FEBRUARY 2020 BULLETIN

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil
5:00 P.M.  St. Theresa Church, Harvard

Sunday Mass
8:45 A.M.  St. Theresa Church, Harvard
10:45 A.M. St. Francis Xavier Church, Bolton
6:00 P.M.  St. Theresa Church, Harvard

*PLEASE NOTE: During the school year when there are NO Religious Education classes on Sunday evening there is NO 5:00 P.M. Mass on Sunday.

Weekday Liturgical Schedule 9:00 A.M.
Mass:
Monday & Tuesday in Harvard; Wednesday in Bolton
Communion Service:
Thursday in Harvard & Friday in Bolton
Holy Day Masses - As Announced

CONFessions AT ST. THERESA CHurch
Saturdays 4:00 - 4:30 P.M. and by appointment

CONFessions AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHurch
Mondays 4:30 - 6:30 P.M. Except 4th Monday & Holidays

BAPtisms
Please call the Rectory to make arrangements. Parents must be faithfully attending Sunday Mass.

Marriages
Arrangements one year prior to the wedding

ReCtory OFFICE HOURS
Mon. - Thurs. 9:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. Closed on Friday

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BULLETIN FOR FEBRUARY 2, 9, 16 & 23, 2020

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.

New Parishioners
New residents of Bolton and Harvard are always welcome to join our Parish. Please stop by the Pastoral Center at 15 Still River Road in Harvard or call 978-456-3563. Once a Parish Registration is completed you may register your son or daughter for Religious Education at the Religious Education Office. You may also download the Parish Registration form by visiting our website at www.htboltonharvard.org.

Saint Francis Xavier Church, Bolton

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Saint Theresa, The Little Flower Church, Harvard

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WEEKDAY LITURGICAL SCHEDULE 9:00 A.M.
Mass: Mon. & Tues. in Harvard & Wed. in Bolton
Communion Service: Thurs. in Harvard & Fri. in Bolton

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ASH WEDNESDAY - FEB. 26
MASS
9:00 A.M. Bolton
7:00 P.M. Harvard

With Distribution of Ashes

LITURGY OF THE WORD
3:30 P.M. Harvard & 4:00 P.M. Bolton

With Distribution of Ashes

Please take a look at the flyer in this month’s bulletin with information about our Lenten program and other resources to help enrich your Lenten journey.

Following the Communion Service on Thursdays in Harvard we say the Rosary.
On Fridays in Bolton we say the Chaplet of Divine Mercy;
during Lent we have Stations of the Cross.
The first Thursday and Friday of the month there is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for one half hour after the Communion Service.
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD,
THE FIFTH, SIXTH AND SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH PASTA SUPPER
SPONSORED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1st
in Deacon Hall
Following the 5 PM Mass in Harvard
All are invited to come and enjoy a delicious meal and fellowship with other parishioners and friends.

The Pope John Paul II Knights of Columbus Council 13764 Fall 2019 scholarship in the amount of $1,000 has been awarded to Katie Conlin from Bolton who attends Fairfield University. Congratulations, Katie!

Religious Education Classes
As Scheduled
NO EVENING CLASSES Sun., Feb. 2
NO CLASSES Feb. 16/17—Winter Break
The calendar for religious education classes can be found on the parish web site. If you have any questions please contact Lorraine Childs or Alice Gaffney. Contact information is on the front of the bulletin.

CONFIRMATION CLASS
Sun., Feb. 2 from 3-5 PM in Deacon Hall
Sun., Feb. 23 at 6 PM in Deacon Hall

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SUMMER WEEK PROGRAM
July 20-24
Letters have been mailed to all families of 8th & 9th graders concerning this program. For the 2020-2021 school year, 10th graders (Confirmation year) will meet from 8AM—12 PM. The 9th graders will meet from 1—5 PM every day July 20-24. The program will take place in Deacon Hall in Harvard (under St. Theresa Church). Limit 25 per grade. Those not attending the summer program may attend the Sunday evening classes Sept. 2020—March 2021. Please contact Alice Gaffney for more information.

OFFERING REPORT FOR JANUARY

Envelopes and Loose Checks
Sunday Regular Collections $11,177.00
Second Collections $2,408.00
Puerto Rico Earthquake Relief $2,697.00

Electronic Giving
Regular, Second Collections $6,695.00

Thank you very much for your faithful and generous support to our parish’s operational budget.

ByWeShare
We invite you to consider electronic giving.

Go to the parish web site: www.htbotonharvard.org
On the home page click on the WeShare icon and follow the instructions.

Second Collections:
Catholic Home Missions Feb. 2
Parish Improvements Feb. 9
Annual Fuel Offering Feb. 23

A copy of your parish 2019 year-end contribution summary is available upon request. Call or email the parish office. Those who give electronically, will receive a statement directly from WeShare.

