: **Contact Terry Ann Renaud or Father Roy anytime 508-987-2382 or 508-987- 8987.**

Adults interested in walking with other adults in this process are asked to join us Sunday mornings between Masses at **9:45 AM in the rectory parlor.**

ADULTS why not take time for enrichment?

Education never ends. Join others **Tuesday mornings** for the *Echoes of Faith* series on *Scriptures*, in the parish center, room 1, **10-11:30 weekly.**

Next class meets **March 15, 22.**

Please register to order a book for the class.

Call Terry Ann Renaud 508-987-2382

Sacramental Preparation



2ND GRADE - 1ST Eucharist SESSIONS

SUNDAYS 9:40-10:50 AM

Mar. 15, 22, 29, regular classes

(Apr. 7 no class),

Apr. 11 FAMILY MASS 5:30

Apr. 12 regular class

Apr. 12 (Parents meet to prepare & design the flowers & headpieces the children will wear.)

May 3 regular class

May 12 First Eucharist Rehearsal 6-8 PM

May 13 Eucharist Portraits by Sue Bray

May 17 First Eucharist Celebration Mass 2 PM candidates arrive 1:15 in hall for group photo.

June 7 Corpus Christi Procession 11:00 mass, arrive

10:45 in hall. All children who have received Holy

Eucharist are invited to join the procession, too. The

children will process to church in outfits worn for First Holy Communion.

SAINT ROCH CONFIRMATION 2015 CALENDAR

Sunday Sessions 6:30-8:00 PM in the Church Hall.

Note: all sessions are required.

Emergency call Father Roy...508-987-8987

March 15, 22, 29 sessions.

April 2 Holy Thursday, arrive for Mass 6:45 PM

April 3 Good Friday Living Stations—Arrive 11:45

April 4 Easter Vigil Mass sundown.

(April 5 no class Easter Sunday)

April 12, regular session

(April 19 no class vacation)

April 26, May 3 Sponsors & Candidates: Practice at 7:15 pm at Sacred Heart.

May 7 Confirmation Celebration at Sacred Heart—Details & rehearsal information will be given ASAP

June 7 Corpus Christi, Newly Confirmed process following the 11:00 AM Mass, followed by a special welcome pot-luck family luncheon, with make your own sundaes.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

SUNDAY CLASS SCHEDULE:

Grades K through 12, 9:40-10:50 AM

March 15, 22, 29

TUESDAY CLASS SCHEDULE:

Grades 3-6 meet 4:20-5:30 PM

Grades 7-8 meet 6:30-7:45 PM

March 17, 24, 31, April 7

CATHOLICTV'S MARCH PROGRAMMING

SPANISH MASS

Starting March 1st, CatholicTV will now air a weekly Spanish Mass at 8am, 5:30pm & 10pm from the Chapel of Holy Cross.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Spend St. Patrick's Day with CatholicTV while we host Mass, This is The Day & Divine Mercy Chaplet from Ireland!

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday Mass, Chrism Mass, Holy Thursday Mass, Good Friday, Easter Vigil & Easter Sunday Mass

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