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Thank You!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 16, 2015
 4:00 PM Theodore J. Marotta (2nd Anniversary) by wife Gail

Sunday, May 17, 2015
 8:30 AM Joseph Smolenski by his sister
 11:00 AM Lucille LaPlante by husband Joseph

Monday, May 18, 2015
 8:30 AM Mother's Day Novena

Tuesday, May 19, 2015
 8:30 AM Mother's Day Novena

Wednesday, May 20, 2015
 8:30 AM Mother's Day Novena

Thursday, May 21, 2015
 8:30 AM Reni Peloquin by Dell Baarda

Friday, May 22, 2015
 8:30 AM The Stolz Family by the family

Saturday, May 23, 2015
 4:00 PM Raymond LeBlanc by his wife Denise and children

Sunday, May 24, 2015
 8:30 AM Alec & Mary Anusauskas by the Jalbert family
 11:00 AM Michael Harrington by John Scricca

Scripture Readings

Sunday, May 17
 Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26
 1 Jn 4:11-16
 Jn 17:11b-19

Monday, May 18
 Acts 19:1-8, Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday, May 19
 Acts 20:17-27, Jn 17:1-11a


Wednesday, May 20
 Acts 20:28-38
 Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday, May 21
 Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
 Jn 17:20-26

Friday, May 22
 Acts 25:13b-21, Jn 21:15-19

Saturday, May 23
 Acts 28:16-20, 30-31
 Jn 21:20-25

Sunday, May 24
 Acts 2:1-11
 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13
 Gal 5:16-25



Thank you to all who have made a pledge or donation to the Partners In Charity Appeal. We have now surpassed our goal with \$46,044!

Your generosity will make a difference in many lives. THANK YOU!


The twenty-eight agencies, ministries and programs that serve the people of our diocese still need funding. If you wish to make a pledge or donation but have not had the opportunity to do so, you can make your gift online by visiting www.partners-charity.net—click on the “Donate online now” tab or mail it to the rectory.

Your Sacrificial Offering May 9 & 10

Offertory Envelopes (135)	\$4,068.00
Loose Money	382.00
Other sources of income	319.00
Total	4,769.00
Weekly Goal	5,881.00
Result	- 1,112.00
Collection for Nepal	635.00

Thank You!

Help needed to plant flowers at St. Roch Cemetery



Volunteer needed to plant flowers for Memorial Day and to water during the hot days of summer. Please call Teri in the rectory office at 508-987-8987 if this appeals to you.

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Mass Schedule: *Saturday: 4:00 PM*
Sunday: 8:30 & 11:00 AM
Monday ~ Friday 8:30 am

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

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 Pizzoloto, Ernest Lavallee, Danielle Genest, Francis McGrath.



The Readings for next Sunday, May 24, 2015

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
Galatians 5:16-25



My Dear Parishioners,

“Jesus, I trust in You!” This prayer is on my lips with great frequency. In these most challenging times for sharing the convictions of our Catholic faith and bringing my people to a real lived relationship with Jesus, I am deeply aware that my limited abilities are not adequate. I need to constantly and honestly entrust my efforts to the intercession of Mary and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. So that is why I say “Jesus, I trust in your words, especially when You say that upon your return to the Father at the Ascension you will send the Holy Spirit that will help us accomplish this magnificent task of building the Kingdom of God.”

I see evidence that this prayer is being answered. For instance this Sunday at 2 pm we will observe a holy moment in our parish history as we welcome twenty children to the altar with their families as they receive Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time. They have been preparing throughout this year with special Family Masses and classes for this beautiful Sacrament. May they grow ever closer to Jesus and always feel a part of the Church.

Another sign that my prayers are being answered is the fact that St. Roch’s has achieved our goal in the critically important annual appeal Partners In Charity. I am grateful for the generous response on the part of the many who made a donation or pledge. These sacrifices enable the diocese to carry out the mission of spreading the Gospel, educating the youth, assisting the needy and caring for our retired priests. I personally feel endorsed by this willingness of our parish to reach beyond our own boundaries and enable the Catholic Church in Worcester County to be an agent for good. I also want to thank Joel & Julie Masley for their chairing this year’s appeal.

We were also able to send \$200 to Problem Pregnancy from the sale of the Mother’s Day Roses and \$162 to Visitation House for the Mother’s Day Novena Cards. This will help young mothers in real ways to be able to love and care for their children. The unplanned collection last week to help the people of Nepal devastated by the earthquake raised \$635 for Catholic Relief Services. These are all clear indications that we are more and more becoming an authentic Christian community. Willingness to sacrifice for the sake of the other is the essence of Christianity. “Jesus, I trust in You.” Keep praying that prayer and pay attention to how it is being answered.

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.)

**Book your
Free Session
NOW!!!**



FESTIVAL

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!

We are in Great Need of COOKS for lunch between 10 am and 4 pm.
Can you help??

