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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2021

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. - Mk 1:44-45b

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 15

8:00AM For the people

Tuesday, February 16

8:00AM †Fr. Robert Burbank

Wednesday, February 17, Ash Wednesday

8:00AM Mass

12:15PM Liturgy of the Word

6:00PM Liturgy of the Word

Thursday February 18—Friday, February 19

No Masses

Saturday, February 20

4:00 PM †Andrew Ho requested by the family

Sunday, February 21

8:00 AM Mass

9:30 AM †Josephine Jasiewicz requested by Ruth and Jim Murphy and Edward Ogrodny

Baptisms:

First and third Sundays of the month, generally. Baptismal preparation class required. Please contact the parish office for scheduling.

Marriages:

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00PM

Sunday Morning: 8:00 AM and 9:30 AM

Weekday Liturgy: 8:00 AM Monday-Wednesday

Financial Blessings

	Jan 30/31	Feb 6/7
Weekly Offertory	\$4537.00	\$3330.00
Online Giving	\$1167.50	\$1880.50
Monthly	\$372.50	\$1826.37
Catholic High Schools	\$292.00	\$60.00

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Ash Wednesday Schedule

8:00AM Mass with distribution of ashes

12:15PM Liturgy of the Word with distribution of ashes

6:00PM Liturgy of the Word with distribution of ashes

Guidelines for Lenten Observance

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday:

Days of Fast and Abstinence

Fridays of Lent: Days of Abstinence

Weekdays of Lent: No obligation to fast

Fasting binds all Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive, unless prevented by poor health. One full meal is allowed. Two other meals sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to one's own needs. Eating between meals is not allowed, although fluids may be taken.

Abstinence binds all Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday, unless prevented by poor health. The consumption of meat is not allowed.

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Catholic Relief Services Project Rice Bowl

St. Dunstan will have rice bowls available in the narthex Feb. 13/14 as well as in the office. Any bowl in your home could also be used for CRS project rice bowl offerings. Visit <https://www.crsricebowl.org/> to donate online or for the mailing address for donations. St. Dunstan will be offering the rice bowls, but we will not be collecting donations this year. We ask that each family send in their donations or make their donation online.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter has gone virtual

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on week-ends and some span multiple weeks on a given week-day. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>. "Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."



33rd Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood

Father Kevin celebrates the 33rd anniversary of his ordination on February 13th. We send our best wishes and pray that the love of God continues to guide and direct Father in his service as a priest. "May God's goodness and kindness be with you on this special day and all the days of your life." Psalm 23:6

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Love Never Fails

1 Corinthians 13: Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.

Kimball's, in Massachusetts. We had our pick of ice cream, games, and mini-putt; it was the picture perfect end to a week of service in the Boston area on our St. Dunstan *Creeds* annual summer mission trip. I would venture to guess that the adults were dead-tired; I certainly was. I would also surmise that most of the teens were too, though, they perhaps wouldn't admit it. We had just spent our time painting and cleaning and helping others. We were rewarded with daily morning Mass and nighttime activities that included Adoration, Four Corners and Reconciliation.

As I remember the details of this day, I recall that this was early on in my tenure as the Youth Minister at St. D. ("St. D" was what we screamed at our nightly program and it was deafening). We had a great group of teens and adults and were creating the *Creeds* as we went along: *Summer Survivor* was born, we packed into Teen Masses and we ate far too many taquitos together on Sunday nights. I was doing my best to listen to the teens who came to meetings as well as those who were on the "steering committee," the predecessor to leadership team as it is called now.

One of the things I always worried about as we planned and had our events was whether the teens knew enough about our Catholic Faith. I was a child of the 70's. Although I attended Catholic school K-9, my religion curriculum was Catholic "lite"; God was love. He loved us. All was good. That's all you needed to know. I discovered the majority of Catholic teachings in high school in my Religion 9 class as well as in college. Did these kids really understand the teachings of Jesus? What more could I do to help and serve them? They were here in front of me and I had to do more.

As I was standing around at Kimball's, one of the students in the group asked me for some money. They wanted to buy something inside the gift shop. I had assumed it was more food since that was the usual end-game. I gave this person a few dollars and didn't think anything more about it. A few minutes later, they emerged from the shop and found me (and yes they were indeed eating) and gave me this small gift: a tiny angel that says "Love never fails." They said to me that this was what St. D was all about: that we loved each other. And thank you for loving us. Then they just walked off eating their food. The entire encounter was under a minute.

