

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 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

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Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions for the Week

Scripture Readings

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

Monday, March 23, 2015

8:30 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Gentile & Miner families by Paula Miner & Ken Mills

Tuesday, March 24, 2015

8:30 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Gentile & Miner families by Paula Miner & Ken Mills

Wednesday, March 25, 2015

8:30 AM Ted Guertin by a friend

Thursday, March 26, 2015

8:30 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Gentile & Miner families by Paula Miner & Ken Mills

Friday, March 27, 2015

8:30 AM Tom Riley (living) by Paula Miner & Ken Mills

Saturday, March 28, 2015

4:00 PM Dennis St. Hilaire by the family

Sunday, March 29, 2015

8:30 AM David B. Sullivan, Jr. by his mother Jacqueline Sullivan

11:00 AM Paul Guiney (9th Anniversary) by daughter Patty Clarkson

Sunday, March 22

Jer 31:31-34

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

Monday, March 23

Dn 13:1-6, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62

Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday, March 24

Num 21:4-9, jn 8:21-30

Wednesday, March 25

Is 7:10-14; 8-10

Heb 10:4-10, Lk 1:26-38

Thursday, March 26

Gen 17:3-9, Jn 8:51-59

Friday, March 27

Jer 20:10-13

Jn 10:31-42

Saturday, March 28

Ez 37:21-28

Jn 11:45-56

Sunday, March 29

Is 50:4-7, Phil 2:6-11

Mk 14:1-15:47

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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 14 & 15

Offertory Envelopes (141)	\$4,518.00
Loose Money	331.00
Other sources of income	1,088.00
Total	<u>5,937.00</u>
Weekly Goal	<u>5,881.00</u>
Result	+ 56.00

Thank You!



A second collection will be taken this 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 Pizzoloto, Ernest Lavallee.*



From the
Pastor's Desk

The Readings for next Sunday, March 29, 2015
Palm Sunday
The Passion of the Lord

Isaiah 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11
Mark 14:1-15:47



My dear parishioners,

I would like to take this opportunity to review both for your benefit and mine what I see as the purpose of these weekly letters in our bulletin. I find letter writing, which with the advance of technology, is becoming a practice of the past, a basic form of personal communication. Fundamentally I want to share with you what's going on in the parish and the how and why we are doing things in this or that way.

For instance the Partner's in Charity Appeal which is certainly the most significant appeal for funds that takes place in the entire year. We have begun this process a few weeks ago on the Third Sunday of Lent. We are off to a decent start collecting \$23,940 toward our parish goal of \$45,000. However, being sensitive to the value and meaning of the Lenten Season I've decided that our next big push will happen after we've celebrated Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday. Almsgiving is one of the disciplines of Lent, most assuredly, but I don't want it to be the dominant theme of this Lent at St. Roch's.

There is an excellent video that has been put together about Partners in Charity and how the funds are applied and I would like to show this during the Sunday Masses when we ask for your sacrificial assistance again.

What else is going on? Well, I am really excited about bringing the 33 Days to Morning Glory to its apex on this Wednesday, March 25 when a number of us will be making the Marian Consecration at the 6:30 Mass that night. Week by week guided by exceptional teachers we have been coming to understand how our dear Mother, Mary wants to help us become true disciples of Jesus. I hope that many of you who have been using the book will join us for this powerful, grace-filled moment.

Can you believe that when we next gather for the Sabbath Day Masses it will be the beginning of Holy Week with Palm Sunday. There is nothing that we do throughout the entire year that begins to compare in importance with the events of Holy Week. This is why this or any parish exists in the first place; to be in communion with Jesus and to make real in our own lives His victory over sin, satan and death. I am deeply grateful that we will be baptizing a number of adults at the Vigil this year. Please make arrangements now for all of us to be together during the Sacred Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter.

To be in the best possible state of mind and soul you might want to think about making a good confession before Holy Week. I will be assisting at the following Penance Services that are of course open to all. St. Joseph's in Charlton, this Tuesday, March 24 at 6:30; St. Joseph's in Webster, next Monday, March 30 at 6:30; and our local service this year at St. Ann's in North Oxford on Tuesday, March 31 at 7 pm.

These are powerful days that can make a significant difference all year long.

