

FIRST SUNDAY OF

LENT



The Collaborative of St. Albert the Great & St. Francis Xavier

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Mass Schedule

St. Albert the Great, 1140 Washington Street, Weymouth ~ Sunday 11:00 am

St. Francis Xavier, 234 Pleasant Street, Weymouth ~ Saturday 4:00 pm, Sunday 7:30 am & 9:30 am

Daily Masses

Monday 9:00 am St. Albert, Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am St. Francis, Saturday 8:15 am St. Albert

Reconciliation

8:45 am - 9:15 am Saturday - St. Albert the Great, 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm, Saturday - St. Francis Xavier

The Partnership Schools of Sacred Heart & St. Francis Xavier

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Family Faith Formation ~ email sfxfamilyfaith@gmail.com ~ phone 781-331-6264



Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 5, 2022

8:15 am (SAG) Guaraci DeSouza
4:00 pm (SFX) Elinor & Paul Harkins

Sunday, March 6, 2022

7:30 am (SFX) Jackie & Bob Belliveau
Remembrance
9:30 am (SFX) Nancy DePari—2nd Anniversary
11:00 am (SAG) Edward O’Leary
6th Anniversary

Monday, March 7, 2022 (SAG)

9:00 am Edmund Daley & Edmund Daley Jr

Tuesday, March 8, 2022 (SFX)

9:00 am Nastasi Family

Wednesday, March 9, 2022 (SFX)

9:00 am Demmos W. Bicknell

Thursday, March 10, 2022 (SFX)

9:00 am John Connelly

Friday, March 11, 2022(SFX)

9:00am Iacoviello Family

Saturday, March 12, 2022

8:15 am (SAG) Anthony Kirby
4:00 pm (SFX) Patricia Keefe

Sunday, March 13, 2022

7:30 am (SFX) Mary Connolly -14th Anniversary
9:30 am (SFX) Leo Daley—1st Anniversary
11:00 am (SAG) Joseph John “JJ” Frisoli
5th Anniversary

The Collaborative Choir Is Back!

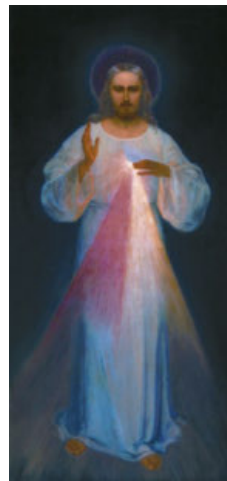
Come share your talent and love of singing by joining our Collaborative Choir. Rehearsals will be held on Saturdays at 2:00pm in St. Albert the Great Church beginning on Saturday March 5. The choir will be singing at the 11:00am Sunday Mass at St. Albert the Great, as well as on holidays. For more information, please contact Beth at 508-364-7125 or bstaff1@gmail.com.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

Nicholas Watts, Glenn M., George Moussa, John Tangherlini, Robbie G., KJL, Mary G., Jean Elizabeth Conley, John Patrick Conley, Margaret Torio, Ian T. Crowley, Morton Berlan, Tommy Letsche, Paulina, Nancy L., Gerry W., Kevin K., Ruth Thiessen, Kristen, Mary Duseau, Paul Duseau, Audie, Marilyn D., John Barchey, Diane Sinclair, Baby Ava, Annie Murphy, Richard Dubois, Beth & Zoe Bodine, Julie, Deborah Konding, Teresa Donnelly, Paul Meehan, Linda & Jim Gavin, Kevin M. Kelley, Beverly Giuffre, Elinor Healy, Robert Russo, Stephen Cheremka, David B., Sarah Johnson, David S., Margaret, Marie Ortiz, Maureen, Michael Nash, Jonathan W., Gill Dolan, Karen S., Dong Vu, Ruth S., Chuck D., Michael D., George W., Frank Younie, Erin LM, Nancy Pitts, Nancy, Jeanne R., Barbara S., Allison B., Steve, Liz, Ellie, Jill, Mandi Hilton, Christine Lomuscio, Deb M., David Townson, Michael Salvaggio, Marion, Conor, Carmella Parnero, Tom Spooner, Carl Moriarty, Paul, Helen Dignin, Jody O’Brien, Sandy C. Billy D. and Dan Halpenny, Teresa Beaudoin, Bob Brinkman, Ruthie Linehan, Jackie, Cliff Maloney, Russell, Jackson and Pam.



