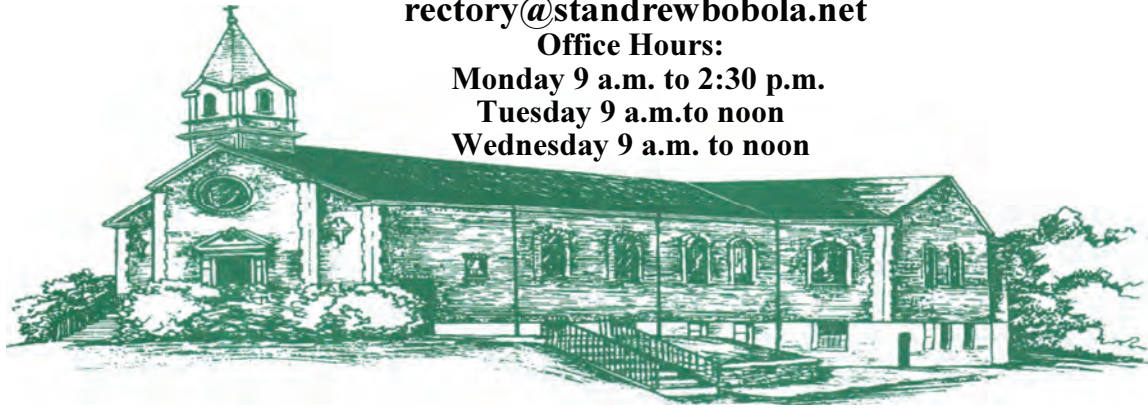


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Office Hours:
Monday 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
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Pastor:

Rev. Krzysztof Korcz

Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil: **5:00pm (English)**

Sunday: **8:00am (English)**
10:00am (Polish)

Weekday Mass

We pray Rosary every day 20 minutes before Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday : 8:00am,

Wednesday 6:00pm. Polish; trial period –
with devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help)

Friday - **6pm** (with Chaplet of the Divine Mercy)

Holy Days - 6:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sacrament of Baptism

Sunday at 12:00pm by Appointment

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements must be made at least 12 months prior to wedding. Please contact us to arrange.

Visitation of The Sick

Please notify the rectory if you know of someone who is unable to get to church and wishes to receive the sacraments.

New Mass Schedule:

Monday: 8am

Tuesday: 8am

Wednesday: 6pm (Polish; trial period – with devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help)

Thursday: 8am

Friday: 6pm (with Chaplet of the Divine Mercy)

Saturday: Vigil Mass - 5pm

Sunday: 8am (English) and 10am (Polish)

MASS INTENTIONS AND DEVOTIONS

Saturday, May 23

5:30PM r.s. r.s. Bernard Jarzebski

Sunday, May 24

10:00 - rs. Dorothy Paprocki

11:00AM **I** - sp. Anna Wojciech, Jan Krzyszton int Moskala family

II - sp. Ela Karłowicz int Edward, Anna Kudron

Monday, May 25

8:00 AM - r.s, Stanley Jarzusiński int. Mark, Jeanne Durocher

Tuesday, May 26

8:00 AM - r.s. Zbigniew Bugajski int David

Wednesday, May 27

6:00 PM - r.s. Irene, Stanley Bugajski int. David

Thursday, May 28

8:00 AM - r.s. Rozalia, Franciszek Bal int. David

Friday, May 29

8:00—r.s. Inamul Huq int David

Saturday, May 30

5:00 PM - r.s. Mary Szumilas int. family

Sunday, May 31

8:00AM - r.s. Roman Rucinski int wife

10:00 AM - I - sp. Franciszek, Henryk Jankowski int Moskala family

II- Ela Karłowicz int. S&M Funeral Home

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS:

THANK YOU

Online Giving - www.standrewbobola.com

ONGOING POLISH FOOD SALE:

In an effort to continue to support our parish during these challenging times, we will be holding an ongoing Polish food sale.

