

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, March 7: St. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs

4:30 For the parishioners of Assumption parish

Sunday, March 8: Second Sunday of LENT

8:30 Joe McCabe † Rest in Peace

10:30 William Stone, John Sullivan † Remembrance

FAMILY LITURGY

5:30

Monday, March 9: St. Frances of Rome, Religious

8:00 Francis McCarthy † Rest in Peace

Tuesday, March 10

8:00 Catherine Lake – Birthday

Wednesday, March 11

8:00

6:30-8:00pm THE LIGHT IS ON



Thursday, March 12

8:00



Friday, March 13: Day of Abstinence

8:00 Stephen Berrio † Birthday Remembrance

7:00pm Stations of the Cross



Saturday, March 14

8:00 Harold Robinson – Birthday

4:30 Stanley & Adele Chudzik †

Sunday, March 15: Third Sunday of LENT

8:30 John R. Barnett †

10:30 Warren J. Cudmore † 15th Anniversary

5:30 For the parishioners of Assumption parish



Welcome through the **WATERS OF BAPTISM...**

Nolan Vincent Charles Gerbutavich

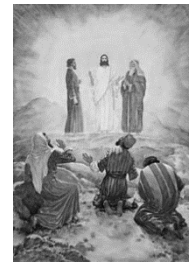


REST IN PEACE...

Remember in your prayers the soul of David 'Mike' McDaniel, loving husband of Maureen, devoted father and grandfather, brother and friend. His funeral Mass took place this past week.

**May the Lord open to
them the gates of Paradise...
where there is no death,
where eternal joy endures.**

This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.



Offertory Collection week ending March 1, 2020.

\$4,943. & Online \$1,104. Total \$6,047.

Budgeted \$5,900. Difference + \$147.

Ash Wednesday Collection CRS \$672.00

Thank you for your support!



Next weekend, the Catholic Appeal will be launched in all parishes throughout the Archdiocese. In preparation, we invite you to prayerfully consider making a generous gift that will benefit both our parish and the many ministries that

serve the 283 parishes, 110 schools, and 144 communities throughout the Archdiocese. Please take a moment today to look through the Catholic Appeal insert to learn more about the meaningful impact your gift will have. **This is our Church, and when you support the Appeal, you support us.** To learn more, or to make your gift online, please visit the Appeal website at bostoncatholicappeal.org.

This is
OUR CHURCH

Lenten Guidelines

Ash Wednesday and **Good Friday** are days of fast and abstinence. **Fridays of Lent** are also days of abstinence. **Fasting** is to be observed by all 18 yrs. of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, according to needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed. **Abstinence** is observed by all over 14 yrs. of age and older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed.

The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.



LENT

Attention Parish Volunteers!

Thank you to all the volunteers who filled out their CORI form last weekend. If you were not here last weekend, please take a moment this weekend to fill out this year's CORI form. They will be in the sacristy. All volunteers are required to fill out this form yearly. Please check to see if your name is included. Thank you for your attention to this IMPORTANT matter. Children's safety is all our responsibility.



Gospel Reflection: Matthew 17:1-9

This Sunday's Gospel reading tells the story of the Transfiguration, when Jesus took Peter, James, and John to the top of a mountain and changed appearance before them. In biblical times, people like Moses went to the tops of mountains in order to feel closer to God. Have you ever had a really great experience that you didn't want to end? Here, the Apostles have an experience like that: Jesus is transfigured before them, giving them a glimpse of heaven. They don't want this experience to end, but they can't pitch tents and stay on the mountaintop forever. While all good experiences in this life are fleeting, they are meant to point us to the one experience that will last forever- heaven! Nothing on earth is as good as what is yet to come!

God tells the first disciples to listen to his Son. Jesus is truly the Master Teacher. He came to show us how to live, how to love, how to pray. Do we allow his voice to guide our choices, our words? Do we follow his teachings in our daily lives? Do we allow his example of teaching to inform and form our own planning and preparation to teach the faith to those we are called to serve? Take time to listen for the voice of Jesus and allow him to lead you through each moment of your day.



