

**FOR THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGIES**

Processional Hymn (4,8,10:30): #461 in *Worship*  
 Order of the Mass: Front Page or #202 in *Worship*  
 Liturgy of the Word: #1029 in *Worship*  
 Responsorial Psalm (4,8,10:L30): #68 in *Worship*  
 Gospel Acclamation (4,8,10:30): #138A in *Gather*  
 Preparation Hymn (4,8,10:30): #650 in *Worship*  
 Acclamations (4,8,10:30): #365, 366, 367 in *Worship*  
 Communion Litany (4,8,10:30): #943 in *Worship*



*The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me."  
 Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: You shall worship the  
 Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve." - Lk 4:6a, 7-8*

**MASS INTENTIONS & REMEMBRANCES**

Sat., 3/9 4:00 pm **Patrick, Catherine & Michael Donohue**,  
 by family  
 (Remembrance) **Fran Dumas**, 4<sup>th</sup> Anniv., by family  
 (Remembrance) **Mary Vail**, by family  
 (Remembrance) **Julie Olson**, Birthday, by her husband, Derek  
 & her son, Chase  
 (Remembrance) **Jack Halloran**, Birthday, by family  
Sun., 3/10 8:00 am **Norman Hutchins**, by Pauline Poisson  
 10:30 am **Catherine (Gearin) Phelan, R.N.**,  
 5<sup>th</sup> Anniv., by her friend, Peter Maybay  
 (Remembrance) **Msgr. Patrick Doherty**,  
 by Tom & Bev Boza  
 6:00 pm **Parishioners' Intentions**  
Mon., 3/11 9:00 am **Parishioners' Intentions**  
Tue., 3/12 9:00 am **M/M Emile Gallant**, by daughter-in-law,  
 Doreen Gallant  
Wed., 3/13 9:00 am **Catherine (Gearin) Phelan, R.N.**,  
 5<sup>th</sup> Anniv., by her friend, Peter Maybay  
Thu., 3/14 9:00 am **Woodi Allaire**, by Shirley & Jerry  
Fri., 3/15 9:00 am **Lynda Marie Poisson**, by Pauline Poisson  
Sat., 3/16 9:00 am **Parishioners' Intentions**  
 4:00 pm **William Walsh, Jr.**, 8<sup>th</sup> Anniv. & Birthday,  
 by family  
 (Remembrance) **Frederick & Loretta Domey**, by family  
 (Remembrance) **Mary & Bob Giddings**, by family  
 (Remembrance) **Tommy Desautels**, Birthday, by his mother  
 (Remembrance) **Mary & Arthur Cousineau**, by family  
 (Remembrance) **Gina Fournier Bouthillier**, by family  
 (Remembrance) **Robert Fournier, Jr.**, by family  
 (Remembrance) **Janet Parkhurst**, by family  
 (Remembrance) **Bernie Lamarche**, by family  
Sun., 3/17 8:00 am **Sr. Yvonne Millman, SSA**, by a friend  
 10:30 am **James Butcher**, 14<sup>th</sup> Anniv.,  
 by Celeste Butcher  
 (Remembrance) **Msgr. Patrick Doherty**,  
 by John & Sheila Reilly  
 (Remembrance) **Richard Murdock & Thomas Murdock**,  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv., by family  
 6:00 pm **Clement & Judith Anish and Paul &  
 Alice Chase**, by family

**CONTRIBUTION REPORT**

Last weekend, we deposited the following donations:  
 -- **Weekly Adult Offerings:** \$5,736.00  
 (\$812.00 in loose offerings and \$4,924.00 in 180 envelopes)  
 -- **Fuel Donations:** \$ 160.00  
 -- **Free Press:** \$ 150.00  
 -- **Rieger Hall Use Donation:** \$ 50.00  
 -- **Maintenance Fund:** \$1,702.00  
 -- **Debt Reduction Donations:** \$ 506.00  
 -- **Memorial Gifts:** \$ 20.00  
 -- **Home Missions:** \$ 5.00

We also received the following online donations:  
 -- **Adult Ordinary:** \$ 796.82  
 -- **Children's Offering:** \$ 3.00  
 -- **Maintenance Fund:** \$ 59.63  
 -- **Debt Reduction Donation:** \$ 10.00  
 -- **Fuel Donation:** \$ 50.00  
 -- **Liturgical Memorial:** \$ 25.00  
 -- **Unrestricted Gift:** \$ 25.00

Thank you to all who contributed.

**REST IN PEACE**

Pray for the repose of the souls of **Bernie Lamarche, David Gaudet** and all our deceased relatives, friends and benefactors.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15  
 Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13  
 Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46  
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15  
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32  
 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8  
 Mt 7:7-12  
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26  
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48  
 Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14  
 Phil 3:17—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

**FIRST COMMUNION NOTE**

Parents of children preparing for First Communion on April 28<sup>th</sup> are meeting with Karen Barrows at 9:00 am this Sunday in the school hall for their second preparation session. Any parent who cannot attend is asked to email Karen at [kbarrowsola@aol.com](mailto:kbarrowsola@aol.com) or call the rectory to schedule a time to meet with her and get the materials that will be distributed at the session.

**PARISH DEBT**

As Fr. Monroe announced at all Masses last weekend, we have paid off the \$235,000 we borrowed to complete the Family Center Project four years ago. While that debt is paid off, we still owe \$36,000 that remains from the \$20,000 for masonry work on the church in 2016, \$12,000 for the parish share of a new boiler in the convent building in 2017 and \$5,000 for a new boiler in the rectory last year. We will continue to invite parishioners to offer what they can afford on a monthly basis to pay off this debt. Thank you to all who continue to be generous to the parish in so many ways.