Items for sale include:

Savory Pierogi (kapusta, Kapusta w/ mushroom, cheese, or potato) for **\$7/dozen**

Fruit pierogi (blueberry or strawberry) for **\$7/ dozen.**

Kielbasa (Smoked, Grilled, double smoked) - **\$12, Gołąbki - \$3 each**

Kapusta/Bigos for \$10/ quart container

Babka: cheese, cheese- cherry—**\$10**

Strudel: Apple, Prune, cheese-cherry - **\$10**

Pappi seed - \$10

**Orders can be placed by calling the rectory
TEL; 508-943-5633.**

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Nine weeks ago, in response to an unprecedented pandemic and in order to slow the spread of COVID-19, I suspended all public celebrations of the Sacred Liturgy in the Diocese of Worcester. Since that time we have prayed for an end to the pandemic, cared for the sick, buried the dead, consoled the mourning and proclaimed the Gospel through innovative means. By the grace of God, we have finally reached the point at which the spread of the virus has slowed sufficiently as to allow for us to return to Church and to the celebration of those sacred mysteries which are the source and summit of our lives. Effective May 23, 2020 I am lifting my suspension of public celebrations of the Liturgy in the Diocese of Worcester. In the light of the continuing and specific danger presented by this virus to older people and those with certain health conditions, the obligation to take part in the Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation continues to be lifted. I caution all Priests to carefully observe the restrictions which continue to be imposed by government authorities in the interest of public health. This joy we feel during the first phase of resumption of our ecclesial life must be balanced by a concern for the common good, as we continue to do everything possible to further stem the spread of this dread disease. To that end I direct that the liturgical adaptations contained in the May 18, 2020 issue of *Orantes*, our diocesan liturgical newsletter, be implemented in each of the parishes and Catholic institutions of the Diocese of Worcester. In the coming days the Office for Divine Worship will coordinate information sessions for pastors and parish administrators to assure that appropriate precautions are followed. Our Communications Ministry will use all available means to let the faithful know what will be expected of them in order to comply with the Commonwealth's regulations for public safety. If, for any reason, a parish cannot comply with the safety standards being issued by the Office for Divine Worship this week, public celebrations of the Mass and sacraments cannot resume at the parish until it resolves the issues. Perhaps the most unforgettable image of these past weeks was of our Holy Father, standing alone before the Cross in the vastness of Saint Peter's square. At that moment, he embodied the isolation we have all felt, but at the same time he reminded us that from that Cross, the Lord calls us "to rediscover the life that awaits us, to look towards those who look to us, to strengthen, recognize and foster the grace that lives within us. Let us not quench the wavering flame¹ that never falters, and let us allow hope to be rekindled." With every prayerful best wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ

**Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, S.T.D.
Bishop of Worcester**

To All Parishioners of Saint Andrew Bobola Parish:

Peace be with you. It is hard to believe that it has approximately ten weeks since the Coronavirus/COVID-19 Pandemic has stopped open public Masses in the Diocese of Worcester and separated our community. I continue to pray for everyone's health and safety in this challenging time. I however remain hopeful. I am very pleased to report that Bishop Robert J. McManus has announced that the suspension of public Masses is lifted. **In our parish, as we use time to prepare, public Masses will begin Saturday, May 30, 2020.** We can now rejoin each other in the church to celebrate the sacred mysteries of our cherished faith. I am enclosing a copy of the letter from Bishop McManus that includes this announcement and explains his decision.

While the crisis remains, we are called to continue to take precautions to guard our health and well-being, as well as that of others. The Office of Divine Worship has released guidelines designed to comply with Commonwealth of Massachusetts regulations and recommendations by the Centers For Disease Control (CDC).

