

ST. BERNARD'S CHURCH

OUR LADY OF PROVIDENCE PARISH

AUGUST 26, 2018

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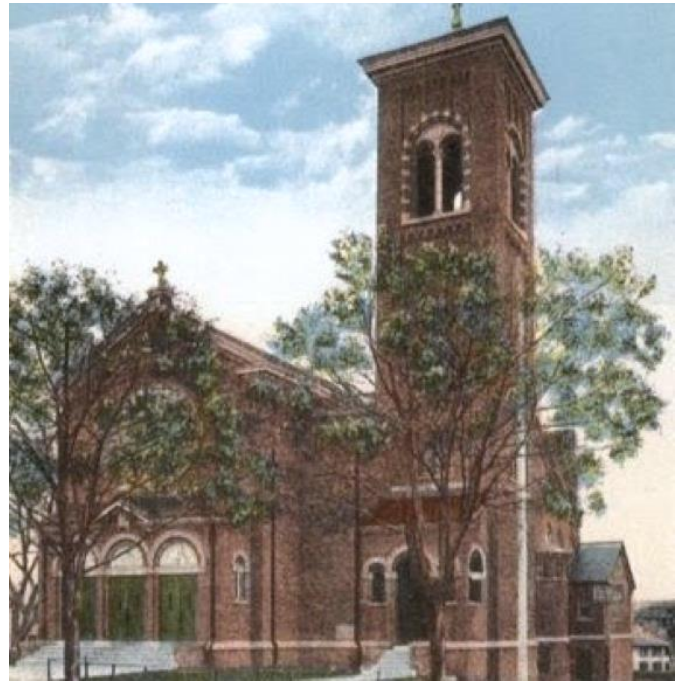
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Parish Office Hours | Horas de Oficina

Monday - Thursday | Lunes - Jueves
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Food Pantry | Despensa de Alimentos

2nd & 4th Monday of the Month | 2^o & 4^o Lunes del Mes
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.



Church Dedicated November 6th, 1921

Schedule of Masses | Horario de Misa

Lord's Day Masses | Misas del Día del Señor

Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (Spanish) & 5:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses | Misas de la semana

Wednesday – Friday: 8:15 a.m.

Thursday: 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Holy Days | Días Sagrados

Feast: 8:15 a.m., 5:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Holy Hour/ Hora Sagrada

Thursday: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sacraments | Sacramentos

Reconciliation | Reconciliación

Saturday: 3:30 p.m.

Thursday: 6:15 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.
or by appointment

Baptism | Bautismo

Please call the office to schedule all baptisms.
Por favor comunicarse a la oficina para programar los bautismos.

Marriage | Matrimonio

Please call the office at least 9 months prior to the anticipated date. Por favor comunicarse a la oficina por lo menos 9 meses antes de la boda.

Mass Intentions | Intenciones Para Las Misas

August | Agosto 25 Saturday | Sabado

4:00 p.m. Michael Drohan †

August | Agosto 26 Sunday | Domingo

9:00 a.m. Eugene Martin † (1st Anniversary)

11:00 p.m. Anita Maria Zaballa †

5:00 p.m. All Teachers & Students

August | Agosto 29 Wednesday | Miércoles

8:15 a.m.

August | Agosto 30 Thursday | Jueves

8:15 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

August | Agosto 31 Friday | Viernes

8:15 a.m.

September | Septiembre 01 Saturday | Sabado

4:00 p.m. Mary Riley † (10th Anniversary)

September | Septiembre 02 Sunday | Domingo

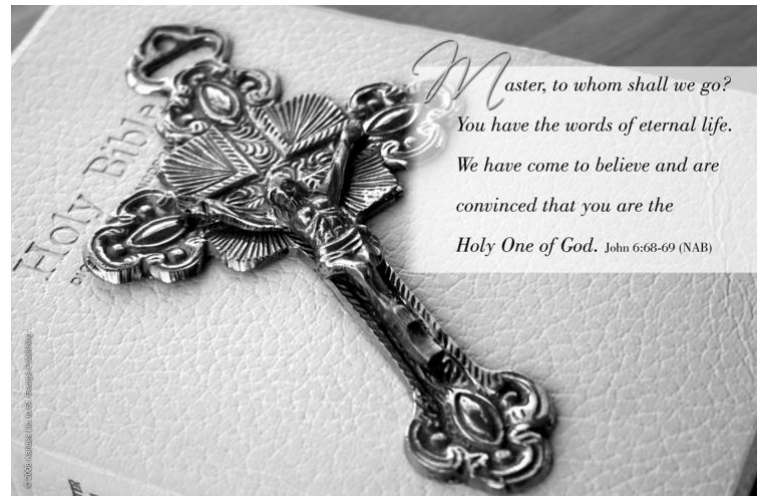
9:00 a.m. Carol Vessella † (11th Anniversary)

11:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

If you wish to have a Mass said for either the living or deceased or for a particular intention, please call the office.

