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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekends

Saturday: 6:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM

Daily

Mass (Tuesday & Friday): 9:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 10:00-11:00 AM
(At St. Augustine 3:00-3:45 PM)

Holy Day Masses:

As announced

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: Please contact the parish office to schedule date of preparation and date of baptism.

Marriage: Please contact the pastor at least one year before planned date of marriage.

Visitation or Anointing of the Sick: Anytime. Please contact the pastor.

If you are a visitor or if you are new to our parish, we welcome you. If you would like to become a member of our parish, you may call the parish office, contact us by e-mail or return this form by mail or by placing it in the offertory collection.

This form may also be used for change of address or to request a call from a member of our staff.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone # _____

New parishioner Change of address Please contact me

Linwood/Uxbridge, Massachusetts

 **Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Saturday, September 26
6:00 PM The People of Good Shepherd
Sunday, September 27
9:00 AM Margaret Barron by her family
Tuesday, September 29
9:00 AM Rita Cogliandro from a friend
Friday, October 2
9:00 AM Mike & Dot Kosciak by Maureen
Saturday, October 3
6:00 PM Judy Matte Mills by Thomas & Gail Seifermon
Sunday, October 4
9:00 AM Eleanor Gonsorcik by her family
 Lucienne Roy by son Donald Roy and
 Daughter Lise Lithecum
 Sadie Grace Pomeroy by her family

Liturgical Roles October 3 & 4

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

6:00 PM L. Roberts
9:00 AM C. Guertin

Lectors

6:00 PM J. Paquette
9:00 AM A. Darling

Altar Servers

6:00 PM V. Jordan
9:00 AM C. Wilson

Ushers

6:00 PM J. Lydon, P. & K. Jordan
9:00 AM D. & MB Guertin, E. Metivier

From the Bishop's Office

Daily Mass, Sunday Mass, Family Rosary all continue to stream on worcesterdiocese.org, are available for viewing on Spectrum/Charter Channel 193. *Conversation with Bishop McManus* is playing next week.

Beginning Sept. 6—Sunday Mass is Live from Cathedral at 10am and the Spanish Mass airs at 11am (replay of the 8am Live Mass). We will no longer air a 6pm Mass on Spectrum.

Honoring Married Couples on their Wedding Anniversary.
 Due to the restrictions of the coronavirus pandemic, a public celebration of the annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will not be held this year. Congratulatory certificates from Bishop McManus to couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries in 2020 will be issued by postal mail. Couples wishing to receive certificates should complete the registration form at www.worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass by **October 15** or contact the Office of Marriage and Family at 508-929-4311 to request that a copy of the registration form be sent to you.



CALENDAR

Sunday, September 27	9:00 AM	Mass
Tuesday, September 29	9:00 AM	Mass
	6:00 PM	TOPS (Parish Hall)
Thursday, October 1	7:00 PM	Bible Study (Library)
Friday, October 2	9:00 AM	Mass
Saturday, October 3	10:00 AM	Drive Thru Confessions (behind church)
	4:00 PM	Bible Study (Library)
Sunday, October 4	6:00 PM	Mass
	9:00 AM	Mass

Readings for the week of September 27, 2020

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32
 Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7 [6]/Lk 9:46-50
 Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51
 Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15 [3]/Lk 9:57-62
 Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 [13]/Lk 10:1-12
 Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4ab, 4c-6, 10-11 [11]/Mt 18:1-5, 10
 Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130 [135]/Lk 10:17-24
 Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 [Is 5:7a]/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43



We welcome to God's world and to our parish family **Jordyn Jennifer Rose and David Josue Arenas-Zapata**, who were baptized here last weekend. May God bless them and their family as they walk on their journey back to Him.

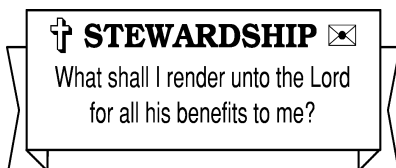
**PRAY FOR OUR
COMMUNITY**

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What prompts you to make the decisions you make? When confronted with a decision, whether one that is more trivial and mundane or one that is more significant and profound, we rely on guidance. That guidance can be the result of impulse and passion or the fruit of the interior voice of conscience. Decisions made on impulse and passion can be misguided and erroneous. Decisions based on conscience, or the moral voice within, will reflect the depth and maturity of our soul work. A more contemplative soul will make more contemplative decisions. A less developed conscience will make decisions based on the individual's level of development.

