

FOR THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGIES

Processional Hymn (4,8,10:30): #871 in *Worship*
(Tune of "The Church's One Foundation")
 Order of the Mass: Front Page or #202 in *Worship*
 Glory to God (4,8,10:340): #320 in *Worship*
 Liturgy of the Word: #1212 in *Worship*
 Gospel Acclamation (4,8,10:30): #333 in *Worship*
 Preparation Hymn (4,8,10:30): #872 in *Worship*
(Tune of "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow")
 Acclamations (4,8,10:30): #353, 356, 357, 384 in *Worship*
 Communion Litany (4,8,10:30): #590 in *Gather*



Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted--and you yourself a sword will pierce--so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." - Lk 2:34-35

MASS INTENTIONS & REMEMBRANCES

Sat., 2/1 4:00 pm **William & Mildred Monroe**, Birthday, by family
(Remembrance) **Kayla Blanchard**, 23rd Anniv., Dad & Mom
(Remembrance) **Bob Blanchard**, 1st Anniv., by family
(Remembrance) **Jean Dumas**, 13th Anniv., by family
(Remembrance) **Richard Xenos**, 7th Anniv., by family
(Remembrance) **Tommy Desautels**, by his mother
Sun., 2/2 8:00 am **Norman Hutchins**, 1st Anniv., by family
 10:30 am **Marjorie Snyder**, by Tom Boza
 6:00 pm **William & Mildred Monroe**, Birthday, by Fr. Monroe
Mon., 2/3 9:00 am **Bob Sullivan**, Birthday, by family
Tue., 2/4 9:00 am **Parishioners' Intentions**
Wed., 2/5 9:00 am **Parishioners' Intentions**
Thu., 2/6 9:00 am **Parishioners' Intentions**
Fri., 2/7 9:00 am **Parishioners' Intentions**
Sat., 2/8 4:00 pm **Violet Bourcier**, 8th Anniv., by family
Sun., 2/9 8:00 am **John Gagliastro**, by OLA parish
 10:30 am **Kevin Delmonico**, 1st Anniv., by the Ford family
 6:00 pm **Parishioners' Intentions**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40
 Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 -19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mk 5:21-43
 Wednesday 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd 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, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34
 Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5 Mt 5:13-16

REST IN PEACE

Pray for the repose of the souls of *Elizabeth Hallahan, Richard Myotte* and all our deceased relatives, friends and benefactors.

MONTHLY MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

The second collection today is for your offerings to the Maintenance Fund for the upkeep and repair of our buildings and property.

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 – just 58 cents per week. The Catholic Free Press was established 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.

FUEL COSTS

Last fiscal year, we spent \$28,313.22 to heat the three buildings for which we have responsibility: the church, the Family Center and the rectory.

On the weekend of February 15 & 16, we will have a second collection for contributions you might be able to offer to defray some of this current winter's heating bills.

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Last weekend, we deposited the following donations:

-- Weekly Adult Offerings:	\$4,499.00
(\$660.00 in loose offerings and \$3,939.00 in 197 envelopes)	
-- Holy Day:	\$ 18.00
-- Christmas Envelope:	\$ 5.00
-- Funeral Offerings:	\$ 300.00
-- Free Press:	\$ 272.00
-- Rieger Hall Use Donation:	\$ 50.00
-- Maintenance Fund:	\$ 70.00
-- Debt Reductions Donations:	\$ 70.00
-- Memorial Gifts:	\$ 50.00
-- Baptism Donations:	\$ 75.00
-- Unrestricted Gift:	\$ 300.00
-- Catholic University:	\$ 27.00
-- Puerto Rico Earthquake Relief:	\$ 900.00

We also received the following online donations:

-- Weekly Adult Offerings:	\$1,010.96
-- Maintenance Fund:	\$ 46.49
-- Debt Reduction Donations:	\$ 14.35
-- Puerto Rico Earthquake Relief:	\$ 30.00

Thank you to all who contributed.

BAPTISMS

Last Sunday we celebrated the Baptisms of *Kenadie Cantwell* and *Lorenzo Cyr*. We congratulate their parents and pray that they and the godparents will help the children grow to understand what was done for them and practicing their Catholic Faith.

