

Immaculate Conception Parish



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SUNDAY MASSES

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00 PM

SUNDAY: 7:30 AM, 10:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 2:45 - 3:45 PM

(or by appointment)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents and godparents of infants to be baptized are expected to participate in a preparation session. Call the Rectory to register for this process and set a date for the actual Baptism. For Baptism of adults please contact the Rectory.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact the rectory one year prior to your desired wedding date

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Father Walter can be called whenever someone can benefit from this sacrament of healing.

PROTECTING OUR YOUTH AND CHILDREN

If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a priest, religious or lay person working for the Church, and you want to share feelings of hurt or betrayal, call Cathaleen Peloquin, Victim Services Coordinator, Office of Healing and Prevention, 508-929-4363 (direct, confidential line).

RECTORY ADDRESS

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Rectory Hours: M: 9:30am-1:30pm, T: 9:30am-1:30pm

W: 9:30am-1:30pm, F: 9:30am-1:30pm

MOST REV. ROBERT J. MCMANUS, **Bishop of Worcester**

REV. WALTER RILEY, **PASTOR**

REV. ENOCH KYEREMATENG, **IN RESIDENCE**

KEVIN DEIGNAN, **PERMANENT DEACON**

FRANK MYSKA, **PERMANENT DEACON**

MARY SYCKS, **ADMINISTRATOR OF RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTER**

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LYNDA MONAHAN, **SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR**

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sat. | Sep 29 | 4:00 PM | Claire A. Hunt, 2nd Anniversary, from Family |
| Sun. | Sep 30 | 7:30 AM | Parishioners of Immaculate Conception |
| | | 10:00 AM | Daniel Shea, Memorial, from Family |
| Mon. | Oct 01 | 9:00 AM | (<i>St. Therese of the Child Jesus</i>) |
| Tues. | Oct 02 | 9:00 AM | Donald C. Rocheleau |
| Wed. | Oct 03 | 9:00 AM | |
| Thurs. | Oct 04 | 8:00 AM | Paul and Mary O'Brien, from Family |
| Sat. | Oct 06 | 4:00 PM | Robert Bacon from Ellen Talbot |
| Sun. | Oct 07 | 7:30 AM | Mike Glavickas, 23rd Anniversary, from Family |
| | | 10:00 AM | Joseph Noberini, 12th Anniversary, from Family |

THIS WEEK the text for The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, may be found at #1018 in the *Journeysongs* hymnal.

RCIA CLASSES BEGINNING ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 15

Classes for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) will begin on Monday, October 15 from 6:30-7:45 p.m., and will culminate with reception of the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil in April, 2019. Classes will be held at the rectory, unless there are numerous candidates. If so, and we will move classes to the Church Basement. The RCIA Program is for adults 17 and older who have not been baptized in the Catholic Church or were baptized in an ecclesial community where the Catholic Church does not recognize it as a valid baptism. The program is also for adults who have been validly baptized in the Catholic Church or another Christian community, but have not received their First Communion or Confirmation in the Catholic Church. For youth and children 16 and under who have not been baptized, have not received their 1st Communion (after the 2nd grade), or have not been Confirmed, such students will need to attend Religious Education classes. Any questions regarding the above possibilities can be directed to Fr. Riley before or after Mass, to Mary Sycks (Administrator of Religious Education), or call the rectory at 508-754-8419.

RELIGIOUS QUOTE OF THE WEEK

RESISTING SENTIMENTS ADVERSE TO PEACE: Mark 9:40: "This is the principle on which the whole Church acts, not condemning common sacraments among heretics; for in these they are with us, and they are not against us. But she condemns and forbids division and separation, or any sentiment adverse to peace and truth. For in this respect they are against us, precisely because they are not with us, in the sense that and in due to the fact that in not gathering with us, they are consequently scattering."

St. Augustine

ANNUAL SPAGHETTI SUPPER ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

Our Parish Activities Committee will be holding our annual Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, October 6th beginning at 5:30 p.m. after the 4:00 Mass. The event will be held in the Fr. Connors Center. Tickets for adults will be \$10.00, for children \$6.00, and for families \$30.00. We will hold a 50/50 raffle as well as door prizes to be given out. This is a BYOW (Bring Your Own Wine) event. Tickets must be purchased in advance, and will be sold after all Masses beginning next Sunday, September 16. No tickets will be sold at the door. Consider coming out for a fun evening with fellow parishioners and friends for a delicious dinner where all present receive their money's worth.

