

Saint Aloysius - Saint Jude Parish

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28TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

“Come to the feast.”
- Mt 22:4bc

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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

October 11th, 2020

Saturday, October 10th

4:30 p.m. Lorraine Barlow
Req. by Mary & Alfred O'Leary

Sunday, October 11th - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Alex Connoly (2nd anniv.)
Req. by the Morrissey & Cesaitis Families

Monday, October 12th

9:00 a.m. Rita (10th anniv.) & Roland (9th anniv.)
Req. by gheir Dauther, Ann Marcel

Tuesday, October 13th

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

Wednesday October 14th

9:00 a.m. Monthly MASS for the Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, October 15th Saint Teresa of Avila, nun

9:00 a.m. 'healing blessings' for Christopher Listro
Req. by Eileen & Paul Martin

Friday, October 16th

NO MASS

Saturday, October 17th

4:30 p.m. deceased members of the Rivard, Charon
& Dupuis families Req. by Jill and David Dupuis

Sunday, October 18th

9:00 a.m. Brian O'Connell (1st anniv.)
Req. by his cousin, Eleanor Menard

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 - January 30-31, 2021 Available.**

Parish Renovation Update

Painting is complete & **new tables and chairs** have arrived! New flooring and finishing touches will be coming soon. Our dedicated Parish Electrician Robert ('humble Bob') Smith, has completed the upgrade of the florescent lighting in the Hall and all outdoor lighting to **new 'low-energy' LED lamps** including a new light on the large front cross. **Overgrown** maple, ash, evergreen trees surrounding the Church/Rectory were trimmed and dead trees removed by 'Hayes Tree Service' (Brookfield) during September 22-23.

Offertory Collections

October 3rd/4th, 2020

Weekly Offertory - \$2,485.00 **THANK YOU!**

Haiti (October) - \$57.00

Bank Deposit - \$2,532.00

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

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

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

2020 Worcester Diocesan Directory

Are available on the tables at both Church doorways

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

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: 50 @ \$102,762.00 - 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.

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 to present at the November 4 meeting.

IMPORTANT REMINDER!!!

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

The volunteer families 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); Itopef11lly, these two outreach efforts can continue in this Parish.

Ladies Guild

Wednesday, October 14th @ 7:00pm

to discuss 'Thanksgiving Raffle Baskets' and November 'Bake Sale' -'Hostesses' needed for March and April, 2021 meetings. **A sample cookbook** will be available to look at the night of the meeting. **Cookbook -re-orders will begin October 19th (\$15.00)** (order form on-line and in church) and they will available to purchase during the Thanksgiving Raffle.

Saint Jude Novena

Sunday, October 25, 2:00-3:00pm

Eucharistic Exposition/Adoration, Homily, Litany Prayers to Saint Jude, Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, Benediction Blessing.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wednesday, October 21st @ 6:30 p.m.

If anyone would like a crocheted/knitted shawl/lap cover, call Barbara Masny @ 508-892-8012 for one already completed since last Summer.

Gospel Meditation

October 11, 2020

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

God gives us an invitation to have an abundant life. The banquet is ready, and the tables are set. Come! There is so much to attend to in the everydayness of our lives. We have plans, after all. There is never enough time and so much that needs to be done. There is work, children, and grandchildren, paying the bills, planning for retirement, figuring out the details of our next vacation, making sure we are on top of our game with work, planning social engagements, answering emails, texts, and getting our latest pictures on Facebook. There is always something. What is this about some banquet?

I need another party and commitment like a hole in the head. I can't manage what I already have, and someone is asking me to do more! Seriously? I saw the invitation; I think it came in the mail the other day. Did I leave it

on the table? Oh wait, it may have gotten thrown away. I can't remember. In any case, I'm managing things pretty well on my own, I think. Thanks for thinking of me, but no thanks. My life is only as good as I make it and I have to be sure that all is in order! Oh, another invitation came today! This guy's being persistent. Now, I'm getting angry. I wish he would just leave me alone and stop with this invitation nonsense.

