

FOR THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGIES

Processional Hymn (4,8,10:30): #450 in *Worship*
 Order of the Mass: Front Page or #202 in *Worship*
 Liturgy of the Word: #1021 in *Worship*
 Gospel Acclamation (4,8,10:30): #328 in *Worship*
 Preparation Hymn (4,8,10:30): #452 in *Worship*
 Acclamations (4,8,10:30): #353, 356, 357, 384 in *Worship*
 Communion Litany (4,8,10:30): #600 in *Gather*
 Meditation (4,8,10:30) #454 in *Worship*



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
 Mt 2:10-11

MASS INTENTIONS & REMEMBRANCES

Sat., 1/4 4:00 pm Arthur Wood, Anniv., by family
 (Remembrance) Michael Chalifoux, by family
 (Remembrance) Mimi Ritchotte, 5th Anniv., by family
 (Remembrance) Tommy Desautels, by his mother
 (Remembrance) Jeffrey Holm, 21st Anniv.,
 & Elaine Finnegan, 5th Anniv., by family
Sun., 1/5 8:00 am Parishioners' Intentions
 10:30 am Charles E. Monroe (21st Anniv.) and the
 Deceased Members of the Monroe and
 Hourihan Families
 6:00 pm Parishioners' Intentions
Mon., 1/6 9:00 am Parishioners' Intentions
Tue., 1/7 9:00 am Parishioners' Intentions
Wed., 1/8 9:00 am Parishioners' Intentions
Thu., 1/9 9:00 am Parishioners' Intentions
Fri., 1/10 9:00 am Parishioners' Intentions
Sat., 1/11 4:00 pm Robert Dulmaine, 1st Anniv., by family
 (Remembrance) Deacon Al Desautels, 6th Anniv.,
 by his wife
 (Remembrance) Robert Malone (8th Anniv.) & James
 Cozza (21st Anniv.), by family
Sun., 1/12 8:00 am Parishioners' Intentions
 10:30 am Joe & Gloria Fenuccio, by family
 6:00 pm Parishioners' Intentions

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
 Mt 2:1-12
 Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 - 4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 6a, 9b /Jn 3:22-30
 Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10
 Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

BAPTISM

We recently baptized **Daniel Krull, Lola Torres** and **Rita Woodard**. We pray they will grow in practicing their faith with support of parents and godparents.

CONTRIBUTION REPORT – 12/21-22 & 25

Last weekend, we deposited the following donations:
 -- **Weekly Adult Offerings:** \$4644.00
 (\$652.00 in loose offerings and \$3,992.00 in 175 envelopes)
 -- **Christmas Collection:** \$6,870.00
 -- **Liturgical Memorial:** \$ 100.00
 -- **Holy Day Envelopes:** \$ 262.00
 -- **Flower Gifts:** \$ 203.00
 -- **Baptism Offering:** \$ 100.00
 -- **Maintenance Fund:** \$ 100.00
 -- **Debt Reductions Donations:** \$ 195.00
 -- **Religious Retirement:** \$ 328.00
 We also received the following online donations:
 -- **Weekly Adult Offerings:** \$1,127.41
 -- **Charitable Ministries:** \$ 15.00
 -- **Maintenance Fund:** \$ 50.00
 -- **Debt Reduction Donations:** \$ 39.35
 -- **Unrestricted Gift:** \$ 50.00
 -- **Religious Retirement:** \$ 250.00

LITURGICAL MEMORIALS

The bread and wine being used at all Masses this week has been donated in memory of **the Deceased Members of the Ritchey, Pettigrew & Lynch families** by Mary Lynn Ritchey.

REST IN PEACE

Pray for the repose of the souls of **Matthew Cavanaugh, Sandra Heckman, Richard Roberge, Raymond Gemme Junior** and all our deceased relatives, friends and benefactors.

RESPECT LIFE EVENT IN WORCESTER

Can't make it to the March for Life in D.C? Let's kick off Respect Life Month locally! "Let Life Live" event to be held at Sacred Heart-St. Catherine of Sweden Parish Hall, 596 Cambridge St. Worcester on Saturday, Jan. 11 from Noon-3:30 pm. We will have music from Musicians for Life, speakers, Reps from Problem Pregnancy, Visitation House, Mass Citizens for Life, 40 Days for Life, First Concern and more! For more information call Lynn at 508-612-3999.



We have now reached the end of our active campaign for the diocesan/parish capital campaign. As of December 27th, we have received pledges and one-time gifts from Fr. Monroe and 209 other households. As of that date, we have raised \$431,748.94 – 103% of our assigned goal. Over the next 4 years, we will receive 40% of the \$417,987 target amount -- \$167,194.80 and 60% of \$13,764.00 we raised over our target so that will generate \$8,258.40 – a total of \$175,453.20 coming back to our parish as people pay their pledges over the next four years. We will receive an initial check for 40% of everything paid by the end of June 2020 and then a dividend check every three months thereafter for the amount paid during that period. Initial payments and onetime gifts already paid will generate \$39,881.18 to be part of that first check in early July.