That gift profoundly affected my ministry. I realized in the weeks after the trip, after I had had a chance to process, that in our beloved youth group, love was what mattered. The *Creeds* has always strived to be a home for all; not just for the faithful, but for everyone. And that's a tall order. I realized that maybe what I had learned in my childhood that God loved us, was just what we all needed. The rest of the world was competitive and judgmental enough. We needed to love.

And that is what we did. Our adults and teens ministered to those in front of us. We tried to love everyone who walked into our youth group. We are not perfect but we try to have something for everyone. I have learned to leave the studying to Confirmation classes and focus on the love in our youth group.

I look at that little angel every day as I leave for work. As I reflect on this Valentine's Day, love is central to what we do as Catholics. We need to deeply love our fellow humans, our kids, our neighbors. Who knew that our very special *Creeds* youth ministry program could be summed up with "Love never fails"? Perhaps the kids knew.

I am grateful they taught me.
Gina Raymond



Stations of the Cross

St. Dunstan Church: Wednesdays at Noon

St. Paul Church: Fridays at 7 p.m.

Reconciliation:

Every Monday during Lent at 6 p.m.

Our Lenten Scripture Series Begins February 18

St. Dunstan will commence our traditional Lenten Scripture Series on Thursday, February 18 at 7:00 PM by means of Zoom. You don't have to leave the comfort of your own home to join our sessions. We will delve into the mysteries of the Lenten scripture readings and let these sacred texts speak to our hearts as we prepare to participate in this holy season. The readings are a blend of Old testament and New with dramatic Gospel readings each week. This season leads us to Easter the foundational feast of our Catholic faith.

We will meet on the following Thursdays: February 18 and 25; March 4, 11, 18 and 25. Have your Bible with you to aid in discussing the readings. Participation is encouraged. Selected materials will be provided in advance if we have your email. COVID has challenged us to find new ways to connect with our faith sharing community. Zoom has provided the platform. Call Walter with questions at 860-202-5867 or email: wtwachtman@bpslawyers.com

Walter Twachtman is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: St Dunstan Lenten Scripture Series

Time: Thursday February 18, at 7 PM; and for 5 subsequent Thursdays.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86077142077?pwd=M0xLbHhQdUNIM3ltSk1BeTEwZHV1UT09>

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New Day Program



The parish will be offering "New Day," a nine-week program for those who have lost a loved one in death. This

will be a time to come together to pray, to understand the grieving process, and to experience support in a caring community. A start date has yet to be determined. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested, please contact Dotty Twachtman at 860.633.6939.



Third Sunday Food Drive

Please continue to support the Catholic Worker and St. Vincent de Paul Society. You can do this by sending Stop and Shop gift cards (in \$25 or \$50 denominations) or checks to:

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c/o Bethanne Donovan
26 Clark Street
Hartford, CT 06120

c/o Mary Acunto
P.O. Box 12
Glastonbury, CT. 06033

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Monday Meals for Father Kevin



For anyone interested in providing a Monday meal for Father Kevin, email the office at admin@stdunstanparish.org and we will send you a link to the "Take Them a Meal" we have setup with information and dates for providing meals.

Scholarships for High School Class of 2021

The Catholic Graduates Club of Greater Harford, Inc. will award three scholarships of \$2000 each to Catholic students who are high school seniors planning to attend a four year college in the fall of 2021. The basis for selection will be need, character, leadership and achievement. The application deadline is March 15, 2021. Students should contact their principal or guidance counselor for an application.

Charitable Donations and Tax Deductions

In order to save postage and printing costs, we will not be mailing out calendar year 2020 contribution statements to all parishioners in January. Many parishioners maintain their own donation records via checkbook or have converted to online giving. The online giving portal allows donors to generate a year-end statement. However, we will mail acknowledgement statements to any parishioner upon request. Please contact the Parish Office at stdunstan@aohct.org to request that a tax contribution statement be mailed to you. Please provide your name and mailing address. As always, consult with a tax professional before taking any charitable deductions. Contact our Business Manager, Marche Carmichael, in the office with any questions.

Maintaining our Prayer Request List

Please call or email the office (admin@stdunstanparish.org) to add someone to our prayer request list. We will print each name for one month; in order for the request to remain beyond that time, please email or call us each month. As always, please make sure that the person knows that we are publishing his or her name for prayers.



**Jim DiCaprio,
Catherine & Raymond Telep,
Gail Cushing, John Paul Muckle**



Readings for the week of February 14, 2021

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-1

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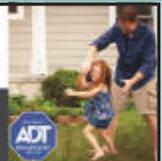
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