I woke up feeling a bit unsettled this morning. The kids have left the house, the grandchildren are busy with their lives, my retirement fund is losing ground, I'm worried about my health, folks have moved away, and I find myself alone. I am unhappy. I remember getting an invitation some time ago to a banquet promising new life and life in abundance. Did I miss something? I think I may have. I am finally discovering that life is not about me and my world. I think I've ignored the God who made me and the God who is the reason for my life, my hope, and my joy. It's always been about me. I have not really discovered Eternal Love.

Is the invitation still open? Can I come to the banquet? I think I'd like to come.

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Live the Liturgy - Inspiration For the Week

Come to the feast! God calls us to participate in the banquet of life, a banquet that can fill and satisfy us like no other. It is a spiritual feast where we kind find inner refreshment and satisfy the thirst and hunger of our souls. Do you want to come? Every human being receives an invitation; no one is excluded. There is no charge and an abundant table is set. Some will blatantly refuse. They see no merit in attending and feel that they can fill their needs in other ways. Others will simply ignore the invitation. Maybe they are too consumed with other matters they feel are more important at the time. Still others may even get angry and feel deep resentment for even being asked, resorting to acts of violence in protest of the very presence of the feast. In spite of this, many will also come. They will be the good and the bad, the lost and the lonely, and the ones who understand. They know love when they see it. When they go to the feast, they will rejoice and be glad as they will have found the God for whom they looked!

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Everyday Stewardship - Recognize GOD in Your Ordinary Moments

Gifts Given to Share

Do you remember a time when you spent much time or money on a surprise or gift for someone else and they failed to appreciate it? We do open ourselves up to disappointment if our expectations do not match the response. Perhaps we reached down deep to share a part of ourselves only to encounter apathy and insensitivity. That can hurt even if the person ignoring our gesture meant no ill will toward us.

What must God feel like when we fail to respond to what He has done for us. We probably do not purposefully slight God, but perhaps we are so busy and mindless that it becomes impossible to be responsive and mindful. We can miss the gift of God which is right before our eyes.

It is very difficult to be a good steward if we do not intentionally choose to be mindful. We miss the important stuff in life, and we neglect those placed in our path as gifts to enrich our lives. If we are to live as Jesus asks, we must work on focusing our eyes of faith on the things that matter and the gifts we have been given. If we are made in the image of God, I suppose we can guess how God might feel when His gifts are not acknowledged, or His love not returned. If I reflect on the One who loves me more than anyone, how can I choose to not offer my love in return?

– Tracy Earl Welliver ©LPi

Scripture Questions of the Week

First Reading: Isaiah prophesied God's salvation and delivery for all the nations, not just for Israel. In what ways do you see this prophecy fulfilled today?

Second Reading: As his letter to the Philippians draws to a close, Paul speaks of his constant focus on Christ regardless of his life's circumstances. How do you draw strength from Christ in the ebb and flow of your life?

Gospel: Jesus' parable of the wedding feast speaks to the importance of being properly prepared for the return of Christ. How would you assess your own spiritual readiness for Jesus' Second Coming and the final judgment?

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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.

Why do We do That? - Catholic Life Explained

Question: Does chewing gum break the fast before Communion?

Answer: If you look in Canon Law or in the Catechism, there is no mention of chewing gum. I guess it does not rate the attention of the universal church! The Church requires us to fast for one hour before we receive the Eucharist. Basically, we are to refrain from food and drink, not including water or medicine. There are also exceptions for people who are ill. Overall, the fast is intended for us to prepare ourselves to receive the Eucharist and in some small way to literally as well as spiritually hunger for what we are about to receive. Chewing gum, while not really food, does at least break the spirit of the fast. Besides that, it is a distraction and rude. What do you do with the gum when it is time to receive Communion? People have actually come to the altar chewing away, oblivious to what they were doing or Who they were receiving. At best, it is distracting and irreverent. At worst, it adds a barrier to giving our best to receiving God's best.

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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.