


# 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent



**“A**men, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.”

- Jn 12:24, 31-32

**Mass Intentions**

**SUNDAY, March 18th**

7:00 Annette LeBlanc by Norman & Carol Boudreau  
9:00 Manuel, Aguiar & Maria Melo by the family  
11:00 Normand Boucher by Phil & Paula Babeau  
5:00 Charline Boudreau by Ernest Boudreau

**MONDAY, March 19th**

8:00 Conversions of sinners by Ronnie Cormier

**TUESDAY, March 20th**

8:00 Joseph Rivard by Yvonne & family

**WEDNESDAY, March 21st**

8:00 Reginald "Reggie" Richard by son Paul & wife Diane

**THURSDAY, March 22nd**

8:00 George Saball by Paul & Marie Gonynor

**FRIDAY, March 23rd**

8:00 Helen, Walter & Edward Skarzycki and Frances & Andre Caron by Jane Brousseau

**SATURDAY, March 24th**

8:00  
4:00 Donald Featherstone by Nancy  
4:00 Mark Goguen by Deacon Jim & Ruth Couture  
4:00 Rheal Caissie (Easter) by sister Rachelle Szocik  
4:00 Stella Mills Souza (9th Anniv.) by husband & family  
4:00 Paul Rouleau by a friend  
4:00 Alphonse "Al" Quarella by Mr. & Mrs. Roger Hachey

**SUNDAY, March 25th**

7:00 Albert & Lillian Lafleur by Maurice & Patricia Boudreau  
9:00 Rene, Henry, Lillian & Richard Brousseau by Jane Brousseau  
11:00 The Family of Lucie Caissie (Easter) by Lucie Caissie and the rest of the kids  
5:00 Joseph Rivard by Yvonne & family

**La Salette Mass Intentions**

In Honor of St. Theresa for a special intention

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**Partners in Charity Progress**

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2018 Partners in Charity Appeal. St. Joseph's Parish has raised 7.6 % of our goal of \$40,000. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment pledge envelope located in the pews. Or visit [www.partners-charity.net](http://www.partners-charity.net) to do it online. Partners in Charity, formerly known as the Bishop's Fund, is the Annual Appeal for the Diocese of Worcester, serving 29 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!

**We Need Help!!** The "Over the Hill Gang" needs 2 volunteers (women or men) to help clean the church for approximately 40 minutes every Tuesday morning following the 8:00 am mass. Coffee and donuts to follow. Expertise in dusting the altar or light vacuuming is helpful but not necessary. ☺ Contact the office if interested 978-345-7997. Thank you!!

**Help Spread Mary's Massage** at La Salette by joining our La Salette Lay Associates. The next meeting is April 13th at 9:30 at Madonna of the Holy Rosary Church

**Sunday Collection:**

The weekly collection for the weekend of 2/24 & 2/25 collection was:

Sunday Collection: \$4149.00  
Building Imp: \$140.00 Fuel: \$1143.00

**Lenten Mass Schedule**

Two Masses daily during Lent  
at St. Joseph's: Mornings at 8:00 am  
Evenings at 5:00 pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Mondays 7:00pm - 8:00pm

**Stations of the Cross**

7:00pm on Fridays during Lent  
Good Friday at 3:00pm

**Candle's** Just some FYI, when you light a candle in the church, the candles will be lit for a week from Tuesday until the following Tuesday.

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

April 8<sup>th</sup>

St. Bernard's at St. Camillus,  
333 Mechanic St. Fitchburg

12:30 Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament and Confession – 2:00 pm  
Holy Mass – 2:45 pm Eucharistic  
Adoration – 3:00 pm Divine Mercy  
Chaplet – 3:15 Benediction and Final  
Blessing, Veneration of Divine Mercy  
Image, St. Faustina's Relic, Blessing  
of Divine Mercy Pictures and  
Religious Articles, Petition Basket  
Available. Light Lunch and  
Refreshments in the Parish Hall

**The Ladies of St Anne** would first like to thank everyone who donated to our Annual Hat and Mitten Drive. All your donations were brought to the Clothes Closet at Holy Rosary Church.

Our 2018 meetings will begin on Monday March 26th at 6:30 in the Church Hall. All past members are welcome and we would like to extend an invitation to those Ladies who were members of the Friendship Club, to come join our wonderful group! Our monthly meetings usually have a short business meeting followed by refreshments and Bingo. Other activities can include monthly themes, devotion to the Rosary in October and May, Ice Cream Social, guest speakers, Holiday Party.

Please consider joining our group. Membership is only \$6 a year! We hope to see lots of new and returning Ladies on Monday March 26th !

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**All are welcome** to spend an hour of meditation and quiet prayer in the peaceful setting of Sacred Heart Church on 59 Vernon St. W Fitchburg on Sunday March 18th from 3 - 4 pm. Light refreshments will be served after the hour.

**Fish Fry** Keep Fridays in Lent open for the Fish Fry at Madonna of the Holy Rosary 118 Theresa St., Fitchburg beginning on Friday, February 16th. Doors open at 4:30. Donations for our pastry table are always welcomed and appreciated!

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