

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RECEIVE

“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me.”

- Mk 9:37a



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Parish Vision Statement:

We, as Christ's disciples, are the hands, minds & voices which lovingly glorify God by serving Each other as a Christian family.

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Food Pantry Hours: Thursday 9:45am—2:30pm,
Saturday 10am—1pm

Prayer Shawls Ministry call the rectory

Bingo: Every Friday 6:30-10pm lower church hall

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Lord's Day:

Saturday 4:00 PM, Sunday 10:00 AM

Weekday:

Monday-Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9:00 AM
(No Mass on Thursday)

Blessed Sacrament Adoration/First Friday:

9:30 AM - 5:30PM

Confessions:

Every Saturday 3-3:30 PM

WEEK OF September 22 & 23, 2018

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND LITURGIES

Sat. September 22 – Vigil: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - Joan Kasabula—Lillian Bruneau

Sun. September 23 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 AM— Michael Sulminski—Family

11:00 AM *Recitation of the Rosary*

Sat., September 29 - Vigil: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - MaryBeth McCarthy—Frank McCarthy

Sun., September 30~ Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 AM Loretta Rochette

11:00 AM *Recitation of the Rosary*

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Oscars. The Super Bowl. TV talent shows. Your son's Little League championship. We live in a culture set on competition. The desire to "be the best" goes beyond hobbies and into politics, the corporate world, and parenting comparisons at the park. This desire is as old as the human race, and it surely arose in Jesus' day. While Biblical society was significantly less open and upwardly mobile than our own, power was attractive. From what we know, many of Jesus' disciples had come from lowly backgrounds. Now they followed an increasingly popular rabbi who seemed primed to do something big.

Jesus does his best to dissuade their high hopes by prophesying his own defeat. "The Son of Man is to be handed over ? and they will kill him." Internalizing the message proves challenging for the disciples, and their attention remains fixed on earthly glory. "They ? [discuss] among themselves on the way who was the greatest." True to style, Jesus flips their pretensions on their heads. "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

We have heard these Biblical principles before. Do we believe them? In our professional lives, do we do whatever we can to get ahead, or are we concerned with the entire team succeeding? In the lives of our children, are we more concerned with victory or with building character? Jesus doesn't condemn success, but he reframes it. "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." Today's Gospel is a reality check. In God's eyes, our success will not be measured by worldly output alone but by how much love and service we offer to others in the process.



(As of Monday)

Saint Vincent Hospital at Worcester Medical Center:
James Curran, Mary Beth Champagne, David Phaneuf.

We will not be calling UMass Memorial as they don't have a system to give us the information we need. If you or a loved one is in one of those hospitals please let us know so we can be sure to visit them and pray for them.

Please continue to pray for all of our service men & women who serve to protect us.



(Please arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass)

Saturday, September 29

Lector: Deb Durnin

Minister of Holy Communion: John Harrington & Eileen Lohnes

Sunday, September 30

Lector: Cathy Flynn

Commentator: Patricia Reardon

Altar Servers: Jacob Lorusso

Ministers of Holy Communion: Jean Doiron, Patti Taylor, Dan Fullen, Jo Luikey, Kate Hamilton, Robert Yawlui

Worcester Catholic Women's Conference

Join us for the Worcester Catholic Women's Conference on Saturday, November 10th 2018 (8:30 -4PM – Mass at 4) to rediscover and renew your faith. There will be wonderful talks by great national speakers and opportunities to meet them and make new friends. There will be time for fellowship, to go to confession, celebrate the Eucharist, and altogether strengthen your Catholic identity! Join us for this conference to Know Him, to Love Him, and to Serve Him.

The Conference will be held at Assumption College, 500 Salisbury Street Worcester, MA 01609 (*Tsotis Building*)

Tickets are \$45.00 (Parishioner from the parish subsidy of \$20.00 – you owe \$25.00). Please call the rectory ASAP to reserve your tickets.

