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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Evening 4:00PM, Sunday Morning 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

8:00AM (Monday—Thursday)

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please call the office when you become engaged.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard on Saturday at 3:15PM

Any other time is by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the office for instructions and a Baptismal date.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Friday 12:00 PM

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

Please call or visit the rectory to register.

We hope you become an active part of our Parish Community.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY - JANUARY 15TH

9:00a.m. -Rosary

4:00p.m. -Mass

In Memory of
Robert Girouard
10th Anniversary

Requested by His Wife & Family

SUNDAY - JANUARY 16TH

8:00a.m. -Mass

10:00a.m. -Mass In Memory of Paul Falcone
7th Anniversary

Requested by His Sister Pam & Family

MONDAY - JANUARY 17TH

8:00a.m. -Mass

TUESDAY - JANUARY 18TH

8:00a.m. -Mass

WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 19TH

8:00a.m. -Mass

THURSDAY - JANUARY 20TH

8:00a.m. -Mass

FRIDAY - JANUARY 21ST

NO MORNING MASS

SATURDAY - JANUARY 22ND

9:00a.m. -Rosary

4:00p.m. -Mass In Memory of Gerry Bernier
Requested by the Family

SUNDAY - JANUARY 23RD

8:00a.m. -Mass

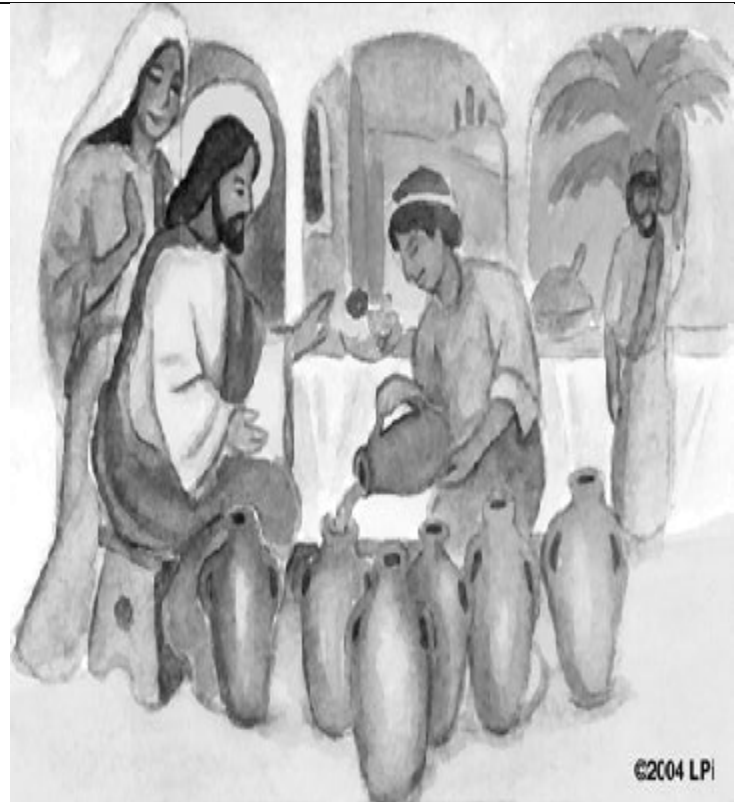
10:00a.m. -Mass In Memory of
Elton Schlegel
Anniversary Mass
Requested by the Family

*The 10a.m. Sunday Mass can be watched on Paxton
Cable Channel 192 on Sunday and Monday at
4p.m., 6p.m. and 8p.m.*

Delay or School Cancellation

When there is delay or no school in the Wachusett
District, there will be no morning Mass.

*Baptism, Marriage, Pastoral Care of the Sick -
Please call Father Cotter at the rectory or email him at
dcotter01@gmail.com.*



When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." - Jn 2:3-5
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First Reading

As a young man marries a virgin,
your Builder shall marry you;
And as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride
so shall your God rejoice in you. (Is 62:5)

Psalm

Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the
nations. (Ps 96)

Second Reading

But one and the same Spirit produces all
of these,
Distributing them individually to each
person as he wishes. (1 Cor 12:11)

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK
AND IN A SPECIAL WAY FOR:**

Muriel Walsh, Dan Daignault, Eric Henault,
Mellissa Angiolillo, Gayla & Roger Bergman,
Garry Power, Doris Metilly, Michelle Reidy
Blake George Murawski, Barbara Englander,
Patrick Remington, Jackie Cook, Jacob Rivera
Robert Mertig, Patricia Jones, Elena & Paul Coffey,
David Johnson, Theresa Mars, Emily Ellen Calamari,
Doris Urbanovitch, Ginny Bean, Aline Riedle,
Charles Daigneault, Ramona Brodeur, Pauline Miller,
Zoey Murray, John Laverdi, Tammi Nelson
To add or remove a name, please call or email the rectory.

**Religious Education January Schedule
Update**

Due to the upswing of COVID infections, as a safety precaution, we have decided to postpone the opening of our Religious Education Classes (CCD) until after Martin Luther King Day. We will resume our regular class schedule on January 23, 24, 25, 2022. Wishing all of you a very blessed New Year!

