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... Go Thy Way  
in Safety”

May 30, 2021

*The Solemnity*  
**OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” - Mt 28:19

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 **MASS SCHEDULE**

**Vigil Mass (Saturday): 4:00 pm**  
**Sunday Mass: 8:00 am (livestreamed) and 10:00 am**  
**Weekday Masses (Mon., Thurs. & Fri.): 9:00 am**  
**Holy Day Masses: To be determined**

**RECONCILIATION:** Suspended until further notice

**BAPTISM:** By Appointment  
Please see the Pastor after Mass for a form.  
Baptisms must be scheduled at least one month in advance.  
Baptism Preparation: **Mrs. Sheila Slik** by appointment only.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:**  
Please contact/talk to the Pastor after Mass to make an appointment **twelve months in advance**, before making plans for reception and wedding date.

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**Parish office is closed on Friday.**

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*We thank you for visiting us!*

If you wish to become a parishioner of St. Christopher’s, please see Fr. Stanley after Mass for a parish registration form.





## Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>

4:00pm **Mary O'Brien,**  
by Family

Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>

8:00am **Hector Perez, Sr., 1<sup>st</sup> Year Anniversary,**  
by Family

10:00am **For our Parish Family**

Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup> (Memorial Day)

9:00am **Mass**

Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>

**No Mass**

Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>

**No Mass**

Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>

9:00am **Mass**

Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>

9:00am **Chelestine 'Chelly' Pignataro,**  
by Bob & Mary Anne Josephson

## Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

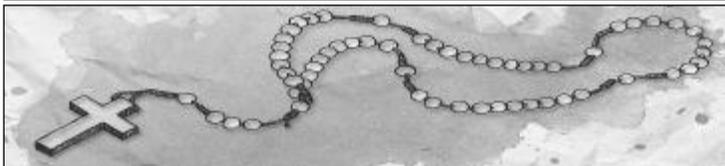
Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>

4:00pm **Ernest & Grace LeBlanc,**  
by Family

Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>

8:00am **Gloria Halloran, 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary,**  
by Family

10:00am **Regina Grudzinski, 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary,**  
by Donna Triggs



### ST. CHRISTOPHER'S PRAYER LINE

**We are looking for more people to join our Prayer Line. If you are willing to take private time in prayer for others in need, please call Ken Butler at 508-852-0127.**

If you have a request for prayers, or know of someone who might, please call Ken Butler at 508-852-0127.

All we need is the person's first name and the nature of the request (example: Annie - for successful operation). We will contact those on the Prayer Line to add your intention to their list.



## Coming Home to Mass

With the lifting of most pandemic gathering restrictions this week, Bishop McManus has announced the restoration of the obligation to take part in Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, effective next Sunday, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, June 6, 2021.

**Beginning on Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>,** masks & social distancing are no longer required of all parishioners. However, per CDC guidelines, non-vaccinated persons are still encouraged to wear masks and maintain social distancing. The tape has been removed, therefore, from all but a few pews in the back of each section of the church.

The cleaning of most commonly touched surfaces may be reduced to once a week and limitations of the size of gatherings in non-liturgical spaces have also been lifted.

The singing of hymns and acclamations has been restored, although choirs will not return until the end of the summer.

Holy Water once again will be available. Hymnals and missalettes are allowed to be used, however, we do not have any at this time. Processions will also be restored. For the time being, we will not exchange the sign of peace and Holy Communion will not be offered from the chalice.

In a week or two, we will also begin using the confessionals (date to be determined). Visitation of the sick will still be available.

All of this will take some time to get used to. Please join in praying that the success we have so far enjoyed in quelling the pandemic may continue throughout the summer and the months to come.

*Fr. Stanley*

### **Be the Face of Christ!**

*We are truly grateful to all who have made a donation or pledge!*  
**St. Christopher's has raised \$14,149 from 65 gifts, bringing us to 41.8% of our goal of \$33,800!**



**For those parishioners who have not yet donated, we ask your kind consideration of a gift to the 2021 Annual Partners in Charity Appeal.**

**This year, you can easily offer your gift online at [partners-charity.net/donate](https://partners-charity.net/donate) or by texting the word "donate" to 84576 from your cell phone, or by calling 508-929-4366 with your gift or pledge.**

Donor envelopes can also be found in the church pews. Please make all checks payable to "Partners in Charity." Please prayerfully consider making a gift which reflects your gratitude to God for all you have. Thank you!