BINGO

September 28, 2018

Fall Happenings

Team # 4— Judy Keenan, Michael Burgraff, Donald Ducharme, Dan Fullen & Sonny Collins

The Every –Week Crew and Early Shift Workers

Theresa Courtney, John Harrington, Lisa Hickory, Emma Lusignan, Patricia Wassel, Joan Lorusso, Pat Markiewicz, Ed Corrigan, Carole Nourse, Jeannine Corrigan, Debra Diaz, Donald Ducharme, Fran Peperato, Debbie Plant, Ed Wall, Julie Carrigan & Michael Burgraff

**Ladies Guild Kitchen Crew:
Beverly Farrar & Jeanne Lavallee**

Vision statement is located on the cover of bulletin

Fr. Asante's Retreat/Vacation

Father Asante will be traveling to Africa on September 24th until October 30th. Please keep him in your prayers for a rejuvenating retreat and a restful vacation. While he is away we will have Communion Services on Tuesday's, Wednesday's & Friday's. Weekend Masses will be the same time and will be covered by Fr. O'Brien and Fr. Reidy. The parish office will continue to be open Monday-Friday, 8am—2pm.

SHSC Altar Server Training

Is your child or someone you know interested in becoming an Altar Server? Join us on Sunday, September 23rd for the first session of training in the Church Hall immediately following Mass. To be eligible to participate in the ministry all participants must have already received their First Communion. Please contact Patti Taylor at 508-353-6126 for more information. There will be a second training session on Saturday, September 29 at 10am in the Church.

Catholic Schools Collection

On September 30th the second Collection will be for Catholic Schools. If you would like your donation to benefit one of the schools that our parishioners attend, please be sure to indicate either St. Stephen or St. Mary or St. Joseph's on your envelope. Unless otherwise specified, these funds raised will benefit the Central Catholic School within the diocese.

Thank you for your support of our Catholic Schools!

Cenacle of Prayer from the Marian Movement of Priests

Our Lady Speaks....Please join us the first Saturday of the month. Our next meeting is October 6, 2018 at 9:30am in our Church.

Public Square Rosary

Join the 2018 Public Square Rosary Crusade at noon on Saturday, October 13th, Drury Square in Auburn. For more information call Judy 508-832-5431

- 22nd—Parish Holy Hoedown dinner & dance 5pm
 - 23rd—Bazaar Crafts 11:30am
- 25th—Cursillo Small Group Meeting 9:30am

October

- 4th—Divine Mercy Meeting 6:30pm in the parish hall
 - 5th—First Friday Adoration 9:30am-5:30pm
 - 7th—Blessing of the Animals 1pm
 - 10th—Bazaar Crafts 6pm in the parish hall
- 13th—Parish Retreat 8:30am –1pm in the parish hall

Blessing of the Animals


This year's Blessing of the Animals will take place on **Sunday, October 7th at 1pm** on the terrace in front of the church. The format will include prayers, scripture readings, music and treats for the pets and their people. Each pet will be blessed individually and presented with a St. Francis of Assisi medal. All are welcome!


The Armor of God, Dusting Our's Off

A mini retreat to remind us of, and help us navigate the spiritual battles being waged around us and against us. Join us Saturday, October 13, 2018, 8:30am—1:00pm in the parish hall. Door prizes and raffles too! Tickets are \$15.00 (includes lunch) and will be available after Mass or by calling the rectory, 508-752-1608.

Books for the Bazaar

Once again we are asking for donations of books for our Christmas Bazaar. We appreciate your generosity. We are accepting books published after 1999 and please NO Text-books. We also will need puzzles, movies and CD's. There is a box outside the elevator to leave donated items. Thank you and God Bless!



STEWARDSHIP 

Count your blessings, acknowledge
God's gifts to you and express
thanks to Him in praise.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

September 9, 2018
Current Expenses \$123.00, Central Eastern Europe \$5.00,
Religious Education \$414.00, Sunday Offering \$2647.00

September 16, 2018
Religious Education \$65.00, Sunday Offering \$1541.00