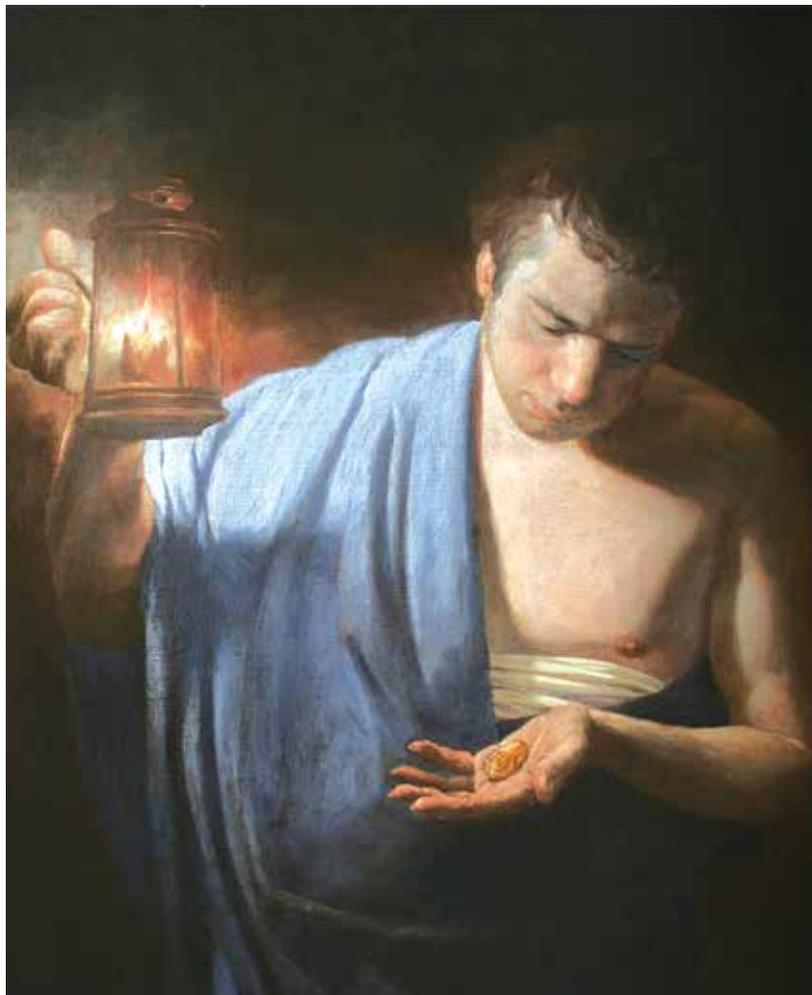


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33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Well done, my good and
faithful servant.”
– Mt 25:21

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MASS Schedule

Saturday Afternoon: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday Morning: 9:00 a.m.
Weekdays (Mon-Thurs): 9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday afternoon 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
or call the Rectory for an appointment

Chaplet of Divine Mercy & Rosary

Prayed in the Church every Friday
afternoon from 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Rectory to schedule
preparation and dates with Father Jack

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples should make arrangements
with Father Jack at the earliest
opportunity (ideally one year prior)
to ensure availability of the Priest,
Church, and Staff, and to allow time for
preparation meetings

MASS INTENTIONS

November 15th, 2020

Saturday, November 14th

4:30 p.m. Gene Moore - req. by Rita Smith

Sunday, November 15th - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Jonathan Shedd (birthday remembrance)
req. by Kathleen Dunn

FATHER JACK WILL BE ON VACATION THIS WEEK

Monday, November 16th

9:00 a.m. NO MASS

Tuesday, November 17th

9:00 a.m. NO MASS

Wednesday, November 18th

9:00 a.m. NO MASS

Thursday, November 19th

9:00 a.m. NO MASS

Friday, November 20th

NO MASS

Saturday, November 21st

4:30 p.m. Bernadette Baniukiewicz
(wedding anniv.) req. by her husband
Deacon Joseph Baniukiewicz, Sr.

Sunday, November 22nd

9:00 a.m. John (35th anniv.) Gloria (23rd anniv.)
Martin req. by son/daughter-in-law, Paul
& Eileen Martin

2020 MASS Book

Weekend and weekday MASSES can be scheduled on a 'first-reserve'/'no-limit' basis for your living and deceased personal intentions; mark any 'anniversary death dates' if you want them to be listed here. - **ALL WEEKDAYS AND WEEKENDS FOR 2020 HAVE BEEN RESERVED - Next available weekend dates are: February 13/14th onward.**

Church Flowers

Flower donations from your backyard gardens, supermarket floral departments and florists are most welcome to add beauty to the High Altar, statues of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, Saint Jude Thaddeus, and Saint Aloysius Gonzaga. Bring your flowers to the Church Saturday afternoon after 1:00pm.