Si usted desea alguna misa por algún motivo especial o por el alma de algún ser querido, favor de llamar a la rectoría de la parroquia.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL
THOSE WHO ENTER IN
TO THE LIFE OF CHRIST
THIS WEEKEND!



RCIA INITIATION MASS HYMS

Entrance: Hymn to Saint Bernard [lyrics below]

Offertory: Come Holy Ghost [443]

Communion: Panis Angelicus

Recessional: Now Thank We All Our God [603]

HYMN TO ST. BERNARD

SAINT BERNARD, YOU WERE CALLED BY GOD
TO TEACH THE CHURCH THE WAY OF LOVE
TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR
AND HEAL THE WOUNDS OF HATE AND STRIFE.

WHEN YOU WERE BUT A LITTLE CHILD
THE BLESSED VIRGIN CAME TO YOU
SHE SHOWED YOU HER OWN DEAR SON
AND FILLED YOUR HEART WITH JOY LOVE.

BY VIRTUE OF GOD'S HIGH DECREE
YOUR BIRTH WAS ONE TO WEALTH AND POWER
BUT YOU FORSOOK THE WAY OF EASE
TO FOLLOW CHRIST IN POVERTY.

WHILST HERE ON EARTH AS MONK AND PRIEST
YOUR WISDOM FILLED THE CHURCH WITH TRUTH
NOW FROM YOUR PLACE IN HEAVEN ABOVE
YOU GUIDE IT STILL IN PEACE AND LOVE.

READINGS: 989 | LECTURAS: 209
HYMNS: 761, 575, 786, 603

PRAYER BEFORE MASS

Come, Holy Spirit, quiet my heart and my head, as I gather with my family, friends and neighbors to celebrate Mass. Quiet the thoughts and distractions that will keep me from worship. Open my mouth in prayer and song. Open my ears to hear God's word. Open my eyes to the mystery of the Eucharist. Open my heart to receive Jesus with love. May I go forth strengthened to take the Mass into my life this week. In a special way, we pray for our twinning parish, St. Mary's in Uxbridge. Amen.

ORACIÓN ANTES DE LA MISA

Ven, Espíritu Santo, silencia mi corazón y mi cabeza, y así junto con mi familia, amigos y vecinos celebrar esta misa. Calma los pensamientos y las distracciones que me impiden vivir esta celebración. Abre mi boca a la oración y al canto. Abre mis oídos para escuchar la palabra de Dios. Abre mis ojos al misterio de la Eucaristía. Abre mi corazón para recibir a Jesús con amor. Permíteme salir fortalecido al celebrar esta misa para vivir mi vida esta semana. Oraciones especiales para nuestra parroquia de hermanamiento St. Marys en Uxbridge. Amen.

Thank You

We would like to thank Derek for his hard work and dedication to our Parish this summer. We wish him well as he heads back to the Seminary to continue his studies.



LESSONS IN STAINED GLASS AND STONE

The statue of Saint Ann instructing Mary in the Ten Commandments was originally inside Saint Ann's Church, which stood at the corner of Eastern Avenue and Gage Street until its demolition in 1970. The statue was then inside Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church until its closure in 2016.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* gives us valuable guidance in how we might use this image to inspire our prayer. Let us recall that "what the Catholic faith believes about Mary is based on what it believes about Christ, and what it teaches about Mary illumines in turn its faith in Christ." (487) That is, just as Jesus "advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man," (Luke 2:52) so did Mary advance in knowledge of the Jewish Law and Prophets and in understanding of the covenant between God and Israel. She who was "preserved immune from all stain of original sin" by a "singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ" (491) nevertheless had to learn her Jewish faith under the tutelage of Saint Ann, her mother.

