

FOR THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGIES

Processional Hymn (4,8,10:30): #386 in *Worship*
 Order of the Mass: Front Page or #202 in *Worship*
 Liturgy of the Word: #1006 in *Worship*
 Gospel Acclamation (4,8,10:30): #328 in *Worship*
 Preparation Hymn (4,8,10:30): #388 in *Worship*
 Acclamations (4,8,10:30): #365, 366, 367, 382 in *Worship*
 Communion Hymn (4,8,10:430): #596 in *Gather*



A voice of one crying out in the desert:

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." - Lk 3:4

MASS INTENTIONS & REMEMBRANCES

Sat., 12/8 4:00 pm **Nellie** (8th Anniv.) & **Albert** (34th Anniv.),
Rabidou, by family
(Remembrance) **Deacon Al Desautels**, by family
(Remembrance) **Donna Murphy**, 14th Anniv.,
 by Nancy & Joe Chakuas
(Remembrance) **Thomas & Florence McKinnon**,
 by Evelyn Coggans & Geraldine Hicks

Sun., 12/9 8:00 am **Irene O'Keefe**, by family
10:30 am **Margaret Rieger**, by grateful parishioners
(Remembrance) **David Shea**, 12th Anniv., by mother & family
6:00 pm **Parishioners' Intentions**

Mon., 12/10 9:00 am **Parishioners' Intentions**

Tue., 12/11 9:00 am **Martin H. Kelley**, 11th Anniv., by family

Wed., 12/12 9:00 am **Parishioners' Intentions**

Thu., 12/13 9:00 am **Lillian Ballotte**, by her daughter, Peggy

Fri., 12/14 9:00 am **Parishioners' Intentions**

Sat., 12/15 4:00 pm **Mary Ellen Barry**, 30th Anniv., by family
(Remembrance) **Angelo & Ferminda DiDomenico**
(Remembrance) **Ed Rafferty, Lois Rafferty, Anne Gay,**
James Cove, by Josephine Rafferty
(Remembrance) **Robert S. Tapply**, 11th Anniv.,
 by Celeste Butcher

Sun., 12/16 8:00 am **Mary & Arthur Cousineau**, by family
10:30 am **Joan Tamulevich**, by Joe & Ann Doyle
(Remembrance) **Deceased Members of the McCarthy**
Family
(Remembrance) **Karrie Nason**, 1st Anniv., by family
6:00 pm **Mary O'Doherty**, by grateful parishioners
(Remembrance) **Clement & Judith Anish and Paul &**
Alice Chase, by family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
 Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14
 Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17/ Jdth 13:18-19/Lk 1:39-47
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 11:11-15
 Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6/Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2, 3, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9 -13
 Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT FUND

The second collection today is for your annual offerings to this national appeal established a number of years ago to help congregations of consecrated men and women (priests, brothers and sisters belonging to Religious Orders) to care for their elderly members. Our contributions are our way of saying thank you to these men and women who have given their entire lives in service to us. Here at OLA we were served by Sisters of Notre Dame in our school and Religious Education program in the past. Currently, Fr. Terrence Dougherty assists Fr. Monroe in liturgical ministry and Sr. Marie Therese Martin ministers to our homebound and senior members.

GIVING TREE

We remind everyone who chose an Urban Ministry Gift Tag (ones that were typed and requested specific gifts) to bring the unwrapped package with ornament attached to the tree by 6:00 pm next Sunday, December 16th. These packages will be picked up by the Urban Ministry staff on Monday morning, December 17th. If your ornament requested a gift card and you have not yet put it in the collection basket, **place the card you purchased in an envelope and bring it to the rectory by Friday, December 14th** since our St. Vincent de Paul Society members are gathering on Saturday, December 15th to prepare food baskets and give gift cards to families to purchase gifts for their children. Those who chose an ornament requesting diapers can bring them to the tree or rectory any time up to December 23rd.

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Last weekend, we deposited the following donations:

-- Weekly Adult Offerings:	\$7,069.00
(\$606.00 in loose offerings and \$6,463.00 in 185 envelopes)	
-- Unrestricted Gifts:	\$ 400.00
-- Liturgical Memorial:	\$ 25.00
-- Outreach:	\$ 175.00
-- Funeral Offerings:	\$ 300.00
-- Flower Donations:	\$ 603.00
-- Maintenance Fund:	\$1,937.00
-- Family Center Donations:	\$ 838.00
-- All Saints:	\$ 25.00
-- All Souls:	\$ 25.00
-- Campaign for Human Development:	\$ 100.00

We also received the following online donations:

-- Adult Ordinary:	\$ 888.33
-- Children's Offering:	\$ 3.00
-- Maintenance Fund:	\$ 59.63
-- Family Center Donations:	\$ 10.00
-- Christmas Flowers:	\$ 50.00
-- St. Vincent de Paul:	\$ 74.83

LITURGICAL MEMORIALS

The bread and wine being used at all Masses this week has been donated in memory of *Margaret Rogain Stark* by Grace DiReda. The candles being used at the altar and pulpit have been donated in memory of *Martin Kelley* by his family.

