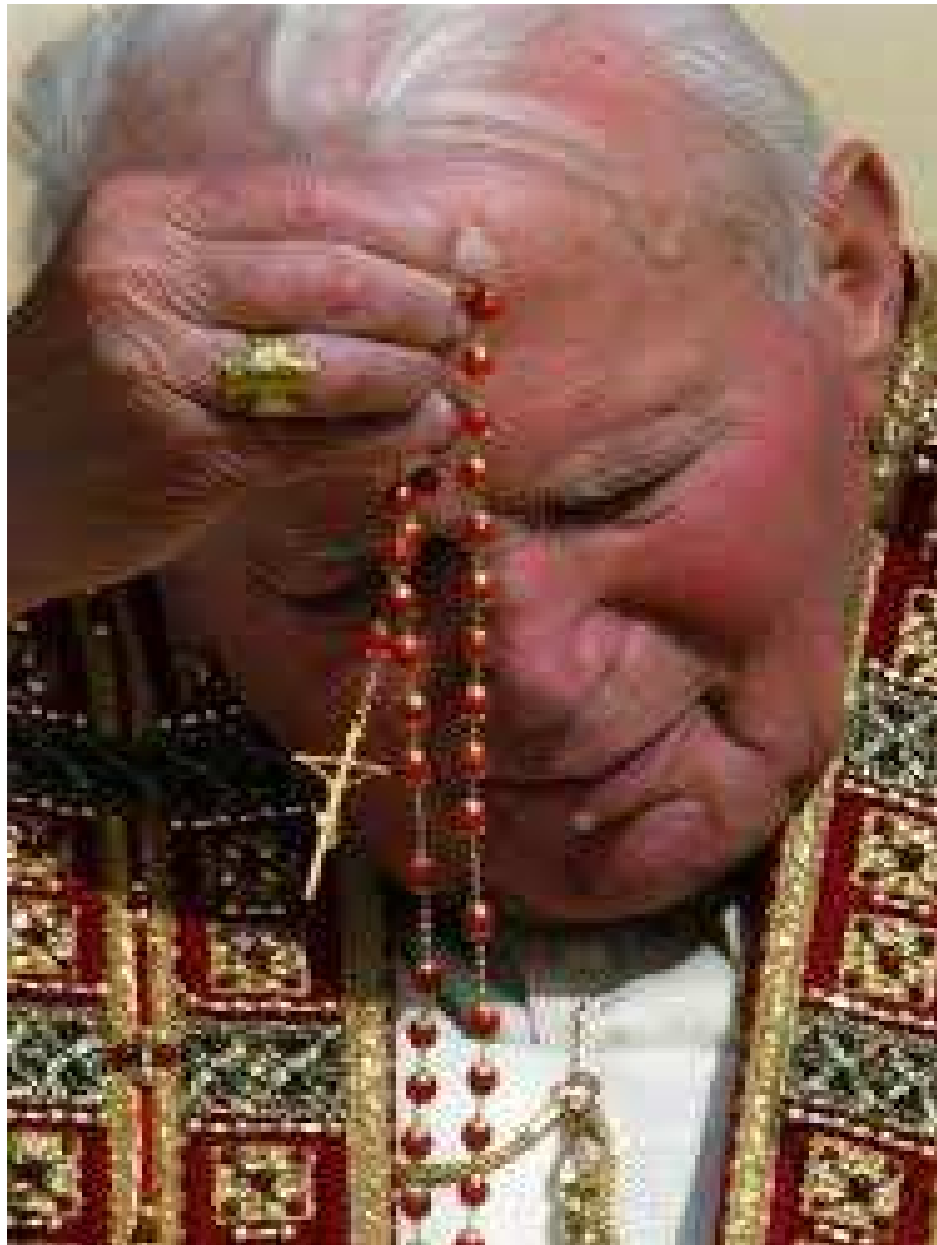


St. Roch Church



In the reciting of the Rosary, we are entering into confidential conversation with Mary, of speaking to her, telling her of one's hopes, confiding to her one's sorrows, opening one's heart to her.

-St. John Paul II

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, May 4, 2015

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

Tuesday, May 5, 2015

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

Wednesday, May 6, 2015

8:30 AM Archie Dionne by wife Ruth

Thursday, May 7, 2015

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

Friday, May 8, 2015

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

Saturday, May 9, 2015

4:00 PM Mary Gagliastre by Ginny & Maryann

Sunday, May 10, 2015

8:30 AM Mother's Day Novena

11:00 AM Mary Palmieri & Saveria Lagaccia by the family

Scripture Readings

Sunday, May 3

Acts 9:26-31

1 Jn 3:18-24

Jn 15:1-8

Monday, May 4

Acts 14:5-18, Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday, May 5

Acts 14:19-28, Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 6

Acts 15:1-6

Jn 15:1-8

Thursday, May 7

Acts 15:7-21, Jn 15:9-11

Friday, May 8

Acts 15:22-31, Jn 15:12-17

Saturday, May 9

Acts 16:1-10, Jn 15:18-21

Sunday, May 10

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

1 Jn 4:7-10

Jn 15:9-17



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

We have reached 87% of the \$45,000.