*Fr. Stanley*

### ***My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,***

Last weekend we celebrated the Solemnity of Pentecost during which we heard these words from the Acts of the Apostles: “we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God.”

Consider these two thoughts as our diocese recognizes **World Communications Day** next weekend and take up the annual **Catholic Communications Campaign**.

First, we must recognize that communication is at the heart of how we fulfill our mission as Church. Just as the Holy Spirit empowered those early apostles, so, too, we are all commissioned to share the good news of salvation. Secondly, today we communicate not just in every language but on every platform, including printed and broadcast media as well as social media including Facebook and Livestream.

Our patron, St. Paul, witnessed to the faith in the marketplace. Today, examples of witnessing to the faith abound. Pope Francis inspires the world as the Vicar of Christ on all forms of media; our national conference of Bishops advocates for key justice issues, including immigration reform, religious liberty and protecting the most vulnerable in society from the unborn to the elderly and infirm. Locally, our communications efforts in conjunction with our parishes build our communities of faith, and were critical to keep parishioners connected during the pandemic through emails, websites, the *Catholic Free Press* and cable TV programming as well as social media.

In his message for World Communications Day, Pope Francis writes:

*“...the Gospel comes alive in our own day, whenever we accept the compelling witness of people whose lives have been changed by their encounter with Jesus. For two millennia, a chain of such encounters has communicated the attractiveness of the Christian adventure. The challenge that awaits us, then, is to communicate by encountering people, where they are and as they are.”*

The Catholic Communications Campaign supports national and diocesan resources to enable those encounters. Please give generously on the weekend of June 5 and 6 in your parish or visit [worcesterdioocese.org](http://worcesterdioocese.org) to make an online donation or to learn more.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

**Most Reverend Robert J. McManus**

Bishop of Worcester



God our creator and sustainer,  
today our country brings to our memory  
those who have defended this nation  
in times of trouble.

They have sacrificed their lives to protect our shores  
from those who would limit our freedoms  
or enslave us to ways that are against your will.  
Bring all those who have died in service to our country  
into your heavenly presence.

We humbly call down your blessing on those still  
serving; grant your heavenly protection to these men  
and women, and open your Sacred Heart to give them  
peace and comfort. In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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### **Novena to the Sacred Heart 2021**

**Sacred Heart-St. Catherine of Sweden Church  
596 Cambridge Street, Worcester**

**Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> thru Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup> ~ 7-8 p.m.**

All are invited on each of these nine days to build a  
deeper relationship with God and with those around us.

Mass for the feast will be celebrated by  
Bishop McManus on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

### **Dear Parishioners,**

#### **Your voice could help save millions of lives!**

The Hyde Amendment has protected Americans from funding abortion for 45 years. It is credited with saving the lives of over **2.4 million children** to date. Now, powerful members of Congress want to take away this law that both Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century. Without it, *billions* of taxpayer dollars could go to abortion. That means abortion would be *cheaper, easier, and funded* with our taxpayer dollars.

As Pope Francis has said, “The future of humanity... is fundamentally in the hands of people and in their ability to organize.” It is critically important for Catholics to send a *strong* message before Congress moves forward to impose taxpayer-funded abortion. Because of the *incredibly high stakes*, Congress needs to hear from a *massive* number of people. To that end, I invite parishioners to join our diocesan response to this nationwide effort by the USCCB, set for the **first week of June**.

**The primary goal is for millions of Catholics to sign the petition on NoTaxpayerAbortion.com. Stop your tax dollars from going to abortion.**

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Most Reverend Robert J. McManus*

Bishop of Worcester



Weekly Goal:	\$ 3,287
Weekend of May 15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> :	\$ 2,610
Deficit:	(\$ 677)
Holy Day (Ascension Offering):	\$ 298
Air Conditioning (to date):	\$19,238

Year-to-Date Budget (FY 9/1/20-8/31/21): \$121,619  
 Year-to Date Collections: 73,371  
 Year-to Date Electronic Payments: 20,508  
 Year-to Date Deficit: (\$ 27,740)

Next weekend's special collection is for the *Catholic Communications Campaign. Parish Renovation & Maintenance* donations can also be placed in the collection box.  
**Thank you for your continued support!**

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT**

*“The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ...” (Romans 8:16-17)*

If we are heirs to the kingdom of God, shouldn't we work to build up His kingdom? Shouldn't we be good stewards of our inheritance, using our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to care for the Church that God has left to us? Our Church is a treasured heirloom from God. Do we treat it that way?