Lenten Preparation



**Divine Mercy & Lenten Preparation
Saturday March 12
2 to 4 PM**

**St. Mary of the Nativity
Parish Hall, Scituate**

Please join in preparing for Divine Mercy Sunday with an afternoon of sharing and learning with Sr. Caterina OLM, who proclaims the message of Divine Mercy at conferences, in parishes and prisons, and Bob & Maureen Digan, whose experience of a miracle at the tomb of St. Faustina helped lead to St. Faustina’s Beatification in 1993. Light refreshments will be served. Call 781.545.3335 to reserve your space. Free admission—donations welcome.

Faith

IN ACTION

IT ALL STARTS WITH

You



My Dear Friends in Christ:

In Matthew's gospel we are told, "You are the light of the world ... Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

I am reminded of that light every day as I witness the countless ways that our brothers and sisters throughout the Catholic community support one another. From organizing and staffing food pantries, to providing outstanding education to children, to serving as spiritual companions to those affected by addiction, I am inspired by the way our parishes and parishioners put faith into action.

These good deeds, and so many others, that help bring the light of Christ to those throughout our communities are made possible through your generous support for the annual Catholic Appeal. **At this time, I ask you to prayerfully consider making a generous gift to the 2022 Catholic Appeal so that together we may continue to strengthen our faith and our communities while serving our brothers and sisters in need.**

Please know of my gratitude for your consideration of this request. Your generosity helps to put faith into action in so many greatly needed and very meaningful ways.

Asking God's blessings upon you and all whom you hold dear, I remain,

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Sean, OFMcap

Archbishop of Boston



By participating in the Catholic Appeal, you are helping put faith into action to serve those who turn to the Church for assistance. Your generosity helps to change lives through countless programs and ministries, including:

ADDICTION RECOVERY

The iThirst initiative empowers volunteers at 24 of our parishes to be a spiritual resource for those suffering from addiction, as well as for their families. The Archdiocese of Boston was the first diocese to implement this program, which has now grown into a worldwide ministry. iThirst provides formation for laity and clergy to equip them as Certified Spiritual Companions to accompany addicted individuals and their families along the road to recovery.

Your support of the Catholic Appeal allows the Addiction Recovery Ministry and Opioid Task Force to find and implement life-changing faith-inspired support and programs to anyone affected by addiction.

"We walk with people as two pilgrims, understanding and listening to a vulnerable and marginalized population that has largely gone unheard and underserved."

Keaton Douglas, Founder, iThirst



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Our 100 Catholic schools help 31,000 students go further with faith, providing them with an outstanding education while inspiring them to realize their innate God-given potential. Mission Grammar School (MGS) in Roxbury serves children as young as three months old, offering a support system for families in an underserved community. MGS is an extraordinary example of how our schools encourage students to live the gospel and put them on the road to higher education and a successful life built on a foundation of faith.



"We know that a high-quality education surrounded in a faith-filled community is a way for access and opportunity, equity and possibility for our scholars."

Alice Dutton, President, Mission Grammar School

Your support of the Catholic Appeal assists our Catholic Schools Office in ensuring our schools continue to be beacons of light in their communities, creating opportunities for success for students from early education through high school.

PARISH FOOD PANTRIES

Many parishes in our Archdiocese operate food pantries that provide nourishment and support for thousands of families in need. Harvest on Vine, the food pantry run out of St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Charlestown serves more than 300 local families each month. This food pantry, along with others across the Archdiocese, are more important now than ever, as the number of those suffering from food insecurity increased by 55% during the pandemic.

Your support of the Catholic Appeal provides ongoing and wide-ranging operational support and assistance to our parishes as they do what they do best: carry out Christ's mission to help those most in need.

"In any community, there are always some folks who are simply, as Jesus would say, the neediest, the ones who everyone doesn't notice. We serve those people."

Fr. James Ronan, Pastor, St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena Parish



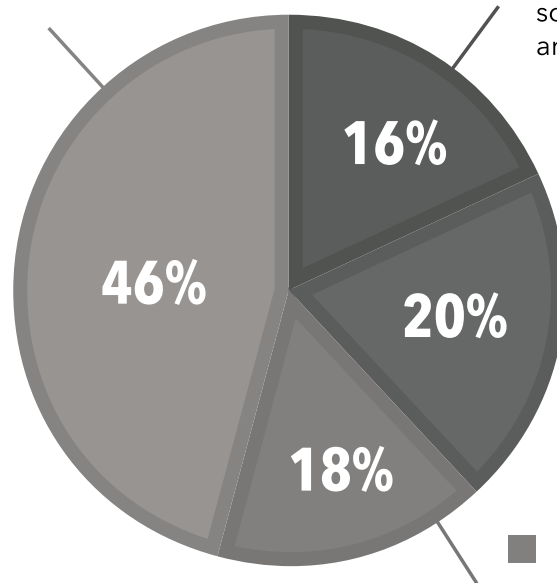
The Catholic Appeal helps fund the Central Ministries of the Archdiocese, which make programs and services possible both within and beyond the walls of your parish. Here is a breakdown of how funds raised through the Appeal were allocated in 2021.