The garage is now 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 items and gift certificates for the auction and raffle tables, 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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Christmas in June

Christmas in June will be happening at the Sunbridge Nursing Home on June 6th. We are asking that you take a tag marked "man" or "woman" and buy a gift for the residents at the nursing home. Some suggestions are large print books, pajamas, lap blankets, socks, body lotions, baseball caps, playing cards, sugar free candy, house dresses, etc. Anything that an elderly relative of yours could use would be appropriate. Please wrap the gift and return it with the original tag to the church by the weekend of May 30th & 31st. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of so many people.

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.

Looking for Drivers

Rachel's Table is looking for drivers to pick up food once a month from local churches, etc. (St. Roch being one of them) and deliver to nearby shelters. For more information please call Lyssa at Rachel's Table 508-799-7699.

Our Pro-Life Ministry- You are all invited and you are needed. The next meeting will be held **May 18th** at **St. Ann's rectory at 6:00 PM.**

Let St. Roch's and St. Ann's join together and 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

What a gift these young men and women are to our Church, Let's tell them! Join Us...

May 24 Recognition of the Confirmed at the 11:00 Mass. Reception to follow in the church hall for friends and family.

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. Conquering challenges with God's Mighty power at the Coolest vacation Bible Camp on earth.

Register for this summer on, 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.

Monday May 18 at noon we will have an open house gathering to gather ideas, prepare the materials, and just check it all out. Come join us.

Once school is out, we will plan our full 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 **May 19, 2015**.

Call Terry Ann Renaud 508-987-2382.

RCIA & ADULT CONFIRMATION

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**.

1ST EUCHARIST CELEBRATION MASS

All are welcome.

<i>Alexa Athanassiades</i>	<i>Rachael Ciani</i>
<i>Kellan Clarkson</i>	<i>William Colebourn</i>
<i>Sophia Cornacchioli</i>	<i>Jace Gentry</i>
<i>Paul Hanlon</i>	<i>Dylan Kasprzycki</i>
<i>Isaac L'Esperance</i>	<i>Ava Millette</i>
<i>Cheyene Monsen</i>	<i>Sebastian Pabon</i>
<i>Isabella Pabon</i>	<i>Domenic Ricard</i>
<i>Dominic Rivard</i>	<i>Marta Slanda</i>
<i>Savannah Steiner</i>	<i>Antoinette Stewart-Gingras</i>
<i>Chris Ucher</i>	<i>Sophina Zacek</i>

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.

Help wanted...

In the ORE weekly during the next months and beyond to get ready for programs for all ages...

Thanks to all the current and returning catechists.

Volunteers, more 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*.

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

REGISTRATION RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2015-16

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.



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 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.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

**NEW DATES!
October 12-20, 2015**

Our minds and hearts have been filled during this Easter Season with the events so central to our faith. Please consider walking in

the footsteps of Jesus in Jerusalem and at the Sea of Galilee, pray at the site of the Nativity in Bethlehem.

All are welcome. For more information, please contact the rectory at 508-987-8987.

Anyone who has not signed up yet but is planning on going must contact Tom ASAP 508-954-0692 or call the parish secretary at 987-8987.



MEETINGS

Festival Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 26th at 6:00 PM** in the parish center.

St. Vincent de Paul Society will meet on **Saturday, June 6th at 12:30 PM** in the church hall.

The next meeting will be held **Monday, September 14th at 7:00 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.



**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

The Food Shelf needs volunteers to help pick up the weekly and monthly food distributions from the Worcester County Food Bank, to pick up the donations from Market Basket and to pick up donations from schools and organizations who are not able to deliver them to the Food Shelf. In addition, they need help to deliver groceries to home-bound people, to help stock the shelves each week as well as more volunteers to help shop and carry out groceries every Thursday night. Interested volunteers are asked to contact John Kneeland, Chairman, directly at 508-987-5046.



Currently the Food Shelf is especially in need of baking mixes, rice mixes, canned pasta and sugar free items. Thank you!



**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

MOVIE DAY

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.



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Session I: May 27-July 29, Wednesday Evenings (3 credits)

Wed. 6:00-9:00 pm **Basic Truths of the Catholic Faith**, *Rev. Paul E. Ritt* (MAM Core)

Wed. 6:00-9:00 pm **Introductory Latin**, *Dr. M. Kakavas* (Elective)

Session II: May 26-July 9 (2 credit electives)

Tues. 6:00-9:00 pm **The "Terrible Beauty" of the Prophecy of Jeremiah**, *Prof. Celia Sirois*

Tues. 6:00-9:00 pm **Religious Education & the Impact of the Second Vatican Council**, *Prof. Susan Kay*

Wed. 6:00-9:00 pm **Spirituality for Ministry**, *Rev. George P. Evans*

Wed. 6:00-9:00 pm **Theology of Love: Being, Incarnation, and Contrariety**, *Dr. David Franks*

Thurs. 6:00-9:00 pm **Challenging the Landscape of Loss: Spiritual and Psychological Insights for Bereavement**, *Rev. Terence Curley*

Thurs. 6:00-9:00 pm **Women, Sex, and the Church**, *Dr. Angela Franks*

**NO
CHARGE**

Seventh Annual June Biblical Seminar

The Family in the Bible

Prof. Celia Sirois, Mondays, June 1, 8, 15, and 22, 2015 ~ 7-9 pm

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