

FOR THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGIES

- Processional Hymn (4,8,10:30): #496 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: #1081 in *Worship*
- Gospel Acclamation (4,8,10:30): #331 in *Worship*
- Preparation Hymn (4,8,10:30): #679 in *Worship*
- Acclamations (4,8,10:30): #365, 366, 367 in *Worship*
- Communion Litany (4,8,10:30): #940 in *Worship*



Then he said to Thomas, "put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" - Jn 20:27-28

MASS INTENTIONS & REMEMBRANCES

- Sat., 4/27 4:00 pm Nancy **Donnellan**, Birthday, by a friend
(Remembrance) **Deacon Al Desautels**, by family
(Remembrance) **Doris Garry**, by family
(Remembrance) **Paul LaHair**, 10th Anniv., by family
(Remembrance) **Pauline Gauthier**, 7th Anniv., by husband
- Sun., 4/28 8:00 am **James Guenette**, 1st Anniv., by family
10:30 am **Josephine Roy**, Birthday,
by the McFadden family
Parishioners' Intentions
6:00 pm **Henry "Babe" Sauvageau**, 14th Anniv.,
Mon., 4/29 9:00 am by his daughter. Pauline Gallant
(Remembrance) **Special Intention**, by Joan Leary
- Tue., 4/30 9:00 am **John Foley**, by family & friends
- Wed., 5/1 9:00 am **Fr. John Madden's Intention**,
by Mary Murphy
(Remembrance) **Special Intention**, by Joan Leary
- Thu., 5/2 9:00 am **Hannah Moynihan**, by Mary Murphy
- Fri., 5/3 9:00 am **Msgr. Patrick Doherty**, by Mary Murphy
- Sat., 5/4 4:00 pm **Tommy Desautels**, by his mother
(Remembrance) **Sheila McCarthy's Intentions**,
by Mary Murphy
- Sun., 5/5 8:00 am **Norman Hutchins**, by Pauline Poisson
- 10:30 am **Helen Morin**, 1st Anniv., by family
(Remembrance) **Richard Berthiaume**, 18th Anniv.,
by family
6:00 pm **Parishioners' Intentions**

LITURGICAL MEMORIALS

The bread and wine being used at all Masses this week has been donated in memory of **Josephine Roy** by the McFadden family.

REST IN PEACE

Pray for the repose of the souls of **Timothy Reen, Vincent Lovely, Robert Gerst, Evangeline Gallant, Helen Petry** and all our deceased relatives, friends and benefactors.

CONFIRMATION

Our high school candidates and families will be joining candidates from 4 other parishes at St. Paul Cathedral at 7:00 pm on Monday, May 6th to receive the Sacrament from Bishop McManus. They are reminded of the brief rehearsal after 6 pm Mass on May 5th.

FIRST COMMUNION

At the 10:30 am Mass this weekend we will be offering First Communion to the following children:

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| <i>Elizabeth Anzalone</i> | <i>Daniel Nelson Perez</i> |
| <i>Jaxon Baffuto</i> | <i>Jackson Roy</i> |
| <i>Elise Campero</i> | <i>Colleen Shea</i> |
| <i>Kaylynn Costa</i> | <i>Riley Shea</i> |
| <i>Charlotte Diaz</i> | <i>Grace Shivick</i> |
| <i>Ryan DiLiddo</i> | <i>Nicholas Spokis</i> |
| <i>Katie Do</i> | <i>Jaylesse Teixeira</i> |
| <i>Jenna Kottori</i> | <i>Jason Toscano</i> |
| <i>Lorelei Leclair</i> | <i>Lillyana Wylie</i> |
| <i>Cara Nolin</i> | |

We congratulate them and pray that this will be the beginning of ongoing reception of Communion as they and their families worship with us each weekend.

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Last weekend, we deposited the following donations:

- **Weekly Adult Offerings:** **\$4,916.00**
(\$996.00 in loose offerings and \$3,920.00. in 192 envelopes)
- **Children's Envelopes (1)**
for Religious Education: **\$ 10.00**
- **Liturgical Memorials:** **\$ 300.00**
- **120 Club Dues:** **\$ 75.00**
- **Funeral Offerings:** **\$ 600.00**
- **Easter Flowers:** **\$ 295.00**
- **Unrestricted Gifts:** **\$ 170.00**
- **Maintenance Fund:** **\$ 65.00**
- **Debt Reduction:** **\$ 55.00**
- **Holy Land:** **\$ 775.00**
- **Catholic Relief Collections:** **\$ 12.00**
- **Easter Collection:** **\$4,104.00**
- **Rice Bowl:** **\$ 605.00**

We also received the following online donations:

- **Adult Ordinary:** **\$1,098.96**
- **Children's Offering:** **\$ 3.00**
- **Maintenance Fund:** **\$ 99.80**
- **Debt Reduction:** **\$ 64.52**
- **Easter:** **\$ 146.33**
- **St. Vincent de Paul:** **\$ 40.22**
- **Unrestricted Gift:** **\$ 50.00**
- **Holy Land:** **\$ 71.33**
- **Rice Bowl:** **\$ 70.00**

Thank you to all who contributed.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31
- Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8
- Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21
St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26--2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24
Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16/Mt 13:54-58
- Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2, 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36
- Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14
- Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
- Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13
Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19

MOTHER’S DAY TRIDUUM

As we do each year, we will offer three Masses to honor mothers who are living and remember those who are deceased. The Masses will be offered at 10:30 am on Mother’s Day (May 12th) and 9 am on Monday, May 13th and Tuesday, May 14th.

