




**HOLY TRINITY
CATHOLIC PARISH**



ONE MONTH BULLETIN - January 31 - February 21, 2010

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil

5:00 P.M. St. Theresa Church

Sunday Masses

8:45 A.M. St. Theresa Church
10:45 A.M. St. Francis Xavier Church
5:00 P.M. St. Theresa Church

Weekday Liturgical Schedule

9:00 A.M. Mass:
Monday & Tuesday at St. Theresa Church
Wednesday at St. Francis Xavier Church

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mondays 9:30 - 10:00 A.M. St. Theresa Church
Wednesday 9:30 - 10:00 A.M. St. Francis Xavier Church

Holy Day Masses

9:00 A.M. St. Theresa Church
7:00 P.M. St. Francis Xavier Church

CONFESSIONS AT ST. THERESA CHURCH

Saturdays 4:00 - 4:30 P.M. and by appointment

CONFESSIONS AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

Thursdays 4:30 - 7:00 P.M.

BAPTISMS

Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

MARRIAGES

Arrangements *one year* prior to the wedding

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Monday through Thursday 9:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.
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Saint Theresa, The Little Flower Church

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Mission Statement

Nourished by the Word of God and the Eucharist, we create a fully-engaged Catholic community of faith, hope and love. Inspired by the Holy Trinity, we use our time, talent and treasure to carry out Christ's mission by doing small things with great love and big things with great courage.

Saint Francis Xavier Church

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	INTENTIONS
Sun., Jan. 31	10:45 A.M.	Father Dennis	Harold Brown
Sun., Feb. 7	10:45 A.M.	Bishop George Rueger	Marianne Bax req. by Tony and Rachel Pasqua
Sun., Feb. 14	10:45 A.M.	Bishop George Rueger	The Morrison family
Sun., Feb. 21	10:45 A.M.	Father Dennis	Larry Iannetti



Saint Theresa, The Little Flower Church

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	INTENTIONS
Sat., Jan. 30	5:00 P.M.	Father Dennis	Paul Johnston req. by Jerry Callahan
Sun., Jan. 31	8:45 A.M.	Father Dennis	Hugo Lopez (good health) req. by his daughter, Mariana Hohn
	5:00 P.M.	Father Dennis	James O'Mahoney req. by Margaret and Ed Murphy
Sat., Feb. 6	5:00 P.M.	Bishop George Rueger	Dorothy Coville req. by her family
Sun., Feb. 7	8:45 A.M.	Bishop George Rueger	Father Emmett Finck
	5:00 P.M.	Bishop George Rueger	Bishop Bernard Flanagan
Sat., Feb. 13	5:00 P.M.	Bishop George Rueger	Jim and Clare Donohoe req. by Jan Fradenburgh
Sun., Feb. 14	8:45 A.M.	Bishop George Rueger	Father J. Brendan Nally
	5:00 P.M.	Bishop George Rueger	Father Dennis Rocheford
Sat., Feb. 20	5:00 P.M.	Father Dennis	Geraldine Alice Graffum req. by Dennis and Tess Human
Sun., Feb. 21	8:45 A.M.	Father Dennis	Father M. Adrian OCSO
	5:00 P.M.	Father Dennis	The People of Holy Trinity Parish

Weekday Liturgical Schedule 9:00 A.M.

DATE		MASS INTENTIONS	FEAST
Mon., Feb. 1	St. Theresa	Fr. Leonard Feeney (22nd Anniv.)	
Tues., Feb. 2	St. Theresa	Fr. Thomas Barry	The Presentation of the Lord
Wed., Feb. 3	St. Francis	Fr. Edmund F. Falvey	St. Blaise
Mon., Feb. 8	St. Theresa	Sr. Lourdes O'Malley PBVM	St. Jerome Emiliani & St. Josephine Bakhita
Tues., Feb. 9	St. Theresa	Candy Stackpole (4th Anniv.)	
Wed., Feb. 10	St. Francis	Larry Iannetti	St. Scholastica
Mon., Feb. 15	St. Theresa	Margaret McCarthy (1st Anniv.)	
Tues., Feb. 16	St. Theresa	Monsignor Lawrence Deery	