Fr. Jack will arrange them and later return your 'marked vases' during the weekend MASSES

Offertory Collections

October 31st/November 1st, 2020

Weekly Offertory - **\$3,412.00 THANK YOU!**
Campaign for Human Development (1) - **\$10.00**

All Saints Day (5) - **\$45.00**

World Mission Sunday (1) - **\$100.00**

Haiti - **\$187.00** (includes one yearly \$120.00 donation)

Bank Deposit - \$3,754.00

Weekly minimum 'Offertory' budget amount \$2,500

MANY THANKS to everyone (85%) donating according to their 'financial blessings' and in '2020 dollar costs'.

Realistic weekly donation amounts:

\$20.00-\$25.00 (married couples) \$15.00-\$20.00 (single, working) \$10.00-\$15.00 (retired couples) \$5.00-\$10.00 (single, retired)

Christmas MASSES

Thursday December 24 - Christmas Eve

@ 4:30pm & *8:00pm *time change from 10:00pm

Friday December 25 - Christmas Day @ 9:00am

Ladies Guild

Next meeting - Wednesday, November 18th @ 7:00pm
Cookbook available for purchase @\$15.00 by using the forms at both Church doorways.

Annual Thanks Giving Basket Raffle + \$100.00 Gift Card
Tickets on sale. November 7-22, drawing November 22

Parish Council/Finance Committee

Members for 2020-2022 are: Leona Anderson, Richard Cehon, Robert Coleman, Leonard Harmon, Lucille Jacques, Robert Kennedy, Father Jack Lizewski, Kevin Mathieu (Staff), Christopher Shevchuk.

Nanny Needed

Craig Street (Rochdale) on Monday & Friday Mornings from 8:30am-12:30pm (flexible) to play with 2yr. old (both days) and 5yr. old (Fridays only) while mom works at home. Contact Alessandra LaTour @ 508-826-7906 or ALaTour@live.com

Legacy of Hope

Diocese of Worcester fundraising campaign (2019-2023); kindly make your check/credit card payable to "Legacy of Hope" and NOT Saint Aloysius-Saint Jude Parish. Our assigned is \$187,143.00 - current donations/pledges: 52 @ \$102,772.00 - 40% of all money donated remains in this Parish. Two refund checks from the Diocese to the Parish **totaled: \$23,433.00.**

Church/Parish Hall Boiler Replacement

\$12,000.00 cost

Money will have to be withdrawn from our Parish savings account with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Worcester, MA. Will be installed the week of Nov. 23.

Scripture Questions of the Week

First Reading: Our Jewish sage describes a model household that is governed by a wife's wisdom. What do you find appealing in this portrayal?

Second Reading: Paul speaks of the unknown day upon which Christ will return as coming "like a thief in the night" and as the inescapable "labor pains" of a woman about to give birth. Why do you think Paul uses such jarring imagery?

Gospel: In his parable of the talents, Jesus teaches about the importance of using our God-given gifts faithfully and prudently. What would be a natural gift you have used well in your life?

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Gospel Meditation

November 15, 2020

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

God gives us the gift of His very self and asks us to invest it. Investing God's greatest gift of Himself wisely, allows God's kingdom to grow and flourish. God trusts us with this pearl of great price in hopes that it will produce abundant fruit. While God's gift of self is realized in the gifts of faith, hope, and love, they are not meant to be solely for personal benefit. They are intended to be shared and are at the heart of Jesus' blueprint for happiness, the Beatitudes.

When we properly invest God's greatest gift, His most treasured possession, we invest in the wellbeing of all of our brothers and sisters and the world in which we live. We take up most seriously our call to be stewards and properly manage, not only our own affairs, but the affairs of those around and before us. God has put tremendous confidence in us. Do we have that same confidence in God?

We often go the extra mile and put in the additional effort when it comes to those concerns closest to us: our families, friends, careers, home and securities. But when it comes to things that are not as close to us, we can become lax and less conscientious. Tending to God's treasure requires a great deal of focus and persistent hard work. It demands that I see the bigger picture, God's picture, in which self-sacrifice is a given as we labor for the establishment of God's kingdom, God's vision. Fear and a lack of trust can loom large, however. We are afraid of letting go of what is "mine"

and apprehensive of jeopardizing what we have in order to venture into something bigger and more promising.

