## HOLY WEEK



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

Good Friday

Outdoor Stations of the Cross—starts at Grace Episcopal Church at Noon Celebration of the Lord's Passion 7:00 PM



Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil Mass 7:30 PM

Easter Sunday

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

St. Roch Church



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

Monday, March 30, 2015

8:30 AM Louis Prunier by wife Olive

Tuesday, March 31, 2015

8:30 AM Vernon Laverdure & family (living & deceased) by Paula Miner & Ken Mills

Wednesday, April 1, 2015

8:30 AM Anna Particiauone by Terry & Ed Renaud

Thursday, April 2, 2015 Holy Thursday

8:30 AM No Mass

7:00 PM Deceased Bishops & Priests of the Diocese of Worcester

Friday, April 3, 2015 Good Friday 7:00 PM Liturgy of the Passion Saturday, April 4, 2015 Easter Vigil

7:30 PM All those Baptized this past year and their families

Sunday, April 5, 2015 Easter

8:30 AM Henry Smolenski by wife Frances

11:00 AM John (5th Anniv) & Angelina 'Julie' (11th Anniv) Lapomardo by the family

#### **Scripture Readings**

Sunday, March 29

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

Mk 14:1-15:47

Monday, March 30

Is 42:1-7, Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday, March 31

Is 49:1-6, Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday, April 1

Is 50:4-9a, Mt 26:14-25

Thursday, April 2

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14

1 Cor 11:23-26, Jn 13:1-15

Friday, April 3

Is 52:13-53:12

Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday, April 4

Gen 1:1-2:2, Gen 22:1-18

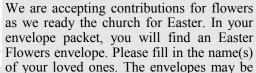
Ex 14:15-51:1, Rom 6:3-11

Sunday, April 5

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Col 3:1-4, Jn 20:1-9

### EASTER FLOWERS



dropped in any collection basket or to the rectory office. Names received **by Tuesday, March 31st** will be enrolled in a special memorial listing.

## Your Sacrificial Offering March 21 & 22

Offertory Envelopes (135)	\$3,204.00
Loose Money	304.00
Other sources of income	592.00
Total	4,100.00
Weekly Goal	5,881.00
Result	- 1,781.00

Thank You!

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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.



#### Communal Lenten Penance Service

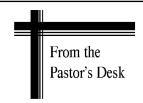
March 31st at 7 pm St. Ann's, North Oxford



#### **AMERICAN CHOP SUEY**

may be dropped off in the church kitchen on Monday, April 6th before 3:00 PM or Tuesday, April 7th before 10:00 AM

Kathy Perry, Owen Benway, Irene
PRAY FOR ··· 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.



# The Readings for next Sunday, April 5, 2015 Easter Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9



My dear parishioners,

I am writing my letter to you this week early in the morning of March 25 just nine months before Christmas. This is the day we celebrate the conception of Jesus in the womb of Mary in Nazareth; **the Feast of the Annunciation**. By Mary's accepting the invitation of God through the Archangel Gabriel we are told in the Gospel of St. John—"The Word became Flesh." Words are our means of communication—this is the ultimate communication of love from God to us.

How very important it is for us to continue to be open and welcoming of the ongoing communication from our God! I hope and pray that you have made good use of the publication "the Word Among Us" throughout Lent. Next week the next issue will be available at the entrances; or you might want to subscribe and have it sent to your home or access it online. Keeping a few sentences of the Sacred Scriptures before our eyes every day puts us in the same open spirit that Mary had. Jesus so much wants to be close to us.

Also at all the entrances this week is a free sample of "Give Us This Day", a beautiful and easy to use publication that puts all of the liturgical readings and inspiring reflections within easy reach. It will be especially useful this coming week that we call Holy.

If you want to grow in holiness then allow the worship rhythm of the Liturgical Year to attract you closer and closer to Jesus, Mary and our heroes the saints. The very center of it all is the Sacred Triduum, Holy Thursday, 7 pm; Good Friday, stations at noon and 7 pm; and Easter—the Great Vigil at 7:30 Saturday and 8:30 & 11 on Sunday. Thursday the washing of the feet, institution of the Eucharist, Friday walking with Jesus to Calvary and venerating the Cross, the Vigil going from darkness and following the Paschal Candle to the light of hope and new life.

I can't stress enough how essential it is to absorb the meaning and catch the spirit of these days if you are to really understand what it means to believe, to live by faith.

Our faith is often under attack and opposed. Sadly many have become indifferent to their relationship with Jesus and their trust in God. I fear for their eternal salvation. Please don't let this happen to you.

