

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MERCIFUL

"Be merciful, just
as your Father
is merciful."

- Lk 6:36



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Parish Vision Statement:

We, as Christ's disciples, are the hands, minds & voices which lovingly glorify God by serving
Each other as a Christian family.

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Food Pantry Hours: Thursday 9:45am—2:30pm,
Saturday 10am—1pm

Prayer Shawls Ministry call the rectory

Bingo: Every Friday 6:30-10pm lower church hall

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Lord's Day:

Saturday 4:00 PM, Sunday 10:00 AM, 12:00PM (African)

Weekday:

Monday-Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9:00 AM

(No Mass on Thursday)

Blessed Sacrament Adoration/First Friday:

9:30 AM - 5:30PM

Confessions:

Every Saturday 3-3:30 PM



UMass INTENTIONS

WEEK OF February 23 & 24, 2019

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND LITURGIES

Sat. February 23—Vigil: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - Parishioners of our Parish

Sun. February 24 ~ Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 AM—The Buffone Family—Mike & Pat Buffone

11:00 AM *Recitation of the Rosary*

12:00PM (*African Mass*)

Monday, February 25

9:00 AM Special Intentions for Kate Meaney

Tuesday, February 26

9:00 AM Barbara Scholl (Month's Mind) - Cathy & Richard Flynn

Wednesday, February 27

9:00 AM Special Intentions for Liz Parker

Friday, March 1

9:00 AM Jackie, & June Ledeaux- sisters Judy & Joanne

Sat., March 2—Vigil: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM -

Sun., March 3~ Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 AM Nancy O'Rourke -Lynn & Mark Lorusso

11:00 AM *Recitation of the Rosary*

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday, Jesus continues his challenging Sermon on the Mount. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you? Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back." Words like these are challenging! Many of us have grown up in a culture of independence and retaliation against those who harm us. Today's Gospel reminds us that the way of the world is not necessarily the way of the disciple.

In many spiritual texts, saints describe the first stage of the spiritual life as mercenary love of God. That is, we love Him because he "pays" us with graces and good things. Consider for a moment, why do you do the good that you do? Take volunteering, for example. How often do we talk about the good feelings service evokes and how you "get so much more than you give." This is still based on an attitude of return on our investment. Would we volunteer if we knew it was good to do, but we didn't "feel" good afterward? What if the people we helped seemed ungrateful, or if someone at the food pantry stole \$20 out of our purse? It can be difficult to love people when we think we might not get anything back. "For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you?"

As Christians, we are called to imitate God. We follow a God who loves not only His closest friends, but who loves betrayers, deniers, and crucifiers. The Christian walk is one of perseverance and sacrifice. What does your love look like?



(As of _____ Monday)
Saint Vincent Hospital at Worcester Medical Center:
Gloria Boyce & Justino Rosado.

We will not be calling UMass Memorial as they don't have a system to give us the information we need. If you or a loved one is in one of those hospitals please let us know so we can be sure to visit them and pray for them.

Please continue to pray for all of our service men & women who serve to protect us.



(Please arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass)

Saturday, March 2

Lector: Deb Durnin

Commentator: Kathy Hannon

Sunday, March 3

Lector: Kid's Mass

Altar Servers: Richard Abalo & Vanessa Sulminski

Ministers of Holy Communion: Elaine Halpin & Alma Sheehan

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Men (of all ages, including teens and college students) are invited to this important annual Conference, scheduled for Assumption College on **Saturday, April 6th. Mike Buffone** is our parish contact person, to order a ticket see Mike. Come and hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: **Kevin Dunn, Francesco Cesareo, Trent Horn, Father Warren Savage, Mike Aquilina and Eric Mahl.** Bishops and priests to hear confessions. Bishop McManus will offer the Conference Mass.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

All are invited to join us after Mass on Saturday, March 16th for a corn beef dinner and fun. We still need help to set up, clean up. Please sign up if you will be attending so we can make sure we have enough food. The sheet is on the table near the elevator.

Any questions please call Lynn at the rectory 508-752-1608

BINGO

March 1, 2019

Team # 1— Judy Keenan, Beverly Farrar, Ed Wall, Shane LaBelle, Donald Ducharme, Paul Levesque

The Every –Week Crew and Early Shift Workers

Theresa Courtney, John Harrington, Lisa Hickory, Emma Lusignan, Patricia Wassel, Joan Lorusso, Pat Markiewicz, Ed Corrigan, Carole Nourse, Jeannine Corrigan, Debra Diaz, Donald Ducharme, Fran Peperato, Debbie Plant, Ed Wall, Julie Carrigan, Paul Levesque, Donna Niles & Michael Burgraff

**Ladies Guild Kitchen Crew:
Jean Dawson & Cindy Desrosiers**

Vision statement is located on the cover of bulletin

All Are Invited to Attend....

Our parish will begin having an African Mass each Sunday at noon. All are invited to join us.

Catholic Free Press

The month of February is time to renew your subscription. The Catholic Free Press is an important source of information from a Catholic perspective. The subscription cost is \$39.00 per year please try to give as close to the subscription price as possible. (Any subscription cost not covered by parishioners has be covered by the parish.)

Do you have a prayer request?

The Divine Mercy Apostolate Group meets twice a month and would like to offer up to our Heavenly Father your prayers requests.

We will have a container on the table across from the elevator with paper and pens. Please write your prayer request and date it and place it the container.

What are some benefits of a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration?

Everyone that spends time in adoration of Jesus in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist develops a personal relationship with Jesus and grows in love and holiness. Quiet time with the Lord in adoration enables people to listen and recognize His voice as He speaks to their hearts. Many of the faithful who attend adoration report various miracles and healings. Parish communities experience increased Mass attendance, service of others, unity, conversions, the return of fallen away Catholics, as well as, vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The laity work together to coordinate Eucharistic Adoration helping to build a faith filled community.

Are you able to join us for any amount of time for Adoration on Friday, March 1?



Upcoming Events

February

- 27th—Follow Me Bible Study @ 6 in the parish hall

March

- 1st—First Friday Adoration beginning with Mass at 9am, ending with Benediction at 5:30pm
 - 2nd—Parish Food collection
 - 3rd— Parish Food collection
- 6th—Ash Wednesday: Mass at 9am & 7pm
- 10th Parish Council Meeting @ 6pm in the parish hall
- 13th—Follow Me Bible Study @ 6 in the parish hall
- 16th— St. Patrick’s Day Dinner @ 5pm in the parish hall
- 20th—Follow Me Bible Study @ 6 in the parish hall
- 27th—Follow Me Bible Study @ 6 in the parish hall
 - 31st—Lenten Penance Service 6pm

The Journey in the Wilderness with Christ Lenten Penance Service!

“What can separate us from the love of God” - Romans 8:38

As we prepare for Lent and Easter this year we need to rediscover and understand the depth of God’s love for us despite our wretchedness. God invites us to think, pray, and reflect about our relationship with Him. Let us take this opportunity during Lent to explore our imperfections and the ways we have failed to recognize the image of God in our lives.



OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING

February 9 & 10, 2019

Catholic Free Press \$143.00, Utility Fund \$10.00, Weekend Offering \$2034.25

Did you forget your envelopes? Did you attend Mass somewhere else and forget to send in your missed envelope? You can sign up for online giving or use the app to never miss a stewardship giving. The app is called ConnectNow Giving or visit our website to sign up for online giving. Any questions please call the rectory.