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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

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ARE HUMBLE OF
HEART WILL BE
GLORIFIED."**

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Through your generosity to the Catholic Appeal, you help provide a team of expert professionals who support our parishes, our schools, and our communities.



Our Parishes & Our Faith

Helping our 280 parishes safely serve their parishioners once the pandemic struck was truly a team effort.

Our risk management team, health care ethicist, and support staff provided comprehensive guidance and expert advice and best practices to enable parishes to offer remote and in-person services.

In addition, your contribution to the Catholic Appeal helps provide programs such as *Transformed in Love*, a program for couples preparing for marriage. Converting these in-person programs to internet-based programs enabled 1079 couples to continue their preparations for the sacrament of marriage.



Our Schools

Our teams developed in-school safety protocols and remote learning best practices so that students in our 100 schools did not fall behind during the pandemic.

Our schools have been able to maintain in-person learning throughout most of the current school year and have been cited as a model for public school systems across the state.

With the support of the Appeal, the Catholic Schools Office also provides operational assistance, faith-based guidance, and professional development programs for all diocesan schools.



Our Communities

Our Central Ministries provide services that benefit our 144 communities in numerous ways.

In addition to our Pro-life ministries and support for addiction recovery, we advocate for social justice and respect for the inherent dignity of every person through a yearly Social Justice Convocation and educational programs.

We also provide materials, virtual resources, and support to families and persons with disabilities so that they can stay connected to their Church and continue their collective journey of faith.

This is our Church, and when you support the Catholic Appeal, you support all of us.

To see more about these stories please visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to watch this year's Catholic Appeal video.

CATHOLIC APPEAL 2021



Through the generosity of donors like you, last year's Catholic Appeal raised \$14M to help the ministries of the Archdiocese of Boston support our faith, our parishes, and our communities. We are so thankful for the dedication of our extended family of faith, as together we can impact the lives of others far beyond the change we could affect on our own. Below is a breakdown of how Catholic Appeal funds were allocated to Central Ministries in 2020. **Thank you for helping these ministries continue to change lives, share our faith, and bring the presence of Christ to the world around us.**

	MINISTRIES	% of CM Budget
	Supporting Our Faith: Catholic Schools Office, Cultural Diversity & Persons with Disabilities, Deaf Apostolate, Ecumenical Affairs, Family Life, Healthcare Ethics, Palliative Care, Pro-Life Ministries, Health & Social Services, Chaplaincy Programs, and Addiction Recovery.	43%
	Supporting Our Parishes: Youth & Young Adult Ministry, Lifelong Faith Formation, Worship & Spiritual Life, Evangelization & Discipleship, Benefits, Finance, Human Resources, IT, Parish Financial Services, Property Management, and Risk Management.	36%
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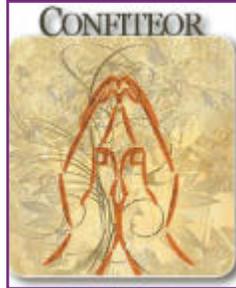
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Third Sunday of Lent

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 Exodus 20:1-17



In those days, God delivered all these commandments:

"I, the LORD, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery.

You shall not have other gods besides me.

You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape

of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth; you shall not bow down before them or worship them. For I, the LORD, your God, am a jealous God, inflicting punishment for their fathers' wickedness on the children of those who hate me, down to the third and fourth generation; but bestowing mercy down to the thousandth generation on the children of those who love me and keep my commandments.

"You shall not take the name of the LORD, your God, in vain. For the LORD will not leave unpunished the one who takes his name in vain.

"Remember to keep holy the sabbath day. Six days you may labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD, your God. No work may be done then either by you, or your son or daughter, or your male or female slave, or your beast, or by the alien who lives with you. In six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the LORD has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.

"Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you.

You shall not kill.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male or female slave, nor his ox or ass, nor anything else that belongs to him."

Responsorial Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul;

The decree of the LORD is trustworthy,
giving wisdom to the simple.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;

the command of the LORD is clear,
enlightening the eye.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever;

the ordinances of the LORD are true,
all of them just.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

They are more precious than gold,
than a heap of purest gold;

sweeter also than syrup
or honey from the comb.

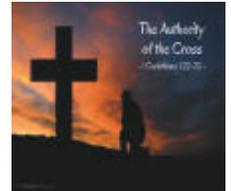
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Second Reading First Corinthians 1:22-25

Brothers and sisters:

Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.



Gospel John 2:13-25

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, *Zeal for your house will consume me.*

At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?"

Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."

The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?"

But he was speaking about the temple of his body.

Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken.

While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.

