ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT/ADORACIÓN AL SANTÍSIMO:
♦ Fridays/ Viernes 10:00am to 3:00pm with the Divine Mercy Chaplet/ Incluye el Rosario de la Misericordia.

Sacred & Immaculate Hearts devotion & Bilingual Healing Mass/ Devoción al Sagrado y al Inmaculado Corazón & Misa de sanación bilingüe: 1st Saturday/1er Sábado: 9:00am.

Holy Rosary/Santo Rosario: Monday to Thursday (Lunes a Jueves) 8:30am English.

Novena to the Miraculous Medal/Novena a la Medalla Milagrosa: Wednesday/Miércoles 9:30am English.

Divine Mercy Chaplet/Rosario a la Divina Misericordia: Thursday/Jueves 9:30am English

Prayer Line, Mass Intentions & Mass Cards/ Línea de Oración, Intención de la Misa & Tarjetas de Misa: Please call the office or visit us with the prayer request/ Llama a la oficina o visitanos para anotar tu intención.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome! Akwaaba! If you are new to our Parish, please introduce yourself after Mass to a member of our staff, so we may better serve you. You can also register online.
NUEVOS PARROQUIANOS: ¡Bienvenidos!: Si eres nuevo en nuestra parroquia, por favor presentate con uno de los miembros de nuestro staff para poder servirte mejor. Puedes registrarte en la página web de la parroquia.
Sunday/Domingo February 16th
10:00am + Rose Sands 2 months anniv.
12:00am + Leonidas Ventura 4th anniv. 
+ Ramona A. Sosa

Monday/Lunes February 17th
9:00am + Maura Horgan

Please consider calling our office for a Mass Intention for your needs, for your loved ones, and for the faithful departed. It is our Christian duty and privilege to offer sacrifices for ourselves and for others (living and dead).

VIGIL CANDLE
In Memory of Rose A. Sands
Longtime active member of the Choir

READINGS IN THE “RITUAL SONG”

Cycle A The reading for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time is number 1209

What’s Going On!
Saturday/Sábado: February 15th
• 10am-12pm Ghanian CCD - Hall
• 9-4pm Basketball Game-ARC

Sunday/ Domingo: February 16th

No Religious Education Class

Monday/Lunes: February 17th
OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
• 6-8pm Ghanian Charismatic gr. Church
• 6:30-7:45pm Reunión De Matrimonios-Hall
• 6-8pm Basketball-ARC

Tuesday/Martes: February 18th
• 10:00am: Al Anon-Hall
• 5-7pm: Food Pantry
• 6-8pm Basketball-ARC
• 7-8:30pm JUAN XX111-Hall

Wednesday/Miércoles: February 19th
• 5-7pm Food Pantry
• 5-9pm Basketball-ARC
• 7-9pm Ghanian Comm Prayer Gr- Church

Thursday/Jueves: February 20th
• 9:30am Cleaning the Church
• 7pm KOC Meeting-Hall
• 5-7pm Basketball-ARC
• 7pm Volleyball-ARC

Friday/Viernes: February 21st
• 5-9pm Basketball Game-ARC
• 6:30-8:30pm Seminario Vida en el Espiritu-Hall

Saturday/Sábado: February 22nd
• 10am-12pm Ghanian CCD – Hall
• 11-5pm Ghanaian meeting-BWR
• 9-4pm Basketball Game-ARC
• Mardi Grass-ARC
THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA
February 20, 2020

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
For more than a half century, the Collection for the Church in Latin America has been a sign of the solidarity of the Church in the United States with the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean. The distance in rural areas and deteriorated roads make it difficult for some communities to have Mass regularly. Language barriers and lack of resources make catechetical materials difficult to produce.

Social justice issues are a constant challenge to living a life in faithful witness to our faith. For example, human captivity remains a real challenge throughout Latin America. Human trafficking in Brazil, for example, is a serious problem that takes numerous forms: forced rural labor that amounts to modern-day slavery, trafficking to support prostitution, and forced marriages. The Church in Brazil is addressing this challenge by training leaders to publicize and denounce trafficking practices and to work with all levels of government to combat human trafficking. By supporting the Collection for the Church in Latin America, you are helping Brazilians fulfill their Gospel call to protect the vulnerable, defend human life and dignity, and address the causes of human trafficking throughout the country.

The Collection for the Church in Latin America empowers the faithful of Latin America and the Caribbean to deepen their faith and share it with each other and the world. A significant portion of this collection is also used to assist in the ongoing efforts of our own Diocesan Hispanic Ministry, which serves the large number of Hispanic and Latino Catholics who are now in the Diocese of Worcester. It is gratifying to see the life of faith flourishing in these parish communities as their faith life enriches us all.