In some parts of the world our fellow Christians are suffering violent persecution. Let us pray for them and each other. Your sacrificial offering at Good Friday will help express our solidarity with them and ease their suffering.

I love being your pastor. People who love one another like being together. Let's spend the ultimate quality time together this week.



Let us continue to love one another,

Fr. Roy

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The news about the Middle East has been bleak over this past year. During this Holy Week we are challenged by the Scriptures to see the light of hope amidst darkness and despair. How have we responded as disciples of Christ to follow in his footsteps? Holy Week is about finding hope from despair and, as Pope Francis reminds us, "Let us become bearers of hope."

Christians living in the Holy Land struggle to live their faith and to be stewards of the sacred places as Christians arrive in pilgrimage day after day. Schools and parishes are signs of peace and hope as they conduct pastoral ministries, including religious formation and education. Shrines in Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jerusalem and many other locations welcome Christian pilgrims, as well as provide housing and food for the poor.

Catholics worldwide are being invited by Pope Francis to support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land by making a donation to the **Good Friday Collection**. Keeping Christianity alive in the Holy Land is the urgent goal of the Church. In fact, the call to support the community in the Holy Land dates back to the days of St. Paul when he called upon various communities to support their brothers and sisters in Jerusalem.

Please be generous in this year's Good Friday collection in your parish. Visit www.myfranciscan.org to learn more about the good work made possible thanks to you response to this pontifical collection.

May God continue to bless you during this Holy Season.

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

#### Palm Sunday

"Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?' And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'" (MARK 15:12-13) Jesus told us "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Pray for the courage to stand up for those in need of our help.



## 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**.

#### Adult Paint Event and Fundraiser Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> 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



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Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2015 Partners in Charity Annual Appeal. St. Roch's is 63% towards our goal of \$45,000. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a com-

mitment pledge envelope located at the entrances of the church. Or visit <a href="www.partners-charity.net">www.partners-charity.net</a>. 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!



You are all invited and you are needed. We meet every second Wednesday of the month, in the St. Ann rectory at 6:00 PM; 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?** 



Starting in April
On the last Thursday of each month
at 12:00 in room 1 of the parish center.
Adults will gather to watch a variety of films.
Watch for new titles each month.
Suggested titles welcomed.



Blessings on those who consecrated themselves to Jesus through Mary on March 25th, the Feast of the Annunciation. Anyone who wishes to follow up by meeting weekly are welcome on Monday mornings in Room 1 of the Parish Center at 9:45 AM. Those who have previously consecrated themselves are also invited.

#### **SAINT ROCH CONFIRMATION 2015**



Sunday Sessions 6:30-8:00 PM in the Church Hall. Note: all sessions are required.

**Emergency call Father** Rov...508-987-8987

Sponsor certificates & Name essays Due NOW. March 29 regular session

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)

**April 26 regular session** 

May 3 Sponsors & Candidates: Practice at Sacred Heart, Webster 7:15 PM.

May 7 Confirmation Celebration at Sacred Heart— 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 Liturgy and Sacraments, in the parish center, room 1, 10-11:30 weekly. Next class meets April 21, 28, May 2, 9,

2015. Please register by April 9, to order the book needed for the class. Call Terry Ann Renaud 508-987-2382.



We meet Sundays at 9:45 am in the rectory. (No session Easter Sunday. To be part of this process call 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.

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

#### SUNDAY CLASS SCHEDULE:

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

March 29 Palm Sunday Breakfast 9-11 AM

#### TUESDAY CLASS SCHEDULE:

Grades 3-6 meet 4:20-5:30 PM Grades 7-8 meet 6:30-7:45 PM

March 31, April 7

#### 2ND GRADE - 1ST Eucharist Sessions SUNDAYS 9:40-10:50 AM

Sacramental

Preparation Mar. 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.) Apr. 19-26 Vacation—no classes

May 3 regular class

May 10—Mother's Day—no classes

May 12 First Eucharist Rehearsal 6-8 PM

May 13 Eucharist Portraits by Sue Bray

May 17 First Eucharist Celebration Mass 2 PM candi-

dates 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.



We are getting ready for Bible Adventure 2015. **July 6-10** 

Without a lot of help it cannot happen. Adults & Teens are needed to volunteer for Set up & Breakdown & All leadership

Roles during the camp.

Please call 508-987-2382 to help us firm up dates & times. Watch for more to come.

Registration for Fall 2015 Classes at all levels & Sacraments sessions begin now and end by April 30th. Tell your neighbors, all families are welcome.



