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## ***Masses***

***Saturday Vigil: 4:00PM***

***Sunday: 9:00AM & 11:00AM (Spanish)***

***Weekdays: Monday & Wednesday (6:00PM-chapel)***

***Tuesday & Thursday 8:00AM (chapel);***

***Friday: 6:00PM (English-church)***

***\*\* Tuesday : 6:00PM (Spanish)***

***Mass (Spanish) Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday (6:00AM – chapel)***

***Sacrament of Baptism:: Sunday: Baptism is celebrated the third Sunday of each month at 12:30PM***

*Instruction for parents and godparents are held by appointment with the pastor.*

***Sacrament of Reconciliation:: Saturday :: 3:00PM (church) or by appointment***

***Sacrament of Marriage :: Arrangements should be made at least one year before the wedding.***

*Please call the rectory and make an appointment.*

***Devotions:: Rosary each weekday morning immediately after Mass (chapel) (Tuesday & Thursday).***

***Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament :: Saturday from 12:30PM to 3:45PM.***

Mass Intentions



Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>

4:00PM †Romeo Bernard ....by Claire Deavou

Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time

9:00AM †Peter Tran

11:00AM †Luis & Maria Colon.....by fam.

†Joaquín Zumbado & Oliva Gómez....by Cecilia Urbina

Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>

6:00PM †

Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>

8:00AM †

6:00PM †

Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

6:00PM †

Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> St. Andrew Kim & Paul Chong

8:00AM †Exilda Rivard (45<sup>th</sup> Ann)....by fam.

Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup> St. Matthew, Apostle

6:00PM †Barry Krysiak..... by Pat & Tom Krysiak

Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

4:00PM †Rev. Gerald Dorais (7<sup>th</sup> Ann)

Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time

9:00AM †All People

11:00AM †Jose Quirindongo.....by fam.

The Blessed Sacrament lamp is lit for the health of Emilio Pedroza & Javier. A candle to Our Blessed Mother is lit for the health of Louise Morin.

A candle to St. Francis of Assisi is lit for the health of Raymond Miguel & Anibal Alberto Martinez.



Parish Support

September 8 /9

Offertory: \$2,437.85

Fuel: \$382.0

maintenance: \$120.0

Religious Education (CCD): \$694.00

Total: \$3,633.85

“Remember when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received, only what you have given” St. Francis of Assisi

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Sunday, October 21

Bishop Robert J. McManus will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, Oct. 21 at 3PM at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Worcester.



This liturgy of thanksgiving to God for many years of faithful witness to the sacredness of Christian marriage honors couples who are marking significant anniversaries (25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, etc.) this year.

A light reception will follow downstairs in the Cenacle. Family and friends are welcome! Couples wishing to attend should pre-register no later than October 12 so that commemorative certificates may be issued. To register, complete the registration form at www.worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass, or contact the Office of Marriage and Family at 508-929-4311.

CCD REGISTRATION RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CCD REGISTRATION and OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> ....10:00AM

Parents are welcome to visit our CCD classrooms / office.

Confirmation 2018 at St. Francis

The Mass for Confirmation

will be Monday, October 15 at 7:00PM at St. Francis of Assisi.

All Candidates for Confirmation will be having meetings with Fr. Ortiz on Sundays at 10:00AM at the chapel (center)

“Share Your Table with Love”

The needs for our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry for the month of SEPTEMBER: beef stew, canned chicken, mustard, ketchup, relish, mayonnaise, canned fruit, Mac & Cheese, Ramen soups, jelly, salad dressing. THANK YOU for your donations.

“When I was hungry you gave food ...”