I summarize those guidelines here:

Size: We are limited to 40% occupancy of the maximum permitted in the church – historically, most recent Masses before the pandemic did not exceed this threshold

Masks: All parishioners must wear face coverings or masks while inside and while entering/exiting, except for the celebrant and liturgical ministers, children under 2 and people with a medical condition

Children: For children age 2 to 5, the wearing of a face covering or mask is optional – children under 2 should not wear one

Pews: Rows will be blocked off and kept empty to allow seating at least 6 feet apart

Distancing: We are to maintain social distancing measures, keeping 6 feet apart – families can sit together

Spacing: The floor is taped off to make 6 feet of distance when approaching the front for communion – please exit the pews slowly, one at a time and allow for this safe spacing before proceeding forward

Cleaning: Pews/railings will be sanitized after each Mass – doors will be left open so that they do not need to be touched – windows will also be left open

Direction: Aisles are one way – center aisle leads up to the altar and the side aisles are to be used to return to your seats

Missalettes: Hymnals and Missalettes are removed from the church for public use – you can bring your own with you to Mass (please bring it home when you are done)

Holy Water: The Holy Water fonts will remain empty – I will bless the congregation with blessed Easter Water

Singing: There is no singing in the congregation, except for the Gospel Acclamation and Mass responses during the consecration – Sanctus to the Lamb of God; opening and closing hymns can be sung by a cantor; the Gloria and Responsorial Psalm will be recited and not sung

Processions: Entrance, recessional and offertory processions are suspended

Ushers: Ushers will be available to direct people, if or as needed, to ensure everyone has a mask or suitable face covering and that social distancing is observed. An ushers will also provide hand sanitizer to you before you receive holy communion, as needed or desired (not needed for communion on the tongue).

Communion: There is a public health preference for Holy Communion in the hand, but priests do not have a right to refuse Holy Communion on the tongue. When ministering Holy Communion, the guidelines call for Ushers to apply hand sanitizer to you before receiving Communion. We will keep safe social distance in the Communion line. If I sense that I have touched anyone while giving Holy Communion, I am to stop immediately and purify my fingers before resuming the distribution of Holy Communion.

Collections: Instead of passing collection baskets, these will be left at the left front and right front near the altar for you to drop off donations

Sign of Peace: There will be no shaking of hands

Vessels: All Communion Vessels are to be thoroughly washed after each Mass once they have been purified.

Confession: Private Confessions will be available on Saturdays at 4pm. They will be held in the church. I will be at the back of the church, near the vestibule area. We will maintain safe social distance of at least 6ft or more. Anyone waiting will be asked to do so in the front of the church, by the upstairs and/or downstairs elevator. Confession will also be available upon request or by appointment.

Please contact me in the rectory for any requests for Baptisms, Weddings, Anointing of the Sick, to arrange Funeral Masses or for Mass Intentions. The Confirmation Mass with Bishop McManus was cancelled earlier this month, but additional information will be forthcoming. Our CCD program remains suspended. There will be additional communication about the future of our religious education program and the Sacraments for our youth following additional information or updates from the Diocese.

Because older adults and those with underlying health conditions continue to be advised to avoid public assemblies, the suspension of the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays will remain in force until December 31, 2020.

Entrance to the church will only be through the rear parking lot entrance, through the glass doors by the elevator. This will be a temporary measure so that multiple entrances do not need to be sanitized.

Please remember to support your parish financially. We seek your generosity dropping off envelopes in the church, mailing checks to the parish or online giving through We-SHARE. You can also drop off envelopes in the mail slot at the front door of the Rectory. Please continue your giving in this difficult time, even if you are not able to do so in person. Thank you for your generosity.

My hope is for us to remain connected as a Saint Andrew Bobola Parish Family during this challenging time. Even if we are unable to do so physically, we can join each other spiritually. I continue to encourage you to make Spiritual Communion frequently and unite in prayer.

I extend my best wishes to my Parishioners. I wish you good health, happiness and peace. May the Risen Christ strengthen your faith, love, hope and lift up your spirit by giving you the graces, which you need the most in this difficult time. Thank you for your dedication to our parish and your support. I love you all and keep you in my prayers. God bless you, your families and friends. Please call me any time. I can be reached at the Rectory at 508-943-5633.

Sincerely,
Fr. Krzysztof Korcz

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