Conversion and a change of heart are at the core of Jesus' message precisely because of this reality. We are works in progress. For the person on fire with the Holy Spirit and centered on God, life reflects an ever-deepening awareness and heightened sense of God's presence and a greater willingness to do God's will. What is happening internally is validated by what is witnessed externally. The hypocrite is the one who says yes when they really mean no. From the start, they had no desire to do the virtuous act but wanted to outwardly appear as if they did.

Where are you on the road of integrity? Honesty is all that is required. God is good with that. It is okay to struggle with our decisions and wrestle with ourselves. Consciences on the path to maturity and greater depth are not always going to know what action is immediately best. We may, at first, say no to what we know is right and, after prayerful reflection and thought, come around to doing it. Conversion happens when our no changes to yes, regardless of how sinful or out of sync we may be at the time. God is anxious to welcome us to Himself. But we cannot embrace Him unless we want to. Learning to orient our gift of free will to what is of divine origin, right, and best is a discipline we must always tweak and perfect.



SHARING OUR BLESSINGS
Weekly Goal \$5959
Weekend of September 19 & 20

Sunday Regular \$1710; Electronic \$463;
 Parish Savings \$120; Parish Religious Ed. \$3;
 Living Faith Booklets \$12; New Day \$5; Candles \$15

Number of Envelopes: 50 Thank you

*(The participation of all is very important
 and is appreciated by the whole community)*

People First Food Pantry

We have a few Wednesday morning shifts that are in need of volunteers. The shift runs from 10:45-1pm. Volunteers must be able to lift 20-25 lbs. Volunteers must be 18+ years or older to work on our shifts. We serve families in our parking lot to adhere to COVID-19 procedures. If you or someone you know would like to help, please email Denise at:

thepeoplefirstfoodpantry@msn.com

Thank you!

DIOCESE OF WORCESTER

Monday, October 26, 2020 – We will livestream a
Virtual Celebrate Priesthood
 an evening hosted by Bishop McManus

A Benefit Evening to recognize diocesan priests and support the Priest Retirement Fund.

For the past six years, the Diocese of Worcester has hosted a wonderful gala called Celebrate Priesthood- Taste of the Diocese" as a benefit for Retired Priests Care. Given the many restrictions for our wellbeing with regard to the Coronavirus pandemic, we are planning a **Virtual Celebrate Priesthood** event for October 26, 2020.

We cannot let a year go by without pausing to reflect on the gift of the priesthood in the lives of all Catholics. So our Virtual event will nonetheless be a celebration.

On **Monday, October 26 at 6 pm** we will livestream an evening hosted by Bishop McManus featuring interviews with some of our priests ranging from recently ordained to retired. And we will invite you into the celebration that evening by sharing your memories that day by email and/or social media to be part of this special night.

Although we cannot gather that night for the delectable tastings from area restaurants and parishes, "tickets" as donations will be available up to and including that night to receive a gift of coupons from area restaurants to enjoy tastings at their facilities. As restaurants are confirmed we will post them and their offerings on the *Celebrate Priesthood* webpage.

Individual donations, advertising in the commemorative book and sponsorships have all been necessary elements to the success of this annual event in support of on average 55 retired priests in our diocese who have committed more than **2,000 years of service** as a group to our spiritual wellbeing! Over the past six years the cost of their care has exceeded resources by an average of over \$500,000.

Forms will be made available online to participate. Everyone who participates will receive a book in the mail along with restaurant coupons for those who donate \$100 or more for "tickets" or general donations. Sponsors, donors and advertisers will also be posted on the *Celebrate Priesthood* webpage and social media.

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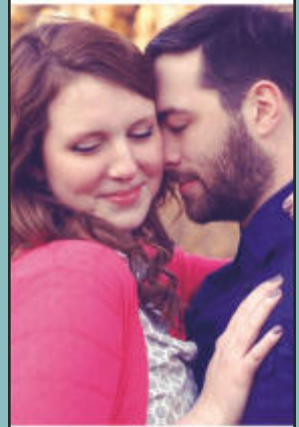
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