

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CHURCH

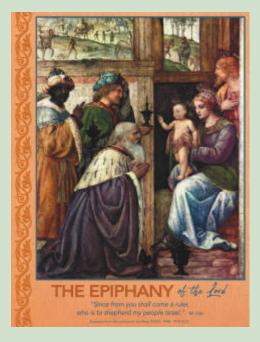
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PARISH OFFICE

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CLERGY

PASTOR: Rev. Patrick J. Hawthorne CCD CO-ORDINATOR: Sister Irene A. Moran, M.P.V. Parish Secretary: 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

JANUARY 2, 2021



Saturday, January 1st 9:00 AM-For all our Christmas Benefactors 4:00 PM-For all our parishioners Sunday, January 2nd 7:30 AM– Elizabeth Ann Grande Miller (Family) **10:30 AM-For all our parishioners** Monday, January 3rd 8:00 AM-For all our parishioners intentions Tuesday, January 4th 8:00 AM-Special Intention Thursday, January 6th 8:00 AM-For all our parishioners intentions Friday, January 7th 8:00 AM-For those on our "All Soul's" list Saturday, January 8th 4:00 PM-Intention still available Sunday, January 9th 7:30 AM- The Pettinella, Aslanian, Brindisi Families and Eva Hall (Family) 10:30 AM-Florence H. Hart-28th anniv. (Daughter)

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....<u>THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU</u>!

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:

January 2, 2022

No Classes are scheduled

January 9, 2022

We plan to resume "in person" class sessions for Grades 1 to 10 9:15 to 10:15 A.M. in the Parish Center

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 January, they are available on the weekends of January 1st & 2nd and 15th & 16th.

MASK MANDATE IN WORCESTER <u>NOW EFFECTIVE</u>:

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.

WEEKDAY MASS WINTER WEATHER POLICY:

Please note that whenever school is canceled or delayed due to inclement weather, **the 8:00 A.M. WEEKDAY MASS will automatically be canceled.** If there is an intention scheduled for that Mass, we will be happy to reschedule it.



REST IN PEACE

Please remember in your prayers, Judith Finneran, who was recently buried from our parish.

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE. AMEN.



<u>**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS</u>**: We thank everyone for the generous contributions that allowed us to have such a beautiful Christmas display this year. THANK YOU!</u>

ADVENT GIVING "TREE" THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who participated in our Advent Giving "Tree" Project. Many families enjoyed a happier Christmas Season due to the generosity of parishioners who took tags and returned gifts and gift cards. **God bless you for your thoughtfulness!**



Once again, the parish staff is most appreciative of the many gifts and remembrances which have been sent to us during the holiday season. Since it is impossible to thank each of you individually, the affirmation which greetings bring, make us very aware of the good spirit that is found in the parish. On our part, we shall continue to be present to you, as we all strive to do what the Lord is asking of us. May the peace of Christ fill your hearts and homes in the season and in the year ahead.



Thank you Lord for giving me the brand new year ahead. Help me live the way I should as each new day I tread. Give me the gentle wisdom that I might help a friend. Give me strength and courage so a shoulder I might lend. The year ahead is empty, help me fill it with good things. Each new day filled with joy and the happiness it brings. Please give the leaders of our world a courage born of peace. That they might lead us gently and all the fighting cease. Please give to all upon this earth a heart that's filled with love. A gentle happy way to live with Your blessings from above.

~Charlotte Anselmo~



We want to take this opportunity To wish all our parishioners and their families

A HAPPY, HEALTHY, AND HOLY NEW YEAR!

Father Pat Hawthorne

and

Síster Irene Moran

JANUARY 2, 2021



NEW YEAR'S RECIPE

Take twelve, fine full grown months, see that these are thoroughly free from all old memories of bitterness, hate, and jealousy; cleanse them completely from every clinging spite: pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the past; have them as fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time. Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. This batch will keep for just one year. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time (so many persons spoil the entire lot in this way), but prepare one day at a time, as follows: Into each day put twelve parts of faith, eleven of patience, ten of courage, nine of work (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil it for the rest), eight of hope, seven of fidelity, six of liberality, five of kindness, four of rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad, don't do it), three of prayer, two of meditation, and one well selected resolution. To all of the above, add in about a teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a sprinkling of play, and a heaping cupful of good humor. Pour in love and mix with a vim. Cook thoroughly in a fervent heat; garnish with a few smiles and a sprig of joy; then serve with quietness, unselfishness, and cheerfulness, and a Happy New Year is certain.

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO LEARN ABOUT OUR PARISH SPIRITUAL, SOCIAL, AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS OLR.WECONNECT.COM

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 THURS-DAY 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 PARISH-IONERS 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 FOLLOW-ING THE EVENTS OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001.

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