Next Second Collection: Sept. 29/30 Annual Catholic School Appeal

*The holy Cross is a sign that sets us free*

The Gospel today speaks dramatically of the Cross of the Lord Jesus. He speaks for the very first time of his



suffering and death on the cross. The disciples seem not to hear or want to accept what the Lord is saying. The Lord Jesus tells his disciples that to take the cross is the means by which they will have life. They may have been left with the question: what does it mean to follow a Savior, a

Messiah, whose victory come only through the cross? This passage referencing to the cross becomes important for us because as disciples of the Lord we hear that somehow or other a cross is at the center of those who follow the Lord Jesus. To be a Christian, to be a disciple of the Lord, somehow connects us to the cross as well. But how? What does it mean that we must carry our cross? In the course of Christian history, there have been many interpretations of what the cross means for those who follow the Lord. Some have claimed that the perfect imitation of the Lord's cross would be to give one's life for the Lord Jesus by shedding one's blood, to be a martyr. There are others who say that to carry the cross means that we must take on self-denial, fasting, and rigorous penances. They say that spiritual perfection lies in seeking out suffering. Still others say that to take up the cross in life is to accept and offer up the tragedies and sufferings of life as the will of God.

According to the gospel of Saint Mark, there are two ideas about the meaning of the cross that we can get from it. First of all, the cross means risk, meaning, to follow the Lord Jesus will cost us something. That is what the disciples did not fully understand, as evidenced by their talk about glory, the places of honor, and of being first. Secondly, the cross means the most humble kind of service toward our brothers and sisters that we can imagine. It is a willingness to embrace the ones who seem to count for little in the eyes of the world. That is what we seem to miss when we insulate ourselves from having contact with those on the margins of society.

As disciples of the Lord Jesus we accept the cross when we are willing to risk something of ourselves to follow the values and ideals of the Lord Jesus. It is carrying the cross when we are willing to reach out to another to help bear the burdens and tragedies and hurts of life. It is accepting this cross that we give life; indeed, that we are born to eternal life. Our participation in this cross leads us to understanding the real meaning of the cross of the Lord Jesus. Through the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus that we encounter at the Eucharistic table, that we be transformed into servants who brings life to the world.

# Sing & Praise



*I will walk before the Lord  
in the land of the living!*



**Hymns: 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Processional #419 "Alleluia, sing to Jesus"*

*Offertory: #650 "Prayer of St. Francis"*

*Communion # "Servant song"*

*Recessional #444 "Lift high the cross"*

### **In Loving Remembrance**

*In your charity, please pray for the soul of Daniel Doyle and for all the souls of the faithful departed. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

### **Celebrate Priesthood –**

*Tastes of the Diocese 2018 will be taking place at the St. Vincent Hospital Atrium on **Thursday, Oct. 18**. Flyers for tickets or donations were sent to all parishes to arrive on or near Sept 5. If you have not already done so, the Planning Committee requests that you please insert them in your bulletins by this weekend. Thank you.*

### **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)**

*RCIA is a process to discern to become a member of the Catholic Church. Who is eligible to participate in the RCIA process?*

- (1) children 7 years and older who have not been baptized*
- (2) 16 – 18 years old or Adults who have not been baptized nor received Christian Initiation Sacraments such as Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation.*

*If you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic, please call Fr. Ortiz for more information (978) 342 – 9651.*

***Happening at St. Francis of Assisi***



*Sunday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> ...9:00PM....Mass ....  
10:00AM... CCD begins ...*

*Monday, Sept 17<sup>th</sup> .... 6:00PM .... Mass ....chapel*

*Tuesday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> ...8:00AM....Mass....chapel  
6:00PM....Mass (Spanish) Prayer Group...church*

*Wednesday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> .... 6:00PM....Mass ... chapel*

*Thursday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> ....8:00AM.... Mass....chapel*

*Friday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> ...Food Pantry .....1:00PM*

*Saturday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> 12:30 ....Adoration Holy Eucharist  
4:00PM ...Mass ....church*

*NOTRE DAME ACADEMY'S OPEN HOUSE for prospective students will be held on Sunday, October 21st from 2-4pm. Students currently in fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade are encouraged to attend. Pre-registration is encouraged for the Open House. If you are interested in attending NDA's Open House or spending an academic day at NDA, please contact their Office of Admissions at 508-757-200, Ext. 229 or email admissions@nda-worc.org. NDA is the only Catholic private and independent college preparatory school for young girls in grades 7-12 in Central Massachusetts.*

