

MASS INTENTIONS –2018

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

4:00pm **Mary Burzenski – 5th Anniversary**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

7:30am **Renewal & Transformation for Lent**

10:00am **Albert Verdini by Donna Lombardi**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19 (Presidents Day)

Rectory Closed

9:00am **No Communion Service
& Quiet Time**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

9:00am **Daily Mass**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Noon **Mass for Healing of
Patrick Shepherd**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

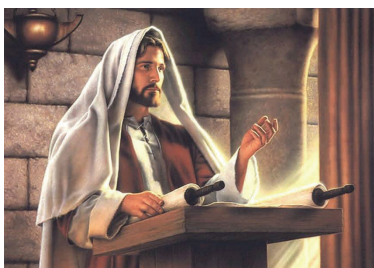
4:00pm **Eleanor Blake – 10th Anniversary
by Eileen Blake Fitzpatrick**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

7:30am **Jane Ripa by Iuliano family**

10:00am **Christopher Curley - 7th Anniversary
by family**

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



“After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...” (Mark 1:14) Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for

Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

NO CCD Assigned Classes.....February vacation

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Sister Village Coffee.....7:30am-9:30am

No PreK-K Assigned Classes..... February vacation

No CCD. Gr.9.....February vacation

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Food Pantry.....10:00am-Noon

No CCD Assigned Classes.....February vacation

Youth Skate Night.....5:30pm-8:00pm

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

No CCD Assigned Classes.....February vacation

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Mass at Noon followed by soup luncheon

Knights of Columbus.....7:30pm

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Food Pantry.....10:00am-Noon

Nar-Anon.....7:15pm

AA Meeting.....8:00pm

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Stations of Cross.....6:00pm

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

No CCD Assigned Classes.....(February Vacation)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Sister Village Coffee.....7:30am-9:30am

PreK-K Assigned Classes.....9:50am-11:00am

CCD. Gr.9.....10:00am Mass– 12:00pm

PAPERBACK BOOK DRIVE

Maegan Fitzpatrick is doing a service project by collecting paperback books that are in good condition to be used in the libraries of jails and prisons in central Massachusetts. The program is called **books4inmates**. If you have any books of fiction, non-fiction, popular novels, self-help, hobbies, exercise, etc., there will be bins located at each of the church doors. Remember what Jesus said, “I was in prison and you came to me.” (Matthew 25:36)

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND



For those who missed last year's Pilgrimage to Poland, the opportunity awaits you this summer. Fr. Rich Lewandowski is joining Fr. Richard Polek in sponsoring **A Pilgrim-**

age to Poland and Prague from July 16-31, 2018. Some of the stops will include : Prague, Kraków, Zakopane, Oświęcim (*Auschwitz*), the Shrine of Divine Mercy, the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa and much more! If your are interested in participating contact: Our Lady of Czestochowa Church Office, 34 Ward St., Worcester, MA 01610 at: 508-755-5959 or call Christine at: 508-865-9390. For more information and to register, email: rectory@olcworchester.com or visit the website: www.OlcWorcester.com

AN EVENING WITH WCVB TV- TED REINSTEIN

The Friends of Sterling Seniors and the Conant Library invite you to an evening with WCVB TV personality, Ted Reinstein on March 7, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Sterling Senior Center, 36 Muddy Pond Rd. Ted will be sharing his favorite and most entertaining discoveries about New England as chronicled in his book, "*New England Notebook: One Reporter, Six States, Uncommon Stories.*" Admission is \$10 and tickets may be purchased in advance at the Conant Library, the Senior Center or the Recreation Department in the Butterick Building. Proceeds will benefit the Friends of Conant Library and Sterling Seniors. This program is sponsored by Leominster Credit Union.



OUR FATHER'S HOUSE BENEFIT CONCERT

Our Father's House, a local provider of homeless services, presents their annual benefit concert on Saturday, April 14th at 8pm at Weston Auditorium, Fitchburg State College. This benefit concert features, "**1964 The Tribute**". Rolling Stone Magazine has called this the "Best Beatles Tribute on Earth!" Tickets are \$30. (assigned seats) Call Ginnie at: 978-345-2256, ext. 300 for reservations. Visa/MC accepted.

