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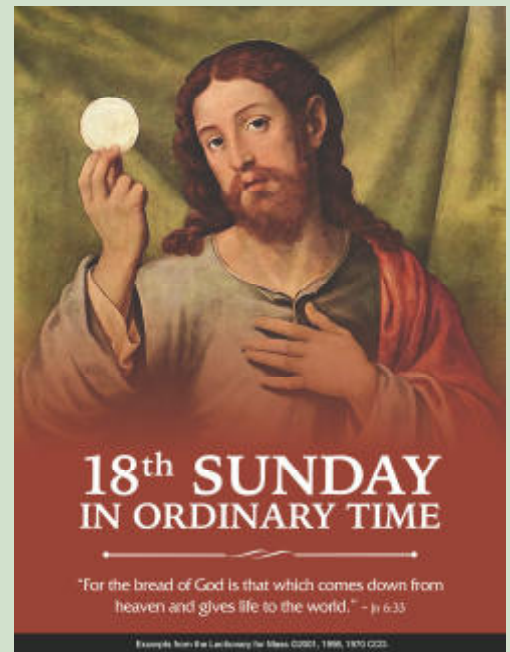
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CLERGY

PASTOR: Rev. Patrick J. Hawthorne

CCD CO-ORDINATOR: Sister Irene A. Moran, M.P.V.

Parish Secretaries: Rose Charpentier and Brenda O'Brien



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 7:30 AM, and 10:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 8:00 AM

HOLY DAYS: As Announced

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays at 3:00-3:20 PM or by appointment

MARRIAGE: Contact parish clergy one year prior to date desired

BAPTISMS: Please contact parish clergy

SICK CALLS, Communion Calls, and Hospital Visits are gladly made upon request

AUGUST 1, 2021



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Saturday, July 31st

4:00 PM-Antoinette Carson (Sister)

Sunday, August 1st

7:30 AM-For all our parishioners

10:30 AM-Edward Vincent Smith-6th anniv.

(Family)

Monday, August 2nd

8:00 AM-For those on our "All Soul's" list

Tuesday, August 3rd

8:00 AM-Elizabeth Baudin-anniv. (Family)

Thursday, August 5th

8:00 AM-For those on our "All Soul's" list

Friday, August 6th

8:00 AM-For all our parishioners intentions

Saturday, August 7th

4:00 PM-Mary Elizabeth Healey-7th anniv.

(Mother-in-law)

Sunday, August 8th

7:30 AM-Camillo Pettinella & Eva Hall (Family)

10:30 AM-Mary-Jane Healey & Lily-Marie

Healey-anniv. (Great great grandmother)

We are so very grateful to everyone who is mailing in or dropping off their weekly financial support for our parish, as well as those who have made special financial gifts to our parish during these most difficult times. It is essential for the well being and future of our parish that we acquire as little debt as possible during this crisis. During this time of the year, the break even point is a minimum of \$4,000.00 per week. We ask everyone to please continue to send in their parish support until we are able to resume our regular operation. Your faithful and generous support, especially now, is so very much needed and appreciated....**THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU!**

A THOUGHTFUL GESTURE

One of the most thoughtful things a parishioner can do is to remember our parish in their will or request that memorial contributions be made to this parish in place of flowers at a time of death of a loved one...This is a strong tribute to the person's Faith and their love and concern for our parish...God Bless You!



2021-2022 Religious Education year: In September, "in person" classes will resume for all students in Grades 1 to 10. Registration and class schedule information will be mailed to families.

Families that are newly registered in the parish and families whose oldest child is in the first grade should speak with Sr. Irene regarding participation in our Religious Education Program.

CONFIRMATION 2021: Information regarding fall preparation sessions has been mailed to prospective candidates.

MASS ATTENDANCE

As of the weekend of June 6, The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, Bishop McManus has reinstated the Sunday Mass obligation.

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Hope for Housing cards are now being sold on the first and third weekend of each month. They will be available on the weekends of August 7 & 8 and August 21 & 22.

**COVID-19 MASS REGULATIONS**

It is no longer required for those who have been vaccinated to wear a mask while at Church. However, anyone who feels more comfortable wearing the mask, should feel free to do so.

The sign of peace should be done with a nod of the head and/or a wave of the hand. Shaking hands is still strongly discouraged and should be avoided except among family members.

Social distancing is no longer required, but may still remain a prudent practice when among people you do not know, whereas, it is impossible to know who is and who is not vaccinated.

We should still remain cautious while carefully returning to practices in place prior to the pandemic.

**Father Pat Hawthorne**

**OUR PARISH “RE-OPENING” CONTINUES**

With pandemic protocols being relaxed, we hope to return more “in person” parish activities this summer and in the fall, and encourage parishioners’ participation. We invite everyone (who is able) - men and women– to be actively involved in some parish ministries.

The following are a few suggestions for consideration. Catechists to share their faith with our young people are always needed in our Religious Education Program. Adult chaperones are appreciated for our Youth Drop-In evenings. Communion ministers, lectors, altar servers, collectors and cantors are laity roles at Masses. Parishioners’ presence at social activities fosters a connection and bonding with other families.

Volunteers are essential to maintain Our Lady of the Rosary as a vibrant faith community. Training and support are always provided.