FALL SCRIPTURE STUDY PROGRAM AT I.C.

Everyone is invited to participate in a program on St. Paul's Letter to the Romans on the first four Tuesdays of October. The dates are October 2, 9, 16, and 23. Fr. Walter Riley and Dr. Frank McGuire will serve as discussion leaders. The Letter to the Romans is considered to be St. Paul's masterpiece: a marvelous gift for true followers of Jesus Christ. Please feel free to bring your lunch. Also, beverages and dessert will be served. We look forward to you joining us for this opportunity to deepen our understanding of the Scriptures, in particular this incredible letter from the hand of St. Paul.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

We invite any parents with children and youth from Grade 3 and beyond to consider having their children serve as altar servers for the given Mass they attend. Our Parish is in need of servers for all Masses at this time. We understand that not all children and youth are called to this sacred ministry, but our hope is that more parents will lead their children to assist at Mass in the altar serving capacity. Please speak with Deacon Kevin or Fr. Riley for those who may be interested. Most servers will serve only once, or at the most, twice a month, which is very doable for most families. Thank you for considering helping in this wonderful ministry offered to the young members of our flock.

CARDS FOR THE PARISH SICK

Anyone parishioner wishing to send a thoughtful, friendship card to a fellow parishioner who is in a nursing home or homebound, it would be a nice way of making the type of connection that tells the person they are not forgotten by their Church community. Visits from Fr. Riley are continuous and ongoing, but cards from other parishioners brings a sense of joy and peace to those who are struggling in some way, be it physically, emotionally, or spiritually. The following is a list of parishioners presently in a nursing facility or at home, a list that will be added to or changing in the upcoming weeks and months:

- ♦ *Mr. John Barna, Holy Trinity Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, 300 Barber Ave, Worcester, MA 01606*
- ♦ *Mr. Mike Lavin, St. Mary Healthcare Center, 39 Queen St. Worcester, MA 01610*

TICKETS FOR JANE SHIVICK CONCERT IN NOVEMBER

Our Parish has purchased 10 tickets for parishioner Jane Shivick's Concert called My Favorite Things. Jane, along with acclaimed pianist Olga Rogach, will be performing on Thursday evening, November 8 at Mechanics Hall, 321 Main Street in Worcester at 7:30 p.m. The tickets will be given to the first 10 (actually 9, since Fr. Riley has claimed one) who request a single ticket or a pair of tickets. The limit is two tickets per request. Consider coming out for a wonderful night of music and enjoy the professional, gifted talent of Jane and Olga as they perform here in our city.

HOLY HOUR 2nd TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

Our Parish will be holding a Holy Hour on Tuesday, October 9 in the Church from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. We will have the exposition of the Eucharist as well as Benediction at the end of the Holy Hour, to be completed with recitation of the Divine Praises. All are invited to attend for a quiet hour with the Lord.

TRIP TO WRIGHT'S CHICKEN FARM AND LASALETTE

Advent Bus Trip to Wright's Chicken Farm & LaSalette Lights. Thursday, December 13, depart Immaculate Conception Church parking lot at 11:00 for delicious family-style luncheon of chicken, pasta, salad, beverage and rolls. Next, we'll arrive at 4 p.m. at LaSalette Shrine in Attleboro, attend Father Pat's Christmas Choral Concert. At 5 p.m., over 400,000 lights will brighten. Visit the Creche Museum with hundreds of creches from around the world. Cost is \$59 per person. Deadline to register is October 31. Questions? Call Michelle Deignan at 508-853-0820 or mmdeignan@charter.net.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Religious Education classes take place Sunday, September 30th at 8:45AM-9:45AM for children in grades Pre-K-6 and 11:15AM-12:15PM for students in grades 7-10. The meeting for parents of children receiving First Reconciliation (Grade 2) is on Sunday, September 30th at 9:00AM.

The first Confirmation Class(Grade 11) is on Sunday, September 30th at 11:15AM-12:15PM. The parent and Confirmation Candidate meeting has been moved to Sunday, October 14th at 11:15AM.