I encourage you to respond to the theme to “Share your Faith” by supporting the special Collection for the Church in Latin America when your parish takes up the collection. Please be assured of my appreciation for your generous response.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester
The Flu and the Liturgy

Each year, with the arrival of the flu season, your pastor is concerned with limiting the transmission of pathogens, particularly at Mass. These questions and answers have been developed by the Office for Worship of the Diocese of Worcester and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Additional information on influenza outbreaks is available from www.CDC.gov/flu.

1. What is influenza (also called “the flu”)?
The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that infect the nose, throat, and lungs. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. The best way to prevent the flu is by getting a flu vaccine each year.

2. How flu spreads
Most experts believe that flu viruses spread mainly by droplets made when people with flu cough, sneeze or talk. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby. Less often, a person might also get flu by touching a surface or object that has flu virus on it and then touching their own mouth, eyes or nose.

3. Period of contagiousness
You may be able to pass on the flu to someone else before you know you are sick, as well as while you are sick. Most healthy adults may be able to infect others from 1 day before symptoms develop and up to 5 to 7 days after becoming sick. Some people, especially young children and people with weakened immune systems, might be able to infect others for a longer time.

4. Preventing seasonal flu: Get vaccinated
The single best way to prevent the flu is to get a flu vaccine each season... About two weeks after vaccination, antibodies develop that protect against influenza virus infection. Flu vaccines will not protect against flu-like illnesses caused by non-influenza viruses. The seasonal flu vaccine protects against the three influenza viruses that research suggests will be most common.

5. If I am sick with the flu, am I obliged to go to Mass?
No. Those who are seriously ill or contagious with the flu should stay at home, lest they pass the flu on to others. Such an illness is a legitimate reason to miss Mass and they are not under an obligation to attend.

6. What else should individuals keep in mind?
Individuals who are feeling unwell or believe they may be will with diseases which are communicable, such as a cold or the flu, are well advised to refrain from receiving the Precious Blood as their saliva could transmit the pathogen to their fellow communicants. In such circumstances, communicants should carefully consider receiving Holy Communion under the form of bread alone. Those who are not feeling well should refrain from receiving from the chalice, and should receive Holy Communion under the form of bread alone to avoid transmitting any illness.

7. What about the distribution of Communion under both kinds?
Holy Communion distributed under both the species of bread and wine is recommended by the Roman Missal as “a more complete form as a sign” (GIRM no. 281). When considering the distribution of Holy Communion, however, it should also be borne in mind that even when Holy Communion is distributed under the form of bread alone, the communicant still receives the Lord entirely, in his Body, Blood, soul and divinity. There are, indeed, circumstances when Communion under both kinds is not the best choice.

8. What could Pastors do?
Pastors should remind all ministers of Holy Communion, ordinary and extraordinary, to practice good hygiene, washing their hands before Mass begins. The use of alcohol-based anti-bacterial solutions before and after the distribution of Holy Communion has also been recommended. During a particularly virulent outbreak of influenza, the pastor might choose to suspend the exchange of peace1 or suspend the distribution of Holy Communion under both kinds until the outbreak has abated.

1 A major means of transmission of the flu and colds is by hand. Either by sneezing or coughing upon our hands, or even touching a surface which has been contaminated by the saliva of others pathogens can be passed to others, especially by shaking their hands (with which they subsequently touch their eyes or mouth, etc.).
February 26
7:30AM Mass & Ashes
9:00AM Mass & Ashes
3:00PM Mass & Ashes at Worcester Rehab
6:00PM Bilingual Mass & Ashes

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
BILINGUAL
EVERY FRIDAY OF LENT
AT 6:30pm
in the Church.

Food Pantry announcement
Starting on March 3rd 2020 Food Pantry hours will change to 5pm-6:30pm on Tuesdays & Wednesdays. Also, they are looking for volunteers to help on Tuesdays. If school is cancelled or delayed because of the weather, the food pantry will be closed.

Items needed for this month:
tuna, jelly, peanut butter, spaghettis and rice. Thank you for your help and support for our Food Pantry.

Saturday February 22 is the Mardi Gras party- at the ARC.
The Cost is $15. This activity is sponsored by the Diocesan Hispanic Ministry led by Father Hugo. All are welcome. If you would like to buy a ticket call the rectory.
Graduate theology courses at Anna Maria College

Anna Maria College is offering two graduate theology courses in the spring and early summer of 2020. Fr. David Cotter is teaching a 3-credit course on Old Testament Prophets on Thursday evenings, from April 16 to June 25. Dr. Lisa Gulino is teaching a 3-credit course on Theology of Pastoral Ministry on Tuesday evenings from April 14 to June 23. Tuition (with diocesan discount) is $1170 per course (diocesan school employees are eligible for an additional discount). Audit fees are $345 per course. For more information, please email mtumeinski@annamaria.edu.

Save the Date: Ordinations

The ordination to the transitional diaconate is schedule for Saturday, June 6 at 10 am.

