

Saint Aloysius - Saint Jude Parish

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MASS SCHEDULE: Monday – Thursday @ 9:00am; Saturday @ 4:30pm; Sunday @ 9:00am

Confessions: Saturday @ 3:30pm or by personal appointment with Father Jack Lizewski

Rev. John M. Lizewski – Parish Priest/Pastor

Mr. James D. Archibald – Parish Finance Advisor

Mrs. Jill A. Dupuis – Parish Safe Environment Coordinator/Parish Ladies Guild President

Mr. Richard P. Cehon – Parish Website Coordinator

Mr. Shaun M. Stewart – Parish Custodian

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE: {THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT: DECEMBER 16 – 24, 2023}

4:30pm – Saturday, December 16 – deceased members of the LeClair and Roberts Families – req. by Christina Roberts

9:00am – Sunday, December 17 – deceased members of the Sonnanburg and Masny Families
– req. by Barbara and Michael Masny

9:00am – Monday, December 18 – weekly MASS for our living and deceased Parishioners and loved ones

9:00am – Tuesday, December 19 – monthly MASS for vocations to the priesthood and religious life

9:00am – Wednesday, December 20 – Alan Tarkiainen (*‘month’s mind MASS’*) – req. by Eileen and Paul Martin

9:00am – Thursday, December 21 – monthly MASS for our nation and the world

Friday, December 22 – **NO MASS**

4:30pm – Saturday, December 23 – Edward Lizewski (*48th anniv.*) – offered by his son, Father Jack Lizewski

9:00am – Sunday, December 24 – James and Mary Ellen McTiernan – req. by Robert and Michele McTiernan

4:30pm – ‘CHRISTMAS EVE’ – Wasel Shevchuk (*‘birthday remembrance’*)

– req. by his daughter, Rosemary and his grandson, Christopher Shevchuk

CHAPLET of DIVINE MERCY and the ROSARY will be prayed on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22 @ 3:00pm.

2024 MASS BOOK – weekend/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.

The next available weekend MASSES are: February 3-4, 2024 and for weekdays beginning in January, 2024.

THIS WEEKEND'S MASS READINGS ARE ON PAGE 1008 IN THE RED 'WORSHIP' MISSAL-HYMNAL.

'EMPTY CUPBOARD PROGRAM': December 17 (Pat & Dick Hammond) December 24 (Eileen & Paul Martin)
December 31 (Pam & Buddy Richardson) January 7 (Pam & Buddy Richardson) January 14 (Margaret Shivick)

NOTICE: 'non-perishable' food items are always welcome to support those less fortunate at 'Jeremiah's Inn' – Worcester; two wicker baskets in the back of the Church are for this purpose. Contact Parishioner Pamela Richardson @ (508)-987-1000 for more details or to become a member of this social outreach service.

'OUR LADY OF HOPE': December 17 (Pam & Buddy Richardson) December 24 (Paulette & Bob Beaudin)
December 31 (Linda & Tom Buckley) January 7 (Ellin Clifford) January 14 (Pat & Dick Hammond) January 21

NOTICE: clean, decent clothing as well as soda/beer bottles/cans in clean trash bags can be placed on the inside left area of the Rectory garage to be brought to the 'Urban Missionaries' - Worcester on a weekly basis. Contact Parishioners Mary & Al O'Leary @ (508)-892-4135 and Ellin Clifford @ (508)-892-5661 to become a volunteer.

'LEGACY OF HOPE' – Diocese of Worcester fundraising campaign (2019-2024); kindly make your check or credit card payable to: 'LEGACY OF HOPE' and not to Saint Aloysius-Saint Jude Parish. Our assigned 'Parish goal': \$187,143.00 – current donations/pledges: 56 @ \$103,472.00 – 40% of all money donated remains in this Parish. Fourteen refund checks from the Diocese to the Parish totaled \$41,992.00 and used to pay Parish bills.

'2024 PARISH CALENDARS' – featuring traditional Catholic art and sponsored since 2013 by Morin Funeral Home, Leicester and Cornerstone Bank, Leicester are now available on the tables at both Church doorways.

'CHRISTMAS FLOWERS' DONATION ENVELOPES – available on the tables at both Church doorways.

FUEL OIL DELIVERIES – Church + Parish Hall (473 gals.) + Rectory (190 gals.) @ \$3.50 gal. = \$2,319.00

'BLESSING/DISTRIBUTION OF PRAYER SHAWLS' – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 during the 9:00am MASS.

LAST WEEKEND'S MONEY DONATIONS – Weekly Offertory Collection: \$1,793.00 - THANK YOU!

'Immaculate Conception' holyday: \$337.00 'Christmas Flowers' (14): \$335.00 'Christmas Offering' (3): \$135.00

'Retired Religious Sisters/Brothers' (17): \$420.00 'Bergin Family Christmas Party'(Parish Hall): \$135.00

'New Year's Day' (2): \$80.00 BANK DEPOSIT: \$3,235.00

'MANY THANKS' to everyone (85%) donating according to their 'financial blessings' and in '2023' dollar costs.

MINIMUM WEEKLY OFFERTORY DONATION AMOUNT NEEDED TO PAY PARISH BILLS: \$2,500.00

REALISTIC WEEKLY DONATION AMOUNTS - 2023 DOLLAR COSTS: \$20.00 + (working couples/families)
\$15.00 + (single, working individuals) \$10.00 + (retired couples) \$5.00 + (single, retired individuals)

'CHRISTMAS MASSES' – because of lower attendance since 2020, there will be two MASSES for 'Christmas': Sunday, December 24 ('Christmas Eve') @ 4:30pm and Monday, December 25 ('Christmas Day') @ 9:00am. There will be the usual MASSES on Saturday, December 23 @ 4:30pm and Sunday, December 24 @ 9:00am. Father Jack Lizewski will be leaving the Parish on 'Christmas Day' afternoon to enjoy 'Christmas dinner' with his family in Worcester. MASSES will also be celebrated during 'Christmas' week: Tuesday-Thursday @ 9:00am.