If you have not registered your child for classes it is not too late! Please contact Mary Sycks at 508-868-8119 for more information.

Star of The Week

Our Student of the Week is Katy Jalbert! Katy is a fourth grade student in our Religious Education Program. She attends Mass every week with her family. Katy actively participates in the Children's Liturgy and loves to share with the other children how she lives the beatitudes. Katy and a friend noticed a classmate was not playing with anyone at recess. They invited the girl to play with them at every recess. Katy vowed to make sure that every child has a friend to play with every day. She is a wonderful example of living our faith. Congratulations Katy!

FRIDAY FASTING AND INTENTION

We thank all our parishioners who continue to fast for one meal and abstain from meat each Friday as we commemorate our Lord's saving act on that day. This wonderful Catholic tradition is reemerging, calling us to be mindful of our Lord's crucifixion every Friday of the year. Such a particular awareness in our lives can only deepen our faith and love in Christ. As we fast and abstain, we do so each week for an intention that is to us on a local, national, or world level, always effecting our faith. Next Friday's intention is *for peace in our Church, our communities, our nation, and our world.*

JOHN MCDERMOTT & FRIENDS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

You won't want to miss John McDermott and Friends joyous Christmas Concert at St. John's Upper Church, 44 Temple St, Worcester, on Wednesday, November 14 at 7:00PM to benefit St. John's Food for the Poor (www.stjohnsforthe poor.org). **Tickets are \$20 each and seating is limited!** A great Christmas gift for family and friends! Buy your tickets online at: www.johnmcdermott2018.eventbrite.com or call/email Frank Carroll at 508-770-0110 and fcarrroll@sbsb.com to reserve your ticket.

BIBLE STUDY ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Beginning on Wednesday, October 17, Fr. Riley will holding a weekly evening Bible Study to be held in the Rectory from 6:30-7:30 p.m. We will read, study, and comment on the Gospel of Luke for the duration of the Bible Study. Please bring your Bible, reading Chapter 1 of Luke's Gospel as preparation for the first class. All are invited to attend.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, THE 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

Psalm: 128

2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT 09/23/18

Sunday Ordinary \$ 3,573.00

From the Pastor continued from the following page

Obviously, the guy was a tattle tale. So, the two men, Eldad and Medad, were in the camps performing all sorts of good works in the name of God. Why? Because the spirit is not restricted to boundaries, reaching the hearts of Eldad and Medad wherever they were, having been part of the initial group of elders. Moses gives the best answer to the young man: "Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets!" In other words, would that all the people of the Lord do good in his name.

We have a strong connection to the first reading this week, a story that happened thousands of years ago. It tells us that God is there for us in our need; that we don't need to go it alone; and that we are to rejoice in the heavenly good works of others, and not be jealous. It also tells us that stories like this one that really happened so long ago as recorded in the Holy Scriptures still speak loudly to our lives in the present. For this, we give thanks to God for the everlasting endurance of his holy word.

Peace, Fr. Riley

PARISH ICE CREAM SOCIAL ON OCTOBER 12

Our Parish will be holding its first Ice Cream Social in the Church Basement on Friday, October 12, beginning at 6:30 p.m. We will have your favorite flavors, toppings, and a root beer float station. We invite those who come to bring in a homemade pie for a contest to win a \$25 gift card. There is no cost to the event, so come and enjoy a sweet treat and a couple of hours of fellowship with other parishioners.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS APPEAL COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY

Envelopes for the annual collection for Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Worcester will be taken up at all Masses this Sunday. This appeal helps to offset the cost of tuition for families with students in greatest need, as well as purchasing needed items for classroom use. For those who do not receive envelopes, please consider placing a contribution separately with the headline, "Catholic Schools Appeal." Thank you for your generosity for this most important annual collection that allows students to remain in attendance in Catholic Schools.

