

# Saint Aloysius - Saint Jude Parish

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## 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times."  
- Mt 18:21-22

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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 & Stations

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

September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**

**4:30 p.m.** Stasia Hammond (22nd anniv.)  
Req. by Richard and Patricia Hammond

**Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:00 a.m.** Margaret Driscoll (1 1/2 years)  
Req. by her daughter, Eileen & Paul Martin

**Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> Triumph of the Holy Cross**

**9:00 a.m.** Helen Lizewski (11th anniv.) offered by  
her son. Father Jack Lizewski

**Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of Sorrows**

**9:00 a.m.** Weekly MASS for our deceased loved  
ones & Parishioners

**Wednesday September 16<sup>th</sup> Saints Cornelius & Cyprian, Martyrs**

**9:00 a.m.** Weekly MASS for our living loved ones &  
Parishioners

**Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 a.m.** Monthly MASS for our Nation and the  
World

**Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**

**NO MASS**

**Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**

**4:30 p.m.** Gloria Rivard (17th anniv.) Req. by Jill &  
David Dupuis

**Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 a.m.** Margaret Driscoll (1 1/2 years)  
Req. by her daughter, Eileen & Paul 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.

### 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: 49 @ \$102,662.00 - 40% of all money donated remains in this Parish. The first 'return to Parish' check was received during late July **totaling: \$21,581.96** and will be applied to Parish bills that were paid during 'COVID-19' lockdown (mid-March/late May) when financial donations dropped low.

## Offertory Collections

September 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Weekly Offertory - **\$2,995.00 THANK YOU!**

Assumption of Mary Holy Day - (1) \$5.00

Fall Appeal for Catholic Schools - (1) \$20.00

Monthly Collection for Haiti - \$63.00

**Bank Deposit - \$3083.00**

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

**VERY MANY THANKS** to everyone (about 50%) who did not forget their Parish financial support donations since the COVID-19 health challenge.

### 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. \*Parish Financial Advisor, James Archibald is preparing the annual Parish financial report.

### 2020 Worcester Diocesan Directory

Are available on the tables at both Church doorways

### 2020 Partners in Charity Appeal

Our assigned Parish goal: **\$31,400.00**

Donated/pledged: **\$31,780.00**

**'VERY MANY THANKS'** to everyone who helped our Worcester Diocese with their generous donations this year!

### 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

### Parish Hall Update

Painting is Completed & new flooring, tables, chairs, and finishing touches will be coming soon. **Check-it-out!**

## **IMPORTANT REMINDER!!!**

### **'Jeremiah's Inn' and 'Our Lady of Hope' (Worcester) are 'back-in-business' In spite of the 'COVID-19 VIRUS'**

the volunteer/am/lies should contact Margaret Shivick ('Jeremiah's Inn') and Ellin Clifford ('Our Lady of Hope') if they are unable or unwilling to bring any donations during their assigned weekends (check your schedules); ltopef11lly, these two outreach efforts can continue in this Parish.

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

**Wednesday, September 16th @ 6:30 p.m.**

Bring your needles (or hooks) and yarn!

### **Ladies Guild**

**Wednesday, October 14th @ 7:00pm**

to discuss 'Thanksgiving Raffle Baskets' and November 'Bake Sale' -'Hostesses' needed for March and April, 2021 meetings. **Last call on recipes.** Cutoff date is September 30th. There will be one available to look at the night of the meeting. **Pre-orders will begin October 19th** and they will available to purchase during the Thanksgiving Raffle. Recipes can either be mailed to the Rectory or sent to: Jill Dupuis, 11 Paxton Road, Spencer, MA 01561 or e-mailed to: jilliebean0524@gmail.com

### **Gospel Meditation**

**September 13, 2020**

**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

What right do we have to limit the amount and degree of forgiveness we show to others when we are so desperately in need of it ourselves? In not wanting someone who hurt us to downplay or forget the gravity of their wrong, we cling to anger, resentment, and wrath as a way of maintaining control. It is a way to acknowledge and express our deep hurt. We fail to realize that in doing so we hold ourselves hostage to these destructive feelings and actually become mired in the bondage of sin. All we gain is further alienation from ourselves, others, and especially God. We are no longer free but tethered to all of this unresolved negativity. Don't we really want to let it go? The fact is that we need to.

A good self-reflective posture will quickly show us that when the shoe is on the other foot and we are the ones in need of forgiveness, we desire it above anything else. This is especially true with our relationship with God. It is hypocritical to want one thing for ourselves

and something else for another. Yet, many act in precisely this way.