***MINI Retreat for WOMEN***  
*The Commission for Women of the Diocese of Worcester invites Catholic women for a Mini-Retreat for Women on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's Parish Hall, Main Street, Shrewsbury, MA. The day will begin with Mass at 8:30AM, followed by registration and coffee/pastries. Lunch will be included with the \$15 offering. The program will conclude at 1:30PM. Our facilitator will be Jaymie Stuart Wolfe, a featured speaker at numerous events, conferences and retreats throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. The registration fee can be mailed to Pamela Ashmankas, 5 Millbury Terrace, Millbury, MA 01527 by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Please make checks to: Commission of Women. For more information:  
[www.worcesterdiocese.org/commission-for-women](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org/commission-for-women).*

***Fall DAY of PRAYER for women***  
*Sponsored by the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Convent at 99 Church St. Leominster) Saturday, October 6, 2018.  
Presenter: St. Charlene O'Leary, PBVM  
The day will begin at 9:30AM and will end at 3:00PM. Free will offerings are accepted. There will be an opportunity for quiet reflection and sharing. Lunch will be included. In an effort to assist those less fortunate, we invite participant to donate a can of food for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. To register please contact: Sr. Mary Ann Seliga (978) 537 – 7108 or Sr. Maureen Hickery (978) 790 – 0056.*

**La santa Cruz es un signo que nos libera**

El Evangelio de hoy nos habla dramáticamente de la Cruz del Señor Jesucristo. En el evangelio, Cristo nos habla por primera vez de su sufrimiento y su muerte en la cruz. Los discípulos parecen no escuchar o no querer aceptar lo que el Señor está diciendo. El Señor Jesucristo les dice a sus discípulos que tomar la cruz es el medio por el cual tendrán vida. Es posible que se hayan quedado con la pregunta:



¿qué significado tiene seguir al Salvador, al Mesías, cuya victoria viene solo a través de la cruz?

Este evangelio que hace referencia a la cruz se vuelve importante para nosotros porque, como discípulos del Señor, escuchamos que de algún modo la cruz está en el centro de aquellos que siguen al Señor Jesucristo. Ser cristiano, ser un discípulo del Señor, de alguna manera también nos conecta con la cruz. ¿Pero cómo? ¿Qué significa que debemos llevar nuestra cruz?

En el curso de la historia cristiana, ha habido muchas interpretaciones de lo que significa la cruz para aquellos que siguen al Señor. Algunas personas han afirmado que la imitación perfecta de la cruz del Señor sería dar la vida por el Señor Jesucristo derramando la sangre para ser un mártir. Hay otros que dicen que llevar la cruz significa que debemos asumir la abnegación, el ayuno y las penitencias rigurosas. Otros dicen que la perfección espiritual radica en derramar la sangre hasta el sufrimiento. Aún otros dicen que tomar la cruz en la vida es aceptar y ofrecer las tragedias y los sufrimientos de la vida como si fuera la voluntad de Dios.

De acuerdo con el evangelio de San Marcos, podemos obtener dos ideas concretas sobre el significado de la cruz. En primer lugar, la cruz significa un riesgo, es decir, seguir al Señor Jesucristo nos costará algo. Eso es lo que los discípulos no entendieron del todo, como lo demuestran sus palabras sobre la gloria, los lugares de honor y de ser el primero. En segundo lugar, la cruz significa el servicio más humilde que podamos imaginar hacia nuestros hermanos y hermanas. Eso significa estar dispuesto a abrazar a los que parecen no contar para nada a los ojos del mundo. Eso es lo que parece que extrañamos cuando nos aislamos de no tener contacto con quienes están al margen de la sociedad. Como discípulos del Señor Jesucristo, aceptamos la cruz cuando estamos dispuestos a arriesgar algo de nosotros mismos para seguir los valores e ideales del Señor Jesucristo. Es llevando la cruz cuando estamos dispuestos a alcanzar a otro para ayudar a soportar las cargas, las tragedias y las heridas de la vida. Es aceptando la cruz de Cristo que damos vida, es decir, que hemos nacido para la vida eterna.

