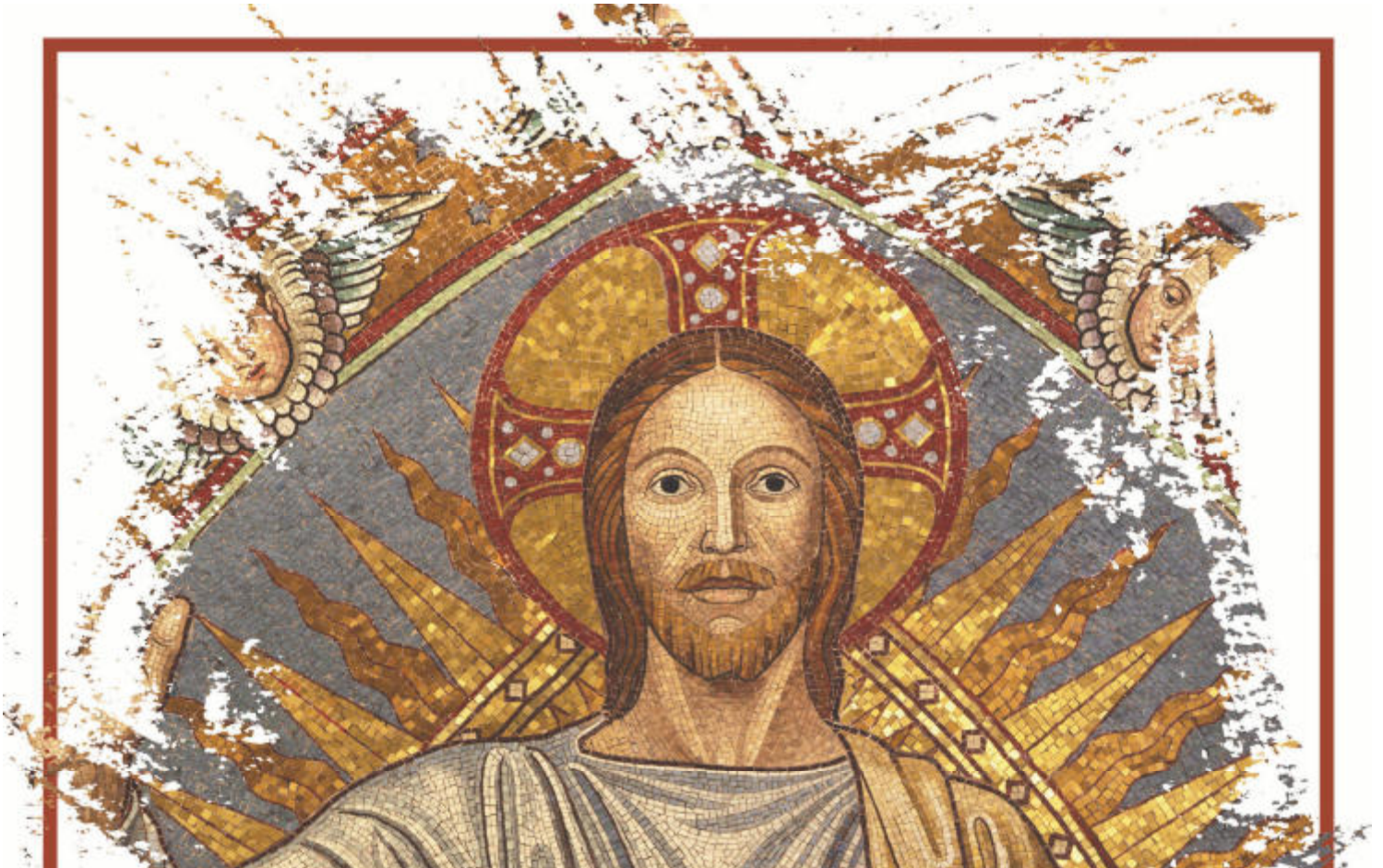


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LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

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St. Mary Rectory
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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 _____

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New parishioner Change of address Please contact me

Linwood/Uxbridge, Massachusetts

 **Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Saturday, July 31
6:00 PM Joseph Landry by his family

Sunday, August 1
9:00 AM Eleanor Gonsorcik by her family
 Lena Gouin (birthday remem.) by her family

Tuesday, August 3
9:00 AM The People of Good Shepherd

Friday, August 6
9:00AM Emile & Luciene Roy by son Don Roy and daughter Lise Lithecum

Saturday, August 7
6:00 PM William Barron by his family

Sunday, August 8
9:00 AM Poudrier family by Gerry & Eileen Labonte

Liturgical Roles August 7 & 8

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

6:00 PM M. Destrempe, A. Thomson
9:00 AM C. Guertin, L. Roberts

Lectors

6:00 PM M. Landry
9:00 AM A. Darling

Altar Servers

6:00 PM D. Rousseau
9:00 AM A. Thompson

Ushers/Greeters

6:00 PM L. Carter, L. Bianco, need 1
9:00 AM D. & MB Guertin, need 1

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call at or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

Do you hunger for a deeper love in your marriage? Let Jesus fill your hunger by participating in the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

 **The Week Ahead**

Sunday, August 1	9:00 AM	Mass
Tuesday, August 3	9:00 AM 5:00 PM	Mass TOPS (Parish Center)
Thursday, August 5	10:00 AM 7:00 PM	Adult Faith Formation (Parish Hall) Bible Study (Parish Center)
Friday, August 6	9:00 AM	Mass
Saturday, August 7	10:00 AM 4:00 PM 6:00 PM	Confessions (Church) Bible Study (Parish Center) Mass