Hope for Housing Food Card Sale

Food cards to benefit the Hope for Housing Program sponsored by the Interfaith Coalition To Prevent Family Homelessness will be available this weekend, January 15th and 16th after all the Masses at the front entrance to the Church. Thank you to all who volunteer and support this program.

The Haitian Sewing Ministry



The Haitian Sewing Ministry is meeting again on Wednesday mornings from 9a.m. until 12p.m. All are welcome. If anyone would prefer to sew at home there are many kits available to choose from, please contact Marianne Girouard by email at m.c.girouard71@gmail.com or at (508) 798-8330. Thank you.

The Rosary is said every Saturday at 9a.m. in the Church. All are welcome.

**Visitation House
Virtual Baby Bottle Drive**



Visitation House in Worcester has been taking care of women and their babies for sixteen years. The parish-based baby bottle drives have provided critical support over many years. Visitation House does not receive state or federal aid; this is a deliberate choice because sharing the Catholic faith is essential to its mission.

Visitation House was inspired by a lay catholic woman who lived in Worcester and saw the need for a home which provided a safe harbor to pregnant women.

Our parish is hosting a Virtual Baby Bottle Drive for Visitation House on the weekend of January 22/23, 2022. Virtual means no baby bottles to fill and collect, no coins to process! A flyer will be made available to you the weekend of the Drive with descriptions of straightforward ways to give (online or check).

Weekly Offertory Collection

Our parish budget requires \$4,000 weekly to meet our expenses. The Weekly Collection for:

January 2nd: \$4413.

January 9th: \$4961.

Thank you for your continued and generous support of our parish.

Online Giving -If you wish to make a weekly direct deposit to the parish, please refer to the instructions on the parish website listed under the "DONATE" tab at www.stcolumbapax.org.

Families requesting a Mass are welcome to bring up the gifts at the Offertory. Please let the Usher know.

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January 22, 2022 Day of Prayer

My dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,

January 22, 2022 marks the 49th anniversary of the tragic *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision which, with its companion case *Doe V. Bolton*, legalized abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy in every state in the nation. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal (n. 373)*, designates **Saturday, January 22** as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the “Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children”. All the faithful in dioceses throughout the United States of America are called to observe this day in a spirit of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for the violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.

Forty-nine years of legalized abortion in this country has left an incomprehensible aftermath. With over 63 million lives lost, and countless women and men, mothers and fathers, grandparents, siblings, and friends who have been deeply wounded physically, emotionally and spiritually by this tragedy, we need now more than ever to re-commit ourselves to defending life. I encourage our diocesan parishes and institutions, and all the faithful, to observe reverently the **Day of Prayer and Penance on January 22nd** both personally and within your communities. Fervent prayer is especially needed in light of the possible overturning of *Roe v. Wade* in the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health* case currently before the U.S. Supreme Court. At stake is a Mississippi law banning abortions after 15 weeks. The Supreme Court is expected to issue its ruling in June. (More information about this landmark case can be found at prayfordobbs.com.) Let us unite our hearts and minds through special acts of prayer, fasting, and sacrifice on this day and in the months to come, to uphold the inherent dignity of all human life from conception to natural death.

As we reflect on this unspeakable tragedy, we also recall how the Church for many years has continued to reach out to those who have been so sadly affected by the culture of death, particularly through ministries providing aid to women and families in crisis pregnancies, offering the healing love and mercy of Christ to those wounded by abortion through the ministry of Project Rachel, and by continuing to teach and preach the truth and beauty about love and life that bring authentic freedom and happiness. It is through our prayers, charitable works, and loving sacrifices that the culture can be transformed.

Let us take this opportunity of the January 22nd Day of Prayer and Penance to renew our resolve to live and proclaim the Gospel of Life. May we respond generously to

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the challenge Saint Pope John Paul II put forth in *Evangelium vitae*: "A great prayer for life is urgently needed, A prayer which will rise up throughout the world. May an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and Lover of life, from the heart of every believer." Our active participation in the shared commitment to the sacredness of human life and the dignity of the human person will, with God's grace, truly work toward the building up of a Culture of Life and a Civilization of Love.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

Pro-Life Mass with Bishop McManus

All are invited to attend the annual Mass for Life celebrated by Bishop McManus on **Thursday, Jan. 20 at 7:00 pm.** at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 38 High St., Worcester.

**The Annual Worcester Diocesan
Catholic Men's Conference**

Men (of all ages, including teens and college students) are invited to this important in-person conference, scheduled for Assumption University on **Saturday, April 2, 2022.** Visit the conference website at www.firstmensconf.org for information and to purchase tickets online. For further information call Msgr. Tom Sullivan at 508-450-2556. Adult tickets are \$45 until March 21st; afterwards \$60. Student tickets are always \$30.

Rescheduled: Christian Unity Service

Blessed Sacrament Parish will host a Service of the Word on **Sunday, Jan. 23 at 2:00 pm.** They will be joined by Trinity and Concordia Lutheran congregations to pray for Christian unity and will also bless the efforts to resettle an Afghan family in Worcester

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