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2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

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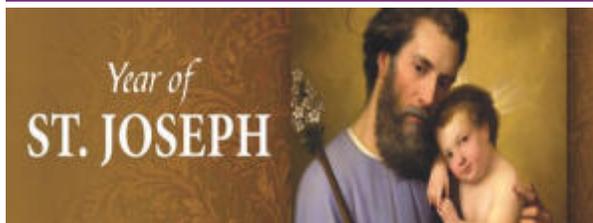


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## EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY

Saturday (Vigil) 4:00 pm  
Sunday 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 am  
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00 am

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Due to Covid 19 restrictions, Adoration is not being celebrated at this time.

## ROSARY FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

Due to Covid 19 restrictions, the Rosary is not being held at this time.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 9:00-10:00am.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

To schedule your Baptism or for more information, please call Lisa Hudson at the Rectory.

## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment to begin the preparation process and to confirm a date and time for your wedding. This process should begin at least six months in advance of the desired date.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Mary of the Annunciation is a Roman Catholic Christian Community centered around the Eucharist, welcoming all, while growing through faith and stewardship.

# Saint Mary Parish, Melrose, MA

## WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S!

If you are visiting and looking for a spiritual home, we welcome you to our Saint Mary of the Annunciation Parish Community. We hope that you find the worship and liturgy uplifting and an encouragement to your faith. We invite you to participate in the life of our parish. Whatever your age or walk of life, we want this parish to be your spiritual home. We are a community centered on excellent liturgy, helping people of all ages grow in relationship with Jesus, and welcoming all. Please introduce yourself to Fr Shawn, our Pastor. We want to know you and serve you.

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, February 27**  
4:00 pm Arthur Grenier

**Sunday, February 28**  
7:30 am Teresa Laverty  
9:30 am For the People of our Parish  
11:30 am For the People of our Parish

**Saturday, March 6**  
4:00 pm Paul S Ryan

**Sunday, March 7**  
7:30 am For the People of our Parish  
9:30 am Mary Doyle  
11:30 am Paul Pistorino



Please pray that God will watch over and safeguard our men and women serving in the military.

Sgt Paul Consoli, US Army  
Major Martin Forrest, USMC  
LtCol Steven Gerardi, US Army  
Cpl Matthew Gregorio, USMC  
Pvt Michael Butler, USMC  
L/Cpl Daniel Morelli, USMC  
Sgt Brian Crawford, US Army  
LtCol Bernard Banks, US Army  
H.C. Evan Carroll, USN  
E3 James E. Wilson, US Army  
AB Dan Munday, USAF  
SR Patrick Casey, USCG  
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Sgt Mickhail Jean, US Army  
SSG Jacob Pezzini, US Army  
Cpl Michael Igo, USMC  
L/Cpl Michael Baker, USMC  
Pfc Matthew Hanley, US Army

In an effort to update our military list, we ask that you notify us if someone on the above list no longer serves in the military or if their rank has changed. Please email [marjk50@comcast.net](mailto:marjk50@comcast.net) or call the rectory with any changes, deletions or additions. Thank you.

## Prayer Requests

Please pray for those who are ill especially

for  
Ellie Pistorino  
Patricia DeGaravilla  
Katherine Connolly  
Joseph O'Connor

Our Sanctuary Lamp is lit in memory of  
Paul S Ryan

Please pray for our recently deceased loved ones especially for

Paul McNamara  
Anthony Gilardi



## 2021 CATHOLIC APPEAL



## LIFT IN UPPER CHURCH

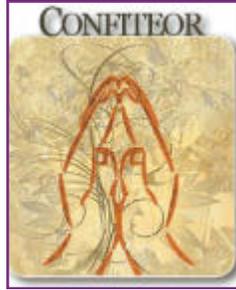
The Lift in the upper church, which was installed in the 90's, is not working. We have made several repairs over the past three months at considerable expense, but it continues to break down every couple of weeks.

Father Shawn has signed a contract for a new Garaventa Genesis lift at a cost of \$32,000. The project will take at least six to eight weeks for completion. If you know of any parishioners who depend on the lift to come to Mass, please let them know that it's inoperable at this time. Thank you.

Next weekend, parishes across the Archdiocese will launch the annual Catholic Appeal, which provides necessary funding for the more than 50 ministries that serve our parishes, schools, and communities, helping us all live our faith together. This is our Church, and when you support the Catholic Appeal, you are directly supporting our parish and all those who turn to our Church for assistance. Visit [boston-catholicappeal.org](http://boston-catholicappeal.org) to learn more or make a donation. To give now, scan the QR code above.

## Second Sunday of Lent

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have  
failed to do,  
*[All strike their breast three times]*  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-  
Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

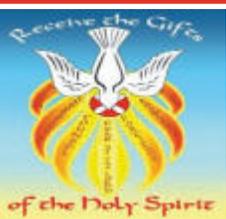


### First Reading Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18



God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am!" he replied. Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you." When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the LORD's messenger called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" "Here I am!" he answered. "Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son."

As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son. Again the LORD's messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said: "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing—all this because you obeyed my command."



### The conferring of the Sacrament of CONFIRMATION for our Tenth Graders will be Sunday, March 14 at 1:00 and 2:30.

Please pray for our Confirmandi, their Sponsors and Families.

For any questions, please contact, Jaclyn Meehan, Confirmation Coordinator, [stmarysyoungfor-mation@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysyoungfor-mation@gmail.com)

Please note that these dates may change due to the unusual circumstances around COVID 19.

