

St. Roch Church



*I am the good shepherd, and
I know mine and mine know me.
I will lay down my life for the sheep.*

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 25, 2015

4:00 PM Mary Gagliastre by daughters Ginny & Maryann

Sunday, April 26, 2015

8:30 AM Adolph Smolenski by his daughter

11:00 AM Katrina Anargeros and Dino Drakopoulos by Olga & Helen

Monday, April 27, 2015

8:30 AM Vincent Hedge by Nancy Bejune

Tuesday, April 28, 2015

8:30 AM Robert Cheever by Lorraine Dumont

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

8:30 AM Philip Ryan (1st Anniversary) by wife Janet and family

Thursday, April 30, 2015

8:30 AM Ellen LeBlanc by the St. Vincent de Paul Society

Friday, May 1, 2015

8:30 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Gentile & Miner Families by Paula Miner

Saturday, May 2, 2015

4:00 PM Jamie Wahlstrom by Ginny & Stanley Sklarz

Sunday, May 3, 2015

8:30 AM John Sibley by the Sibley family

11:00 AM Dennis St. Hilaire (4th Anniversary) by the family

Scripture Readings

Sunday, April 26

Acts 4:8-12

1 Jn 3:1-2

Jn 10:11-18

Monday, April 27

Acts 11:1-18, Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday, April 28

Acts 11:19-26, Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday, April 29

Acts 12:24-13:5a

Jn 12:44-50

Thursday, April 30

Acts 13:13-25, Jn 13:16-20

Friday, May 1

Acts 13:26-33, Jn 14:1-6

Saturday, May 2

Acts 13:44-52, Jn 14:7-14

Sunday, May 3

Acts 9:26-31

1 Jn 3:18-24

Jn 15:1-8



There has been a very good response already here at St. Roch's for this year's Appeal.

We have reached 83% of the \$45,000.

To date 180 families in our parish have made a gift or pledge to the 2015 Partners in Charity Appeal. Our parish goal is to have at least 250 or more families participate in this important Appeal.

Convenient four payment plans are available. You can make your gift online as well by visiting www.partners-charity.net—click on the “Donate online now” tab. The pledge envelopes will be in the pews next week once again. If you haven't yet contributed please consider doing so, or perhaps you might want to increase your gift if you've already given.

Your Sacrificial Offering

April 18 & 19

Offertory Envelopes (137)	\$3,907.00
Loose Money	297.00
Other sources of income	1,660.00
Total	5,864.00
Weekly Goal	5,881.00
Result	- 17.00

Thank You!



A second collection will be taken this weekend, **April 25th & 26th**, for the **St. Vincent de Paul Society**. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

ST. ROCH CEMETERY NOTICE

All Christmas Flower baskets must be removed **by May 3rd** for preparations for Memorial Day. Thank you.

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Mass Schedule: Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Monday ~ Friday 8:30 am



PRAY FOR ...

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



From the
Pastor's Desk

The Readings for next Sunday, April 26, 2015

Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31
First Letter of Saint John 3:18-24
John 15:1-8



My dear parishioners,

What did you think of the video we showed at Mass last weekend? Of all the years that I've been a parish priest it was only the second time that I've ever done that. I didn't hear anything from parishioners one way or the other about it. I chose to show the video that the diocesan Office for Communications produced because I thought it gave a face and voice to the Partners in Charity annual appeal. It also I believe, helped us to see in flesh and blood real ways how our Church is concerned with carrying out Jesus' work of being the Good Shepherd in this local area at this time. It is our generosity and sacrifice that makes this a reality here and now.

The envelopes are in the pews again this weekend and if you haven't already made a pledge or contribution, please prayerfully consider doing so at this time. Perhaps you may want to add to the contribution you've already made. If everyone does their part I feel confident we can make our goal.

On another topic; one beautiful work that continues to be done in the spirit of Jesus the Good Shepherd is the care of pregnant mothers and their newborn babies at Visitation House. This is something that you know is very dear to my heart. I was at the house last Tuesday to offer Mass and meet with some of the mothers who are planning to have their babies baptized. It was a holy moment for me holding our newest "angel" only six days old when he snuggled into my neck and fell asleep. He's got the longest fingers; maybe he'll be a surgeon!

