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Parish Mission Statement

As a parish family guided by the Holy Spirit, the faith community of St. Mark is committed to Jesus Christ and His Church. We are called to proclaim the Gospel through the celebration of Life, the Sacraments, and Liturgy. To glorify God and love one another we will strive to carry out this mission by sharing our talents and resources, serving all those in need, nurturing God's gift of hope in our community and welcoming all to grow in the Catholic faith.

MASSES

Mon - Thurs: 9:00 AM

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Holy Days: 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM

COMMUNION SERVICE - Friday: 9:00 AM

PENANCE Saturdays: 3-3:30 PM

ADORATION - First Wednesday of Every Month

Sunday Mass Livestream

10:30AM on our website

and available afterward



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or contact the Rectory to register.*

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INTENTIONS

Saturday May 29, 2021

St. Pope Paul VI

Vigil of the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

4 PM For the people of St. Mark's Parish

Sunday May 30, 2021

Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

8 AM Scott Deamly

Req by Mark and Rosemarie Brady

10:30 AM Michael Michalak

Req by Mark Bailey and Mary Kate Doherty

Monday May 31, 2021

Memorial Day

No Mass Today

Tuesday June 1, 2021

St. Justin, Martyr

9 AM Roger and Doris Vayo

Req by Bertha Gvazdauskas

Wednesday June 2, 2021

9 AM All Souls

Thursday June 3, 2021

St. Charles Lwanga and companions, Martyrs

9 AM For the people of St. Mark's Parish

Friday June 4, 2021

9 AM Communion Service

Saturday June 5, 2021

St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

Vigil of the Feast of the

Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

4 PM Ronald H. Robertson, Sr.

Req by the Knights of Columbus

Sunday June 6, 2021

Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

8 AM Angela and Harry Bailey

Req by Jane and Terry Donovan

10:30 AM Marie Savelloni

(10th Anniversary)

Req by the LaHair Family

2 PM First Communion Mass

YOUTH MINISTRY



Baccalaureate Mass



We celebrate our young people from the Class of 2021, graduating from both High School and College.

Our Baccalaureate Mass for Graduating Seniors will be Celebrated on Sunday June 6th at 10:30 AM

ANY 2021 Graduating Seniors / GRADUATES who haven't RSVP'd yet for the Baccalaureate Mass, please email Lisa@SaintMarksParish.org to let us know you plan to attend



Reflections

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From the Reverend

As most of you know by now, restrictions due to Covid have been lifted by the Commonwealth. The Diocese has issued guidelines accordingly:

Therefore effective this weekend:

- We are at full occupancy
 - Vaccinated people do not have to wear masks
 - Un-vaccinated are encouraged to take precautions and wear masks
 - Entrance and Recessional Processions are back
 - Missalettes will be in the pews along with congregational singing
 - Holy Water Fonts will be filled at the doors
- The sign of peace and receiving the Precious Blood will be put off until the end of the summer.

Remember that our little children have not yet had the opportunity to be vaccinated; therefore they should wear masks to church, and we should be sensitive to social distancing so that parents and children will be comfortable. I have taken all ropes and tape away and leave you to exercise your common sense as you come back to Mass.

Father Michael



Coming Home to Mass

A Pastoral Letter to the Diocese of Worcester

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

During this past year so much of our life has moved online, to a "virtual" reality, including Masses streamed from our parish churches. However, as much as technology has helped us to bridge somewhat the pandemic divide, virtual reality remains virtual and is not the same as

sorrows to his Holy Cross, and to receive him in Holy Communion, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

As Pope Saint John Paul II wrote, not so many years ago: Do not be afraid to give your time to Christ! Yes, let us open our time to Christ, that he may cast light upon it and give it direction. He is the One who knows the secret of time and the secret of eternity, and he gives us "his day" [Sunday] as an ever new gift of his love... Time given to Christ is never time lost, but is rather time gained, so that our relationships and indeed our whole life may become more profoundly human.

being present at the celebration of Holy Mass in person. We only have to remember the longing we have felt to be present for a meal with family members or friends for anniversaries, weddings or birthdays. How much we have yearned to see them face-to-face. It's the same with the Mass. As helpful as it has been to stay connected to our parishes virtually, it is nothing like gathering in person with our brothers and sisters at Sunday Mass.

The celebration of the Eucharist is the source and summit of our lives as Roman Catholics. It is where Christ gives himself to us in his Body and Blood. Christ is present at every Mass, in his Word proclaimed, in a tangible way in his Body and Blood and in the person of his priest. He is present to feed us with Word and Sacrament, to embrace us with his love and to give us the grace we need to face the struggles of our daily lives. We hunger for his presence. We draw from the Mass the grace we need to love and we return to it in thanksgiving to God for all he has given to us.

In the early Church, when cruel judges condemned the first Christian martyrs for worshipping God they replied, *Sine dominico non possumus*: "Without the Lord's day, we cannot live." With the inspiring words of these martyrs, our beloved Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI reminds us, "the Sunday Eucharist was not a commandment but an inner necessity... Without

[Christ], who sustains our lives, life itself is empty."² That is why our hearts ache when we see the pew where a brother or sister used to sit in

Church. We must admit that the great societal change in our world, and especially in New England, has led to profound changes in the relationship of many Catholics with the Sunday obligation of attending Mass. So often Sunday, the Lord's Day, has been supplanted by "the weekend," a sort of secular sabbath, a weekly break from work set aside for everything from sports to recreation, from shopping to cleaning the house.

