



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 Only
 Please see the Pastor after Mass for a form.
 Baptisms must be scheduled at least one month in advance.

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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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.



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 22nd

4:00pm **For an end to abortion and an increased respect for human life**

Sunday, January 23rd

8:00am **For our Parish Family**

10:00am **Phyllis Carrigan,**
by St. Christopher's Bingo

Monday, January 24th

9:00am **Mass**

Tuesday, January 25th

No Mass

Wednesday, January 26th

No Mass

Thursday, January 27th

9:00am **Mass**

Friday, January 28th

9:00am **Mass**

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 29th

4:00pm **For our Parish Family**

Sunday, January 30th

8:00am Frank A. Zingarelli,
by Family

10:00am Mass



Many people know someone personally who is suffering because of an abortion.

If a friend confided in your tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? . . . Even a woman who doesn't go to church or think of herself as religious can be afraid that God will never forgive her for having an abortion. She should know that God loves and forgives those who are sorrowful. He wants to comfort them and give them his peace.

~USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion"

HELP WANTED—MANY OPENINGS!

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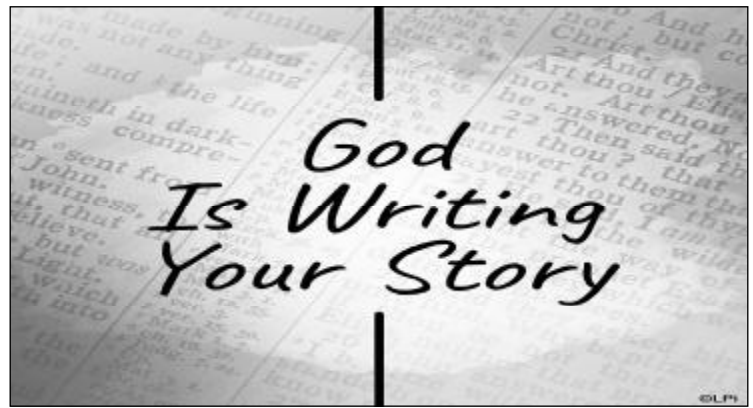
ST. CHRISTOPHER'S PRAYER LINE

Help enlarge our prayer line. Are you willing to take private time in prayer for others in need? Call Ken Butler at 508-852-0127 for more information.



Please consider joining. Also, do you know of someone in need of prayers? We just need the person's first name and the nature of the problem.

Remember, someday YOU may be the one in need!



Day of Prayer for the
**LEGAL PROTECTION
OF UNBORN CHILDREN**

Online Reading Resources for the Observance of the January 22nd Day of Prayer and Penance

- 1) Learn more about abortion and many other life issues through the articles in the U.S. Bishops' annual Respect Life Program at www.respectlife.org.
- 2) Take some time during the month of January to read and reflect on Pope John Paul II's encyclical Evangelium vitae (The Gospel of Life). A new study guide is available at www.respectlife.org.

Reminder for Weekday Morning Masses . . .

Weekday morning Mass will be cancelled in the case of inclement weather whenever Worcester schools have a delay or cancellation.



Worcester Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference Assumption University, Worcester Saturday, April 2, 2022

Men (of all ages, including teens and college students) are invited to this important in-person conference.

Hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders:

- *Kevin O'Brien speaking on "The Courageous Father";
- *Tim Francis speaking on "Science Tests Faith";
- *Dan Egan speaking on "Running Toward God's Purpose: The Power of Manifesting Outcome";
- *Dr. Pat Castle speaking on "How to be a Pro-Life Champion"; and
- *Fr. Anthony Hamaty speaking on "Where are You?" - How and Why We Hide from God's Love and Mercy!

Bishop Robert McManus will celebrate the Conference Mass. Tickets can be purchased online. Adult tickets are \$45 until 3/21/22; \$60 afterwards. Student tickets are always \$30.

Visit the conference website at www.firstmensconf.org or call Msgr. Tom Sullivan at 508-450-2556 for info.

Sunday, January 23rd

Grade 2 only will meet from 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Grades 1, 4-9 and Grade 10 Confirmation Class will meet from 11:00 a.m.– 12:15 p.m.