**BISHOP'S LENTEN LETTER**

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Lent comes late this year. Late though it may be, most of us are not immediately eager for the austerities of Lent. Though perhaps not ready for it, we all nonetheless need Lent. We need Lent because we are sinners called to repentance. We need it because we are Christ's disciples called to holiness and we need Lent because the demands, distractions and allures of modern life can imperceptibly skew our priorities and dampen the spiritual joys that rightly belong to those whose faith is fervent.

For forty days Lent calls us to re-prioritize our lives that they may be centered on Jesus Christ and His Gospel. We do this through deepened prayer, more frequent penances and more generous almsgiving. We undertake these practices not to revert to old ways six weeks later. We undertake them that, through conversion of life, we may know Christ better and share more deeply in the joy of His Easter triumph throughout the whole of our lives.

The Lenten season is austere in its observances, reserved in its liturgies and sacrificial in its call for generosity. But because its practices draw us closer to Christ, Lent is also renewing, inspiring and exciting. So often we let things come between us and the radical call to take up the Cross and follow Christ with a selfless love of God and neighbor. Lent gives us the incentive, framework and communal support to acknowledge the primacy of God in our lives and to seek our consolations by putting God first. When we do that, we realize that the [security](#), happiness and peace for which we daily strive come not from the acquisition of things, the esteem of others or the experience of pleasures. Rather, they are found in drawing [close](#) to God, experiencing His love and being confident in His promises. That continuing discovery can make our lives simpler, happier and more meaningful. What we "give up" is more than compensated by what we gain.

We all have so much to gain this Lent. I urge you to reflect on Christ's love and mercy. Examine your life, confess your sins and draw close to God through your prayer and acts of penance, regular celebration of the sacraments and sacrifice for those in need.

Lent may start late this year, but it is also just in time. May we embrace its opportunities that we may reap its rewards --- Christian joy, not only at Easter, but throughout our lives on earth and forever in Heaven.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
**Most Reverend Robert J. McManus**  
 Bishop of Worcester

**19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEN'S CONFERENCE**

Men are invited to this event at Assumption College on **Saturday, April 6**. Visit the conference website at [www.firstmensconf.org](http://www.firstmensconf.org) for information and to purchase tickets online and elsewhere. Come and hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: Kevin Dunn, Francesco Cesareo, Trent Horn, Father Warren Savage, Mike Aquilina and Eric Mahl. Bishops and priests will hear confessions. For information or registration, call Sara Smillie at 508-929-4345. Adult tickets are \$45 until March 25, afterwards \$60. Student tickets are always \$30.

**PARTNERS IN CHARITY**

As this bulletin goes to press, we have raised \$16,610 for this year's appeal to fund the following ministries: *Clergy Retirement, Retired Priests Health Ministry, Catholic Charities, Haitian Apostolate, McAuley Nazareth Home for Boys, Pernet Family Health Services, Seminarian Health Insurance, St. John Diocesan Cemetery System, Diocesan Development, Stewardship, Catholic Campus Ministry, Catholic School Department, Office of Religious Education, Ongoing Priestly Formation, New Evangelization Worcester for Youth and Young Adults, Grant-in-Aid for Catholic Schools, Seminarian Education, Central Catholic School Subsidy, Advanced Studies for Clergy & Laity, African Ministry, Communications Office, Hispanic Ministry, Office of Marriage & Family, Minister to Priests, Office of the Diaconate, Respect Life Office, St. Paul's Cathedral, Vocations Office and the Office of Worship.*

Those who contributed \$100 or more last year have already received their contribution envelope in a letter from Bishop McManus. Fr. Monroe will be mailing a letter to all other 2018 contributors this week. You can also find Partners in Charity envelopes in racks at the church doors. Thank you to those who have already made pledges or given onetime gifts. We urge everyone to offer something to this annual effort. The ministries listed above constitute the essential work of the Church in carrying on Jesus' work in the modern world. We would like to have our parish wide effort concluded by the end of June this year.

**THE WEEK AT A GLANCE**

Sun., March 10 – First Sunday of Lent

**8:00 am** Lord's Day Mass  
**9:00 am** Gr. K-1, 3-9 Religious Education Classes  
 First Communion Class  
 First Communion Parents' Session

**10:30 am** Lord's Day Mass

**6:00 pm** Lord's Day Mass

Mon., March 11 – Monday of First Week of Lent

**9:00 am** Daily Mass

Tue., March 12 - Tuesday of First Week of Lent

**9:00 am** Daily Mass

Wed., March 13 - Wednesday of First Week of Lent

**9:00 am** Daily Mass

Thu., March 14 - Thursday of First Week of Lent

**9:00 am** Daily Mass

Fri., March 15 - Friday of First Week of Lent

**9:00 am** Daily Mass

**4:30 pm** Way of the Cross

Sat., March 16 - Saturday of First Week of Lent

**9:00 am** Daily Mass

**3:00 pm** Confessions

**4:00 pm** Vigil Mass

**120 CLUB**

The winner of last week's drawing is *Mary Ciru- #245*.

**PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

Saturday, March 16	4:00 pm	Fr. Monroe
Sunday, March 17	8:00 am	Fr. Monroe
	10:30 am	Fr. Monroe
	6:00 pm	Fr. Dougherty