LENTEN OFFERINGS...

MACARONI MONDAY'S: Enjoy a light dinner, prepared by Fr. Mark, and casual discussion of the Gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday. Monday evenings @ 6:30PM in the rectory. *You missed a delicious meal of Cacia e Pepe. Fr. Mark ate the rest all week. Please join him this Monday!*

TUESDAY'S SOUP & SCRIPTURE: Held at 12noon in the parish hall. A read through of the Book of Exodus.



WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: The Gospel of John. 7:15-8:15PM in the parish hall, with Fr. Hennessey.



CONFESSIONS: Every Wednesday from 6:30-8:00PM. 'The Light Is On.' Also, Saturday mornings from 8:45-9:30AM.

FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 7PM. We will also have Exposition and Benediction with Stations.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Mar. 8: Family Liturgy, 10:30am.



Mar. 8: F.F.F. (Gr. 1-2) 3-4:30pm.

Mar. 8: Confirmation Prep, 6:30-8pm.



Mar. 9 MACARONI Monday, 6:30pm, rectory.

Mar. 9: EDGE, 6:30-8pm.

Mar. 10: Soup'n Scripture, 12 noon, parish hall.

Mar. 11: F.F.F. (Gr. 1-2), 5:30-7pm.

Mar. 11: "The Light Is On"

Sacrament of Reconciliation, 6:30-8pm

Mar. 11: Bible Study, 7:15-8:15pm, parish hall.

Mar. 13: STATIONS OF THE CROSS, 7pm.

Summer Vacation Bible Camp

Save the dates!! Our Vacation Bible Camp will be July 20-24 from 9:30-noon. VBS is a wonderful way to engage in some fun activities while we learn about Jesus. VBS is open to any child who is potty trained to students entering grade 5 in September. More details of the camp and registration will be available by the end of March.

Camp leaders needed. High school students and Confirmation students who need volunteer hours, please come join in the fun! Contact Deb Conlon at 781-837-3662 or email conlon@olamarshfield.org if you are interested in helping.

TINY DISCIPLES, toddlers group meets weekly in the parish hall on Thursday mornings at 10:30am. New families always welcome, ages 0-6 w/caregiver. For more information contact Colleen Schoeck at Schoeck@olamarshfield.org.



Lenten Journey Reflection Program: In conjunction with the Archdiocese of Boston's *The Light is on for You* campaign, we will be offering an evening of prayer and reflection on Wednesday evenings during Lent *from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.* We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Guided Reflection, Night Prayer and Benediction during each gathering. A different topic will be highlighted each week. We hope you will consider joining us on our Lenten journey. If you would like additional information, please contact Mary Pat McCauley at either (339) 933.0515 or mpatmccauley@gmail.com

MARCH/APRIL Book-club Selection:

We will be reading Bishop Robert Barron's Lenten Gospel Reflections to deepen our Lenten journeys. Mary Pat has ordered a dozen copies for the parish. Cost to the reader is \$3 for the book. On Thursday, March 19th at 7pm., we will meet to discuss readings and reflections from Ash Wednesday through the 19th. We will also discuss our reading of the "Stations of the Cross Reflections" chapter during our meeting. We will meet again on Thursday, April 16th at 7pm to discuss both the remaining reflections and any other insights we discovered during the days of Lent. Contact Mary Pat McCauley at 339-933-0515 or mpatmccauley@gmail.com if you would like additional information on this next book.



Do you know someone going through a difficult time? We always have **Prayer Shawls** available for those who are experiencing medical issues, emotional turmoil or for a family member sitting by the bedside of someone who is terminally ill. Please call the office or stop in if you are in need or know of someone who might like one. They are blessed and ready to be taken home.