Sunday, January 30th

Grade 2 only will meet from 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Grades 1, 4-9 and Grade 10 Confirmation Class will meet from 11:00 a.m.– 12:15 p.m.

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**“A Concise Introduction to the Sacred Liturgy”
Virtual Course via Zoom**

Msgr. James Moroney is conducting this online course on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

- January 19th ~ an introduction to the liturgy
- January 26 ~ a brief history of the liturgy
- February 2nd ~ liturgical books and liturgical law
- February 9th ~ the liturgical renewal of Vatican II
- February 16th ~ the Mass explained
- February 23rd ~ the Roman ritual explained

Email msgr@stceciliachurch.net to register.

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock . . .”



It’s time.

Time to learn more about your Faith.

It’s time to experience what our religious can do for you.

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Cursillo weekends are a wonderful, fun way to give you a start on this journey.

Two weekends are coming up for early 2022:

Women’s Weekend—Thurs., Feb. 3rd to Sun., Feb. 6th

Men’s Weekend—Thurs., Mar. 17th to Sun., Mar. 20th

Visit www.fourthday.org and download an application or call Pam Hamilton at 774-239-8909 for information.

Internet Safety for Kids



The Internet has become the new schoolyard for child molesters seeking girls or boys to victimize. Internet “chat rooms” provide a teenager with an opportunity to engage in a “live” conversation with friends from school or church, or with other teenagers from around the world. A chat room is similar to an old-style telephone party line, except that the teens are typing. Law enforcement has found that child molesters use chat rooms to gain easy and safe access to teens. Because of the seemingly caring and seductive talent of child molesters, teenagers should be warned that when they are in a chat room, they should never provide anyone with private information, personal information, and especially their specific physical location. For particular help you may call Judith Audette, Director of Office for Healing and Prevention, at (508) 929-4363.

Beware of email and text scams!

If you ever receive an email or text message CLAIMING to be from our parish, our pastor, or pastoral staff asking you to buy a gift card or make an online donation for some noble cause, **please STOP and DELETE it.**

This is not how we would ask for help.

If you are not sure, call the rectory and speak to us. Too many people are being scammed by these emails and we have no control over them. Thank you.

This Week

Sunday, January 23rd

Religious Education Class (Grade 2)
Religious Education Classes (Grades 1, 4-9 & Confirmation)
Religious Education Office Hours

9:00-10:00am
11:00am-12:15pm
11:00am-1:00pm

Church Hall
Church Hall
Religious Ed. Office

Monday, January 24th

Wachusett Community Band Practice

6:30-8:30pm

Church Hall

Tuesday, January 25th

Religious Education Office Hours
Catholic Scouting Award Class

5:30-7:30pm
7:00-9:00pm

Religious Ed. Office
Church Hall

Thursday, January 27th

Scout Troop 9 Meeting

7:00-9:00pm

Church Hall

Friday, January 28th

Bingo (Call Leo at 508-853-9492 to volunteer to help)

7:00pm (Doors open at 4:30pm)

Church Hall

Sunday, January 30th

Religious Education Class (Grade 2)
Religious Education Classes (Grades 1, 4-9 & Confirmation)
Religious Education Office Hours

9:00-10:00am
11:00am-12:15pm
11:00am-1:00pm

Church Hall
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Weekly Goal:	\$ 3,287
Weekend of January 8 th & 9 th :	\$ 3,823
Surplus:	\$ 536

Air Conditioning (to date): \$20,762

Year-to-Date Budget (FY 9/1/21-8/31/22):	\$62,453
Year-to Date Collections:	47,482
Year-to Date Electronic Payments:	11,318
Year-to Date Deficit:	(\$3,653)

Thank you for your continued support of St. Christopher Church!

“Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared . . . ”

~Nehemiah 8:10



Ezra’s instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here’s the hard part—to share all we have without expecting anything in return.

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The winner for week 6 (1/17/22):

#31 — Rosemarie Mikitarian

Thank you to all who participate in our 50/50 Club. Good Luck to All!



Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God’s transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more now that they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the “gods” of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God’s constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God’s Word, God’s life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one’s soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn’t forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God’s Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God’s fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

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Tax Contribution Statements for 2021



Tax contribution statements will be available to those parishioners who wish to have a total of their 2021 parish contributions.

To request a tax contribution statement, please email the parish office or call during office hours. Also, if you do not currently receive parish offertory envelopes by mail and wish to do so, please email or call the parish office.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. (Neh 8:8)

PSALM:

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)

SECOND READING:

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. (1 Cor 12:12)

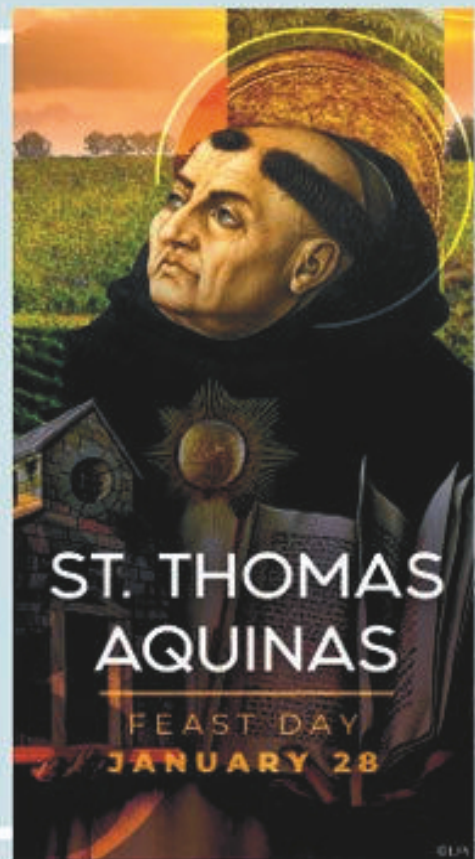
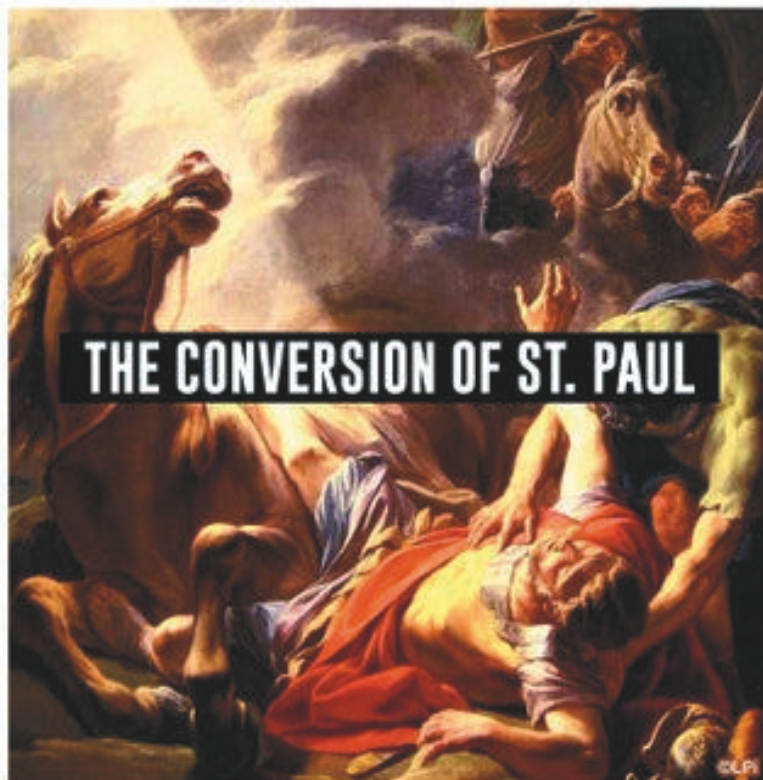
GOSPEL:

He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." (Lk 1:21)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2022

Sunday:	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
Monday:	St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday:	The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Wednesday:	Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
Thursday:	St. Angela Merici, Virgin
Friday:	St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday:	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week



Saint of the Week

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, "The Summa Theologiae." Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The Summa Theologiae, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today.

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