

FOR THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGIES

Processional Hymn (4,8,10:30): #592 in *Worship*
 Order of the Mass: Front Page or #202 in *Worship*
 Glory to God (4,8,10:340): #320 in *Worship*
 Liturgy of the Word: #1120 in *Worship*
 Gospel Acclamation (4,8,10:30): #329 in *Worship*
 Preparation Hymn (4,8,10:30): #701 in *Worship*
 Communion Litany (4,8,10:30): #596 in *Gather*



He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" - Lk 4:21-22

MASS INTENTIONS & REMEMBRANCES

Sat., 2/2 4:00 pm **Bernadine Petty**, by friend
 (Remembrance) **Kayla Blanchard**, 22nd Anniv.,
 by Mom & Dad
 (Remembrance) **Eileen Diggins**, Birthday, by family
 (Remembrance) **Richard Xenos**, 6th Anniv., by family
 (Remembrance) **Norman Gallant**, by family
Sun., 2/3 8:00 am **Martin Kelley & friend, Eileen Diggins**,
 Birthdays
 10:30 am **An Phuoc Le**, by family
 (Remembrance) **Dam Thi Le**, by family
 6:00 pm **Parishioners' Intentions**
Mon., 2/4 9:00 am **Parishioners' Intentions**
Tue., 2/5 9:00 am **Nho Huu Nguyen**, by family
 (Remembrance) **Ke Thi Nguyen**, by family
 (Remembrance) **Philip Britt**, by the Nadow family
Wed., 2/6 9:00 am **Parishioners' Intentions**
Thu., 2/7 9:00 am **Parishioners' Intentions**
Fri., 2/8 9:00 am **Parishioners' Intentions**
Sat., 2/9 4:00 pm **Fr. Joseph Pijanowski**, 20th Anniv.
 (Remembrance) **Violet Bourcier**, 7th Anniv., by family
 (Remembrance) **Tommy Desautels**, by his mother
 (Remembrance) **Jean Dumas**, 12th Anniv., by family
Sun., 2/10 8:00 am **Emile & Delisca Fissette & daughter,**
 (Remembrance) **Doris Henderson**, by family
Eileen Ritchey Stevens, Anniv.,
 by her daughter
 10:30 am **LuAnn Alejandro**, 2nd Anniv.,
 by Eric Sonnier & family
 6:00 pm **Parishioners' Intentions**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-6, 15-17/1 Cor 12:31--13:13
 Lk 4:21-30
 Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-7/Mk 5:1-20
 Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7-10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5-7/Mk 6:1-6
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10-12/Mk 6:7-13
 Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47, 50-51/Mk 6:14-29
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9-14/Mk 6:30-34
 Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-5, 7-8/1 Cor 15:1-11
 Lk 5:1-11

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Last weekend, we deposited the following donations:
 -- **Weekly Adult Offerings:** \$4,931.00
 (\$699.00 in loose offerings and \$4,232.00 in 209 envelopes)
 -- **Children's Envelopes (2)**
 for Religious Education: \$ 2.00
 -- **Rel. Ed Fees:** \$ 100.00
 -- **Outreach:** \$ 25.00
 -- **Funeral Offerings:** \$ 300.00
 -- **Catholic Free Press:** \$ 200.00
 -- **Holy Day:** \$ 3.00
 -- **Maintenance Fund:** \$ 68.00
 -- **Family Center Donations:** \$ 75.00
 -- **Family Center Memorial Gifts:** \$1,025.00
 -- **Catholic University:** \$ 43.00
 We also received the following online donations:
 -- **Adult Ordinary:** \$1,087.00
 -- **Children's Offering:** \$ 3.00
 -- **Maintenance Fund:** \$ 109.59
 -- **Family Center Donations:** \$ 172.75

Thank you to all who contributed, especially many who made up the donations not offered on the storm weekend of January 20th.

LITURGICAL MEMORIAL

The bread and wine being used at all Masses this week has been donated in memory of **Norman Gallant** by his family.

REST IN PEACE

Pray for the repose of the souls of **Msgr. Patrick Doherty, Leo Cardarelli, Fr. Martin Donahue** and all our deceased relatives, friends and benefactors.

CATHOLIC FREE PRESS MONTH

February is renewal time for subscribers for home delivery of our diocesan newspaper. The cost for 52 weeks of home delivery is \$30 – jus 58 cents per week. The Catholic Free Press was established by Bishop (later Cardinal) John Wright, the first Bishop of Diocese. Its purpose is to inform Catholics of local, national and international events of the Catholic Church and provide educational and spiritual renewal articles to help us grow in understanding and practicing our Christianity. Those who receive contribution packets in the mail have an envelope in the current packet for this purpose. There are also white envelopes in trays at the church doors for renewal or new subscriptions. You can place your donation envelope in the collection basket any weekend through March. Our parish is assessed \$4,859 for Communication Ministries of the diocese that include the Free Press. Every subscription or donation we receive goes toward that assessment. Please consider subscribing or making a donation to help pay this assessment.