SAVE THE DATE!
20th Worcester Catholic Men’s Conference
Men (including teens and college students) are invited to Assumption College on Saturday, March 28th. Come and hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: Scott Hahn (two talks), Luis Soto, and Bishop Robert Reed of Boston. Bishops and priests will hear confessions for those who wish, and Bishop McManus will offer the Sunday Vigil Mass. A wide variety of vendors will have books and religious articles for sale. The cost will be covered by the Knights of Columbus and the parish, and we will plan to carpool. Sign-up sheets are at the back of each church. Visit the conference website at www.firstmensconf.org for more detailed information, or contact Don Vespa (don_vespa@hotmail.com) or Tom Starr (tmstarr@gmail.com).

When there is no school, or there is a delayed opening, due to inclement weather, in Harvard or Bolton, there is no weekday morning Mass or Communion Service.
LITURGY CORNER

PRESENTATION OF THE INFANT JESUS IN THE TEMPLE/CANDLEMAS - FEBRUARY 2

This weekend, we will celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. This feast dates back to the Church in Jerusalem, the first half of the 4th Century. In the early Church’s liturgy, January 6 was a combined feast of Epiphany, Christmas, and the Baptism of the Lord with February 14 being the date forty days after January 6. When Christmas became a separate feast on December 25, the Presentation of Jesus was celebrated on February 2, forty days after Christmas.

According to Jewish tradition, the first-born male child belonged to God and was presented in the Temple forty days after his birth. Mary and Joseph also presented two turtle doves to be offered for sacrifice. The Jewish mother, according to the Law of Moses, would also be purified at this same time. Mary and Joseph kept this law even though Mary had no reason to be purified after the birth of Jesus.

When Jesus was presented in the Temple, a prophet named Simeon held the Child and remarked, “Now, dismiss your servant, O Lord, in peace: your word has been fulfilled: my own eyes have seen your Salvation which you have prepared before the face of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles and a glory to your people Israel.” The prophetess Anna proclaimed Jesus as the Messiah.

On this day, also referred to as Candlemas, candles were blessed by the priest for church use throughout the dark days of winter. We continue this tradition this weekend by bringing candles from home to be blessed by Fr. Kilcoyne. When we light the candles on special family occasions, we know that we are bringing the light of Christ into our homes.

Candlemas was important in the lives of farmers. An old English song went as follows: “If Candlemas be fair and bright,/ Come Winter, have another flight./ If Candlemas brings clouds and rain,/ Go, Winter, and not come again.” Sound familiar?

Blessings,
Steve
GUIDELINES FOR FAST AND ABSTINENCE

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

**FASTING** is to be observed by all Catholics who are eighteen (18) years of age but not yet fifty-nine (59) years of age on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

ASH WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 26TH

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Holy Trinity Parish

**2020 Take 5 LENTEN PRESENTATION**

**TUESDAY EVENINGS**

at 7:00 P.M. in Deacon Hall or
St. Theresa, the Little Flower Church
Harvard

**Presenter—Rev. Robert Grattaroli, Pastor,**
St. Joseph Parish, Charlton, MA

**PRESENTATION—VATICAN II—A WORLD VIEW**

Brochures with details will be available
in both churches on Ash Wednesday.

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**SOUP & BREAD SUPPER**

Before each Lenten Program there will be a simple supper with soup and bread at 6 P.M. in Deacon Hall. All are welcome! **We need soup makers and bread and beverage donations.** Look for sign-up sheets in the back of the church if you can help. **If you have a question, please contact Carol Lee Tonge at 8whitelane@charter.net or 978-456-8512.**

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**Enrich your Lenten journey with The Word Among Us.**

Daily Scripture Readings and Reflections
Available at the church entrance beginning Ash Wednesday.

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**LENTEN RICE BOWLS**

Your sacrifice helps to support CRS: Catholic Relief Service programs throughout the world.
The Saga of Divine, Augustin, Chance, Penina, Honorine, Rebecca and Angie

January 27, 2020

You have learned from an email message that the children have been in foster care since October. As of today only Chance and Penina are together in long-term foster care in Warren, while each of the other three girls are still in separate temporary foster care placements (in Paxton, Worcester, and Fitchburg) because long term foster families are not available. We are so pleased that a Holy Trinity family that has fostered many children is in the process of being re-certified so that they can become long-term foster parents to two of the girls. But we would so like to have another family in the area foster another two girls so that we could have them get together frequently. Could that be you? Do you know someone who would be interested? Anyone who fosters these children will have the continued support of the Social Justice Committee. If so, contact Sharon Shepela at 508-340-0964 or Shepela@hartford.edu “They will know we are Christians by our love.”