**St. Peter Central Catholic Elementary School**

865 Main Street, Worcester  
 Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> ~ 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Openings in grades Pre-K-8.

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Please respect Covid protocol. Call 508-791-6496 or email [marybeth.soucy@stpetercc.com](mailto:marybeth.soucy@stpetercc.com) for appointment or info. Visit website-[www.stpetercentralcatholic.com](http://www.stpetercentralcatholic.com).



**Volunteers needed for Children in Homeless Shelters**

Children living in homeless shelters across Massachusetts count on Horizons for Homeless Children volunteers. Can they count on you? Volunteers are needed to play with homeless children at Playspaces in more than 90 family shelters across Massachusetts. There is a high need for volunteers in Worcester. An orientation and a commitment of 2 hours a week for 6 months is required. **An online volunteer orientation will be held on Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** To apply, to view other orientation dates, or for more information, call 774-260-2612 or visit [www.horizonschildren.org/playspace](http://www.horizonschildren.org/playspace).

**Let God be who God is.**

This is often one of the hardest things to do. Rather than allowing the mystery of being created in the image and likeness of God



unfold and take root in our lives, we change the dynamic. We want to be the creators who want to make God into the image and likeness we need God to be. We have a hard-enough time letting the people in our lives be who they are. We struggle even more so with God. It is almost as if we want God to be our imaginary friend who is not only with us whenever we need but becomes the Being we need God to be. Who is it that we want God to be today? A protector, disciplinarian, champion for justice, healer, advocate for our cause, grantor of prayers, guardian of my life, or the avenger? Our prayers tell an interesting story. When you pray, what does God look like?

Recently, a young woman who was feeling invisible, overlooked, ignored, and misunderstood by her husband struggled to make her feelings known and get his attention. Finally, she screamed, “Listen to me!” Thus, birth was given to a renewed and healthier relationship. We spend so much time storming heaven with our agenda and trying to make God into a “god” of our desires that we do not hear God saying, “Listen to me!” God is desperately trying to get our attention. God is saying, I am here among you as not one but three, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Many people seldom notice God's presence because they are so caught up with other spiritual cares and concerns. And, when the “god” they fashion and create doesn't produce as they desire, they shake the dust from their feet and move on. “I tried,” they exclaim, “but God didn't listen.”

Healthy relationships aren't built on making someone be who we need them to be. Healthy relationships are built on encounters of persons and the development of an appreciation of someone solely for who they are. Deeper relationships can even be found with two people marveling at each other and almost experiencing a childlike joy and giddiness when they see the other coming. Do you ever have these feelings about God? Believe it or not, God does for you! There is a joyful laughter that gives rise to and connects all three members of the Holy Trinity. It is this laughter, flowing from the very depths of the Godhead that not only keeps the Trinity in joyful unity but spills over into the creation of all beings and things. It is an expression of Divine Delight! Have you ever taken time away from your agenda to experience the Divine Joyfulness of God?

We can reach a connection of Presence wherein even the smallest of creatures suddenly radiate the fullness of God: the wonderful creation of their being, the innocence and playfulness of their movements, and the sustaining life breath that flows through their veins. The same God who created the heavens and the earth is the same God who wants you to call him ‘Dad’ and the same God who preserves your life and has all things in His care.