**RICA..**

**Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos que están necesitando los Sacramentos de: Bautismo, Confirmación, Primera Comunión**  
 Estos Sacramentos se conocen como **Sacramentos de Iniciación Cristiana.**  
 Pregunta a Padre Ortiz para tomar las debidas clases.

**MISA de SANACION**  
**Martes, 18 de SEPTIEMBRE**  
**6:00PM** en la Iglesia



Todos los **TERCEROS MARTES de CADA MES**, tendremos la **SANTA MISA de SANACION....** Invita tu familia y amigos, vecinos. Es muy necesario **CREER** que el Señor nos sana.

**SEMINARIO VIDA en e ESPIRITU en St. Francis**

Sábado, Septiembre 22 y Domingo, Septiembre 23  
 Donación: \$25.00 .....Hall St. Francis  
 Información: Isabel Becerril / María Andino/Anibal e Ivy González / Sonia & Roberto Arévalo  
 El Seminario comenzara: sábado, Sept. 22 a las 8:00AM  
 Espacio Limitado. Pregunte a cualquiera de las personas que componen el equipo del Círculo de Oración. ¡Gracias!!

**Preparando NOVENA y FIESTA a Nuestra Señora de la Divina Providencia**  
 Reunión: Lunes 1de Octubre en el Centro  
 Contacto: Awilda , Maribel, Mery,

**RETIRO para MATRIMONIOS**

Sábado 27 de Octubre en el Hall de Saint Francis  
 Comenzando a las 9:00AM  
 Favor de inscribirse con tiempo.....  
 Contacto: Eddie & Maribel



**LECTURAS BIBLICAS de la SEMANA**

**Lunes, 17 /Septiembre Monday, Sept. 17**  
 1 Corintios // 1 Corinthians 11: 17 - 33 Salmo//Psalm 40  
 San Lucas // Luke 7: 1 – 10

**Martes, 18 // Septiembre Tuesday, Sept. 18**  
 1 Corintios // 1 Corinthians 12: 12 – 31 Salmo//Psalm 100  
 San Lucas // Luke 7: 11 - 17

**Miércoles 19// Septiembre Wednesday, Sept. 19**  
 1 Corintios // 1 Corinthians 12: 31 13:13 Salmo//Psalm 33  
 San Lucas // Luke 7: 31 - 35

**Jueves, 20 //Septiembre Thursday, Sept. 20**  
 1 Corintios // 1 Corinthians 15:1 - 11 Salmo//Psalm 118  
 San Lucas // Luke 7: 36 µ 50

**Viernes, 21 // Septiembre Friday, Sept. 21**  
 Efesios // Ephesians 4: 1 - 13 Salmo//Psalm 19  
 San Lucas // Luke 9: 9 µ 13

**Sábado, 22//Septiembre Saturday, September 22**  
 1 Corintios // 1 Corinthians 15: 35 – 49 Salmo//Psalm 56  
 San Lucas // Luke 8: 4 – 15

**Domingo 23 //Septiembre...Domingo 25 Tiempo Ord. Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Time, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
 Sabiduría // Wisdom 2: 12 - 20  
 Salmo //Psalm 54  
 Santiago // Santiago 3: 16 – 4: 3  
 San Marcos // Mark 9: 30 – 37

**ATENCION: CLASES para BAUTISMO**  
**Para Padres y Padrinos SABADO, Octubre 6**  
**1:00PM (Centro)**

**CATECISMO**

**DOMINGO, 16 // Septiembre**  
**de 10:00AM a 11:00PM**



Registraciones, visita a los salones, capilla, oficina.  
 Todos los padres o abuelos están invitados a visitarnos

La Tiendita....Abierta todos los domingos después de la Santa Misa. Pregunte por Isabel.

**CANDIDATOS a CONFIRMACION**

La Misa de Confirmacion con el Obispo Roberto McManus sera el **LUNES, 15 de Octubre a las 7:00PM** en la Iglesia St. Francis.



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