REST IN PEACE

Pray for the repose of the souls of *Danielle Taylor, President George H. W. Bush, Gloria Marois* and all our deceased relatives, friends and benefactors.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS FEASTS

There will be four Masses to observe the Birth of the Lord:

4:00 pm Vigil Mass on Monday, December 24

(Children will present a Gospel Pageant during this Mass)

11:00 pm Mass for Mid Night on Monday, December 24

(Choral preludes will be offered at 10:40 pm)

8:00 am Mass for Dawn on Tuesday, December 25

10:30 am Mass During the Day on Tuesday, December 25

Please Note: There will be a 9:00 am Mass on Saturdays, December 22 and 29 for those who would like to observe the octaves before and after Christmas.

CARILLON SPEAKERS RESTORED



As many had probably noticed, our carillon stopped working many months ago and we suspected it was due to the speakers being disconnected. We were finally able to check out the situation and found out that the speaker support system had collapsed, rupturing the wires and badly damaging two of the speakers. We were able to have one repaired and ordered two new ones. The workers built a new metal support and installed all three speakers, pointing them slightly downward to prevent snow and ice from getting into them. Now we can have the Angelus chimed at 8 am, 12 noon and 6 pm each day – a call to worship ten minutes before the daily Mass and 4:00 pm Saturday Vigil, 10:30 am and 6:00 pm Masses on Sunday and we can toll the bells for funerals and congratulate brides and grooms with the pealing of the bells at the end of their wedding.

CHRISTMAS BASKET RAFFLE

St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank those who purchased tickets for their Christmas raffle and collected more than \$1,400.00 which will enable them to assist families in need. Congratulations to the following winners: Lorraine Olson, Sheila Caggiano, Maureen Slevin, Beverly Johnson, Brenda Castle, Elaine Stratman, Kevin Leary, Helen Missonas, Amanda Whittemore, Bill McShera and Barbara Burdzel.

YOUNG ADULT THEOLOGY ON TAP

Join us for the next Theology on Tap on Tuesday, Dec. 11 at Compass Tavern in Worcester! Our speaker will be Fr. Nick Desimone and his topic will be "The Last Things." Join us as we dive deeper into the Church's teachings on the four last things - Death, Judgement, Heaven, and Hell. Compass Tavern is located at 90 Harding St. in Worcester. Doors open for food and drinks at 6:30. The speaker will begin around 7:15. Open to all young adults ages 18-39.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value...” (PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10) Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God and to those that are in need.

TAIZE IN WORCESTER

The Worcester Taize group has moved to Blessed Sacrament Church, 551 Pleasant St., Worcester. The next service is Dec. 9 at 7 pm. The Taize tradition is a style of sacred music and prayer developed in France after World War II by Catholics and Protestants to come together in song and prayer for peace in the world and unity in the Christian faith. Songbooks available to sing along. To sing with the choir, please contact Will Raymond at 508-775-3847 or will@rbusinessservices.com.

NEXT WEEKEND

The Holy Name High School Parents' Association will be selling tickets for their January Calendar Raffle after Masses on December 15th and 16th. Each ticket is \$10 and has 31 chances to win prizes ranging from \$25 to \$200. Proceeds from this raffle helps them sponsor events throughout the year as well as providing scholarships to graduating seniors. Several of our high school altar servers and Confirmation candidates are students at Holy Name High School. Please support them if you can.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun., December 9 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Lord's Day Mass
9:00 am K-10 Religious Education Classes
10:30 am Lord's Day Mass
12:00 noon Baptism
6:00 pm Lord's Day Mass

Mon., December 10 – Monday of Second Week of Advent

9:00 am Daily Mass

Tue., December 11 – St. Damasus I

9:00 am Daily Mass
6:00 pm Youth RCIA Session

Wed., December 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:00 am Daily Mass
6:00 pm Adult RCIA Session

Thu., December 13 – St. Lucy

9:00 am Daily Mass

Fri., December 14 – St. John of the Cross

9:00 am Daily Mass

Sat., December 15 – Saturday of Second Week of Advent

3:00 pm Confessions
4:00 pm Vigil Mass

120 CLUB

The winner of last week's drawing is *Diane Tremblay - #165*.

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

All are welcome to Blessed Sacrament Church, 551 Pleasant Street, Worcester on **Friday, Dec. 28, 8:30 a.m.** for Mass followed at 9:15 by a Prayerful Rosary procession with the Blessed Sacrament to the abortion clinic. We will return to Blessed Sacrament Church praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, followed by Benediction. Join us as we pray for The Holy Innocents, for babies lost to abortion and for all unborn babies and for their moms and dads.

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, December 15	4:00 pm	Fr. Monroe
Sunday, December 16	8:00 am	Fr. Dougherty
	10:30 am	Fr. Monroe
	6:00 pm	Fr. Monroe