

*The poor you will always have with you,
and whenever you wish you can do good to
them, but you will not always have me.*

Mark 14:7 (NAB)

*Palms
Sunday*

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Baptism

Please make an appointment with Fr. José

Marriage

Couples should call the Parish Office at least one year prior to wedding date

Sponsor Requirements

Must be an active, practicing, Catholic who has had the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation.

Masses and Devotions

Lord's Day Masses: Saturday, 4:00 pm - Sunday, 8:00 am & 10:15 am

Daily Mass: Wednesday thru Friday 8:00 am

Rosary: Prayed at 7:30am (Wed thru Fri)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 8:30 am - 12:00 pm Thursdays
11:45 am Divine Mercy Chaplet

Catholic Media...

Catholic Radio WQPH, 89.3FM.

Watch Leominster LATV:

Wed. at 6 pm; Thurs. at 4 pm; Sundays at 9 am.

**Holy Trinity Chapel
(Spanish Masses)**

Saturday 6:00 pm

Sunday 2:00 pm

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Office for Healing and Prevention:
Diocese of Worcester 1-508-929-4363

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord March 29, 2015

Mass Intentions



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn
this week for *Bob Gosselin*

Date	MASS	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
Saturday, Mar 28	4:00 pm	+Edward Cormier (13th Anniversary)	His Wife
Sunday, Mar 29	8:00 am	+George Aptt	The Rabello Family
	10:15 am	M/M Nicholas DiNinno (22nd Anniv.)	Jack & Judy Haley
Monday, Mar 30	8:00 am	+ Eleanor Dalton	
Tuesday, Mar 31	6:30 pm	Special Intention	
Wednesday, April 1	8:00 am	Diane Gariepy (1st Anniversary)	Holy Family Adult Choir
Thursday, April 2	7:00 pm	<u>No AM Mass</u> <i>Mass of the Lord's Supper</i>	
Friday, April 3	7:00 pm	<u>No AM Mass</u> <i>Liturgy- The Passion of the Lord</i>	
Saturday, April 4	7:20 pm	<i>Easter Vigil</i>	
Sunday, April 5 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	8:00 am	Special Intention	
	10:15 am	Special Intention	

Scripture for the week of March 29, 2015

- 29 **SUN** Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/ Mk 14:1-15, 47 or 15:1-39
- 30 **Mon** Is 42:1-7/ Jn 12:1-11
- 31 **Tues** Is 49:1-6/ Jn 13: 21-33, 36-38
- 1 **Wed** Is 50:4-9a/ Mt 26: 14-25
- 2 **Thu** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/ 1 Cor 11:23-26/ Jn 13:1-15
- 3 **Fri** Is 52:13, 53:12/ Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9/ Jn 18: 1-19:42
- 4 **SAT** Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1-2 or 1:1, 26-31a
Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ex 4:15, 15:1/ Is 54: 5-14/ Is 55: 1-11/ Bar 3: 9-15, 32-, 4:4/ Ez 36: 16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/ Mk 16: 1-7
- 5 **SUN** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4, or 1 Cor 5:6-8/ Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16: 1-7



Holy Week Personal Prayer Time

The Church will be open on:

- Monday** 7:00 am - 3:00 pm
- Tuesday** 9:00 am - 7:30 pm
- Wednesday** 7:00 am - 8:00 pm
- Thursday** 12:00 pm - 12:00 am
- Friday** 8:00 am - 8:00 pm

Dear brothers and sisters,



Have a wonderful and Holy Week!
Looking forward to the graces of these days.
Be holy!

Peace,
Fr. José

Current Events

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sunday, 3/29	9:00 & 11:15 am 9:00 am - 10:00 am 11:30 am	Coffee Plus Weeks A & B - Easter Choir Practice Youth Ministry Band Rehearsal
Tuesday, 3/31	7:00 pm	Bible Study
Wednesday, 4/1	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, 4/2	7:00 pm	<i>Mass of the Last Supper</i>
Friday, 4/3	9:30 am 9:30 am 12:30 pm	<i>Morning Prayer</i> <i>Good Friday Retreat- Grades 5 & 6</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday, 4/4	8:30 am 10:00 am 7:20 pm	<u>NO</u> Knights of the Poor Farm Meeting <u>NO</u> Confessions Decorating Church Children's Choir Rehearsal <i>Easter Vigil</i>
Sunday, 4/5 <i>Happy Easter</i>	8:00 am 10:15 am	<i>Easter Sunday Mass</i> <i>Easter Sunday Mass</i>

Divine Mercy Celebration



Thursday, April 9

8:30 am - Adoration

11:30 am - Prayers and

Divine Mercy Chaplet

12:00 pm - Luncheon

RSVP to office- 978-537-3016



**2015
Annual Appeal**

Thanks to all parishioners who have made their gift to the 2015 Partners in Charity Annual Appeal.

**We have reached \$ 9,567 42%
of our Parish Goal of \$ 23,000.**

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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 for your support!

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord March 29, 2015



Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29
Regular schedule with blessing of palms
at the beginning of each Mass.

HOLY MONDAY, MARCH 30
8:00 am Mass

HOLY TUESDAY, MARCH 31

10:30 am Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Worcester

(At this Mass the Diocese recognizes priests who are celebrating a key anniversary of ordination. Among them we have the 50th of Fr. Jim O'Shea and the 40th of Fr. Tom Egan.)