Ash Wednesday - February 17
9:00 A.M. Mass in St. Francis Xavier Church
3:00 P.M. Prayer Service in St. Theresa Church
7:00 P.M. Mass in St. Theresa Church



Mon., Feb. 22	St. Theresa	For the Intentions of Bishop Robert J. McManus	Chair of St. Peter
Tues., Feb. 23	St. Theresa	Larry Iannetti	St. Polycarp
Wed., Feb. 24	St. Francis	For the Intentions of Bishop George E. Rueger	




Father Dennis will be making his annual "missionary journey" to a primitive island (*which just happens to be in the Caribbean*) from February 1st through the 15th with four priest friends. We wish them an enjoyable and restful vacation.

We welcome Bishop Rueger who will celebrate the weekend Masses again this year while Father Dennis is away. We also want to thank the monks of St. Benedict's Abbey, Father Tomasz Borkowski and Father Paul O'Malley for celebrating the weekday Masses in Fr. Dennis' absence. Thank you, one and all!

Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time and the First Sunday of Lent

**10th Anniversary
Worcester Diocesan
Catholic Men's
Conference**




Serving our brothers in Christ

Saturday, March 20, 2010

**The DCU Center
Worcester**

www.firstmensconf.org



Save the date! This year's Men's Conference promises to be the best ever, with a nationally recognized lineup. Please join a growing number of Catholic Men in our Diocese for this special event at the DCU Centre in Worcester. I've posted the flyers, and put brochures in the back of each of our churches. The Worcester Diocese was the first to have an annual Men's Conference and there are now hundreds who have followed our lead across the country.

This year's theme is: *Serving our brothers in Christ*

Speakers include: Matthew Kelly - Is Catholicism Still Relevant?

Jesse Romero - Evangelizing Like and Apostle

***Msgr Stuart Swetland - To Be Reconciled To God
(speaks before lunch and opportunity for confession)***

Dale Ahlquist - What's Wrong with the World?

Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S.J. - St. Paul's Theology of the Cross

Bishop McManus - Conference Mass & Homilist

The conference website is www.firstmensconf.org and has lot's of info on the speakers. You can register on-line. Tickets are \$40 before March 5th, student tickets (8th grade boys thru College) are \$25 and include lunch. As an added bonus there will be a separate event (date TBD) for all students holding tickets by a nationally renowned youth speaker.

We will have carpools leaving from St. Francis and St. Theresa's that morning. This year Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb 17, and ends on Easter Sunday Apr. 4. Coming at the end of the 4th week of Lent, this conference is a great opportunity to gather with a thousand Catholic men and boys to nourish our relationship with God and prepare ourselves for the mysteries of Holy Week and the celebration of our Lord's Resurrection. Join us for what should be a very memorable conference.

Denny Mahoney - Holy Trinity Parish Coordinator

FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>Jan. 10</u>	
Loose Contributions	\$1,464.00
141 Envelopes	\$4,790.00
Total:	\$6,254.00
<u>Jan. 17</u>	
Loose Contributions	\$1,521.00
147 Envelopes	\$4,893.00
Total:	\$6,414.00
<u>Jan. 24</u>	
Loose Contributions	\$1,610.00
151 Envelopes	\$3,953.00
Total:	\$5,563.00
Parish Improvements for January	\$2,516.00
Relief for Haiti - Adult Contribution	\$17,273.00
Children and Young People	\$1,674.00
Bake Sale	\$153.00
Matching Gift	\$1,827.00
Total:	\$20,927.00

Thank you!

The second collection the weekend of Jan. 31 is for Catholic Home Missions; the weekend of Feb. 7 is the Annual Fuel Collection; the weekend of Feb. 14 for Parish Improvements; and the weekend of Feb. 21 for the Church in Latin America.