March 7, 2021

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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

March 7, 2021
3rd Sunday of Lent

Many prefer a “create as you go” approach to life where laws and protocols primarily exist to secure and protect liberties rather than dictate and outline proper and right behavior. There are no real benchmarks for acceptable ethical and moral behavior, with a “you can’t tell me what to do” attitude prevailing. Parents are even limited in what they can request of their children, and dealing with threatening behaviors, especially from adults, are a challenge as well. Acceptable and expected conduct seems to amount to safeguarding each other’s space rather than increasing awareness of necessary relationships that require a more refined and higher response.

We have lost our axis to the world of “anything goes” and no longer see the Ten Commandments as practical and wise guideposts to effective living. We live on “relativism island” where only a possible suggestion to “love and do not harm” may be the only standard able to be preached. While Jesus most certainly emphasized love above anything else, it was never about warm fuzzy feelings or halfhearted humanitarian efforts. The love of which Jesus spoke establishes an intimate connection with God, neighbor, self, and creation. Because this love, who is God Himself, is at the foundational core of our lives, it demands actions and attitudes that serve to build up, increase, and free up those relationships. Love requires proper conduct. Preserving and enhancing these love centered relationships is at the heart of the Ten Commandments (and the Beatitudes) and the reason for Jesus’ display of anger in the temple.

The Ten Commandments can save the world from turmoil and conflict by instilling basic moral and relational principles within us. They also hold a healthy sense of sin in balance and always remind us of our relationship with God and the freedom God offers. Our faith preserves these jewels of truth that we often look beyond, dismiss altogether, or seek to remove from public view. Human beings can be so arrogant at times. Our Lenten journey, especially when embarked upon with sincerity and resolve, can restore all of our essential relationships. When we get absorbed in life’s pre-occupations and demands, things can quickly get distorted and we can find ourselves way off track. In short, we find ourselves in sin. Humanity is losing a sense of both grace and sin. We need both to understand what is real and true. Until we do, the oppressive systems and ideologies that hurt so many will never change. We will never change. We are grateful for those courageous souls who willingly embrace the conversion and hard work Lent demands and stand against antiquated systems and ideologies. They give us hope that all is not lost.

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*In gratitude of the sacrifice,
courage, bravery,
and selflessness
of all our frontline workers
in the North Region*

**Bishop Mark O’Connell,
Auxiliary Bishop
of the North Region invites you and your family to a
Mass of Thanksgiving
on Wednesday, March 17 at 7:00pm
at Saint Theresa Church, North Reading**

The Mass will be live streamed and recorded (www.sttheresanreading.org) for those unable to attend. For those wishing to attend in person, please register at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4BAFA92CA2F85-mass4>, or if you wish to submit a name of a frontline worker, please email their name to northregion@rcab.org.

Participation in the Mass will include frontline workers from many parishes in the North region. Please pass this invitation to others in your community who have given so much this past year.



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Nina Katherine DiTrapano

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, 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

Saturday, March 13
4:00 pm Evelyn Kelleher

Sunday, March 14
7:30 am For the People of our Parish
9:30 am For the People of our Parish
11:30 am Albert Petrola

Prayer Requests

Please pray for those who are ill especially for

Ellie Pistorino
Patricia DeGaravilla
Katherine Connolly
Joseph O'Connor
Rita M Tsika

Our Sanctuary Lamp is lit in memory of
Teresa Laverty

Please pray for our recently deceased loved ones especially for
John Ford

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.



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
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AB Dan Munday, USAF
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Cpl Cam DeCroteau, USMC
SPC Bradford Saunders, US Army
Col Eric DiNoto, US Army

Aft Devon Emery, USAF
Lt Patrick Forrest, USMC
Cpl Mark Gregorio, USMC
L/Cpl Jare Wimberly, USMC
LtCol McGregor, USMC
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S/F Justin E. O'Brien, US Army
Lt J/G Quincy King II, USAF
Lt John R Moreschi Jr., USN
Cpt Daniel J. Parker, USAF
Sgt Mickhail Jean, US Army
SSG Jacob Pezzini, US Army
Cpl Michael Igo, USMC
L/Cpl Michael Baker, USMC

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 or call the rectory with any changes, deletions or additions. Thank you.



2021 CATHOLIC APPEAL



This weekend, we launch our annual Catholic Appeal, along with all the other parishes throughout the Archdiocese. Each year, the Catholic Appeal provides the faithful with a way to help support the ministries that support our parishes, our schools, and our communities. This is our Church, and every gift makes a difference. **Please consider making your gift today by visiting bostoncatholicappeal.org or by scanning the QR code above.** Your gift has an immediate impact on our parish and the work of our Church. Thank you in advance for your generosity. **Please see the additional information on the 2021 Catholic Appeal further in the Bulletin.**



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