Envelopes to enroll mothers can be found in trays at the church doors. The ones for mothers who are living include a card to mail or give to your mothers.

The envelopes will be placed at the altar with a votive candle on Mother’s Day weekend and remain there throughout the rest of May inviting parishioners to lift the people listed on them in their prayer.

RETREAT DAY FOR ADULTS

“Walking with Jesus” at St. Roch Church, 334 Main St., Oxford. will take place on Saturday, May 18th from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.

The day will include prayer, reflections, journaling, games, fun and food. Registration is required by May 10th. The cost is \$15.

Copies of the registration flier are available in trays at the church doors.

For more information, contact Darlene Farland at 508-839-3993, extension 12 or dfarland@stmarysgrafton.org.

EASTERTIME

First, we kept the forty days, with praying, fasting and giving alms. Then we celebrated the three days of Christ’s passion, dying and rising. Now we delight in the fifty days, with rejoicing, feasting and giving witness! The season of Easter is fifty days long. It is a time of unbridled joy, of exuberant rejoicing. The church tells us, “The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better as one ‘great Sunday.’ These above all others are days for the singing of the Alleluia.” (General Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar, #22)

Why is Eastertime fifty days? The ancient cultures that gave us the Bible had great respect for numbers. They believed that numbers contained hints about God and the meaning of life. The number seven was thought to contain fullness: There are seven days in the week, according to God’s original way of ordering time, creating all that there is and resting. So if you multiply 7 times 7, you have “fullness times fullness.”

But wait! 727 is 49! With God, there is always more—more than we can ever imagine. So our holy season of Easter is even more than “fullness times fullness.” It’s “fullness times fullness” and then some: 727+1. That’s what love is like: more than we can ever imagine. That’s what heaven is going to be like: more than we can ever imagine.

The fifty days are days for looking for the risen Lord among us, for hearing in each other’s stories of rising from the big and small deaths, days when we experience something of Christ’s triumphs. That’s why we look to the newly baptized, robed in bright new clothes and oily with gladness: At Easter, they died and rose with Christ! Now they take their places with us. Together, like the apostles who were so full of the Spirit that people thought they were drunk, we rush about with good and giddy news: Death is not the last word! Life and love are forever! And slowly, painstakingly, we work together, together with Christ, to change this world into the world to come. Sing Alleluia!

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PARTNERS IN CHARITY 2019

We are continuing our efforts to help fund the diocesan ministries of charity and education and many other pastoral services. The following agencies and programs assist people throughout Worcester County:

Clergy Retirement, Retired Priests Health Ministry, Catholic Charities, Haitian Apostolate, McAuley Nazareth Home for Boys, Pernet Family Health Services, Seminarian Health Insurance, St. John Diocesan Cemetery System, Diocesan Development, Stewardship, Catholic Campus Ministry, Catholic School Department, Office of Religious Education, Ongoing Priestly Formation, New Evangelization Worcester for Youth and Young Adults, Grant-in-Aid for Catholic Schools, Seminarian Education, Central Catholic School Subsidy, Advanced Studies for Clergy & Laity, African Ministry, Communications Office, Hispanic Ministry, Office of Marriage & Family, Minister to Priests, Office of the Diaconate, Respect Life Office, St. Paul’s Cathedral, Vocations Office and the Office of Worship.

As of April 23rd, we have raised \$35,115 in pledges and onetime gifts from Fr. Monroe and 111 other households in our parish. This represents 61% of our goal for this year. Envelopes for this appeal can be found in trays at the church doors.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun., April 28 – 2nd Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy

8:00 am Lord’s Day Mass
10:30 am Lord’s Day Mass – First Communion
6:00 pm Lord’s Day Mass

Mon., April 29 – St. Catherine of Siena

9:00 am Daily Mass

Tue., April 30 – St. Pius V

9:00 am Daily Mass

Wed., May 1 – St. Joseph the Worker

9:00 am Daily Mass

Thu., May 2 – St. Athanasius

9:00 am Daily Mass

Fri., May 3 – Sts. Philip & James

9:00 am Daily Mass

Sat., May 4 – First Saturday in Honor of Blessed Virgin Mary

3:00 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Vigil Mass

120 CLUB

The winner of last week’s drawing is *Beverly Ferraro - #16.*

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, May 4	4:00 pm	Fr. Monroe
Sunday, May 5	8:00 am	Fr. Dougherty
	10:30 am	Fr. Monroe
	6:00 pm	Fr. Monroe

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’” (John 20:21) Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be grateful and generous. Look for opportunities to share His peace, not only within our local parish boundaries, but outside of them as well. In giving, we receive the peace of Jesus Christ.