6:30 pm Mass followed by confession

7:00 pm Bible Study

HOLY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

8:00 am Mass

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 2

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

9:00 - 9:50 pm Holy Hour in Spanish

10:00 - 10:50 pm Holy Hour in English

(Cursillistas are encouraged to join for this vigil)

Church open until midnight... watching with Christ!



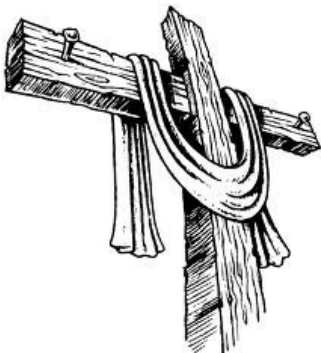
GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3

Good Friday is a day of Fast & Abstinence

9:30 am Morning Prayer

12:30pm Stations of the Cross beginning in the Parish Hall

7:00 pm Liturgy



HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4

7:20 pm Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5

8:00 am & 10:15 am Easter Masses

Make plans to join us! Make it Holy!

A Letter from the Bishop...

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,



The news about the Middle East has been bleak over this past year including war in Gaza, persecution of Christians in Iraq and Syria, refugees flooding into Jordan and Lebanon, and escalating tension and violence in Jerusalem and the West Bank. 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 your 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

The Food Pantry is in need of:



- Canned ready-to-eat meals**
- Shelf stable Milk**
- Disposable Diapers***
(all sizes)

Thank you for your help!



Easter Choir Practices

Sunday, March 29

9:00 am - 10:00 am

Students that are not in the choir are to attend their regular class.

and

Saturday, April 4

10:00 - 11:00 am

2nd Year Confirmation Students

are expected to attend all three nights of the Triduum

April 2 - Holy Thursday - 7:00 pm

April 3 - Good Friday - 7:00 pm

April 4 - Easter Vigil - 7:20 pm

5th & 6th graders

Good Friday Retreat

9:30 am - 1:30 pm

Weekly Offering

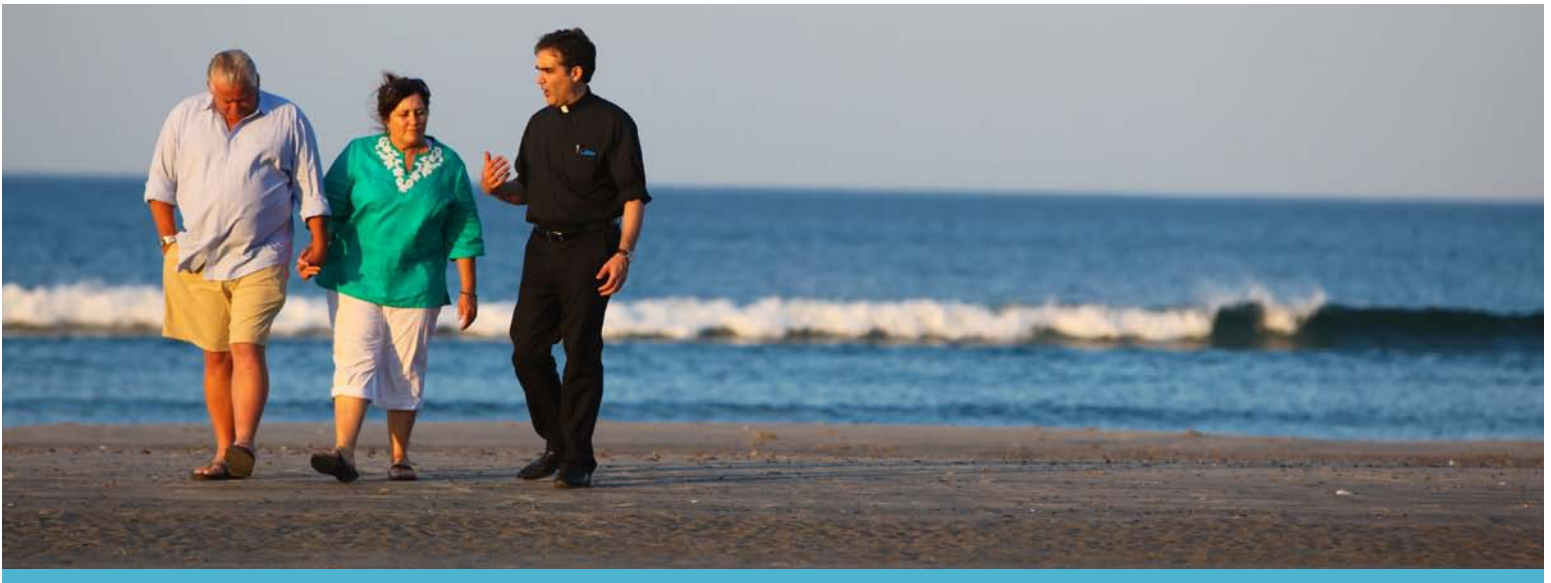
March 21 & 22

Weekly Offering:	\$ 3,930.00
Electronic Giving:	\$ 616.00
Mortgage:	\$ 85.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 1,057.00
Coin Lenten Collection	\$ 1,446.00
(first five weeks)	

Children's Sacrifices: 4

Thank you for all your support!

"Let me say this much: He who sows sparingly will reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will reap bountifully" II Cor. 9:6



Meet Fr. Joe— *Answering the call with compassion*

For Gary and Susan Pickering, Fr. Joe Mazzone is more than a pastor—he is family.

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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