CELEBRATE PRIESTHOOD 2018

Join us on Thursday, October 18 at the Atrium at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester for the annual Celebrate Priesthood event from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30p.m. This event will feature different cuisines from local restaurants as well as ethnic cuisines from parishes around the diocese, along with a variety of wines, local handcrafted beers and soft drinks. Advertising and sponsorship opportunities are also available. Donation is \$100.00 per person. For more information, contact Michael Gillespie at 508-929-4368 or email mgillespie@worcesterdiocese.org

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE HAS WORCESTER RAILERS TICKETS

The Activities Committee will be offering a night out for the family at the Worcester Railers on Sunday Nov. 18, 2018 at 5pm. Your \$20 ticket gets you a Mid-ice seat, free youth hockey jersey for kids 12 and under, one free ride on the Zamboni, Post-game photo, and a free Railers hat! Tickets will go fast so buy early. Those interested should call Jim Hester at 508-852-3473.

PRAYING FOR PRIESTS AND SEMINARIANS

Beginning on Thursday Oct. 4 at 6:30 p.m. and continuing on the First Thursday of every month, all are welcome to Our Lady of Częstochowa Church in Worcester for Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for the intention of our Priests and Seminarians.

HOPE FOR HOUSING FOOD CARDS

Please consider purchasing food cards for the purpose of helping to stop homelessness here in Central Massachusetts. 5% of each card purchased will be donated by the participating grocery chain, while the purchase receives the full value of the card that is purchased. The money raised from this ministry has helped to prevent hundreds of families from being homeless, a situation that no one in our country should have to experience. Last week at Immaculate Conception our parishioners purchased \$210.00 in cards. **Thank you** to those who continue to participate in this very worthy program.

FROM THE PASTOR

In this week's first reading from the Old Testament Book of Numbers, which makes up part of the Pentateuch (the Hebrew Scriptures, being the first 5 books of the Bible), we are given this incredibly beautiful image that involves God, Moses, and slew of elders in the camps of Israel. God takes a portion of the spirit that He graced Moses with in earlier days, and extends the spirit to 70 elders, being men of good repute. It's the type of sharing that reflects the immense love of God for his people, showing that even the great and mighty Moses is in need of assistance to address all the claims and concerns of the Israelites.

Just when Moses thought he was going to go it alone as far as serving the many needs of the Israelites who escaped out of Egypt by the thousands, God sends the necessary help found within the walls and tents of the Israelite camp. By doing so, Moses is relieved, to say the least. God's generous nature in finding good help – and not summer help – for Moses' important post as Prophet of God's special possession, allows Moses to deal with the cases of greater importance that come forth from the people.

A few thoughts about this reading that connect to our Christian lives, once again revealing the continuity found in the Scriptures that reveals a continuum from the Israelites of old to Christians of today. For the negative folks who believe and proclaim the Scriptures of no use for people of the 21st century, I beg to radically differ.

First, God sharing his spirit that was earlier given to Moses with the 70 elders points to our own Baptism in Christ. In Baptism, we are generously given the Holy Spirit to lead us and guide us in our daily living, addressing situations that arise, both easy and difficult. This is no small truth. It's the Spirit who moves and lives and has his being in us, leading us to better understandings and healthier ways of living. The more complicated life becomes for any of us, as it certainly did for Moses as he felt overwhelmed with all that was being placed on his lap, the more we need to draw deeper into the Spirit through prayer and openness. Secondly, we never, ever need to "go it alone" in this life. Moses must have thought at some point that God was giving him 20 hours of work in an 8-hour workday. "Lord, how can I do all this work by myself? Am I the only person capable of settling issues? I'm overwhelmed and beaten down by all these big and small matters that crop up in the desert camps, some of these people being absolutely crazy! How about sending a little assistance my way?"

Many people today still feel lost, alone, abandoned, and confused, believing that God is not near when times get tough like they did for Moses. To be open to and in touch with the Spirit of God, allowing said Spirit to be our Leader and Guide in our daily events takes a level of trust that goes far beyond normal friendship. We trust our closest of friends much more than acquaintances with our deeper issues; a couple of them we trust even with our lives. The point here, however, is that we are to reach out for help when help is needed. It seems quite simple when we think about it, but the truth remains that many folks choose to unnecessarily deal with life issues by themselves. This is one of many reasons why the Church community is such a great benefit to each of us. There are many people in the congregation who are ready to assist others when in serious need, or even in need of some basic advice. I know this to be the case at Immaculate Conception, where so many of our parishioners have a loving concern for the lives of their fellow parishioners, visiting the sick, bringing Holy Communion, making a phone call, etc.

