

**FOR THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGIES**

Processional Hymn (4,8,10:30): #467 in *Worship*  
 Order of the Mass: Front Page or #202 in *Worship*  
 Liturgy of the Word: #1032 in *Worship*  
 Gospel Acclamation (4,8,10:30): #138A in *Gather*  
 Preparation Hymn (4,8,10:30): #881 in *Worship*  
 Acclamations (4,8,10:30): #365, 366, 367 in *Worship*  
 Communion Litany (4,8,10:30): #956 in *Worship*



*While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. - Lk 9:29-31*

**MASS INTENTIONS & REMEMBRANCES**

Sat., 3/16 9:00 am **Mary & Arthur Cousineau**, by family  
 4:00 pm **William Walsh, Jr.**, 8<sup>th</sup> Anniv. & Birthday, by family  
 (Remembrance) **Frederick & Loretta Domey**, by family  
 (Remembrance) **Mary & Bob Giddings**, by family  
 (Remembrance) **Tommy Desautels**, Birthday, by his mother  
 (Remembrance) **Gina Fournier Bouthillier**, by family  
 (Remembrance) **Robert Fournier, Jr.**, by family  
 (Remembrance) **Janet Parkhurst**, by family  
 (Remembrance) **Bernie Lamarche**, by family  
Sun., 3/17 8:00 am **Sr. Yvonne Millman, SSA**, by a friend  
 10:30 am **James Butcher**, 14<sup>th</sup> Anniv., by Celeste Butcher  
 (Remembrance) **Msgr. Patrick Doherty**, by John & Sheila Reilly  
 (Remembrance) **Richard Murdock & Thomas Murdock**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv., by family  
 (Remembrance) **Vincent Mulcahy**, 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniv., by family  
 6:00 pm **Clement & Judith Anish and Paul & Alice Chase**, by family  
Mon., 3/18 9:00 am **Thomas Genduso**, 28<sup>th</sup> Anniv., by family  
Tue., 3/19 9:00 am **Maryellen Standing**, by her husband  
 (Remembrance) **M/M Aime Gauvin**, by daughter, Doreen Gallant  
 (Remembrance) **Helen Sauvageau**, 6<sup>th</sup> Anniv., by her daughter, Pauline  
Wed., 3/20 9:00 am **Mary Cousineau**, 37<sup>th</sup> Anniv., by family  
Thu., 3/21 9:00 am **Mary Havey**, by family  
 (Remembrance) **Katherine Vail**, 18<sup>th</sup> Anniv., by family  
Fri., 3/22 9:00 am **Robert Blanchard**, by the Gibbons family  
 (Remembrance) **Naomi Genduso**, 20<sup>th</sup> Anniv., by family  
Sat., 3/23 9:00 am **Parishioners' Intentions**  
 4:00 pm **Nicholas Blanchard**, 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniv., by Mom & Dad  
 (Remembrance) **Naomi Genduso**, Birthday, by family  
Sun., 3/24 8:00 am **Parishioners' Intentions**  
 10:30 am **Daniel McTigue**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv., by family  
 (Remembrance) **Mary Vail**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Month's Mind, by family  
 (Remembrance) **Nadine Hoey**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv., by family  
 6:00 pm **Parishioners' Intentions**

**CONTRIBUTION REPORT**

Last weekend, we deposited the following donations:  
 -- **Weekly Adult Offerings:** \$4,213.00  
 (\$682.00 in loose offerings and \$3,531.00 in 139 envelopes)  
 -- **Free Press:** \$ 2.00  
 -- **Liturgical Memorials:** \$ 100.00  
 -- **Outreach:** \$ 150.00  
 -- **Funeral Offerings:** \$ 300.00  
 -- **Christmas Donation:** \$ 250.00  
 -- **Fuel Donation:** \$ 55.00  
 -- **Maintenance Fund:** \$ 431.00  
 -- **Debt Reduction Donations:** \$ 247.00  
 -- **Latin America:** \$ 893.00  
 -- **Holy Days:** \$ 6.00  
 We also received the following online donations:  
 -- **Adult Ordinary:** \$ 868.32  
 -- **Children's Offering:** \$ 3.00  
 -- **Maintenance Fund:** \$ 175.15  
 -- **Debt Reduction Donations:** \$ 150.00  
 -- **Catholic Relief Services:** \$ 5.00  
 -- **Latin America:** \$ 16.00  
 -- **Fuel Donations:** \$ 101.44

Thank you to all who contributed.

**REST IN PEACE**

Pray for the repose of the souls of *Fr. Henry Donoghue, Maria Consolmagno, Eleanor Clement, Francis Savage, Jessica Bartkus, Patricia Cote* and all our deceased relatives, friends and benefactors.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1  
 Lk 9:28b-36  
 Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38  
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29  
 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a  
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28  
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31  
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21  
 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12  
 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
 Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11  
 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

**RITE OF ELECTION**

Due to last Sunday's storm, the Rite of Election that was to have been held at St. Paul Cathedral at 3:00 pm in the afternoon had to be cancelled. Therefore, Bishop McManus has delegated the pastors of all parishes who have catechumens to celebrate the Rite in their own church in his name.  
 At the 10:30 am Mass this weekend, Fr. Monroe will call our two catechumens, *Kassandra* and *Mikayla Rambarron*, to election for Baptism and First Communion. He will also recognize *James Recore, Yarida Sanchez* and *Byronny Torres* as candidates for Continuing Conversion to receive Confirmation and First Communion with *Kassandra* and *Mikayla*.  
 The Sacraments of Initiation for them will be celebrated at the Easter Vigil at 7:30 pm on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

**LECTURE SERIES AT ASSUMPTION**

Muslims and Christians have been engaged in theological exchange for over a millennium, and today that conversation is even more critical. Professor Sandra Toenies Keating, Ph.D, will explore the Church's teachings on Islam and the theological implications of recent developments in Catholic-Muslim relations as part of the Assumption College President's Lecture Series on **Tuesday, March 19, 7 p.m.** in the La Maison Francaise Building, 500 Salisbury Street, Worcester. Prof. Keating, a current theology professor at Providence College, earned her master's degree and doctorate in Roman Catholic theology from the School of Religious Studies with an emphasis in Muslim-Christian relations at the Catholic University of America. More information at [www.assumption.edu/PLS](http://www.assumption.edu/PLS).