Fear and a lack of trust serve no purpose in God's kingdom. They benefit neither the person nor God. What is required is a courageous resolve that produces the fortitude necessary to stay the course and do what God is asking. Doing all in our power to cultivate the seeds of faith, hope, and love in our world, working diligently to put all of our relationships in proper order, becoming attentive to systems and ideologies that hurt and oppress people, being mindful of injustice, and laboring on behalf of the poor and the needy are at the core of what each of us is asked to do. It is how we invest God's most precious gift wisely. If persistent, alert and attentive, then life will gradually improve around us, there will be greater peace and we will experience joy.

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Everyday Stewardship - Recognize GOD in Your Ordinary Moments

Buried in Your Backyard

I remember watching a television show about a high school that dug up a time capsule that students had buried 25 years earlier. They had buried it with the purpose of showing others many years later the trends of the day and how student life was at that time. It was a fun exercise and everyone — the current students as well as those now grown — laughed at the clothing styles, corny photos, and lack of technology from years ago.

I wonder how the former students felt about how they had grown in those 25 years. How many of them realized their high school dreams? Did they find their purpose in this world and feel fulfilled in life? Did they use the talents and gifts God gave them to really make a difference in the world?

We have all been given talents and gifts by God to be cultivated and offered back to Him and those around us for His glory. As time has passed, hopefully we have taken seriously our stewardship of these gifts. But sometimes out of fear, misunderstanding, or even apathy, we have taken one or more of our gifts and buried them, hiding them away from others and stifling all growth. This is no way to honor God and certainly not a path to fulfillment in life. If we have anything buried in our backyard, we might do well to dig it back up, clean it up, and begin building upon it. Like a time capsule, those things will not be buried forever. One day the giver of that gift will ask what you have done with it. When that day comes, I pray you don't need to find a shovel.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

Live the Liturgy - Inspiration For the Week

God has entrusted his possessions to us. God's possessions are not earthly, physical things like ours: a home, bank account, personal items, and so forth. God's possessions are far greater and deeper. God's greatest possession is His very Self and it is precisely this pearl of great price that He bestows freely upon us. What are we going to do with it? Nourishing the fruits of wisdom is of the first order in determining how we are going to use what God have given. Understanding that His gift has not been given purely for our self-benefit is another. Wisdom asks us to broaden our horizons to embrace all avenues of human life, including the needs of the poor, the marginalized, and the needy. Manifested primarily in the virtues of faith, hope, and love, what God has entrusted to us can multiply exponentially if we invest His gift wisely and reap the greatest benefits. While it requires a great deal of focus and persistent hard work, we will experience tremendous joy when we realize just how much confidence God has in us. Not acting on something out of fear or lack of trust serves no purpose and is of no use to either God or ourselves. ©LPI



Why do We do That? - Catholic Life Explained

Question: The Bible says that Jesus condemned gambling, but I notice that so many parishes have them at festivals and other events. What's correct?

Answer: Although Jesus speaks of our relationship with material wealth and the very human struggle with greed, the gospels do not include any specific instructions related to gambling. At the same time, the Church is very sensitive to the needs of those who might struggle with an addiction to gambling, and pastoral care should always be offered to those who struggle with this reality in their life.

While it is true that many parish or school communities include gambling or games of chance in festivals and fundraisers (e.g. bingo, roulette, ring tossing, dunking booths, etc.), there is nothing inherently wrong these sorts of events, given they are played fairly and within the limits of reason are not morally objectionable. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us: "Games of chance (card games, etc.) or wagers are not in themselves contrary to justice. They become morally unacceptable when they deprive someone of what is necessary to provide for his needs and those of others" (no. 2413).

As in all things, moderation and a sense of healthy limits should be applied to gambling and games of chance. For those who find themselves living with addiction to gambling, help is available in various 12-step and addiction recovery programs.. ©LPI

Our Lady of Hope

Clean, decent clothing as well as soda/beer cans/ bottles in clan trash bags can be placed on the inside left area of the rectory garage to be brought to Urban Missionaries on a weekly basis. Contact Parishioners Mary & Al O'Leary @ (508) 892-4135 and Ellin Clifford @ (508) 892-5661 for more details.

Nov.15 - Mary & Al O'Leary

Nov. 22 - Raymond Raboin

Empty Cupboard Program

Non-perishable food items are always needed to support those less fortunate at 'Jeremiah's Inn', Worcester. Two wicker baskets in the back of the church are for this purpose. Kindly contact Parishioner, Margaret Shivick @ (508) 892-4517 for more details or to become a member of this outreach service.

Nov. 15 - Margaret Shivick

Nov. 22 - Christina & Joe Roberts