Baptismal Robe Ministry is looking for a few volunteers to join their sewing group which meets on Thursday mornings every other week. The ladies create the baptismal robes that are used at Baptism. There is plenty to do even if you have never sewed. Tracing pattern and cutting them out, and of course sewing and ironing. Please call the church office or drop by to meet the crew. Next meeting will be on the 19th at 10am.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." Encourage the Holy Spirit to perfect your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Mar 13-15, 2020 in Duxbury, MA and Apr 18-19, 2020 in BREWSTER, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

Meeting Christ in Prayer is a guided prayer experience based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. By prayer, reflection and faith sharing, Meeting Christ in Prayer can bring you to a renewed sense of Christian mission. An eight-week commitment of daily prayer and weekly meetings will take place on Wednesday, from March 4th through April 22nd from 7:00pm to 8:15pm at Fontbonne Convent in Milton. Please contact Sister Anne D'Arcy at 617-433-5065 or e-mail Anne.d'Arcy@csjboston.org for registration and information.

Caring Cookers. You may not be aware, but here in the parish we have volunteers who cook for parishioners who are either in medical treatment or experiencing temporary hardships and are in need of help with meal preparation. Ellen Burns, our longtime volunteer, is an example of the works of mercy, helping families face emergencies in a simple but important way. If you are able to join this little group and cook when the occasion arises, please call the Church Office and let us know. You are the Hands of Christ. Thank you!

Sowing Seeds urgently needs volunteers to transport patients to medical appointments both locally and especially to Boston. Please call Sowing Seeds at 781-837-3337 if you can help. Also needed are clothing for men, women, children and babies as well as gift cards to supermarkets and stores. Sowing Seed Clothing Bank is located on the corner of Rt. 139 and School St. and is open on Thursday and Saturday mornings from 10am to 12noon to accept donations and distribute clothing. Please help us to assist those in need. Thank you.

A Reflection on the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Confession.

In that place between wakefulness and dreams, I found myself in the room. There were no distinguishing features save for one wall covered with small index card files, which stretched from floor to ceiling and seemingly endlessly in either direction, had very different headings.

As I drew near the wall of files, the first to catch my attention was one that read "People I have Liked." I opened it and began flipping through the cards.

I quickly shut it, shocked to realize that I recognized the names written on each one.

And then without being told, I knew exactly where I was. This lifeless room with its small files was a crude catalog system for my life. Here were written the actions of my every moment, big and small, in a detail my memory couldn't match.

A sense of wonder and curiosity, coupled with horror, stirred within me as I began randomly opening files and exploring their content. Some brought joy and sweet memories; others a sense of shame and regret so intense that I would look over my shoulder to see if anyone was watching. A file named "Friends" was next to one marked "Friends I have betrayed."

The titles ranged from the mundane to the outright weird. "Books I Have Read," "Lies I have Told," "Comfort I Have Given," "Jokes I Have laughed at." Some were almost hilarious in their exactness: "Things I've Yelled at My Brothers," Others I couldn't laugh at: "Things I have done in My Anger." "Things I have Muttered Under My Breath at my parents." I never ceased to be surprised at the contents. Often there were many more cards than I expected. Sometimes fewer than I hoped.

I was overwhelmed by the sheer volume of the life I have lived. Could it be possible that I had the time in my short life to write each of these thousands or even millions of cards? But each card confirmed this truth. Each was written in my own handwriting. Each signed with my own signature.

When I came to a file marked "Lustful Thoughts," I felt a chill run through my body. I pulled the file out only an inch, not willing to test its size, and drew out a card. I shuddered at its detailed content. I felt sick to think that such a moment had been recorded.

And almost animal rage broke in me. One thought dominated my mind: No one must ever see these cards! No one must ever see this room! I have to destroy them! In an insane frenzy I yanked the file out. Its size didn't matter now. I had to empty it and burn the cards.

But as I took it at one end and began pounding it on the floor, I could not dislodge a single card. I became desperate and pulled out a card, only to find it as strong as steel when I tried to tear it.

Defeated and utterly hopeless, I returned the file to its slot. Leaning my forehead against the wall, I let out a long, self-pitying sigh. And then I saw it. The title bore "People I have Shared the Gospel With." The handle was brighter than those around it, newer, almost unused. I pulled on its handle and a small box not more than 3 inches long fell into my hands. I could count the cards it contained on one hand.

