

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, February 22: The Chair of St. Peter, Apostle

4:30 Joseph Fay † 9th Anniversary

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 23

8:30 Alphonse Burokas † 11th Anniversary

10:30 Mary F. Medlin † 3 Month Remembrance

5:30 Ray Mallory, Jr. † 25th Anniversary

Monday, February 24

8:00 For the parishioners of Assumption parish

Tuesday, February 25

8:00 Don & Joan Dixon † 65th Wedding Anniv.

(Fat Tuesday Breakfast)

Wednesday, February 26: ASH WEDNESDAY

8:00 Mass & Distribution of Ashes

4-4:30 Prayers & Distribution of Ashes

7:00pm Mass & Distribution of Ashes

Day of
Fast &
Abstinence

Thursday, February 27

8:00 Bill Abbruzzese † 3rd Anniversary

Friday, February 28: Day of Abstinence

8:00

7:00pm Stations of the Cross 

Saturday, February 29

8:00 Mary Alice Hayes † 9th Anniversary

4:30 Sarah DiMaria †

Sunday, March 1: First Sunday of LENT

8:30 Viola L. MacDonald † Remembrance

10:30 Michael Bohin † 2nd Anniversary

5:30 For the Parishioners of Assumption parish



LENT

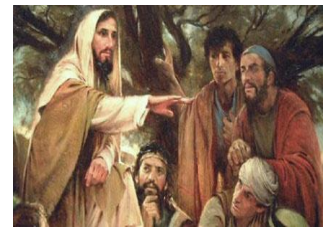
Lenten Guidelines

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.

Whoever keeps the word of
Christ, the love of God is truly
perfected in him.



Offertory Collection week ending February 16, 2020.

\$4,643. + On line \$1,202. Total \$5,845.

Budgeted \$5,900. Difference - \$155.

Thank you for your generous support!

This week's second collection will support the Church in those underdeveloped areas of the world. Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the Church in Africa and in Central and Eastern Europe and three important national Catholic missions: The Military Archdiocese, Home Missions, and the Black and Indian Missions.

Your generosity will help fund the spiritual, educational and humanitarian needs of the Church around the world. For more information about each of these organizations go to their websites.

1. CRS: www.usccb.org/crscollection
2. Church in Africa: <http://www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/solidarity-fund-for-africa/index.cfm>
3. Church in Central and Eastern Europe: www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/central-and-eastern-europe.collection/index.cfm;
4. Military Archdiocese: <http://www.miliarch.org/>
5. Catholic Home Missions: www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/catholic-home-missions-appeal/index.cfm
6. Black and Indian Missions: <https://blackandindianmission.org/>

It's Tax Time!

If you would like a copy of your donations for 2019, please drop a note in collection basket, or give our secretary a call at 781-834-6252.

For you this LENT...



- **Lenten Pamphlet** with local Churches information, located at Church entrances.
- **The WORD Among Us.** Daily Meditations Booklet. Please take one home.
- **BEST LENT EVER** from Dynamic Catholic. Daily readings sent through email. Sign up online.



Gospel Reflection: Matthew 5:38-48

As challenging as they are radical, the ideas of turning the other cheek and loving your enemies must have sounded as crazy to Jesus's listeners as they do today. Jesus tells us that God's infinite love and total forgiveness are the new standard. Take some time today to pray for the people you have a hard time loving: the people who have hurt you, or the ones you find it difficult to agree with or get along with. Some people find that with prayer, their own attitudes and behaviors towards their least favorite people begin to change. See if this works for you!

Attention Parish Volunteers! Please stop by the church office to fill out this year's CORI form. We will also have them available on the weekend of March 1st after all Masses. Thank you for your attention to this IMPORTANT matter. Children's safety is all our responsibility.



CHURCH CALENDAR

Feb. 23: Confirmation Prep., 6:30-8pm.
Feb. 24: EDGE, 6:30-8pm.
Feb. 25: Fat Tuesday Breakfast following 8am Mass
Feb. 26: ASH WEDNESDAY – LENT begins
Feb. 28: Stations of the Cross, 7pm.
Mar. 1: F.F.F. (Gr. 1-5), 3-4:30pm.
Mar. 3: Soup & Scripture, 12noon, parish hall.
Mar. 4: F.F.F. (Gr. 1-5), 5:30-7pm.
Mar. 4: The Light is On, 6:30-7:30pm. Confessions
Mar. 6: Stations of the Cross, 7pm.
Mar. 7: First Penance Workshop, hall at 10AM
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: EDGE, 6:30-8pm.



**You must accept your cross;
if you bear it courageously
it will carry you to Heaven.**

St. John Vianney

Get ready for LENT...

Join us on Tuesday, February 25th
following morning Mass for a
FAT TUESDAY BREAKFAST...



✠ **ASH WEDNESDAY:** Mass at 8am and 7pm with distribution of Ashes. Service with distribution of Ashes from 4-4:30PM.

💡 **CONFESSIONS:** Every Wednesday from 6:30-7:30PM. 'The Light Is On For You.' Also, Saturday mornings from 8:45-9:30AM.

MACARONI MONDAY'S: Enjoy a light dinner and casual discussion of the Gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday. 6:30PM in the rectory.

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.

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

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://wwwmema.org/>.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, Jesus makes clear how we are to live: turn the other cheek, hand over your cloak as well as your tunic, asked to walk a mile, walk two. All of this builds up to the hardest of all: LOVE YOUR ENEMIES and PRAY FOR THOSE WHO PERSECUTE YOU. But don't despair! We find hope in St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians: "... you are the temple of God, ... the Spirit of God dwells in you..." We – you – can do anything if you are open to the power of God, the love of Jesus, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