And what exactly did she learn in her studies? She must have learned about the important women of the Old Testament whose missions foreshadowed her own: Eve, Sarah, Hannah, Deborah, Ruth, Judith, Esther, and many others. Indeed, "after a long period of waiting, the times are fulfilled in Mary, the exalted Daughter of Sion, and the new plan of salvation is established." (489) Let us, therefore, study the Old Testament through the lens of the New Testament and through the person of Jesus Christ, for "God, the inspirer and author of both Testaments, wisely arranged that the New Testament be hidden in the Old and the Old be made manifest in the New." (*Dei Verbum* 16)

MARIE ANNE CENTER PROGRAMS

After School Program: Begins September 5th

Monday-Thursday 2:00-5:30pm

Yoga: Beginning date TBA

Monday 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Prayer Group: Begins September 11th

2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month 10:00-11:30 a.m.

*Advent & Lent every Tuesday

ESL Classes: Begins September 24th

Monday & Wednesday 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Inquire within the center for more information

The *7th Annual Novena to St. Joseph* will take place at Christ the King Parish in Worcester on Monday evenings this fall beginning on Sept. 10. We pray for the seriously ill, for improvements in palliative care, and to oppose attempts to end human life through physician-assisted suicide or euthanasia. The Novena will be celebrated for nine consecutive Mondays from 7:15 pm to 8:00 pm. This year's homilists are Bishop Robert J. McManus (Sept. 10); Msgr. Thomas Sullivan (Sept. 17); Rev. Daniel Becker (Sept. 24); Deacon Michael Chase (Oct. 1); Rev. John Gavin, SJ (Oct. 8); Rev. Frederick Fraini (Oct. 15); Rev. Jonathan Slavinkas (Oct. 22); Rev. Dennis O'Brien (Oct. 29); and Msgr. Thomas Sullivan (Nov. 5). The names of seriously or terminally ill persons can be submitted by calling 508-754-5361 or emailing tsullivan5@mac.com.

Announcing 'Catholicism' in Worcester

Christ the King Parish will offer this highly acclaimed new evangelization program on Thursday evenings this fall. All are welcome. The program begins on Thursday, Sept. 13, at 7 p.m. (with dinner). Each Thursday begins with dinner (free will offerings accepted). The program concludes by 9 p.m. each evening. To register call Msgr. Sullivan at 508-754-5361.

"FULLY ALIVE AS MISSIONARY DISCIPLES"

A life lived fully for Jesus Christ is a challenging one. It means constantly saying "no" to the distractions from the world, even those that might seem fairly harmless. For this reason, many people choose to walk away from discipleship. We see this in today's Gospel reading. In John 6: 66-67, we hear that "many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him." At this, Jesus asked the Twelve if they would also like to leave. Herein lies the lesson: discipleship is a free choice. We worship a God who loves freely and wants us to do so in return ...freely. Our stewardship is a gift of self and is not meant to be offered out of obligation. Obligatory giving does not bring about joy...rather, it creates resentment. In just a few weeks, we will begin the Stewardship Renewal process. This weekend allows the opportunity to begin thinking and praying about ways we can give back to God freely and share in the joy that comes from serving Him and His people.

"PLENAMENTE VIVOS COMO DISCÍPULOS MISIONEROS"

Una vida vivida plenamente para Jesucristo es un gran reto. Significa decirle "no" constantemente a las distracciones del mundo, inclusive a aquellas que parezcan ser de los mas inofensivas. Por esta razón, mucha gente decide alejarse del discipulado. Nosotros vemos esto en el Evangelio de hoy; en Juan 6,66-67, escuchamos como "muchos de sus discípulos regresaron a su previa forma de vida y ya no lo acompañaron." Por esto, Jesus le pregunto a los Doce si ellos también querían irse; Entonces, allí esta la lección: el discipulado es una decisión libre. Adoramos a un Dios quien ama libremente y que quiere que nosotros lo hagamos igual... libremente. Nuestro Stewardship es un regalo personal y no debe ser ofrecido por obligación. El dar obligatoriamente no viene del gozo, al contrario, este crea resentimiento. En unas cuantas semanas, empezaremos el proceso de renovación del Stewardship. Esta semana, nos da la oportunidad de pensar y orar acerca de encontrar maneras en las que podamos dar de regreso a Dios libremente y como compartir el gozo que viene de Servirlo y servir a Su gente.