Prayer for Priests

Join your local National Pastoral Musicians (NPM) Chapter in praying for our priests on Monday, March 9 with Mass at 5:30 pm at Christ the King Parish, 1052 Pleasant St., Worcester. We will join together in word and song for Liturgy, and enjoy fellowship with our parish priests. Light refreshments served after the Mass.

Knights of Columbus Invite everyone to our Second Annual Irish Festival at The ARC 570 Lincoln Street, Worcester, MA

Saturday: February 29, 2020

(snow date Sunday March 1)
1:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Music By The Fighting Donovans Irish & Menu all day

Grey Corned Beef Dinner
Corned beef, Cabbage, potatoes, carrots
Corned beef sandwich, Chips
Hotdogs, Hamburgers
Beer, Wine, Soda, Water

Admission: $5 no food included; sandwiches can be purchased separately $15 in advance including dinner. Tickets will be sold after all Masses.

Recycling of Prayer Books so that Others Could Pray

Annunciation Parish in Gardner is looking for a number of copies of Shorter Christian Prayer (from Catholic Book Publishing, Co.) that other parishes communities might want to donate if they are not using them or offer them for a donation. Annunciation Parish likes to promote the recitation of the Liturgy of the Hours among the laity during certain periods of the year. Its very much appreciated if any parish is looking to dispose of some of those prayer books. That helps greatly in terms of saving the environment through the good practice of recycling, cutting down photocopying and avoid buying new books when these books are not being used elsewhere. Contact Fr. Miguel Pagan at the parish or email mpagan655@outlook.com.
Christian Initiation / Iniciación Cristiana:

♦ Infant Baptism: Baptismal instruction is by appointment. Parents should call the rectory during office hours and request an initial interview before the Baptismal instruction. Baptism in English is the 2nd Saturday of the month at 2:00pm or within Mass. During Advent and Lent there are no baptisms.

♦ Bautismo de niños: Los padres deben llamar a la oficina para hacer una cita durante los horarios establecidos antes de tener la charla pre-bautismal. Los bautizos se realizan el 3er sábado del mes a las 2:00pm, o durante la Misa hispana.

♦ Adults: The RCIA is an ongoing process designed to meet individual needs in the process of entering the discipleship of Christ. Adults should call the parish to inquire.

♦ Adultos: RICA es un proceso diseñado de acuerdo con las necesidades del individuo en el proceso de convertirse en discípulo de Cristo. Adultos deben llamar la oficina para registrarse.

♦ First Communion / First Penance: Yearly process of catechesis. Call the office for registration or register online. Children must be in 3rd grade of school.

♦ Primera comunión / Primera Confesión: Proceso anual de catequesis. Llamar a la oficina para registrarse o hacerlo online. Los niños deben estar en 3er grado de escuela.

♦ Confirmation: Two-year process. Pre-Confirmation for youth in 9th grade. Confirmation for youth in 10th to 12th grades. Call the office for registration or register online.

♦ Confirmación: Proceso de dos años. Pre-Confirmación para jóvenes en 9º grado. Confirmación para jóvenes en 10º a 12º grado. Llamar a la oficina para registrarse o hacerlo online.

Sacraments of Healing / Sacramento de Sanación:

♦ Penance: Every Saturday at Church from 3:15pm to 4:15pm or by appointment.

♦ Confesión: Todos los sábados de 3:15pm a 4:15pm o por cita.

♦ Sacrament of the Sick: Please let us know if you or anyone in the parish is hospitalized, homebound, or in a nursing home and needs communion, confession or to be anointed. Communion is given weekly.

♦ Sacramento de los Enfermos: Llámenos y déjenos saber si usted o alguien de nuestra parroquia está hospitalizado, enfermo en casa, o en una casa de recuperación y necesita la comunión, confesión o la Unción de los enfermos. La Comunión se lleva semanalmente.

Sacraments of Service / Sacramentos de Servicio:

♦ Matrimony: Couples should contact the pastor a year prior to the desired date of the wedding.

♦ Matrimonio: Las parejas deben contactar al párroco con un año de anticipación de la fecha deseada para la boda.

♦ Holy Orders and Religious Life: If you or someone you may know is considering a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, please contact one of the priests of the vocation office www.worcestervocations.com or the Diocesan vocation director at 508-340-5788.

♦ Orden Sacerdotal y Vida Consagrada: Si tu o alguien que conoces está considerando ser sacerdote, diácono o religioso consagrado, por favor contacte a uno de los sacerdotes de la oficina de vocaciones de la Diócesis www.worcestervocations.com o al director vocacional diocesano al 508-340-5788
In Rememberance of Samantha Josephson

What’s My Name?

The #WHATSMYNAME Movement asks everyone to simply ask drivers “What’s my name?” before entering their vehicle to make sure it is the car they are supposed to enter.

#WHATSMYNAME

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