Let us continue to love one another,

Fr. Roy



Surrender Yourself to Jesus Through Mary

Daily through 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 Sunday in the church.

It will be at the Eucharist on March 25, the Feast of the Annunciation, 8:30 AM or 6:30 PM that those of us who have been preparing with Fr. Gaitley's book will be making the Marian Consecration.

All is not lost if you missed this 33 days, just start now...If you have not been ready to start yet, but want more info Call 508-987-2382 for more on how to complete this at home.

Just keep praying.



Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2015 Partners in Charity Annual Appeal. St. Roch's is 53% towards our goal of \$45,000. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment pledge envelope located at the entrances of the church. Or visit www.partners-charity.net. Partners in Charity, formerly known as the Bishops Fund, is the Annual Appeal for the Diocese of Worcester, serving 28 charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries. Through your generous support we are able to serve thousands of families and individuals in Worcester County through outreach, formation, evangelization, and worship. Thank you!

St. Roch's Church and ARTIQUE have arranged an opportunity for you to get inspired, be creative, and **Paint for a Purpose!**



Adult Paint Event and Fundraiser
Thursday, April 23rd 7:00-9:00 pm
St. Roch's Church Hall, 332 Main Street, Oxford

Cost: \$30 per person— No experience necessary! Includes 16 x 20 canvas, paints, easel, brushes, and professional art instructor. Cash bar and hors d'oeuvres available for a nominal fee

SEATING IS LIMITED – REGISTER AFTER MASSES ON SUNDAY MORNINGS OR CALL THE RECTORY OFFICE 508-987-8987. PAYMENT REQUIRED WITH SIGN-UP.

Come have Fun and Take home a Masterpiece!



Palm Sunday Family Breakfast
March 29 ~ 8-12 pm

Come together as a parish family to share a great meal and celebrate this beautiful feast day.

Sponsored by Family of Friends Youth Ministry.
Your \$4.00 donation helps us to provide funds for our youth to do their ministry, like the senior citizen dinner, and other events.



GREAT NEWS!

The FESTIVAL date has been set!

JUNE 13, 2015

Mark Your Calendars!!

The first planning meeting this past Tuesday evening was very fruitful. A lot of was accomplished in a short amount of time. We will have a day of fun and events followed by our Famous Chicken Barbecue!

A lot of volunteers will be needed to ensure a successful festival. Can we count on you?

The next planning meeting will be held on Thursday, April 16th at 7:00 pm.

If you are unable to make the meeting but would like to volunteer some time (either before or during the event), please let us know by calling the rectory office at 508-987-8987 or the parish center at 508-987-2382. Everyone is welcome! We would love to see new faces ... this is a fun event and a great opportunity to get to know your fellow parishioners!

The St. Vincent dePaul Society
Mother's Day Gift Bags

As *Mother's Day* approaches this May, our thoughts go out to all mothers for their unconditional love. There are however homeless mothers in our midst that do not have contact with family for various reasons. We do need to remember all mothers. There will be containers at the doors of the church. If you could please buy a personal product such as nail polish, shampoo, deodorant, perfume, etc. We will take these items and create "Mother's Day" gift bags and deliver them. **This drive is for the month of April.**



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR**SUNDAY CLASS SCHEDULE:**

Grades K through 12, 9:40-10:50 AM
March 22, 29

TUESDAY CLASS SCHEDULE:

Grades 3-6 meet 4:20-5:30 PM
Grades 7-8 meet 6:30-7:45 PM
March 24, 31, April 7

**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 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 7:30 PM

(April 5 no class Easter Sunday)

April 12, regular session

(April 19 no class vacation)

May 3 Sponsors & Candidates: Practice arrive at 7:15 pm at Sacred Heart.

May 7 Confirmation Celebration at Sacred Heart—Candidates and sponsors arrive 6:30 at Day Street St Anne School Sacred Heart parish hall

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.

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 **April 21, 28, May 5, 12**

Please register to order a book for the class.

Call Terry Ann Renaud 508-987-2382

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.**

**2ND GRADE - 1ST Eucharist
SESSIONS
SUNDAYS 9:40-10:50 AM**

Mar. 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.

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.) **Next meeting is April 8.**



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.

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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March 8-16

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