Saint Alopsius - Saint Jude Parish

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

Confessions: Saturday @ 3:00pm or by personal appointment with Father Jack Lizewski

Rev. John M. Lizewski – Parish Priest/Pastor Mr. James D. Archibald – Parish Finance Advisor

Mr. Kurt A. Blomstrom – Parish Organist Mrs. Jill A. Dupuis – Parish Ladies Guild President

Mr. Richard P. Cehon – Parish Website Coordinator Mr. Shaun M. Stewart – Parish Custodian

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE: {THIRD WEEK OFADVENT: DECEMBER 14 - 22, 2024}

4:00pm - Saturday, December 14 - Ann McLaughlin - req. by her grandson, Michael Flynn

9:00am - Sunday, December 15 - Eileen McGrath ('birthday remembrance') - req. by her son, David McGrath

9:00am - Monday, December 16 - weekly MASS for our living and deceased Parishioners and loved ones

9:00am – Tuesday, December 17 – monthly MASS for the souls in purgatory

9:00am - Wednesday, December 18 - Brian Richard (1st anniv.) - req. by the Richard Family

9:00am - Thursday, December 19 - monthly MASS for 'His Holiness', Pope Francis

Friday, December 20 – NO MASS

4:00pm – Saturday, December 21 – Wasel Shevchuk *('birthday remembrance')* – req. by his daughter, Rosemary and his grandson, Christopher

9:00am – Sunday, December 22 – Karen Richardson (16th anniv.) – req. by her son and daughter-in-law, Albert, Jr. and Pamela Richardson and her grandchildren, Angela and Thomas Richardson

CHAPLET of DIVINE MERCY and the ROSARY will be prayed on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20 @ 3:00pm.

<u>2025 MASS BOOK</u> – 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.

THIS WEEKEND'S MASS READINGS ARE ON PAGE 1009 IN THE RED 'WORSHIP' MISSAL-HYMNAL.

<u>'EMPTY CUPBOARD PROGRAM'</u>: December 15 (Paulette & Bob Beaudin) December 22 (Ellin Clifford) December 29 (Jill & Dave Dupuis) January 5 (Pat & Ed Faron) January 12 (Pat & Dick Hammond) January 19

<u>NOTICE:</u> '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.

<u>'OUR LADY OF HOPE'</u>: December 15 (Mary & Kevin Johnson) December 22 (Mary & Al O'Leary) December 29 (Pam & Buddy Richardson) January 5 (Paulette & Bob Beaudin) January 12 (Linda & Tom Buckley)

<u>NOTICE</u>: clean, decent clothing as well as soda/beer bottles/cans in clean trash bags can be placed on the <u>inside</u> 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)-873-6665 to become a volunteer.

<u>'PARISH COUNCIL/FINANCE COMMITTEE'</u> – these <u>nine</u> individuals will serve with Father Jack Lizewski from September, 2024-May, 2026: James Archibald (finance advisor – Northbridge), Richard Cehon, Jill Dupuis, Leonard Harmon, Lucille Jacques, Pauline Lareau, Mary Mattei, Pamela Richardson and Madeline Stoskus. The third meeting for 2024-2025 will be held on <u>MONDAY, MARCH 3 @ 7:00pm</u>.

<u>'CHRISTMAS CONCERT'</u> – <u>SUNDAY, JANUARY 5. 2025 @ 3:00pm</u> (Feast of the 'Epiphany') – Saint John the Baptist Church – East Brookfield (off Route 9 – 'Christmas is Forever' theme. <u>'FREE'!</u>

<u>'2025 PARISH CALENDARS'</u> – featuring traditional Catholic art are now available on the tables at both Church doorways and sponsored by Cornerstone Bank (Leicester) and Morin Funeral Home (Leicester).

<u>'CHRISTMAS FLOWERS' DONATION ENVELOPES</u> – available on the tables at both Church doorways. Detailed donor list will be attached to this 'Parish Bulletin' during the weekend of January 4-5, 2025.

<u>'FUEL OIL DELIVERIES'</u>: Church + Parish Hall (2); Rectory (2) = \$2,213.55 @ \$2.75/\$2.78 gal. ('PAID').

<u>LAST WEEKEND'S MONEY DONATIONS</u> – Weekly Offertory Collection: \$2,134.00 - THANK YOU!

'Haiti' (December collection): \$68.00 'Immaculate Conception' holyday (17): \$304.00 'Retired Religious Sisters/Brothers Appeal' \$237.00 'Christmas Offering' (6): \$85.00 'Christmas Flowers' (13): \$3400.00 'New Year's Day' (1): \$20.00 <u>BANK DEPOSIT</u>: \$3,188.00 * missed/away/snow weekends donations are very much appreciated and needed to achieve the <u>minimum 'Offertory Collection'</u> amount listed below (\$3,000.00).

'MANY THANKS' to everyone (85%) donating according to their 'financial blessings' and in '2024' dollar costs.

MINIMUM WEEKLY OFFERTORY DONATION AMOUNT NEEDED TO PAY PARISH BILLS: \$3,000.00

<u>REALISTIC WEEKLY DONATION AMOUNTS - 2024 DOLLAR COSTS:</u> \$25.00 + (working couples/families) \$20.00 + (single, working individuals) \$15.00 + (retired couples) \$10.00 + (single, retired individuals)

*** Our Parish could use more altar servers, lectors (readers) and Eucharistic ministers at weekend/holyday/ Christmas/Easter MASSES; speak to Father Jack Lizewski about your willingness and availability to serve.

<u>NOTICE FROM FATHER JACK LIZEWSKI:</u> "I will be placing the Christmas Nativity scene/Manger figures and decorating with Christmas poinsettias (red/white/pink) and red/green candles on Monday, December 23 following my father's 49th anniversary death MASS. There will be <u>TWO CHRISTMAS MASSES</u> celebrated: <u>TUESDAY</u>, 'CHRISTMAS EVE' @ 4:00pm and WEDNESDAY, 'CHRISTMAS DAY' @ 9:00am."