# SUNDAY'S READINGS

## FIRST READING:

This is why you must now know,  
and fix in your heart, that the LORD is God  
in the heavens above and on earth below,  
and that there is no other. (Dt 4:39)

## PSALM:

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own. (Ps 33)

## SECOND READING:

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.  
For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,  
but you received a Spirit of adoption,  
through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!" (Rom 8:14-15)

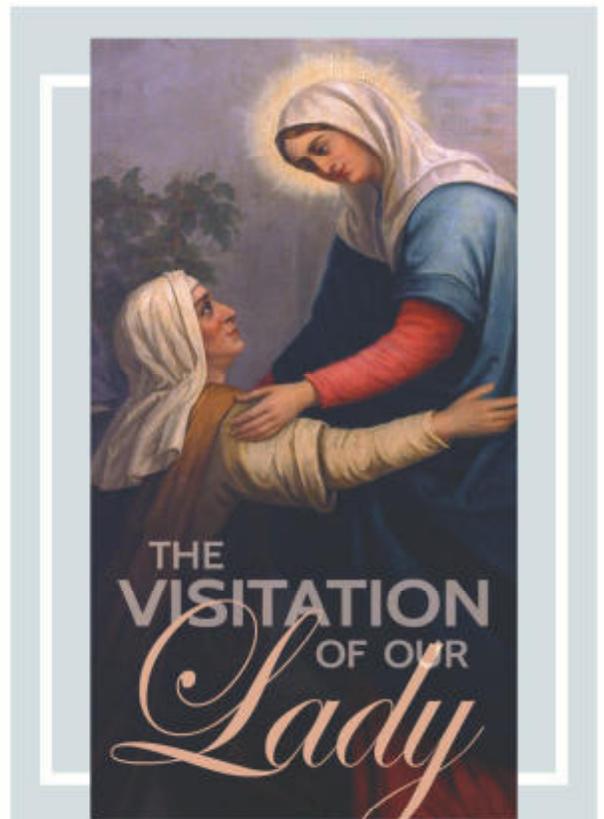
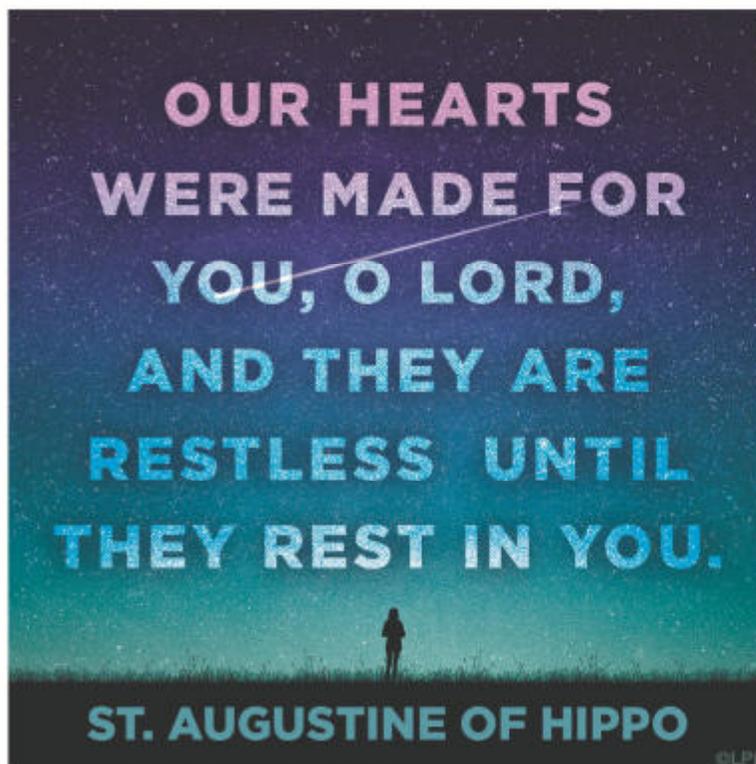
## GOSPEL:

"And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the  
age." (Mt 28:16)

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## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 30, 2021

Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity  
Monday: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Memorial Day  
Tuesday: St. Justin, Martyr  
Wednesday: Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs  
Thursday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs  
Saturday: St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr  
Next Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



## REFLECT

### FIRST READING

In the closing remarks of the speech delivered to the Israelites in the desert, Moses reflects on God's fidelity and love for them. In return for God's favor, the Israelites are instructed to keep God's statutes and commandments. Why do you think so many people are resistant to this divine expectation?

### SECOND READING

Paul sees the Holy Spirit as integral to our identity as "children of God" and "joint heirs with Christ." How do you sense our Triune God at work in your life?

### GOSPEL READING

We hear today the closing words in the Gospel of Matthew — Jesus' final commissioning of the disciples to evangelize and baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. What insights to the nature of God does this divine relationship offer?

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