And then the tears came. I began to weep. Sobs so deep that the hurt started in my stomach and shook through me. I fell to my knees and cried. I cried out of shame, from the overwhelming shame of it all. The rows of shelves swirled in my tear-filled eyes. No one must ever know of this room. I must lock it up and hide the key.

But then as I pushed away the tears, I saw Him. No, please not Him. Not here. Oh, anyone but Jesus. I watched helplessly as He began to open all the files and read the cards. I couldn't bear to watch His response. And in the moments I could bring myself to look at His face, I saw a sorrow deeper than my own. He seemed to intuitively go to the worst boxes. Why did He have to read every one?

Finally, He turned and looked at me from across the room. He looked at me with pity in His eyes. But this was a pity that didn't anger me. I dropped my head, covered my face with my hands and began to cry again. He walked over and put His arm around me. He could have said so many things. But He didn't say a word. He just cried with me.

Then He got up and walked back to the wall of files. Starting at one end of the room, He took out a file and, one by one, began to sign His name over mine on each card.

"No!" I shouted rushing to Him. All I could find to say was "No, no," as I pulled the card from Him. His name shouldn't be on these cards. But there it was written in red so rich, so dark, so alive. The name of Jesus covered mine. It was written with His blood.

He gently took the card back. He smiled a sad smile and began to sign the cards. I don't think I'll ever understand how He did it so quickly, but the next instant it seemed I heard Him close the last file and walk back to my side. He placed His hand on my shoulder and said, "It is finished."

I stood up, and He led me out of the room. There was no lock on its door. There were still cards to be written.

Author Unknow.

Living Stations of the Cross.

Rehearsal Dates/Times

Thursday, March 12: 6:30-7:30pm

Sunday, March 15: 6:30-7:30pm

Monday, March 16: 6:30-7:30pm

Monday, March 23: 6:30-7:30pm

Sunday, March 29: 6:30-7:30pm

Dress Rehearsal

Thursday, April 2: 6:30-8:00pm

Friday, April 3rd: Arrive at 6pm

Living Stations, 7pm

Cast party following performance.



BIBLE STUDY DATES...

The Winter Bible Study, continues Wednesday's, March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20, from 7:15-8:15pm in the parish hall. We will continue studying the Gospel of John, no prior study of John needed.



Free video reflections on the Stations of the Cross @ <https://stations.wordonfire.org>

Relevant Radio – Did you know that there's a new station in Boston that broadcasts – Talk Radio for Catholic Life – **RELEVANT RADIO?** It's **1150AM**. Also, find it at **550AM** out of Providence and on the free **Relevant Radio** app.

St. Mary of the Nativity, in Scituate Harbor invites you to attend their Parish Lenten Mission, which takes place March 16-19 (Mon-Thurs). There will be a morning mission at 8:30 in the Parish Center and an evening mission at 7pm in the main church. Both morning and evening talks will be the same. The theme of the mission is: "The Freedom to Believe: Becoming an Adult Catholic. Fr. Simeon Gallagher, OFM will be the guest homilist. All adults are welcome!



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Sacred Heart School Spring Open House Series

Early Childhood Center - PS & Pre-K & K

April 4th - 10am to 12pm

Elementary/Middle School - Grades 1 to 8

March 26th - 4pm to 6pm

Visit Sacred Heart Early Childhood Center on April 4th - 10am to 12pm & Elementary/Middle School on March 26th - 4pm to 6pm for a tour of our school campus, to meet faculty, staff, and students, and to begin your journey to becoming a Sacred Heart Saint! Register to attend our Open House by completing our Open House Registration form on our website! For more information, contact the Admissions Office at Sacred Heart Early Childhood Center & Elementary/Middle School at [781-585-7511](tel:781-585-7511), x 338. You can also visit us online at www.sacredheartkingston.com, or email: admissions@sacredheartkingston.com. It's a great time to be a Sacred Heart Saint!