

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CHURCH

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PARISH OFFICE

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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

OCTOBER 17, 2021



Saturday, October 16th
4:00 PM– Bonnie Wyson (Donisvitch Family)
Sunday, October 17th

7:30 AM-Lucienne Gillespie-1st anniv. (Family) 10:30 AM-Charles Bibaud-12th anniv. (Family)

Monday, October 18th

8:00 AM-Msgr. John J. Kelleher

Tuesday, October 19th

8:00 AM-Elizabeth Ash (Family)

Thursday, October 21st

8:00 AM-For all our parishioners intentions

Friday, October 22nd

8:00 AM-John V. Baudin (Family)

Saturday, October 23rd

4:00 PM- Kathleen Rivard (Friend)

Sunday, October 24th

7:30 AM-Shirley Mandella (Katie Thompson) 10:30 AM-Mary & Francis Walsh-anniv. (Family)

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!



Religious Education Classes:

October 17, 2021

Grades 1 to 10 have regular class session 9:15 to 10:15 A.M. in the Parish Center.

October 23, 2021

No class sessions are scheduled.
All families should plan to visit the Parish's "Spooky Hall."

CONFIRMATION 2021

Prospective candidates from our parish continue immediate preparation sessions this Sunday, October 17, 6:00 to 7:00 P.M. in the Parish Center. Attendance is very important!

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.

Hope for Housing cards are now being sold on the first and third weekend of each month. In the month of October, they will be available on the weekend of October 16th & 17th.

2022 MASS INTENTIONS: We are now accepting Mass intentions for 2022 for the months of January through Easter <u>ONLY</u>. Please note, Mass intentions are not automatically carried over from year to year. All Mass requests must be made by calling the rectory during office hours. The suggested donation for all Mass intentions is still \$10.00.



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. NEXT WEEKEND, 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, AL-IENS, 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. Please feel free to invite family members and close friends even if they are not members of our parish. All are welcome! We can always use extra help with adult supervision on both nights. Please see Fr. Pat if you are available.

ALL SAINTS DAY: All Saints Day is Monday, November 1st. This year it will not be observed as a Holy Day of Observation. There will be one Mass at 8:00 A.M. that day.

ALL SOUL'S DAY: All Soul's Day is Tuesday, November 2nd. It is a day to remember all the faithful departed. On All Soul's Day there will be the regularly scheduled Mass on Tuesday, at 8:00 AM. In your envelope packet, you will find an envelope for "ALL SOULS' INTENTIONS." Simply write the names of deceased family members/ friends on this envelope. Their names will be remembered collectively at many Masses throughout the year. If you include a suitable offering of at least \$10.00, it will be very much appreciated. We will have a special remembrance Mass for the faithful departed on October 30th & 31st.

MISSIONARY APPEAL: For this year's Missionary Appeal, we will have a second collection, this weekend, October 16th & 17th, for the Diocese of Long Xuyen, Vietnam. The Diocese of Long Xuyen covers 2 provinces of An Giang and Kien Giang plus parts of 2 districts that belong to the City of Can Tho. Vietnam's population is shifting from countryside to more industrial cities or further isolated rural lands. Many Catholics are migrating away from their home parishes to the new land where there are neither churches nor catechetical schools. The Long Xuyen Diocese has to build up to 5 chapels and many classrooms each year to accommodate these new Catholic Communities, and train many new catechists and evangelization volunteers for their efforts of the New Evangelization.

There is an envelope for this appeal in your monthly packet. Please be as generous as possible. Checks should be made out to Our Lady of the Rosary Parish and we will present them with one check for the total amount we collect. God Bless You!

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION Our next food collection will be on the weekend of November 6th and November 7th. Please try to remember to bring in some non-perishable food items for the needy. Please leave your items near the baptismal font, or in the bins inside the Fales Street entrance, when you come to Mass. THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU!

MISSALETTES: On the first week of Advent we will be changing the missalettes once again. We ask this year that you please do not take a personal copy home, but leave them in the pews so that they will be available for everyone. Thank you!

MASK MANDATE IN WORCESTER NOW EFFECTIVE:

The City of Worcester Dept. of Public Health announced an emergency mask mandate for all indoor private and public spaces. This includes houses of worship, parish offices, and parish meetings and events.

OCTOBER 17, 2021

REPAIRS: 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.

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 handicapped 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.

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OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS

MONHTLY 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 HOME-BOUND.

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.

PLEASE GO TO "OUT REACH PROGRAM" ON OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANY OF THESE GREAT MINISTRIES THAT WE OFFER AND SUPPORT, OR CALL THE RECTORY DURING OFFICE HOURS.



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