Readings for the week of August 1, 2021

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/ Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/ Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 [cf. 3a]/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/ Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/ 2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10

Saturday: Dn 6:4-13/Ps 18: 28, 3-4. 47 and 51/Mk 17:14-20

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/ Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

After evaluating the survey responses, I'm happy to announce the following events:

- There will be an Adult Faith Formation series on the Mass, beginning on August 5-6. We will meet each Thursday at 10:00am in the parish hall. The same talk will be repeated Fridays at 6:00pm at Saint Augustine parish hall in Millville.
- There was an overwhelming request for a social activity in the survey responses. As such, please mark you calendars for the evening of Friday, September 17 for a parish meal. That day is the anniversary of the dedication of Good Shepherd Church.
- The parishes of the lower Blackstone Valley are planning a pilgrimage to the Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge, MA. See the inclusion in this bulletin.

Thank you to all who responded to the survey. We're keeping other recommendations on file for future events.

Thank you,
 Fr. LaRoche

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“You cannot see the forest for the trees” is a widely known saying that can bring wisdom to our understanding of our journey. Often, our sight becomes limited to what is immediately before us. We lose touch with lessons and experiences from the past and promises and hope for the future. As human beings, we have the privilege of being able to choose things. What I like and don't like, want, and don't want can be major preoccupations of our minds and hearts. Our preferences and desires begin to define us more than the simple fact of our being. Who we are matters more than what we are or what we have. If we don't move beyond the external and superficial stuff to what really is of essence, we risk becoming very unsettled, disorientated, angry, and unhappy. We fail to see the bigger picture of hope and promise that lies ahead and the Divine Presence that has sustained and carried us before.

We like it when the “now” time of our lives satisfy us. Even the people who witnessed Jesus feed the five thousand got confused and distracted. It felt good when thousands of people were able to eat. They wanted to know what they could do to get this to happen again! But Jesus quickly reminds them that this is not the point of this sign. As much as the now time of our lives is of concern, it is not what is ultimately important. We need to learn the difference between being and doing, drawing more strength from who we are and who God is rather than what is happening around us and the choices we can make. Jesus is the true bread that came down from heaven. Jesus is the very incarnate presence of God who sustains life and assures us that we will not perish. This is not easy to understand and feel. We have to practice being in the presence of ourselves, others, creation, and God. We are brought to a holy place when we encounter the sacredness of being. This is real prayer.

Then, we learn to trust. It is when we cease trusting that we start to become afraid, uncertain, apprehensive, and doubtful, and overly self-concerned. We even start to grumble. God has our back. That is the essential powerful message of the living bread come down from heaven. God, who is alpha is also omega, the beginning and the end, and has everything in between in his care as well. A woman once remarked that her most powerful God moment happened when she and her husband cuddled with their new baby for a time. Without exchanging words and using only the affection communicated through sight and touch, they rested in being with each other. This brought them to the sacred, where they realized that a greater Being was with them. It was real. They knew that they were part of something bigger, intimate, and profound. When we rest in the Living Source of life, we will find that our souls are no longer hungry or thirsty.

SHARING OUR BLESSINGS**Weekend of July 24 & 25**

Regular \$1756; Electronic \$523; Candles \$10;
Parish Savings \$150; New Day \$181

Total Envelopes: 46

Thank you!

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

**Coffee and Donuts**

Please join us on Sunday morning after the 9am mass.

The Ignatian Spiritual Exercises in Daily Life

A 30-week directed prayer experience in the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola is being offered by a team of Jesuits and lay people experienced in Ignatian prayer. The program will begin on September 28, 2021. Each weekly session will be approximately ninety minutes long and will include reflection, direction, and a presentation. Sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings at St. Peter's Church in Worcester at 6:30pm, in the lower church hall, adjacent to Clark University.

Information nights will be held on Tuesday, August 17th at 6:30pm at St. Peter's upper church, 929 Main St., Worcester, and Wednesday, August 25th at 6:30pm at St. Richard's Church, 4 Bridge St., Sterling, MA. To read about The Spiritual Exercises, information about the retreat and application forms are available at <https://www.ignatianspiritualexercisesworchester.com>. You can also contact the team by e-mail at worcspex19@gmail.com or call Dick Kirk at 508-885-4462.

BUS PILGRIMAGE TO THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF DIVINE MERCY

Please join Fr. Nick, Fr. John and Fr. LaRoche on Monday, September 20, 2021 for an all-day bus pilgrimage to the **National Shrine of Divine Mercy** in Stockbridge, Massachusetts! We will visit the **Norman Rockwell Museum** in the morning and the **Shrine** in the afternoon where will have a Holy Hour, pray the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy and have Mass. Please see flyer in church for additional information and itinerary! Please complete and return the following form with payment to your parish by **August 20, 2021** to register:

***** Space is limited so please sign-up early *****

Your Name: _____

Street & Town Address: _____

Your Parish: _____

Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Emergency Contact Name & Phone: _____

Please indicate one option below:

_____ I will take the bus. Included is my check for \$52.00. I understand refunds will not be available the day of the trip. Make checks payable to your parish.

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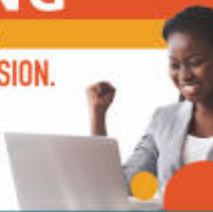
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