Perhaps we think that in offering forgiveness, even for the most grievous of wrongs, somehow excuses the person of their wrong and makes it almost acceptable. This is what makes revenge, retaliation, and punishment so attractive. We see forgiveness as being an eraser that easily wipes away the offense without consequence. Or, we may believe that in offering forgiveness I must somehow forget the wrong and open myself as a victim of even greater possible hurts in the future. In fact, forgiving my sister or brother of their wrongful actions or attitudes involves none of this. It does not erase anything or position me vulnerably as a doormat to be walked on.

Forgiveness is an act of freedom that restores honest dialogue, shares true, and heartfelt feelings and acknowledges the consequences of an action. It admits that the wrong has caused a hurt that must be healed and squarely positions responsibility on the offender. The act of forgiveness recognizes our sinfulness and brokenness. It also admits that the most saintly among us is capable of doing very grave and deep harm to another person. It sees that we all can be victims of our passions and works in progress that deserve unlimited chances to get it right. With forgiveness, I release myself from the bonds of negativity and pursue a path of restoration, wholeness, and healing. I do not forget the wrong nor do I dismiss it. Sometimes, we have to stay far away from the one who hurt us. But we can still heal internally and be free.

For the one who wants to be forgiven and the one who needs offer forgiveness, the journey can be an adventure in learning what brought us to this place and what is needed to move forward. This is exactly how God treats us. Why would we not want to do the same for others?

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## **Everyday Stewardship - Recognize GOD in Your Ordinary Moments**

### ***Should I Stay or Should I Go?***

Life is not always easy on us and it can be hard to figure out the next step to take in our journey. We can even become immobilized by indecisiveness and fear about making the wrong move or choosing the incorrect path. I think of the song, *Should I Stay, or Should I Go*, as a mantra for many times in my life. Should I stay in this house, this job, or this car? Should I go here or there? When those times of decision surface, I usually turn to my wife, my friends, or even my children. Talking it out can help, and their perspectives give me more data to consider. When I lean on others to help me make a decision, it helps me become more confident in my choices.

Discerning the will of God is not easy either. Rarely do we understand God's calling clearly at first. God's calling is always more easily discerned within a community of faithful disciples. Our stewardship way of life can suffer greatly if we refuse to allow others to assist us in the process of discernment. What gifts or talents are needed for the task at hand? Where do I fit best into God's plan? Where is God leading me? No one should have to decide the answers to these questions alone. We need to always lean on the Body of Christ to help us see the path that God has laid before us. Without a little help along the journey, over time we might find ourselves stuck in the same place where we started.

– Tracy Earl Welliver

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## **Live the Liturgy - Inspiration For the Week**

Deciding to travel the challenging road of forgiveness is choosing a journey toward greater freedom. Resentment, anger, and clinging to past hurts not only keep open wounds that long for healing but bring us down paths that are eventually self-destructive. Harboring grudges and withholding forgiveness not only shut down relationships with others, but with God and myself as well. To choose to forgive another person, regardless of how grave the wrong, is a choice to be released from bondage to past wounds and scars and to pursue the gift of life and love again. Who among us has not wrong or sinned against another? We certainly would want God to understand, forgive, and show mercy upon us. It is hypocritical of us to not extend that same grace to our neighbor.

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## **Cremation and The Church**

**Question:** *Can Catholics be cremated?*

**Answer:** As the practice of cremation becomes more and more common, it's important to know what the Church asks of families who have chosen this for a loved one who has died.

As the US Bishops observe on their website, "Ideally, if a family chooses cremation, the cremation would take place some time after the Funeral Mass, so that there can be an opportunity for the Vigil for the Deceased in the presence of the body." However, if cremation takes place before the Funeral Mass, the cremated remains can be present at the Funeral Mass and the appendix to the Order of Christian Funerals provides adaptations for the texts and rituals that are part of the Funeral Mass and the Committal.

The primary concern is that the cremated remains should be treated with the same respect given to any human remains. The Order of Christian Funerals instructs, "This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, and the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition. The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains on the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires" (no. 417).

It is becoming more and more common for parishes or diocese-sponsored cemeteries to include columbaria to house cremated remains in a way that respects Church teaching, allowing family and friends the opportunity to honor the remains of the one they have lost with dignity, reverence, and care.

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## **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.

## **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.