Please consider taking an active role in our parish. Speak with Fr. Pat or Sr. Irene for more information. Thank you! God bless you!

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“LEGACY OF HOPE”

We have already started to put proceeds from the Legacy of Hope to use.

New lighting has been installed on the Parish Center .

A set of doors in the Parish Center has been repaired and repainted.

We have improved the front of the Parish Center with all new mulch and a new cement walkway.

The new snow blower has been ordered and will arrive mid-August.

We are truly grateful for all those who have sent in their Legacy of Hope gifts. If you haven’t done so already, please try to send in your gift either via the mail, drop off at the rectory, or hand to Sister Irene or Father Pat at any of the weekend Masses

Thank you and God bless you!

PARISH WISH LIST: We will now have an ongoing Parish Wish List that we will publish in the bulletin. These are things that would be a nice addition to have when we get the funds. The first items are as follows:

LITURGY: A new set of 4 vestments (chausables) to be used at the altar. The cost for the entire set is \$759.00. So far we have received a generous gift of \$400.00 towards this purchase.

YOUTH: In the very near future, we will be starting up our Youth Drop-In Activity program. It is a good thing for kids to enjoy, having fun with their friends, sponsored by the Church. We would like to purchase 2 new arcade games for our Drop-In Activity program. The cost of each of the games is \$375.00. So far we have not received any gifts to help with this purchase.

We will keep you informed as to how much has been raised for each of our Wish List items. The money raised from the Legacy of Hope has all been designated for specific items. Our Wish List will come from new donations from the generosity of our parishioners. If you did not contribute to the Legacy of Hope, perhaps you may consider a donation toward something on our parish Wish List..Thank you!

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**Adult Drop-In Activity:** On Monday, August 2nd, we will be restarting our weekly Adult Drop-In Activity program. It will meet once again each Monday from 10AM until lunch time. To celebrate our restarting our social, we will be having a free lunch that day with hot dogs, chips, desserts, watermelon, and beverages. Please let Sr. Irene know if you will be able to attend. Come on down and bring a friend (it’s not just for parishioners) and enjoy socializing or playing scrabble, dominos, or cribbage. **Youth Drop-In Activity:** We are now getting ready to restart our Youth Drop-In Activity program. We have Fr. Pat’s 2 large moon-walks, air hockey, skee-ball, and basketball in the upstairs gym. Downstairs, we have other fun things to do as well as snacks, including hot dogs, chips, soda, freeze pops, all at no charge at all. We are hoping to add a couple of new arcade games in the near future. Watch the bulletin for the announcement of our first drop-in date. Parents, please let us know which is better: Saturday, or Sunday evenings from 5-7 PM.

*AUGUST 1, 2021*

***Thank you!***

*I received many thoughtful  
birthday wishes, cards, gifts and  
Mass remembrances.*

*I am most appreciative!  
You made the celebration of my  
73rd birthday memorable.*

*God bless you!*

***Sr. Irene***

**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 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at St. Peter's upper church, 929 Main St., Worcester, and Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> 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.IgnatianSpiritualExercisesWorcester.com>. You can also contact the team by e-mail at [worcspex19@gmail.com](mailto:worcspex19@gmail.com) or call Dick Kirk at 508-885-4462.

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**MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTIONS: ON THE FIRST WEEKEND OF EACH MONTH, PARISHIONERS ARE ASKED TO BRING IN NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS TO WHICHEVER MASS THEY ATTEND, AND LEAVE THEM IN FRONT OF THE BAPTISMAL FONT. ALL ITEMS ARE DONATED TO THE SAINT JOAN OF ARC FOOD PANTRY.**

**HOPE FOR HOUSING: EACH FIRST AND THIRD WEEKEND OF THE MONTH, AFTER ALL MASSES, ANYONE CAN PURCHASE LOCAL STORE GIFT CARDS IN VARIOUS AMOUNTS. THE GIFT CARDS RECEIVE FULL FACE VALUE AND UP TO 5% IS DONATED BY THE RETAILER TO HELP PREVENT LOCAL FAMILY HOMELESSNESS.**

**MONTHLY VETERANS MEAL: ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH, SEPTEMBER-JUNE, (EXCEPT JANUARY) OUR PARISH PROVIDES AND SERVES A MEAL FOR 50-80 GUESTS AT MASSACHUSETTS VETERANS INC. ON GROVE STREET.**

**DISMAS HOUSE MINISTRY: THE MISSION OF DISMAS HOUSE IS TO RECONCILE FORMER PRISONERS TO SOCIETY AND SOCIETY TO FORMER PRISONERS THROUGH A SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY.**

**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE: EACH YEAR DURING ADVENT, OUR PARISH HELPS LOCAL PEOPLE IN NEED WITH DONATIONS OF GIFTS AND PRESENTS.**

**THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY PRAYERFULLY MAKES SHAWLS AND LAP BLANKETS FOR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND, ILL, GRIEVING, OR GOING THROUGH A DIFFICULT TIME.**

**THE RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY HELPS TO DEFEND INNOCENT HUMAN LIFE BY SUPPORTING WOMEN WHO ARE FACING CRISIS PREGNANCIES. OUR ANNUAL BABY BOTTLE DRIVE AND SUPPORTING THE ANNUAL FUND RAISER DINNER HELP SUPPORT THE VISITATION HOUSE.**

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