R.C.I.A. - The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



The Community of Holy Trinity Parish would like to extend an invitation to you. Weekly sessions to learn about the Catholic faith take place Sundays following the 8:45 Mass. For more information contact Janet Hammonds at janet.hammonds@gmail.com, or at 781-639-4990.

50+ Mardi Gras Dinner

Fri., Feb. 5 at 6:30 p.m. in Deacon Hall
Chicken Gumbo, Shrimp Jambalaya and the Mardi Gras King Cake and Enjoy the Yankee Doodle Dixieland Band! Wear your masks and beads if you have them. Come alone or invite a parish friend. Transportation provided to those who don't drive at night. Attire is casual or Carnivale elaborate if you are inspired. Donations of appetizers and desserts are appreciated. **\$5.00 charge.** Sign-up at church or call/email Ruthann 486-4228 or prifty@rcn.com *Have mercy on the cooks and sign up early!*



Next KofC Spaghetti Supper



Sat., Feb 13 in Deacon Hall at St. Theresa Church following the 5 o'clock Mass.

Donations. Proceeds will go to support a seminarian studying for the Diocese of Worcester. At our last dinner we served 56 guests and raised \$420 in donations. As one attendee said, "It was a wonderful example of togetherness...shared with delicious food, a great group of people, and lots of laughs." Sign-up sheets are in the back of each church.

Journey of the Heart



2010

Ash Wednesday February 17



9:00 A.M. Mass in St. Francis Xavier Church
3:00 P.M. Prayer Service in St. Theresa Church
7:00 P.M. Mass in St. Theresa Church

Again this year, a large wooden cross will be placed outside of St. Theresa's Church by the young people of our parish as part of the 3 o'clock Ash Wednesday Service. This is the cross that will then be carried to St. Francis Xavier Church on Good Friday, and it will be used for the Veneration of the Cross during our Good Friday Service in Bolton. The cross will then be placed on the front lawn at St. Francis Xavier Church for the Easter Season.



Confessions During Lent

The opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered every Tuesday evening from 7:00 - 9:00 P.M. in St. Theresa Church and every Thursday 4:30 - 7:00 P.M. in St. Francis Church during the Lenten season. No Confessions on Saturdays during Lent.

Take 5 Lenten Series

This Lent, our **Take 5 Series** will provide each of us a unique opportunity to grow in understanding our Catholic faith. Our weekly speakers are experts on various aspects of the Christian way of living. Please make the extra effort this Lent to take advantage of these five encounters with Jesus so that you can deepen your understanding of who He is and what He may be asking of you at this finite moment in time.

Each Wednesday evening before the presentation, a simple supper of soup and bread will be served in Deacon Hall at St. Theresa's Church beginning at 6 P.M.. For adults who wish to attend the series, babysitting will be available in the hall. The babysitters will watch over the children and assist them with their homework while the adults are enriched by our speakers. Come alone; come with a friend; come as a family.

If we want to really know who Jesus is, and discover what *small things He may be asking you to do with great love*, **Take 5** this Lent beginning Wed., Feb. 24 at 7 P.M.



In 2008, **Holy Trinity parishioner Ellen Harasimowicz** traveled with World

Vision to photograph their humanitarian projects in Uganda. **World Vision is a Christian humanitarian organization** dedicated to working with children, families, and their communities worldwide to reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice. For the past 22 years, a rebel group called the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) has terrorized the northern districts of Uganda. Thousands of children have been abducted by the LRA and forced to be child soldiers. Long ago, families fled their villages to live in displacement camps seeking safety from the rebels. There are about 200 displacement camps in the northern region, and all are squalid and overcrowded. The war has caused a dramatic decline in the quality of life. Malnutrition rates in the camps range are high, and up to 15,000 people share a single water source.

With relative peace within the last few years, many are trying to leave the camps and return to their villages. Access to **clean water is critical for survival**. Without access to clean water from a well children have no choice but to walk long distances to find water that is often dirty and full of disease. A deep well can provide up to 2,800 gallons of clean water a day to benefit as many as 300 or more people. To give water is to give life. **Clean water can cut a community's child mortality rate in half**. It means food for families whose crops are failing due to drought. It saves livestock. It gives parents a powerful way to improve the health, hygiene, and well-being of their children.