Rest is good. Time for family, recreation and catching up on the practicalities of life is good. However, can any leisure activity inspire us to know that we are loved for who we are, or forgiven for our failings or make us stronger as a family? How much more fulfilling our lives would be if we would give our hearts to Sunday Mass and allow the Mass to satisfy them.

Christ waits for you, my dear friends. He waits for you to come home with all your brothers and sisters in the Church, to hear his saving Word proclaimed, to join your joys and

Just think of that. Our attendance at Mass is not "time lost," but "time gained." How grateful we now are that we can "gather once again to praise God's name in the heart of his Church, delivered from all distress and confident in his mercy!" As a community of faith we have been praying for this moment during these many long months of the pandemic. Now our ability to be present personally at Mass is a blessed reality.

With this letter, therefore, I restore the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, effective on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, June 6, 2021.

Whether you attended Mass every Sunday before the pandemic, or not for many years, I invite you to come home now to Mass which is "a foretaste of the eternal bliss and repose to which we are called and which we share, even now, in Holy Communion."

Come home to joy. To the God who waits to embrace you with his tenderness and become the joy of your soul.

Come home to hope. To hope that in the present moment at Mass, Jesus will change your life by giving you the strength to love. To hope for heaven, where you will "forever enjoy the fullness of the Lord's glory."

Come home to the Church, to your brothers and sisters, as imperfect and struggling as we all are, but each of us in need of the Lord Jesus, joined together with him through our worthy reception of Holy Communion.

Come home to Mass. Christ invites you and so do I, along with your brothers and sisters in the Household of Faith, the Body of Christ, his Church.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Sutton Food Pantry

Next weekend is the first w/e of June and when we will deliver donations to the Sutton Food Pantry.

They have a VERY small but MUCH NEEDED list:

Hand Soap Sponges Cleaning Supplies
Shampoo Laundry Detergent Dish Soap
Canned Pineapple

Please help in any way you are able. Donations collected at Masses JUNE 5th & 6th will be delivered after the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday 6/06.



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Monthly Meetings

Business (members only) – First Wednesday 7pm
At St. Mark's Church Hall

Social (all invited) – Third Wednesday 7pm
At St. Brigid Church Hall

We welcome new members, and now you can join online by visiting KofC.org/joinus

Current Events

We would like to thank you all for your patronage to our Fish Fry. Our May Fish Fry was in support of St. Mark's Haiti Mission Ministry and with your support we were able to present them with a check for \$2700. With this money they can continue their good works in support of Father Fred and Foyer St. Etienne. God Bless you all for your support, without you we could not do the charitable works we do.

Final reminder, Scholarship application deadline is June 15th. Please do not wait, get your applications in sooner than later.

Faith in Action

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Our Parish Goal: \$57,315

Raised: \$59,145

Thank you!

St. Mark's Haiti

Committee

Would like to thank all of you for supporting the Knights recent fish fry; all the profits from that fish fry have been donated to the Haiti Committee (\$2,700) and will be sent to Father Fred for all of his extra expenses with the Foyer St. Etienne in this time of crisis in Haiti.

As always, please keep our friends in Haiti in your hearts and prayers!

Please note **June 26th** in your calendars.

This is the date of the town-wide yard sale. Our Haiti Ministry will participate

SAVE THE DATE

Readings *of the Week*

Readings for the week of May 30, 2021

Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40 / Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b] / Rom 8:14-17 / Mt 28:16-20
Monday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16 / Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [6] / Lk 1:39-56
Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14 / Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9 [cf. 7c] / Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a / Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [1] / Mk 12:18-27
Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a / Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a] / Mk 12:28-34
Friday: Tb 11:5-17 / Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b] / Mk 12:35-37
Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20 / Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8 [1b] / Mk 12:38-44
Next Sunday: Ex 24:3-8 / Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 [13] / Heb 9:11-15 / Mk 14:12-16, 22-26



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Hannah Limanek will be attending Roger Williams University in the Fall majoring in Engineering. She attended BVT and was in the Electronics and Engineering shop. Since fifth grade, she has volunteered at the Sutton Senior Center and the Mike Chizy Food Pantry. She has also overseen the monthly food pantry delivery from St. Mark's since 2016. In addition to her volunteerism, she also danced competitively at H&H Dance Academy and threw discus for the BVT track team.

St Mark's celebrates our graduates!
Congratulations to the class of 2021.
Praying that you achieve your dreams.



Emily is a member of BVT Class of 2021! She has thoroughly enjoyed her time in the Painting & Design Technologies shop where she's learned many skills that will help in her future. Emily will be attending Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston where she will major in Interior Design. She has danced with H & H Dance Academy and this year will be in her 13th dance recital with them.



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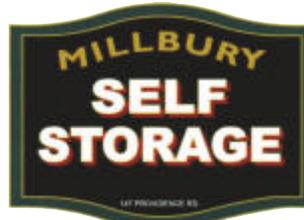
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