And third, may we always be impressed when people share the goodness of God's Spirit with others. In the first reading, a young man runs to tell Moses that two men are prophesying in the camp who were not present when the spirit came to rest on the 70 elders.

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THIS WEEK AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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| Sat. | Sep 29 | 2:45 PM 4:00 PM | Confession Mass |
| Sun. | Sep 30 | 7:30 AM 10:00 AM | Mass Mass |
| Mon. | Oct 01 | 8:30 AM 9:00 AM | Rosary Mass |
| Tues. | Oct 02 | 8:30 AM 9:00 AM | Rosary Mass |
| Wed. | Oct 03 | 8:30 AM 9:00 AM | Rosary Mass |
| Thurs. | Oct 04 | 7:30 AM 8:00 AM 6:00 PM | Rosary Mass Rosary |
| Sat. | Oct 06 | 2:45 PM 4:00 PM | Confession Mass |
| Sun. | Oct 07 | 7:30 AM 10:00 AM | Mass Mass |

PRAYER SHAWLS

We have a few prayer shawls in our possession that we would like to give out to anyone who feels the need of having one. Or, if you know of someone who may be dealing with cancer or any other disease and would benefit from the comfort and peace of a prayer shawl, please speak with Fr. Riley. We thank the Prayer Shawl Group at Our Lady of Good Counsel in West Boylston for making and donating the beautiful work of their shawls to us.

YOUNG ADULT THEOLOGY ON TAP

Join us for the next Young Adult Theology on Tap on Tuesday, Oct. 2 at Compass Tavern in Worcester! Doors open for food and drinks at 6:30. Our speaker will be Fr. Richard Reidy, the Vicar General for the Diocese of Worcester. Compass Tavern is located at 90 Harding St. in Worcester. The speaker will begin around 7:15. Open to all young adults ages 18-39.

**YES, WE WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER
AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION!!**

Name _____

Address: _____

City
& Zip _____

Phone _____

Envelopes yes ____ No ____

Number of People in Household _____

**PLEASE, TEAR THIS OFF AND PLACE IN THE
COLLECTION BASKET! THANK YOU!**

MINI-RETREAT FOR WOMEN

The Commission for Women of the Diocese of Worcester invites you to join us for a Mini-Retreat for Women on Saturday, October 20, 8:30 am – 1:30 pm at St. Mary's Parish Hall, Main St., Shrewsbury. The day will begin with Mass at 8:30 AM, followed by registration and coffee/pastries. Lunch will be included with the \$15 offering, and the program will conclude by 1:30 p.m. Our facilitator will be Jaymie Stuart Wolfe, a featured speaker at numerous spiritual events, conferences and retreats throughout the Archdiocese of Boston and beyond. She combines inspirational music with spoken reflection, and has produced numerous recordings of original music. The program will leave you with a stronger sense of who God is and how He wants to be in your life, and who you are and can be in Him and for each other. The registration fee (checks made payable to Commission of Women) can be mailed to Pamela Ashmankas, 5 Millbury Terrace, Millbury, MA 01527, by October 11th. Further information and registration form may be found at www.worcesterdiocese.org/commission-for-women.

DEMENTIA CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUPS

When a loved one develops Dementia, it can be difficult for everyone. Hearing how other people have walked through the journey with their loved one can be helpful. We invite you to join us for learning, sharing and support. There is no obligation to share; you are welcome to come and just listen! Beginning in October: 1st Tuesday of the Month at 5 p.m. at Saint John's Church – Church Hall, 44 Temple St., Worcester; 3rd Thursday of the Month at 9:30 a.m. – Ducharme Center, 10 Dupont St., Worcester (behind Holy Family Parish at St. Joseph Church) For more information contact: Jeanne Pellegrino, Alzheimer Program Director, St. Francis Rehabilitation and Nursing Center 508-471-2272

ASCEND: MONTHLY YOUNG ADULT PRAISE AND ADORATION

Join young adults from around the Diocese for "Ascend", an evening of Eucharistic Adoration and Praise on Friday, Oct. 5 at St. Bernard's Church at Our Lady of Providence Parish. The evening will begin at 7 pm and conclude around 8:15. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available! There will be an opportunity for a social gathering afterwards. Open to all young adults ages 18-39. Our Lady of Providence Parish is located at 236 Lincoln St. in Worcester.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

"The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring; this covenant between baptized persons has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament." Canon 1055 of the Code of Canon Law of the Catholic Church.