■ **Parish & Operational Support**

Includes serving the 260 parishes across our Archdiocese, from offering support for wide-ranging operational needs to assisting with property damage and other maintenance.

■ **Education**

Includes supporting students and faculty at our 100 Catholic schools and providing education and guidance to future priests.



■ **Service to Others**

Includes offering support to those affected by addiction and training chaplains to work in hospitals and prisons across Greater Boston.

■ **Faith & Formation**

Includes providing vibrant religious education programs for all ages and overseeing campus ministry programs at more than 25 colleges and universities.

If you have received Cardinal Seán's letter in the mail and already made your gift or pledge, **thank you!** If not, here are the ways you can participate in the 2022 Catholic Appeal:

- Use the in-pew envelope found at your parish to make a gift or pledge.
- Make a donation online or learn more about the benefits of giving by Donor Advised Funds, stock, or IRA contributions by visiting our secure website bostoncatholicappeal.org.



**SCAN HERE TO
GIVE NOW**

March 6, 2022 - First Sunday of Lent - Gospel Meditation

One of the greatest temptations human beings face is leaving the truth of who they are, where they came from and who created them in pursuit of more personal satisfactions. When we consider all that desires our attention in a given day, there are many lures that attract us to illusions about ourselves. We can easily find ourselves distracted or tired, preoccupied with preserving our status in life, social relationships, current trends, and corporate demands, and intrigued by pursuing what we perceive to be the “path of least resistance.” The daily concerns of life can quickly take our eyes off of our truth, making the empty promises of worldly accomplishments and ideologies seem so attractive. What is at risk in giving into this temptation?



We cease giving thanks to and worshipping our Creator as we pursue our own self-sufficiency, power, and prestige. We replace the true God with a “pet” one. While many do not totally dismiss the idea of God and pretend to remain at least remotely connected, they do not invest themselves heart, mind, and soul in the relationship either. That is why we are so easily swayed. If something attractive comes along, we lunge for it. After all, having a position above and over everyone else is a good thing, isn't it? In more honest moments, many have to admit that they believe this to be true. The Evil One is very convincing. But he can only gain control if we allow him to.

About temptation, St. Basil remarks, “As the pilot of a vessel is tried in the storm, as the wrestler is tried in the ring, the soldier in the battle and the hero in adversity, so is the Christian tried in temptation.” And here is found the reason for Lent. It is a wonderful opportunity to get a handle on the attractive lures of illusion that easily captivate us and bring us off track. It is also a time for some honest reflection rooted in prayer, fasting, and selfless giving that can bring us to temptation's remedy: love. Love of his Father gave Jesus resistance. It can do the same for us.

Fr. Bill's & Mainspring Ministry



The Collaborative of St. Albert the Great & St. Francis Xavier will be starting a bagged lunch ministry for Fr. Bill's & Mainspring. The first date to assemble lunches is Sunday, March

13th. Donations will be accepted in the kitchen in McShea Auditorium at St. Francis Xavier between 10:30am and 12:30pm on the 13th.

Items that are needed are granola bars, individual chip bags, packaged cookies, 8-oz. bottles of water, cold cuts and cheese.

Any questions can be directed to Stephanie Dwyer at 781-413-4787 or email Feffie@comcast.net. Thank you in advance for your support of this ministry.

Stations of the Cross

Please join us for the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings throughout the season of Lent. St. Albert the Great Church 7:30pm, and St. Francis Xavier Church Fridays at 4:00pm.

We invite you to 'walk' with us as we make our spiritual pilgrimage through the stages of the Passion of Christ.



The Annual Catholic Appeal - Faith In Action

It is through your generosity to the Catholic Appeal that we continue to provide support for our Catholic schools, operational support for our parishes, faith and formation programs at our parishes, and many services for those in our community who turn to our Church for assistance.

We hope that you will respond generously. When you make a gift to the annual Appeal, you are helping put faith into action in countless and far-reaching ways and every gift makes a difference. To make a gift online, visit www.bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate-now.



Congratulations!



On Friday, fifty-four Confirmands received the **Sacrament of Confirmation**.

We congratulate the recipients of the gifts of the Holy Spirit and their families. Thank you to our Family Faith Formation team for all of their hard work.



Garret J. McDonald, Owner

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