Through World Vision, **a deep well and hand pump in Uganda costs about \$14,000**. It is our hope to raise money for a well in the Aber region of northern



Uganda during the lenten season. About a dozen families in our parish now sponsor a child in the Aber region. **This fundraiser is in keeping with our lenten theme this year: Journey of the Heart**. No other gift produces a more dramatic effect on life than clean water and sanitation. **Ellen will give a digital slide presentation of her trip to Uganda on Tue., Mar. 2 at 7:30 P.M. in Deacon Hall and again the next morning on Wed., Mar. 3 at 10:30 A.M.** Come see the people and hear the stories of those who desperately need our help.

The gift of a deep well has the power to save children's lives and brighten the future for families thirsting for help. As Jesus taught His disciples in Matthew 10:42, *"If anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones ... he will certainly not lose his reward."*

You can learn more about World Vision at:

www.worldvision.org



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Lenten Materials

Booklets and key rings will be available at the beginning of Lent. We also invite you to check out a wonderful website for a variety of Lenten resources for you and your family: www.loyolapress.com/lent.

Operation Rice Bowl



Throughout Lent, people across the United States will participate in Operation Rice Bowl. This Lenten program invites people to place a cardboard container in their homes, and put money in it that is saved because of their fasting and the things they give up for Lent.

Rice Bowls will be available in the back of the Churches at the beginning of Lent along with a calendar that can be used in each home throughout the Season of Lent. We encourage all families to take one home. To learn more about **CRS (Catholic Relief Services)** please visit www.crs.org; check out their Kids' Site link, too.

Important things to know about CRS and your donations: Your contributions will be used for the specific purpose of helping real people. Ninety-three percent of every dollar goes directly to programs that benefit the poor overseas. CRS alleviates suffering and provides assistance to people in need in more than 100 countries without regard to race, religion or nationality. CRS prides itself on being **efficient, effective and accountable**.

Find videos and interactive resources at orb.crs.org.

**You can make a difference.
Please be generous this Lent.**

Fast and Abstinence

Fasting is to be observed by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 years of age on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years of age and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.



Girl Scout cookies will be on sale after the 10:45 Mass in St. Francis Church on Sun., Feb.7.

Girl Scouts. Brownie Troop 30287 will be sponsoring its 3rd Annual Cookies for Soldiers Drive.

A box of Girl Scout Cookies is \$3.50. No donation is too small. The girls have set a goal of 1000 boxes to send to the soldiers and can only reach their goal with your help. You can mail a check payable to GSCWM Troop 30287 to 9 Mt. Wachusett Lane in Bolton, or donate at any Girl Scout booth sale in Bolton. If you have a family member or friend serving in the military that you would like our troop to remember please contact Liz Tewksbary at ltewksbary@comcast.net or 978-779-0132. Thank you!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES ATTENDANCE IS VERY IMPORTANT!

PLEASE NOTE:



This schedule is for one month - January 31 through February 22.

All classes at both sites will be held at their regularly scheduled times unless otherwise indicated.

Sun., Jan.31 & Mon., Feb. 1

Sun., Feb. 7 - **No Evening Classes** & Mon., Feb. 8 (class as usual)

Sun., Feb. 14 & Mon., Feb. 15
No Classes - Winter Break

Sun., Feb. 21 & Mon., Feb. 22

FIRST EUCHARIST PARENT MEETINGS

Tuesday, February 23 at 10:30 A.M. at St. Francis and 7:00 P.M. at St. Theresa

At least one parent is expected to attend either one of these meetings.



IMPORTANT CLASS TIMES FOR GRADE 9 & CONFIRMATION

GRADE 9

Sunday, February 7

3:00 to 4:45 P.M.

in Deacon Hall

Please note the change in time.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Sunday, January 31

6:15 - 8:00 P.M. in Deacon Hall

Sunday, February 21

6:00 - 8:00 P.M. in Deacon Hall

This meeting is for both candidates and their sponsors.