To date 193 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 (139)	\$3,538.00
Loose Money	357.00
Other sources of income	552.00
Total	4,447.00
Weekly Goal	5,881.00
Result	- 1,434.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society	1,105.00

Thank You!



AMERICAN CHOP SUEY

may be dropped off in the church kitchen on
Monday, May 4th before 3:00 PM or
Tuesday, May 5th before 10:00 AM

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 . . .

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Anthony Nguyen, Andrew Rivers,

Judy Chiancola, Sean Cryan, Olga Brault, Raymond Joseph,

Al Sinkis, Barbara Swenson, Connie Croteau, Pat Shong,

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zolato, Ernest Lavallee, Danielle Genest, Francis McGrath.



From the
Pastor's Desk

The Readings for next Sunday, May 10, 2015

Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
First Letter of Saint John 4:7-10
John 15:9-17



My dear parishioners,

This being the first Sunday of the month of May I would like to spend some time in my letter this week talking to you about an aspect of our Catholic faith that I think is an enormous blessing, our relationship with Mary, our Blessed Mother. She is the one chosen by God to bring Jesus to us and now so very much wants to bring us to Jesus. One of the ways that this is accomplished is through the greatly treasured prayer of the Rosary, so simple yet so profound.

The Rosary is a way of contemplating the face of Christ, seeing Him with the eyes of Mary. During the last century the Church has approved more appearances of Mary than during all the previous centuries combined. Mary has been coming to earth to give warnings about the bad things that will happen if people don't repent and pray the Rosary. As our Mother she loves her children and doesn't want us to suffer calamities. She wants us to know peace in our families, societies and between nations. So time and again at Fatima, Lourdes, and Medjugorje she asks us to pray the Rosary.

It is a place to meet Mary with the peaceful rhythm of the Hail Mary's. Remember that in praying the Rosary the goal is not so much thinking of the words of the Hail Mary; they are meant to be a kind of "background music" that helps us become present to the scenes depicted by the various mysteries. Like the gentle hand of a mother on our shoulders, standing behind us, getting us to look at Jesus, contemplate his face and love Him through her eyes, mind and heart. To be formed and molded into Christ with the same loving care that Jesus received from Mary!

Here at St. Roch's we pray the Rosary together after Mass every morning. Having just received the Body and Blood of Jesus in Holy Communion we can then with Mary's help become ever closer to Him and through her powerful intercession pray for the change of heart that's going to be needed if we will ever know peace in our world, between nations, in families and in ourselves. Wouldn't it be wonderful to see families beginning to pray the Rosary together again! The family that prays together stays together.

As a parish family let us pray fervently this week for the twenty young men and women who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this Thursday, May 7 in the regional ceremony at Sacred Heart Church in Webster. Their families can be very proud of them and I look forward to introducing them to you soon. Pray that the decision they are making to be members of the Catholic Church as following Jesus will continue to grow stronger and guide their future lives.

Let us continue to love one another,

Fr. Roy



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 this weekend and next.

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 is open 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.

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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.



Dedication of the Outdoor Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes

Patroness of the Sick

Saturday, May 16 11:00 am

St. Ann's Church

652 Main Street, North Oxford

Blessing, recitation of the Rosary,
Litany to Our Lady. Refreshment will follow the dedication.

Congratulations go out to Girl Scouts Elizabeth Schoemer, Hannah Schoemer & Olivia St. Germain for all their hard work completing their religious award. They were presented their awards last Saturday by Bishop McManus. Good job girls!

**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.

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.

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.

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.

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...

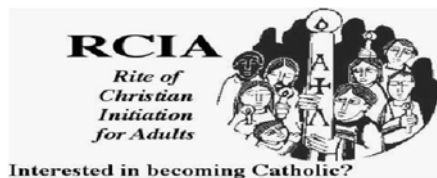
Liturgy and Sacraments will be taught at *St. Roch, Tuesday mornings from 10:00-11:45 AM, May 5,12,19*

Other courses are being planned and will be published soon. Watch for other training dates in the bulletin.



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 **May 5, 12, 19, 2015.**

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.**

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.



The next movie will be shown on **May 28th at 12:00 in room 1 of the parish center.** Adults will gather to watch a variety of films. Suggested titles welcomed for the last Thursday of each month.



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.



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.

The Miracle of the Sun was witnessed by more than 70,000 people including Masons, communists, and atheists. The Message of Fatima predicted in 1917 the following events, which came to pass.

1. The end of World War I
2. The emergence of Russia as a world power which would spread its errors throughout the world.
3. The election of a Pope who would be named Pius XI.
4. There would be a second World War far worse than the 1st if the world did not stop offending God.

The one thing She predicted that hasn't happened yet is that various nations will be annihilated. When you think about it the world has not had any lengthy peace since the World War II which ended in 1945. We have had the Korean, Vietnam, The Gulf War, The Cold War, The Iraq War, and all the other wars going on in the Middle East and Africa.



Bible Study

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



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! You may contact us by email to: kofcoxfordmass.org

KNITTING & CROCHETING CLUB



Tuesdays from 10 AM-12 PM or 7-9 PM Join us for knitting, crocheting, fellowship and laughter. All are welcome! The group is also looking for used 100% wool sweaters which can be recycled into mittens.



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.

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.

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