The above words reveal the incredible beauty of marriage as defined by Christ in the Holy Scriptures and living Tradition of the Church. In our culture today, many baptized Catholics are civilly married by a Justice of the Peace, or a family member or friend who becomes a one-day justice. For those who have travelled this road to marriage, as a Church we invite you to have your marriage blessed in such a way where it becomes a Sacramental relationship, which is not present in a civil marriage. A Sacramental relationship in marriage, which Catholics are called to, is the pinnacle of a marital relationship. Yet, many baptized Catholics unknowingly settle for a civil relationship that has not been sanctioned by Christ. We warmly invite any couple presently living in a civil marriage to consider having their relationship blessed in God's Church, allowing their marriage to grow in Christ as a Sacrament. The process of doing so is easy and not time consuming. Feel free to contact Fr. Riley with any questions regarding this most holy and sacred relationship established by Christ for the good of the spouses.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Bishop Robert J. McManus will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, Oct. 21 at 3 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Worcester. **The registration deadline for couples wishing to attend is 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 to request that a copy of the registration form be mailed to you.

LIFE CHAIN IN WORCESTER AND SHREWSBURY

All are invited to join the 31st annual Life Chain on Sunday, Oct. 7 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. This event of peaceful, prayerful witness to the sacredness of human life is held annually on Respect Life Sunday across the nation. Signs will be available at the local Life Chain stations: Elm Park, Worcester, Denny's Restaurant on Lincoln St., Worcester, and White City, Shrewsbury. The event will be held rain or shine. For more information, contact Louise at 508-756-1150. All are welcome to join in this prayerful effort to help build a Culture of Life!

DIOCESAN YOUTH RALLY

The Diocesan Youth Rally will take place on Sunday, Nov. 4 from 1-6 pm at Assumption College at the Laska Gym. Join hundreds of other youth from around the Diocese for a day of music, speakers, breakout sessions, and Mass with Bishop McManus! This event is open to youth in 9-12th grade. Cost is \$15/person. To register your group or to get more information about the day, go to neworchester.org/diocesan-high-school-youth-rally. Deadline to register is October 24!

THE WORD OF THE LORD

"The liturgical celebration becomes the continuing, complete, and effective presentation of God's word. The word of God, constantly proclaimed in the liturgy, is always a living and effective word through the power of the Holy Spirit. It expresses the Father's love that never fails in its effectiveness toward us. The Church has always realized that in the liturgical action the word of God is accompanied by the interior working of the Holy Spirit who makes it effective in the hearts of the faithful. Thanks to the Paraclete, 'the word of God becomes the foundation of the liturgical celebration, and the rule and support of all our life. The working of the same Holy Spirit ... brings home to each person individually everything that in the proclamation of the word of God is spoken for the good of the whole gathering. In strengthening the unity of all, the Holy Spirit at the same time fosters a diversity of gifts and furthers their multiform operation.'"

*From The Word of the Lord, Verbum Domini,
Pope Benedict XVI, 2010*

WORCESTER CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

All women are invited to this exciting Conference, to be held at Assumption College on Saturday, November 10. Hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: Professor Helen Alvaré, Susie Lloyd, Mother Mary Assumpta Long, O.P., Dr. Janet E. Smith, and Susan Conroy. Bishops and diocesan and religious priests will hear confessions. Bishop McManus will offer Mass. For more information or to register, visit our website at www.worcestercatholicwomensconference.com or call Corinn Dahm at 508-277-3969. Seating is limited, register today!

OPEN HOUSE

Notre Dame Academy, 425 Salisbury Street, Worcester, on Sunday, October 21 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Students currently in 5th through 7th grades are encouraged to attend. More info, call 508-757-6200, Ext. 229, or email admissions@nda-worc.org.

Holy Name Central Catholic Junior/Senior High School. October 28th from 12:00p.m.–2:00p.m., www.holyname.net, 508-753-6371.

Saint Peter Marian Junior-Senior High School, 781 Grove St., Worcester, Sunday, October 28th, from 1:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.. Families can pre-register for the Open House by calling 508-852-5555 x 114 or online at <http://spmguardians.org>.