A Unique Opportunity for Students In Grades 9 - 12



What are your plans for the summer of 2010? **YOUNG NEIGHBORS IN ACTION** is a week-long service experience that provides a mix of community building, cross-cultural sharing, prayer and recreation. Meet and work with teens from surrounding towns to serve those in need. During the week of July 11-17 our "home site" will be in Worcester, MA. **THE DEADLINE TO SIGN-UP IS FEBRUARY 12.** The cost per person is \$349, and a deposit of \$100 is due by March 1. For more information please contact Maria Walton at 978-456-3530 or piewalt@yahoo.com as soon as possible, or www.youngneighbors.org.

Financial help is available for any member of our parish who wishes to participate in Young Neighbors in Action but cannot afford the cost.

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Please remember in your prayers...

Ella Broskowitz, John Sheehan, Liz Allen, Marc Dancause, Helen Buckley, Gerry Bouchard, Pauline Northern, Richard Ginty, Heather Hoveland, Charlotte O'Shea, Abbot Gabriel, "Z" Opalka, Stuart John, Meg James, James J. Golden, Danielle LaPlante, Steve Sonia, Alex DiBuono, Kristen Barrett, Fr. William McGovern, Daryl Pelland, Pat Peer, Kat Duffey, Paul Leger, Ernie Stackpole, Rachel Pasqua, Austin Mahoney, Michael Martin, Missy Pelletier, Len and Eric Staats, Kevin Riordan, Betty Connolly, Dave Dakin, Kathy Baltzer, Sharon Hardaway, Joseph Tower, Avallana Rogeth, Jenny Sroka, Tyler Tierney, Mary Mullen, Ruth Gallagher, Don Ginty, Brandon Brazeau, Josephine Wood, Carole Belleville, Emilia Benzoni, Evelyn Millani, Scott Holt, Mary Allen, Mary Harris, Kurt Walter, Greg Vrettos, Ian MacLellan, Liza Prowley, Joseph Cormier, Helga Palmatier, Joe E. Mitchell, Lauren Holt, Fiona Kennon, Judy Dempsey, Mary McHugh, Ruth Diego, John James O'Keefe, Bob and Dave DeMilia, Paul Athaide, April Dreschmeyer, Diane Anderson.

Pray for the safety of ...Kyle McFarland serving in Afghanistan.



Condolences

...to Dennis and Kathleen Byrne and family on the death of his mother, Mary Byrne;
 ...to the members of the Iannetti family on the death of long-time parishioner, Ugo "Larry" Iannetti.
May they rest in peace.

Bible Study Monday Evenings We meet from 7:00 - 8:00 P.M. in Deacon Hall Library at St. Theresa Church. All are welcome to join us at any time. For more information call Connie Grabowy at 978-456-6822.



An **8 week Bible Study Course** will be held on Wednesday evenings from **7:00 - 8:30 P.M. St. Cecilia Parish Center** - Mechanic & Third Sts., **Leominster**
 Topic: Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians Instructor: Msgr. Francis Goguen. The course is open to all.

Congratulations ...to James Plummer and Dawn Byrne on the baptism of their daughter, Caitlin Belle Plummer.



The **Prayer Shawl Ministry** will meet on Wednesday, February 3 at 10:00 A.M. in Deacon Hall Library. We welcome all who would like to join us. Yarn and patterns are available as well as knitting lessons. For more information please contact Ruthann at 486-4228 or prifty@rcn.com.

James 2:15 Kitchen - Wed., Feb. 24

A spaghetti and meatball lunch is served on the last Wednesday of every month at this soup kitchen in Clinton. If you would like more information about this ministry, please contact Bob Walrath at 978-897-9088 or RobertWalrath@aol.com.



MUSTARD SEED - Thurs., Feb. 25

Volunteers: Maureen Lacey, Karin Bakis, Jennie Purnell, Sy and Kathy Brule.