CCD NEWS AND INFORMATION

Director of Religious Education – Susan Gallivan
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

February Vacation Break– No Religious Ed Classes

February 19 - Youth Ministry Skate Night

5:30-8:00pm (pre-purchase tickets)

February 20 - Prayer Night for Young Adults sign-up required contact Mrs. Gallivan

COMMUNITY PANCAKE SUPPER

On Tuesday, February 13th from 5:00-6:30PM, the Church of the Good Shepherd will begin the Lenten Season by hosting a Community Pancake Supper. Everyone is welcome. We will have the Girl Scouts on-site doing crafts with the kids. The pancakes will be plentiful, along with sausage, fruit, beverages and lots of fun! Last year we served close to 70 people. Come and join us as we kick off the Lenten Season.



VALENTINE FUNDRAISER THANK YOU

A special thank you to all our volunteers who helped with our Valentine Dinner Fund Raiser. It was a big success! Special thanks to Sean and Tammy Lowe for preparing a scrumptious meal and our adult volunteers, Krystyjana Dwyer & family, Jason Joyce & family, Carrie McNamara & family and Darrin Pelley & family, along with all our wonderful students who served our meal and will be going on the mission trip in July. Special thanks to Matt Majikas for providing the romantic lighting and music. The following people were winners of the raffle prizes:

50/50 raffle - Meg Snee

Cookie Basket - James Zanino

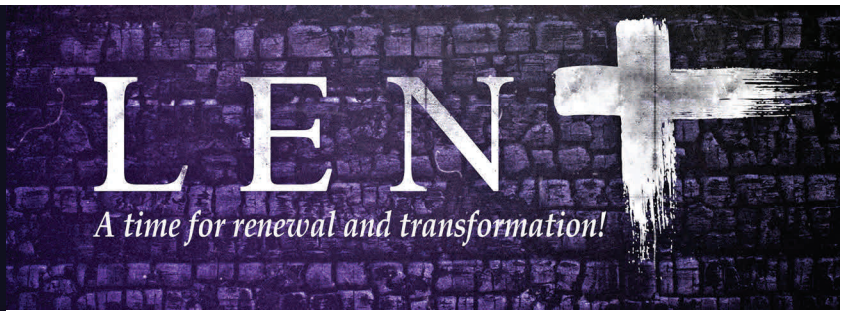
Faith/Hope/Love Basket - Margaret Lohman

Irish Basket - Christine McNamara

Watercolor Print - Gina Mynttinen

Wine Basket - Virginia Barriere





LENTEN PRAYER FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Oh my God, loving Creator, I offer myself to you in spite of all my pride and foolishness.

I do so acknowledge you as my creator, my guide, my destiny.

I hold my whole life, my whole being, up to you.

I surrender to you, despite my constant attempts to control, reshape, and embellish.

I thank you for creating me, for redeeming me, and for putting up with me.

I thank you for always allowing me to throw my hands in the air and, either through tears or laughter, to see that I am small and childish.

I leap into your arms, childlike, trusting you to guide me past all that I put in my own way.

I love you, LORD, FATHER, CREATOR. Be with me.

AMEN

LENT AT ST. RICHARD – GET INVOLVED!

- **Communion Service/Quiet Time:** Mondays at 9am
- **Daily Mass:** Tuesdays at 9am; Wednesdays at Noon followed with soup and conversation
- **Stations of the Cross:** Fridays at 6pm
- **Sunday Mass Homily Series:** at Weekend Masses
- **Almsgiving:**
 - Partners in Charity Annual Drive: Diocese of Worcester (*checks should be made out to St. Richard Parish*)
 - Lenten Coin Boxes for Food Ministries– for Grades K through 9
- **Lenten Penance Service:** March 21, 2018 – 7:00pm
- **Confessions:** Open Door– before or after any service or by appointment