### Responsorial Psalm 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19

**R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.**  
I believed, even when I said,  
"I am greatly afflicted."  
Precious in the eyes of the LORD  
is the death of his faithful ones.  
**R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.**  
O LORD, I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the son of your handmaid;  
you have loosed my bonds.  
To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
and I will call upon the name of the LORD.  
**R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.**  
My vows to the LORD I will pay  
in the presence of all his people,  
In the courts of the house of the LORD,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.  
**R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.**

### Second Reading Romans 8:31b-43

Brothers and sisters:  
If God is for us, who can be against us?  
He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?  
Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones?  
It is God who acquits us, who will condemn?  
Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised—who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.



### Gospel Mark 9:2-10



Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became daz-

zling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus.

Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified.

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

## THE CREED

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation,  
he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.



For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Walk in the footsteps of Jesus as we pray the Stations of the Cross during Lent. **Each Friday during Lent**, we will follow the journey of Jesus as he carries His cross to Calvary. **Please join us at 3 pm Fridays during Lent** in the upper church. You do not have to register ahead of time but will be asked to provide contact information.

Volunteers are needed to collect sign-in information and sanitize the church after the service. Please call the rectory (781-665-0152) if you are able to help out at Stations of the Cross.



Another way to pray/walk the Stations of the Cross is to meditate on the outdoors Stations of the Cross on Myrtle Street.



## Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

February 28, 2021  
2nd Sunday of Lent

A pregnant woman was walking in the store and met an old friend. Her friend exclaimed, "You are absolutely beaming!" The new life God placed in her womb radiated through her body. It was brightly visible on her face and in her eyes. Transformation and change usually happen from the inside out. It is very rare that simply imposing structure from the outside does any good. Yes, it is true that routines and habits can change when things are done differently. But, for this change to last there has to be an interior renewal and metamorphosis as well. Simply regulating behavior and bringing someone into conformity with accepted protocols doesn't mean their heart and soul come with them.

Peter was a homeless man who lived in a very remote and rudimentary tent community. He was happy to make his daily trip to McDonald's and always welcomed a gift card or two so that he could buy some coffee and something to eat. A generous advocate worked to secure him an apartment in hopes of moving Peter out of his makeshift housing and into something safer. Peter finally got the grand tour of his new "digs," received his own key, remarked how wonderful the place was, closed the door behind him when they left and never returned. He preferred his tent. No matter how much things changed on the outside, Peter was happy where he was. A poignant lesson was learned that day.

How is your Lent going? By now you ought to have a sense of whether you're really "into it" this year and something transformational is happening. For many, it's only the stuff on the outside that changes for a few weeks and then they return to business as usual. For others, there are some real inner changes happening that are deepening their relationships with God, others, self, and creation. If we are serious about moving to a new place and radiating with the presence of new life and joy, then we have to clear the way to listen for God's call. Then, there is God's request to change things up a bit and order our lives differently. After realizing we have been called and given a mission, we have to trust that this is where we need to be. And then, after all of this hard work we are asked to act. The fruit that is revealed will indicate whether our journey is authentic. The brilliance of conversion will begin to shine on our faces as we contemplate the One to whom we are asked to listen. ©LPi

Bishop Mark O'Connell  
invites you to a

## Mass of Thanksgiving

For our frontline workers  
In the North Region

Wednesday, March 17, 2021  
7:00 PM  
at St. Theresa Parish, North Reading  
The Mass will be live streamed.  
More information to come.

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## SAVE THE DATE

Friday, Mar 5—Early Dismissal  
 Thursday, Mar 18—Reports Cards  
 Saturday, Mar 20—First Reconciliation  
 Thursday, Mar 25—Feast of the Annunciation  
 Thursday, Apr 1—HOLY THURSDAY—Early Dismissal  
 Friday, Apr 2—GOOD FRIDAY—No School  
 Saturday, May 22—First Eucharist



We are very pleased to share with you  
**"The Living Way of the Cross."**

Perhaps you may wish to use the presentation as a way to pray together with your family and friends during this holy season of Lent.

Many thanks to our graduating class for their creativity in keeping this SMS tradition alive while adhering to pandemic protocols. Enjoy!

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<https://youtu.be/YZvuwFbmLUQ>

## Second Week

### Sunday

*Jesus was transfigured in glory in front of Peter, James, and John.*

• Nice things in this life don't last forever. Thank God for something nice you have now.

### Monday

*Jesus submitted to His arrest even though He was innocent.*

• Pray for people who are in jail— those who are guilty as well as the innocent. 11

### Tuesday

*The mob hit Jesus and spit on Him.*

• If you have money, give some to the poor. Otherwise say a prayer for them. 12



### Wednesday

*Peter denied knowing Jesus three times before the cock crowed.*

• Pray: O my Jesus, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love Thee. I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love Thee. 13



### Thursday

*Jesus spent the night in prison after he was arrested.*

• Say an 'Our Father' right before you go to sleep. 14

### Friday

*Early the next morning He was brought to trial.*

• When you wake up pray: Everything today I offer to You, O Lord! 15



### Saturday

**Pray to Our Lady:**

*Turn, then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us, and after this, our exile, show unto us the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O pious, O sweet Virgin Mary! Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ!* 16

## LENTEN WORD SCRAMBLE

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2. MPLA DUSYAN \_\_\_\_\_

3. AHS YSNWDEEDA \_\_\_\_\_

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