Thank you to all who have participated. Pledges or onetime gifts can still be placed in the collection or mailed to the rectory.

LITURGICAL PROCLAMTION FOR 2020

Know, dear brothers and sisters, that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Savior.

On the **twenty-sixth** day of **February** will fall **Ash Wednesday**, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the **twelfth** day of **April** we will celebrate with joy **Easter Day**, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the **twenty-first** day of **May** will be the **Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ**.

On the **thirty-first** day of **May** we will celebrate the **Feast of Pentecost**.

On the **fourteenth** day of **June**, the **Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**.

On the **twenty-second** day of **November** we will close the liturgical year 2020 with the **Feast of Christ the King**

and on the **twenty-ninth** day of **November**, begin liturgical year 2021 with the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

ANNUAL COLLECTION

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today, I appeal to you to give generously to the annual national collection for The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Established in 1887, the University has served the Church, students and the community for generations and is the only American University with ecclesiastical faculties granting canonical degrees in canon law, philosophy and theology. Catholic University is helping to renew and strengthen the Church. The University has always been the research institution where the Church comes to think. Through hosting a national conference series focused on laity response to the sex abuse crisis, and in creating an Institute for Diocesan Excellence in Administration (IDEA), where lay scholars and professionals can support clergy by providing expertise and accountability in the areas of education, finance, canon law and culture, Catholic University serves as a springboard in renewing and strengthening Catholicism in our country.

Catholic University serves the Church by engaging its students to discover knowledge and truth through excellence in teaching and research. With its 12 schools and 23 research centers, the University provides an exceptional Catholic education to almost 7,000 students annually. The University prepares students to respond to the many issues facing the Church and society today by way of its many programs, such as those in ethical business practices; classical architecture; intelligence studies; neuroscience; nursing; Spanish language and Hispanic ministry; social service; and Catholic bioethics.

With every prayerful best wish for a Blessed New Year, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus

Bishop of Worcester

Please note that due to our Maintenance Collection on the 1st weekend of the month, the Catholic University collection in our parish will be taken the weekend of January 11& 12. The envelope company erroneously dated the envelopes for January 5.

TAIZE PRAYER IN WORCESTER

All are welcome for Taize prayer- Sacred Music for Vespers on **Sunday, Jan. 12, 7 - 7:45 pm**. Catholics, Protestants, and Orthodox musicians come to together in sacred choir to sing simple, pure music to support peace and respect between all Christians and Non-Christians. To be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 73 Lancaster St., Worcester. Social to follow with Mulled Cider and light refreshments. Free to people of all faiths and walks of life. Free will offering gratefully received. Please call or text Will Raymond if you have any questions -- 978-368-3294.

**PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE
IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL**

From **Oct. 28 through Nov. 7, 2020**, join Fr. William Schipper and Ray Delisle as we Discover Greece: in the Footsteps of St. Paul the Apostle. Information sessions with Collette Tours and featuring Greek foods to taste will be held on **Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 2:30 and 5:30 pm** at the Chancery, 49 Elm St, Worcester. Follow the path of Paul the Apostle as you discover bucolic beauty and ancient history on this Grecian sojourn. Enjoy a 3-night cruise of the magical Greek islands of Mykonos, Patmos and Santorini. Visit the ancient Roman city of Ephesus, Turkey. Explore the Acropolis in Athens and seek ancient wisdom at the ruins of Delphi. Discover the biblical town of Corinth and see the Agora and the Bema, where Paul was brought before the tribunal. Stop in Philippi, where Paul delivered his first sermon in Europe and baptized Lydia, the first Christian. On your journey, feel the spirit of the New Testament as you visit the places where the great apostle lived and preached. Call Ray Delisle at 508-929-4313 to register for the information session or for more information or visit worcesterdiocese.org/greece-pilgrimage.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun., January 5 – Feast of the Epiphany

8:00 am Lord's Day Mass

9:00 am Religious Education Classes, K-10

10:30 am Lord's Day Mass

6:00 pm Lord's Day Mass

Mon., January 6 – St. Andre Bessette

9:00 am Daily Mass

Tue., January 7 – St. Raymond of Penyafort

9:00 am Daily Mass

Wed., January 8 – Wednesday After Epiphany

9:00 am Daily Mass

Thu., January 9 – Thursday After Epiphany

9:00 am Daily Mass

Fri., January 10 – Friday After Epiphany

9:00 am Daily Mass

Sat., January 11 – Saturday After Epiphany

3:00 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Vigil Mass

120 CLUB

The winner of last week's drawing is **Bridget Marshall - #211**.

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, January 11	4:00 pm	Fr. Monroe
Sunday, January 12	8:00 am	Fr. Dougherty
	10:30 am	Fr. Monroe
	6:00 pm	Fr. Monroe

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