Registration

Please register ASAP for the fall 2015-6 school year. Ordering books from publishers in May saves a good percentage on our material costs. If you have yet to pay fees for the current year 2014-5, your help is requested in helping us to close the finance records by June.



#### **RICE BOWLS**

## This Lenten practice encourages us to LIVE MORE SIMPLY THAT OTHERS MAY SIMPLY LIVE.

By having one very simple meal every week (recipes included in the Rice Bowl) and putting the money saved into the Rice Bowl along with spare change, Catholic Relief Services is able to be of great assistance to the neediest throughout the world. The Rice Bowls can be returned starting Holy Thursday in the basket at the statue of the Blessed Mother.



#### **Bible Study**

Wednesday morning **Bible Study** in the Parish Center 9:30 AM.
All are welcome.

#### 334 CLUB WINNERS—Week 17

Last week's bulletin had a misprint. My apologies!

# 178 Carol Spooner # 322 Rita Boudreau # 252 Norman Mercier # 320 Jill Carter



#### Week 18

# 349 Cynthia Robert
# 455 George Cloutier, Jr.
# 181 Elaine Gendron
# 310 Emelia Esposito

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!!



St. Vincent de Paul Society will meet on Monday, April 6th at 7:00 PM in the parish center.

<u>Finance Committee</u> will meet on Tuesday, April 7th at 7:00 PM in the rectory. \*\*Note date change.

Festival Meeting will take place on Thursday, April 16th at 7:00 PM in the parish center.

## Join with Brothers from Taize in April at Assumption College

Please join Bros. John and Emile from the monastery at Taizé, France, for an Easter Evensong with chants and prayers on **April 10** at Assumption College, Worcester. At 7:00 pm—Introduction to Taizé: Why Thousands of Young Pilgrims Descend on a Little Town in France Each Year, at the Testa Science Building; At 7:30 pm—Evening Prayer, Chapel of the Holy Spirit.

Cursillo or "short course in Christianity" is an uplifting and educational experience. Cursillo was brought from Spain to the United States in 1962. The weekend is conducted by a team of laypeople and clergy who deliver organized talks and discussions. What the presenters add to the talks is the witness of their own lives, their struggles and triumphs in Christ. The weekend is full of laughter, prayer, great music, wonderful meals and so much more! The next men's Cursillo weekend is being held June 25-28, 2015 at the Prindle Pond Conference Center in Charlton, MA. The next women's Cursillo weekend is being held July 30-August 2, 2015 at Nichols College in Dudley, MA. For additional information and/or an application, please contact:

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May 3-5 Atlantic City Resorts Casino—Atlantic City's Original Casino! Right on the Atlantic City Boardwalk! 7:00 am Webster; 7:30 am Southbridge. Includes \$25.00 Slot Bonus, Two Buffets. Revue Show! \$219

May 17 Newport Playhouse—Cheeters" Show, Cabaret, & Delicious Buffet! 8:30 am Southbridge; 9:00 am Webster. Great Stage Show, Buffet Luncheon & Cabaret! What a Combo! \$85 Many more trips scheduled. For information please call Jan Caouette 508-887-2215 or Bernadette Langlois 508-943-8047.



#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #4241

Meeting every *first Tuesday* of the month beginning with a Mass at 6:00 pm at St. Ann's. Then we retire to the church hall to begin K of C Council Meeting at 6:45 pm.

Lots of things happening! If you are in need of something, please call a brother Knight. We are always looking for new men who are interested in joining!

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Like so many priests in our Archdiocese, Fr. Joe has been a source of strength and support, helping others find Christ's presence in times of joy and sorrow. When Gary and Susan's daughter Marcy passed away unexpectedly during surgery, Fr. Joe was the first person they called. Marcy had been a close friend of Fr. Joe's, and her faith life had blossomed with his help through challenging times in her life. Fr. Joe was there for the Pickerings as they said goodbye to their beloved Marcy then, and he remains by their side today. Together, they continue to grow in faith and friendship, confident that they will be reunited with Marcy again, and grateful for the hope they receive through each other in Christ Jesus.

Our priests are there for us and our families without question or hesitation. Please consider showing your gratitude by supporting your parish collection this Easter.

Thank you for helping to ensure a continuum of care and quality of life for all our active and senior priests.



"Support your priests with your love and prayers, that they may always be shepherds after Christ's heart."

- Pope Francis

To submit your special intentions to be remembered by our senior priests during the celebration of Holy Mass at Regina Cleri each week, visit www.clergyfunds.org/intentions.

To watch a short video of Fr. Joe Mazzone, please visit **www.clergyfunds.org.** 



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