The girls and their babies are well provided for. One of the things I assure you of is that they eat well and healthy. Keeping the doors open is always a challenge. While many Catholics from throughout the Diocese support Visitation House, it is not an agency that officially receives funds from Partners in Charity. One of the ways that the revenue comes in is through the **Baby Bottle Drives** that many parishes put on. I would like to begin ours this week so that nine weeks from now on Father's Day we can collect the bottles filled with your change.

The genius of this is that it combines prayer and little sacrifices. You are asked to spiritually adopt a child conceived but possibly in danger of being aborted. Give the child a name and pray each day over the next nine weeks for this vulnerable little one. With confidence that our prayers are answered the bottles are then collected and put in the basinet that will be by our Blessed Mother's statue. If we are going to build a Culture of Life it needs to be done by one good choice at a time.

Mother's Day Cards

Every year I have the privilege of offering the nine Masses that constitute the Novena for the Mother's Day Cards. Your offering for these cards is also part of the life saving ministry that goes on at Visitation House. The cards will be available the next two weekends.

Let us continue to love one another,

Fr. Roy

NEW PARISH FAMILY DIRECTORY!

We are pleased to begin the process of producing a new family directory with *Lifetouch* and hope that all our parish families will participate. The portrait sessions will be take place in our church hall on **May 28, 29, 30, 2015**.

All participating families will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a directory. You will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits at your session.



To make your portrait session appointment go to www.appt.lifetouch.com and follow the easy instructions to select your day and time. A confirmation will be emailed to you. If you need assistance, you may call Teri in the rectory office 508-987-8987.

A \$10 discount is offered for signing up online.

A 20% discount is offered to seniors.

(A make-up date will be set in June-please call the office if you absolutely cannot make the May sessions-there is limited space on this date.)



FESTIVAL XXII JUNE 13, 2015

A day filled with fun, good food, raffles, an "Auction on the Stage", vendors and shopping opportunities followed by our Famous Chicken Barbecue is now being planned.

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

If you would like to volunteer (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. Any amount of time you can give will be greatly appreciated! 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 garage will be open beginning this weekend for dropping off garage sale items and books. Please no furniture, clothing, tires, TV's or any type of electronics, stuffed animals or mattresses.

We will also be collecting new raffle items and gift certificates, craft items, bake items, and plants. These drop off times and locations will be announced soon.

**VENDORS WELCOME
(CALL 508-987-8987 TO RESERVE SPACE)**

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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. **We will be collecting items May 4th.**

Calling Anthony's Angels

Anthony Nguyen and his family still needs your help. He is doing better with the help of the doctors and family, but he and his family still need your prayers and financial support.

Call 508-987-8987 for information or send your donation to:
Anthony's Angels
c/o St Roch Church
334 Main St.
Oxford, MA 01540

Blessings and gratitude for your continued prayerful support.



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 May 13.* **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?**



SAINT ROCH CONFIRMATION

Sunday Sessions 6:30-8:00 PM in the Church Hall.
Note: all sessions are required.
Emergency call Fr. Roy... 508-987-8987

Sponsor certificates & Name essays PAST DUE.

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.

Bible Adventure 2015

July 6th—10th 8:15 AM -12:15 PM

Come meet new friends & learn how great Our God is.

Register for this summer open, so please call for details 508-987-2382.

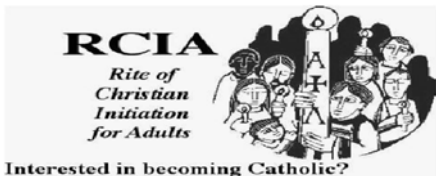
The \$25.00 donation per child helps defer costs of the program materials and lunches. Please do not let family hardship keep your child away from this faith and fun filled experience.

Some volunteers are already in place, but more volunteers are needed to prepare and lead this year's sessions. **Once school is out, we will plan our day for preparation with youth and adults. Call to let us know your schedule 508-987-2382.**



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. 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.**

Sacramental Preparation



1ST EUCHARIST SESSIONS

SUNDAYS 9:40-10:50 AM

May 3 regular class
May 10 - Mother's Day -no classes
May 12 First Eucharist Rehearsal 6-8 PM
May 13 Eucharist Portraits

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.

Volunteer catechists and aides are needed for all levels. If you can spend time in the classroom or the office during the class times, your help is needed and appreciated.

Training days July and August will address the needs of the new and existing catechists. Basic Certification & advanced master catechist courses will be offered to assist you in your catechetical ministry. Please call to let us know when is best for your schedule **508-987-2382.**

Here are some dates to mark on your calendar for enrichment or certification...
Liturgy and Sacraments will be taught at *St. Roch, Tuesday mornings from 10:00-11:45 AM, May 5,12,19* Other courses are being planned and will be published soon. Watch for other training dates in the bulletin.