ANNUAL HOME MISSIONS COLLECTION

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. Home mission dioceses are those dioceses in the United States, its territories, and former territories that cannot provide basic pastoral services to Catholics without outside help. Basic pastoral services include Mass and the other sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters, and lay people. Right now, over 40% of dioceses are considered home mission. Thanks to your generosity, these dioceses were assisted with nearly \$10 million in assistance in 2019.

American Samoa, an archipelago of seven islands in the South Pacific and the only United States territory south of the equator, is located over 500 miles closer to New Zealand than it is to Hawaii. Over 97% of the territory's population lives on the largest Island, Tutuila, leaving the small number of residents in the outlying Manu'a islands to be served by one catechist and one priest, who visits monthly to celebrate Mass and to bring sacraments to the faithful. Despite these limited resources, the residents of Manu'a are growing in faith, with more becoming interested in being baptized and welcomed into the Church.

Our generosity has helped sustain this invaluable ministry to the faithful in the isolated environment of the Diocese of Samoa-Pago Pago. By supporting the Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA), you continue a tradition of support for mission dioceses in the United States dating back to 1924.

I encourage you to be generous on the weekend of February 8 & 9 to help strengthen the Church at home. 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

TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE

All are welcome for Taize prayer - Sacred Music for Vespers on **Sunday, Feb. 9 from 7 - 7:45 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church**, 73 Lancaster St., Worcester. Catholics, Protestants, and Orthodox musicians come to together in sacred choir to sing simple music to support peace and respect between all Christians and Non-Christians. Social time will follow with Mulled Cider and light refreshments. Free to people of all faiths and walks of life. Free will offering will be gratefully received. Please call or text Will Raymond if you have any questions. Cell/Text 978-368-3294.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“...they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord...”
(Luke 2:22 How seriously do you take being a Catholic? Is “being Catholic” something I just do when I attend Sunday Mass or attend one of my parish functions? It’s easy to be Catholic then, it’s harder to be Catholic when I am out in the world. Would someone recognize you as a Catholic by the way you act, dress, and talk? How do you present yourself to the Lord and to others?)

FROM THE PASTOR

I will be on vacation from late Monday, February 3rd until late Tuesday, February 18th. As usual Fr. Dougherty will preside at all Lord’s Day and weekday Masses. I have arranged with several of our retired priests to be available to preside at any funerals that will need to be scheduled. Sr. Marie Therese will work with families to prepare for the funerals and do a wake service at the funeral home.

Sue Allard, our office director, will be available from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday thru Thursday and 8:00 am to 12 noon on Fridays.

At other times call 508-791-0951 and leave a message at extension 12 and she will contact you as soon as possible. If you leave messages at extension 10, calls will not be returned until February 18th!

CRIME WATCH

The Webster Square monthly meeting will be held in our Rieger Hall on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. They will meet this Thursday at 7:00 pm. All are welcome.

MONTHLY DISMAS HOUSE MEAL

On the second Monday of each month – February 10th this month - a group of parishioners prepares, serves and shares the meal with men living at the local facility that houses and assists people reintegrating in society after serving jail sentences.

If you would like to discuss either this ministry or volunteer to help, contact the rectory and we will put you in contact with the ministry coordinators.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun., February 2 – Presentation of the Lord in the Temple

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 3 – St. Blase

9:00 am Daily Mass with Blessing of Throats
7:00 pm HALO Support Group Meeting

Tue., February 4 – Tuesday of 4th Ordinal Sunday

9:00 am Daily Mass

Wed., February 5 – St. Agatha

9:00 am Daily Mass

Thu., February 6 – St Paul Miki & Other Japanese Martyrs

9:00 am Daily Mass

7:00 pm Neighborhood Crime Watch in Rieger Hall

Fri., February 7 – Friday of 4th Ordinal week

9:00 am Daily Mass

Sat., February 8 – St. Jerome Emilian

3:00 pm Confessions
4:00 pm Vigil Mass

120 CLUB

The winner of last week’s drawing is **Joseph Lamarche - #84**.

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

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