Honorine and Rebecca are being transported to and from their regular Chandler School in Worcester because of the proximity of their foster care. Angie is in HeadStart in Leominster. Chance and Penina are in school in Warren, and we are working with the Director of Student Services for the Warren district to urge DCF to begin the state requirement process called “Educational Stability for Students in Foster Care”. The state requires that a decision be made “in the best interest of the student” for whether the student should remain in the school they were in (for Chance, Forest Park) or go the school in the district where they live in foster care.

When the family arrived in Worcester on Nov. 30, 2016 Chance was two weeks shy of 11 years old, knew NO English, and had had no formal education. She was placed in 5th grade in The School for New Americans where English acquisition was the main goal for her, and few basic academic skills were taught to her. At the end of the academic year of 2017-18, when Chance was 12, she was “graduated” from the New American School and sent to Forest Grove Middle School as a 7th grader. She could neither do second grade math nor read beyond a first grade level. Forest Grove responded by teaching her basics while other students were working and then promoting her to 8th grade so that the same teachers could continue to work with her. They reported that she was making good progress this fall when she was summarily taken from that school and moved to Warren where that school was not informed of her academic difficulties. We are trying to make it possible for her to be sent back to Forest Grove where they have the ability to give her the extra attention Warren cannot.

In the meantime we are trying to get the girls together on weekends as frequently as we can, which means usually two cars rounding them up over about 1.5-2 hours (Warren is 1.5 hrs. from Bolton) and taking them to lunch or last weekend to the Africa exhibit at the Fitchburg Art Museum. We’ll try to get some pictures onto the church website for you to see. They love getting together.

Sharon has gotten permission to tutor Chance on the math she has never been taught every Wednesday after school in Warren. Anyone interested in reading with her on another day? She is a willing learner. I told her that the reason that she doesn’t know some of the things other kids in her class know is that they learned it in 2nd and 3rd grade, but she never had those grades. When I told her she had a good mind and could catch up, she was surprised. We can help her. We can save this bright enthusiastic girl.

Is this your calling?
Please remember in your prayers... Mary Andrews, Paul Athen, Katie Cartey, Carol Copanas, Nancy Dakin, Daniel DeBlatt, Alex DiBuono, Sophie Fitke-Baj, Catherine Fredrickson, Ed Gordon, Bruce Goucreau, Jane Griggs, Peter Harris, Dennis Hueman, Ted Januskevicz, Nabil Jarudi, Catherine Johnson, Mike Keller, Mitch Lortz, Steve MacKnight, Ian MacLellan, Ann Louise Malloy, Jack, Deb and Lauren Murphy, Theresa Postras, John Shivo, Jenny Sroka, Denise Thibeault, Bob Wairath.

We also pray for all the men and women in our armed services. With grateful hearts, we thank them for their service to our country and for protecting our freedom. Please remember USM Major Zachary Johnson.

If you would like to have a name added, or removed from our parish prayer list, please call the rectory. Thank you.

Homilies on CD

More “Homilies From the Heart” are available on a CD. Deacon Court Shields has recorded new homilies, which are not included in his book. The cost of the CD is $10. You can purchase the CD at the rectory. If you pay by check, the check should be made out to Holy Trinity Parish, with a note on the memo line, “Homily CD.”

We have Ministers in the Parish to bring the Eucharist to those who are unable to attend Mass. If you or a family member would like to receive Holy Communion, please call the Rectory at 978-456-3563.

Are you thinking of becoming Catholic?
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which adults explore the process of becoming a Catholic. The process begins with a simple inquiry. Call or email the rectory for further information 978-456-3563; hboltbmhavard@aol.com.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting
Saturdays at 9 A.M. Deacon Hall
St. Theresa Church, Harvard MA
Happy ~ Joyous ~ Free

COFFEE SHOP
Join the Coffee Shop ministry, which provides coffee, donuts/pastries after the 8:45 Mass in Harvard. The commitment is just once every 4 months and follows the Sunday morning CCD calendar. Contact Janice Kennedy at kennydishome@charter.net to help with this ministry.

BIBLE STUDY
MONDAY EVENINGS
7:00 P.M. in Deacon Hall
We are studying the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians. All are welcome to join at any time. For more information call Connie Grabow at 978-456-6822.

Thank you to all who participated by having their picture taken for our 2020 Parish Photo Directory. The feedback from folks who came to the LIFE-TOUCH photo sessions has been very positive. The new FREE directories are expected to arrive at the parish office sometime in March. We'll let you know when they come in.

MARCH BULLETIN DEADLINE IS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24