



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CHURCH

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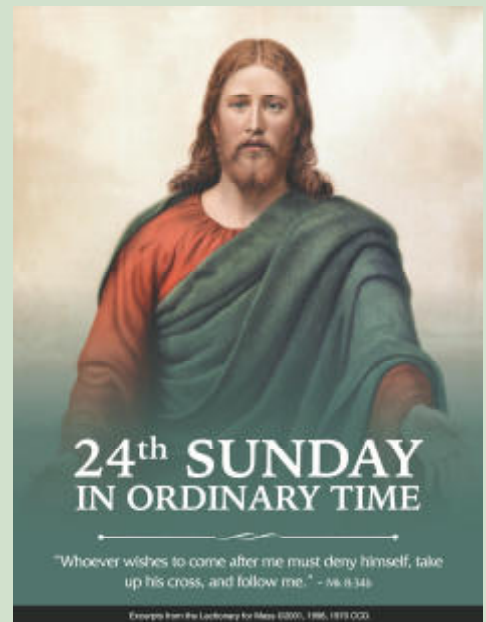
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CLERGY

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

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Saturday, September 11th

**4:00 PM-Alfred Dulmaine-21st anniv. and
Frances Dulmaine-10th anniv. (Family)**

Sunday, September 12th

**7:30 AM-Deborah Hunt-6 month anniv. (Family)
10:30 AM-Robert Bunewith-6th anniv. and
Lorraine Bunewith-2nd anniv. (Family)**

Monday, September 13th

**8:00 AM-Eilyana Moynihan Turpin-15th anniv.
(Family)**

Tuesday, September 14th

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

Thursday, September 16th

8:00 AM-For all our parishioners intentions

Friday, September 17th

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

Saturday, September 18th

4:00 PM-Bert & Helen Oliver (Family)

Sunday, September 19th

**7:30 AM-Tom & Barbara Grimes
10:30 AM-Intention still available**

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: Classes for students in Grades 7 to 10 begin on September 19. Classes for students in Grades 1 to 6 begin on September 26. Each student must be accompanied by a parent for the entire first class session. Classes are 9:15 to 10:15 A.M.. Only students registered for this year will be placed in classes.

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.

VOLUNTEERS: Catechists to share their faith with our young people are always needed in our Religious Education Program. If you might be interested in being involved in some capacity, please speak with Sr. Irene for more information. Training and support are provided. This is a most fulfilling ministry!

CONFIRMATION 2021: Prospective candidates begin immediate preparation sessions next Sunday, September 19, 6:00 to 7:00 P.M. in the Parish Center. Attendance is important!

Hope for Housing cards are now being sold on the first and third weekend of each month. They will be available on the weekend of September 18th & 19th.

ADULT DROP-IN ACTIVITIES: On Mondays from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM each week, we have an "Adult Drop-In Activity" in our Parish Center. We provide coffee, tea, and hot cocoa. Come on down and socialize with friends, talk, knit, play cards, dominoes, scrabble, cribbage, or take part in other activities.

**PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE
TO LEARN ABOUT OUR PARISH
SPIRITUAL, SOCIAL, AND COMMUNITY
OUTREACH PROGRAMS
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REPAIRS: Last week we updated and replaced the lighting in the lower rectory (Sr. Irene's area) to LED fixtures because the florescent lights were not working. The cost of this job was approximately \$1,500.00.

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**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 \$650.00. With the generosity of our parishioners we now have the vestments. If we receive any additional money it will be used to purchase the 5th vestment which will complete the set.

**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 \$300.00. So far we have received \$100.00 to help with this purchase.

**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**

**Massachusetts Veterans, Inc.**

Due to the ongoing Covid restrictions and protocols, volunteers are not able to give service in the kitchen at Veterans' Inc. Thank you for your continued interest and support for this parish outreach project. We hope to resume preparation of this monthly meal once the restrictions have ended.

**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.



**HALLOWEEN TREAT:** We will be able to have our annual HAUNTED HALL this year. However, we still want to have something fun and safe for the kids. On **Friday, October 22nd, from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M.,** and **Sunday, October 24th, from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M.** parents can come with their kids to the upstairs gym in our Parish Center for a walk through of our "DINOSAURS, ALIENS, SKELETONS, and other SPOOKY STUFF." This will be a slightly scaled down version of our usual Haunted Hall, but still with plenty to see and enjoy. Each child will be given a special treat as they leave. Everyone must be wearing a face covering/mask to enter (no exceptions). Hand sanitizer will be available. There is no charge for admission. We just want to give the kids a little treat for Halloween. - Fr. Pat Hawthorne.

*SEPTEMBER 12, 2021*

**PARISH PROJECTS FROM  
LEGACY OF HOPE CAMPAIGN**

- \*New LED lights have been installed on the outside of our Parish Center
- \* Windows inside the center are being covered with insulating film to save on heat this winter
- \* Set of doors in Parish Center have been repaired and repainted
- \* Outside front of Parish Center has been upgraded with new cement walkway and a truck load of mulch
- \* We have installed two 24,000 BTU heating/AC units in the downstairs of the Parish Center
- \* A new professional grade snow blower has been ordered and will arrive in the next month

**WE HAVE ALSO DONE THE  
FOLLOWING PROJECTS**

- \* New LED light bulbs have been installed in all the hanging lights over the pews in the church
- \* The outdoor shrubs in the front of the church have been trimmed so they are away from the buildings
- \* Scraping and painting of one of the handi-capped railings to the church
- \* Installing a second sump pump in the basement of the church to protect the furnace
- \* The purchase of new hedge trimmers, 40 V batteries, and other cutting tools to maintain the property
- \* We repaired the church organ
- \* In addition there were several other repair/maintenance projects that were done.
- \* Updated & replaced lighting in lower rectory to LED fixtures.



**OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY  
COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS**

**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.**

**COMMUNION MINISTERS VISIT AND BRING HOLY COMMUNION TO INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE HOMEBOUND.**

**WOUNDED WARRIORS IS A CHARITY AND SERVICE ORGANIZATION THAT OFFERS A VARIETY OF PROGRAMS, SERVICE AND EVENTS FOR WOUNDED VETERANS OF THE MILITARY ACTIONS FOLLOWING THE EVENTS OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001.**

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