**WHEN SOMEONE YOU LOVE STOPS GOING TO CHURCH**

We all have friends and relatives who have given up on God, the Church or both. How can we reach out to them with the love of Jesus and invite them to return? Come join us for a workshop to explore new attitudes and skills needed to share our faith in the family, the neighborhood and the workplace. Includes: Why Catholics Become Inactive, Surrendering Friends and Family to God, Alone in the Faith: What Are My Choices? **Sunday, March 24 from 1 – 4:30 pm** on (Snow date March 31st). Fee: \$5 per person. It will be held at Blessed Sacrament Church (Phelan Center), 551 Pleasant St., Worcester. Presented by John and Therese Boucher, evangelization authors and trainers with Masters Degrees in Religious Education. Learn more at [www.catholicevangelizer.com](http://www.catholicevangelizer.com). They are members of the Parish Renewal and Evangelization Committee, Diocese of Worcester.

**THE REALITIES AT THE MEXICAN BORDER**

Fr. Steve Lundrigan, an adjunct faculty member of Anna Maria and pastor of Annunciation Parish, Gardner (as well as former parishioner and choir member at OLA) will present "Reality of life on both sides of the border: Responding in light of faith and reason" on **Thursday, March 28 at 3 pm** in Zecco Performing Arts Center.

Fr. Steve will discuss his recent three-day visit to the Mexico/Texas border. Another faculty member, Barbara Driscoll de Alvarado, who lived and worked in Mexico, will provide a brief historical/political context. The public is invited.

**CONSIDER MAKING A CURSILLO**

Cursillo or "short course in Christianity" is an uplifting and educational experience. The weekend is facilitated by a team of laypeople and clergy who deliver organized talks and discussions. Our 2019 dates are as follows: Men - **March 21-24 & October 10-13**; Women - **May 2-5 & November 14-17**. All weekends will be held at the Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center in Putnam, CT. For additional information, please contact Sue Leighton at 508-278-3155 or [sleighton1958@gmail.com](mailto:sleighton1958@gmail.com)

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NOTES**

Students in our program will be offered an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) during Lent. Fr. Monroe will hear confession of Grades 3 & 4 March 17<sup>th</sup>, Grades 5 & 6 on March 24<sup>th</sup> and Grades 7 & 8 on March 31<sup>st</sup> during class time.

**LENTEN PRACTICES**

We remind you that Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence for practicing Catholics. This means that all those who are 14 years of age and older should refrain from meat and poultry and any sauces made with meat. This practice is meant to be an expression of our appreciation for the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross on a Friday.

**Lenten Prayer Opportunities:**

Daily Mass Monday thru Saturday at 9:00 am and Communal Way of the cross at 4:30 pm each Friday (except April 19<sup>th</sup> when it will take place at 3:00 pm).

**THE WEEK AT A GLANCE**

Sun., March 17 - Second Sunday of Lent

**8:00 am Lord's Day Mass**  
**9:00 am Gr. K-1, 3-9 Religious Education Classes**  
**First Communion Class (4)**  
**Confirmation Class (4)**  
**Confessions for Grades 3-5**

**10:30 am Lord's Day Mass**

**6:00 pm Lord's Day Mass**

Mon., March 18 – St. Cyril of Jerusalem

**9:00 am Daily Mass**

Tue., March 19 – St. Joseph

**9:00 am Daily Mass**

Wed., March 20 -Wednesday of Second Week of Lent

**9:00 am Daily Mass**

Thu., March 21 – Thursday of Second Week of Lent

**9:00 am Daily Mass**

Fri., March 22 – Friday of Second Week of Lent

**9:00 am Daily Mass**

**4:30 pm Way of the Cross**

Sat., March 23 – St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

**9:00 am Daily Mass**

**3:00 pm Confessions**

**4:00 pm Vigil Mass**

**120 CLUB**

The winner of last week's drawing is *Mary Opatka - #130*.

**PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

Saturday, March 23	4:00 pm	Fr. Monroe
Sunday, March 24	8:00 am	Fr. Dougherty
	10:30 am	Fr. Monroe
	6:00 pm	Fr. Monroe

**PARTNERS IN CHARITY**

As this bulletin goes to press, we have raised \$19,215 from pledges and onetime gifts offered by Fr. Monroe and 46 other households. This represents 33% of our parish goal of \$57,500 for the 2019 Appeal. Those who contributed \$100 or more last year have already received their contribution envelope in a letter from Bishop McManus. Fr. Monroe will be mailing a letter to all other 2018 contributors this week. You can also find Partners in Charity envelopes in racks at the church doors. Thank you to those who have already made pledges or given onetime gifts. We urge everyone to offer something to this annual effort. The ministries funded by this annual appeal constitute the essential work of the Church in carrying on Jesus' ministry in the modern world. We would like to have our parish wide effort concluded by the end of June this year.