YOUNG ADULT THEOLOGY ON TAP

Join young adults from the Worcester area for the next Theology on Tap on **Tuesday, February 5** at Compass Tavern in Worcester! Doors open for food and drinks at 6:30 pm. The speaker will be Derek Mobilio and his topic will be **"Making the Act of Faith: The Interplay of the Intellect, Will, and Grace"**. The speaker will begin around 7 pm. This event is open to all young adults ages 18-39. Compass Tavern is located at 90 Harding St. in Worcester.

ANNUAL HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Many dioceses here in the United States face challenges due to priest shortages, lack of funds, remote geography, or impoverished parishes. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal supports these dioceses that struggle to make ends meet and to serve the many needs of their parishioners. Through last year's grants of \$9.75 million, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal supported evangelization, catechesis, ministry formation, and other areas of faith development and pastoral programs in needy dioceses. Over forty percent of all dioceses in the United States are considered home missions. As a result of the generosity of parishioners like you, this appeal impacts the lives of nearly 9 million Catholics.

If you were to cross the Diocese of Colorado Springs, you would see the stunning mountain valleys and peaks of the Continental Divide to the west, and the wide expanses of the Great Plains to the east. However, the Diocese of Colorado Springs is a mission diocese because the terrain poses so many challenges for priests and ministers. Each weekend, priests of the diocese traverse the treacherous mountain routes or drive hundreds of miles across the plains to preside over Sunday Masses. The lack of priests and ministers makes it difficult for the diocese to serve all of the region's Catholics. Without regular pastoral care, people, especially young adults, are susceptible to leaving the Church.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal supports campus ministry efforts across the diocese. Your support gives young adults the opportunity to make retreats, go on pilgrimages, participate in service projects, and attend vocational discernment events. These ministry centers also offer daily and Sunday Masses, RCIA classes, regular confession times, Eucharistic adoration, Bible studies, and other opportunities to build community.

As Michelle Maher-Lyons, Director of Catechesis, Youth Ministry, and Evangelization, expressed: "Our program is growing larger all the time and we still have large numbers of young people to welcome to what we do. It is with your support we are able to be the light of Christ to the young Church. Thank you for your support."

I encourage you to be generous on the weekend of February 9 & 10 to help strengthen the Church at home. Your support will truly make a difference. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
 Bishop of Worcester

FIRST COMMUNION NOTES

The first Parent Session is being held this Sunday at 9:00 am in the school hall. At this meeting parents will receive all the information and materials they need to work with the catechist to prepare their children for the April 28th celebration of First Communion at the 10:30 AM Mass. Those who can't attend need to contact Karen Barrows at kbarrowsola@aol.com or call the rectory and leave a message at extension 18. A second parent session will be held, Sunday, March 10th at 9:00 am. Classes begin for children on Sunday, February 24th at 9:00 am in the school for both and public school and Catholic school students.

FR. MONROE ON VACATION

Fr. Monroe will be away on vacation from early Tuesday morning, February 5th through late night on Tuesday, February 19th.

Fr. Dougherty will be presiding at all weekday Masses and three of the Lord's Day Masses. Fr. Thomas Egan, one of the retired priests of our diocese, will preside at one Mass on the weekend. Sue Allard, the Office Director, will be available in the office from 8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Thursday and 8 am to 12 noon on Friday.

At all other times, call the rectory and leave a message at extension 12 and she will return your call as soon as possible.

Fr. Paul Campbell, another of our retired priests, will preside at any funeral that needs to be scheduled. Sr. Marie will meet with families to plan the funeral Mass and lead a wake service.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun., February 3 – 4th Ordinal Sunday

8:00 am Lord's Day Mass
9:00 am Religious Education Classes
10:30 am Lord's Day Mass
6:00 pm Lord's Day Mass

Mon., February 4 -

9:00 am Daily Mass

Tue., February 5 -

9:00 am Daily Mass

Wed., February 6 -

9:00 am Daily Mass

Thu., February 7 -

9:00 am Daily Mass

Fri., February 8 -

9:00 am Daily Mass

Sat., February 9 -

3:00 pm Confessions
4:00 pm Vigil Mass

120 CLUB

The winner of last week's drawing is *Jean Allain - #65*.

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, February 9	4:00 pm	Fr. Dougherty
Sunday, February 10	8:00 am	Fr. Dougherty
	10:30 am	Fr. Dougherty
	6:00 pm	Fr. Egan

CONFIRMATION NOTE

The first class for all candidates for the May 6th Confirmation will take place next Sunday, February 10th at 9:00 am in the school. Any candidates' sponsors who were unable to attend last Sunday's meeting are asked to contact Karen Barrows by calling the rectory or emailing her at kbarrowsola@aol.com.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous."
 (1 Corinthians 13:4)

Do you get jealous? Do you focus more on the things that other people have than on the gifts that God has given to you? Are you pompous? Do you acquire more possessions to impress others? At times we are all guilty of these things. Pray for more humility. Pray to become less "self-centered" and become more "God-centered".