Registration for Religious Education 2015-16 is happening now.

Call Terry Ann Renaud or Olga Brault 508-987-2382, or e-mail trenaud@parishmail.com to register today, so we may plan for class materials and staffing for all levels.

Registration materials will be made available in the church hall in May for your convenience.

Fees - \$85.00 for 1 child and \$110.00 maximum for a family. Fees defray the cost of the programs, books and supplies, but if for any reason any family is unable to pay the registration fee, other arrangements can be made. No one who desires to attend religious education for his or her child will ever be denied.



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.



Join us for another “**33 Days to Morning Glory**”, a retreat authored by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC of the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy.

Want to transform your work, your marriage, your family and your life? Are you ready to learn the quickest, surest, and easiest way to holiness.

Retreats held at the **St. Roch Parish Center**, for 6 consecutive **Wednesdays, May 6, 13, 20, 27, June 3, 10; at 6:30 – 8:00pm**; books will be available by pre-registering, 508-987-2382. All are welcome.

It will be offered also at: the St. Joseph Parish Center, 68 Central St. Auburn, 508-832-6683; St. Joseph Parish, 10H Putnam Rd., Charlton, 508-248-7862; St. Anne/St. Patrick, 16 Church St., Sturbridge, 508-612-7008, for 6 consecutive Tuesdays, beginning May 5, with sessions offered at both 9:30-11:00am and 6:30-8:00 pm.

The retreat will conclude with a **Mass and Consecration on Saturday, June 13, 2015 (Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary).**

For more information or to register, contact one of the churches listed, or **Terry Ann Renaud 508-987-2382.**

A GLORIOUS NEW MORNING

Blessings on those who consecrated themselves to Jesus through Mary on the Feast of the Annunciation, or previously. Anyone who wishes to follow up by gathering are welcome on the First Monday morning each month in Room 1 of the Parish Center at 9:45 AM.

Call 508-987-2382 for details.

Watch this column for information on Marian devotions (rosary, scapular, chaplets teachings) and ways to keep your consecration alive.



**St. Anne’s Shrine, Sturbridge
Two New Statues**

All are invited to the unveiling of two new statues at the Outdoor Pavilion and the Hall of Saints on **Saturday, May 30 at 4 pm**. Immediately after the Mass the beautiful statue of St. John Paul the Great and St. Peregrine, the patron saint of cancer patients, will be dedicated. All are welcome to this ceremony and the reception to follow.

A Film on Our Lady of Fatima

The film *The 13th Day* detailing the apparition of our Blessed Mother to three young children, Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco, at Fatima in Portugal from May to October 1917 will be shown in the Church Hall at 7 pm on **May 6th**. Come and hear the message of Fatima which involves the salvation of souls and peace in our world.



St. Vincent de Paul Society will meet on **Monday, May 4th at 7:00 PM** in the church hall.

Festival Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 5th at 6:00 PM** in the parish center.

Finance Committee will meet on **Tuesday, July 14th at 7:00 PM** in the rectory.



Bible Study

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

Emmanuel Radio Spring Pledge Drive April 29–May 1
Emmanuel Radio 1230AM and 970AM are accepting Pre-pledge Drive donations in support of their broadcasting Catholic radio from EWTN. You can call 508-767-1230, go online to donate at www.1230radio.com/donate or mail your check to Emmanuel Radio, PO Box 20027, Worcester, MA 01602. Emmanuel Radio is a non-profit 501 c(3) organization.

Summer Camps at St. Mary’s Schools, Worcester

St. Mary's Schools of Worcester is sponsoring a summer camp for all children grades PreK-6. Camp weeks run from **June 22 through August 21**. Camp cost is just \$30 per day. Come make new friends and have fun this summer! Please call 508-753-1170 or visit www.stmarysworcester.org for more information.

St. Anne School Open House

May 4, 2015 ~ 6:30 – 8:00 P.M.

Come and see where students receive the educational foundation that will lead to future success and achievement. You will receive a tour of the school and will be able to enjoy St. Anne School Project Night. Project Night is a display of various projects done by the students. At St. Anne School, we inspire our students to be the best they can be in mind, body and spirit and in the development of moral values.

\$500 Grant for a new student

\$1,000 Grant for a new family of 2 or more students

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