

### **OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CHURCH**

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#### **PARISH OFFICE**

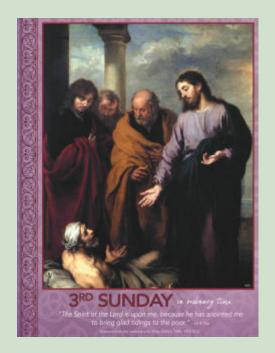
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Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday from 9 AM to 1 PM

PARISH WEBSITE: OLR.WECONNECT.COM

#### **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 23, 2022** 



Saturday, January 22nd

4:00 PM-Karen Calamare (Friend)

Sunday, January 23rd

7:30 AM-Ernest Richard (Family) 10:30 AM-John Dillon (Family)

Monday, January 24th

8:00 AM-John F. Connolly Jr. (Karen Baudin)

Tuesday, January 25th

8:00 AM-Special Intention

Thursday, January 27th

8:00 AM-For all our parishioners intentions

Friday, January 28th

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

Saturday, January 29th

4:00 PM-Elizabeth Cariglia (Friend)

Sunday, January 30th

7:30 AM-Intention still available

10:30 AM-Myrtice Morin-1st 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:**

#### January 23, 2022

Class sessions for Grades 1 to 10 9:15 to 10:15 A.M. in the Parish Center.

#### January 30, 2022

Class sessions for Grades 1 to 10 9:15 to 10:15 A.M. in the Parish Center.

Weekly updates to class schedule are sent via email and noted on the parish website.

#### 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 February, they are available on the weekends of February 5th & 6th and 19th & 20th.

#### MASK MANDATE IN WORCESTER

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 classes are not in session, you may call the rectory after 7:00 A.M. for a recorded message to hear if the 8:00 A.M. weekday Mass has been canceled. If there is an intention scheduled for that Mass, we will be happy to reschedule it.

# Something to consider... Outreach to the Elderly

Many older parishioners live alone, have no close family, do not use social media, and are simply lonely. They might appreciate a phone call, help with grocery shopping, a card, or even an outdoor "no contact" visit. Especially during this time of social distancing, our elderly can be left without social connections. Perhaps we can make an effort to check on neighbors or extended family. If we are going shopping, we could volunteer to pick up a few items and leave them at their door, etc. Also, if you yourself, or someone you know, could use some outreach, please contact one of us. We can try to help!

God bless and protect you!



PRAYER SHAWLS: Our sick, homebound, and nursing home residents are vital members of our parish family. The Prayer Shawl Ministry has been knitting and crocheting prayer shawls and lap blankets for our sick and shut-in parishioners. They also make baby blankets for babies that are baptized into our parish. Those who create these items, pray for those who will be receiving them, then each month, Father Pat blesses them at one of the weekend Masses. If you know of anyone who could benefit from one of these items, or you would like to join the Prayer Shawl Ministry, please contact Anita Kelley at 508-852-7708.

Massachusetts Veterans, Inc. Due to the ongoing 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.

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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~

## CHRISTIAN NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS By Joanna Fuchs

How can I use the New Year To better serve my Lord? I'll read my Bible every day, And be more in accord.

I'll find new ways to serve others; I'll love my neighbor too. I'll focus on "give" instead of "get" In everything I do.

I'll forgive the people I'm mad at; Angry feelings I'll discard; I'll try to love my enemies, Even though it's hard.

In the New Year, I'll lift people up,
Instead of putting them down.
I'll fill my heart with love and joy.
And never wear a frown.

I'll let go of my worries; I'll put it all in His hands; I'll repent and try to sin less, And obey all His commands.

These New Year's resolutions
Are difficult at best,
But there's something I can do each day
That will put my soul at rest;

I'll love my Lord with all my heart,
With all my mind and soul,
And if I do that essential thing.
All the rest will be in control.

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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.

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