



# 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

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St. Ann's Parish

Peabody, MA

February 21, 2021

# SAINT ANN'S PARISH

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses  
 Saturday 4:00 pm  
 Sunday 9:30 am  
 Live-stream

Holy Day Masses  
 As announced

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| Rev. David Lewis,                         | 978 -531-1480 |
| Rev. Raymond Van De Moortell.             | 978- 531-1480 |
| Deacon Richard W. Cordeau                 | 781- 962-4480 |
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| Leanne Amirault, Pre-School Director      | 978- 532-3329 |
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## Parish Pastoral Council Members

Milt Burnett, Rich D'Ambrosio, Joe DiFranco,  
 Dan Lemenager, Nancy Mahoney, Anne Masterson,  
 Nate Masterson, Maura Santos, Bob Windsor

## BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated individually Saturdays at 2:30pm. Please call 978-531-1480 for more info.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Archdiocesan policy: Weddings are to be scheduled six months prior to the celebration. Please call the Parish Office

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

By appointment. Please call 978-531-1480.

## PROGRAM/COORDINATORS

|                       |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| RCIA                  | Tom Flanagan         |
| Homebound Ministry    | Millie Onos          |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Debbie Obremski      |
| Lectors               | Carol Provenzano     |
| Liturgy Committee     | Dcn. Richard Cordeau |

## PARISH LEADERSHIP BODIES

|                         |                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Parish Pastoral Council | Richard D'Ambrosio |
| Finance Committee       | John McGinn        |

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"We are a welcoming community of faith grounded in the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
 Our faith leads us to action prompted by Scripture and taught by Jesus.  
 Our life of faith is celebrated through our parish liturgy with the full participation of the laity.



## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 20, 2021  
4:00pm Carol & Carl Melville  
Sunday, February 21, 2021  
9:30am Mary S. Lane 19th anniversary  
Saturday, February 27, 2021  
4:00pm Bridget Flanagan  
Sunday, February 28, 2021  
9:30am All enrolled in St Ann's Memorial Fund

## NEW MEMBERS TO ST. ANN'S

If you are new to this parish, we wish to welcome you and hope that you find this to be a warm and caring community. Should you wish to register for our Parish census, please call Susan at (978)532-3329. Registration can be completed in a few minutes over the phone, there are census forms on the bulletin board in the rear of the church or a form can be mailed to you.



**Mass:** In-Person Mass Saturdays at 4:00PM. & Sundays at 9:30am ~ also live –streamed  
Daily Mass remains suspended until further notice

**Baptisms** will be individual. Please call 978-531-1480

## ALTAR FLOWERS

You now have the opportunity to have flowers placed on our altar in memory of loved ones. The Parish makes the arrangements for the flowers. The name of your loved one and the donor will be placed in the bulletin for that weekend. The

donation is \$50. *The Sundays during Lent and Advent are excluded, out of respect for these Liturgical Seasons.*

Please call Susan at 978-532-3329 if you are interested in donating flowers for a particular weekend.



## Readings for the week of February 21, 2021

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

**Monday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19

**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12

**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48

**Next Sunday:** Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of  
**Michael DeMayo**

whose funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Ann's.

May he and all our faithful departed rest in the peace of the Lord.



## Baptisms

We would like to offer a special welcome to  
**Joseph Lynch**  
who through the initiation rite of Baptism became a member of the Church on  
Saturday, February 13, 2021

### Lenten Regulations

**Abstinence:** Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligations of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, meat may not be used at all.

**Fast:** Catholics 18 and up to the beginning of the 59th year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the days of fasting. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

### 2021 Catholic Appeal Launch

As we begin the Lenten season, we are reminded of the importance of our parish communities that allow us to fully live out our faith. The support of the ministries at the Archdiocese of Boston help our parish continue serving the faithful in this community. Consider making an early gift to this year's Catholic Appeal to help ensure these ministries can continue helping our parish, and all parishes, schools, and communities throughout our Archdiocese of Boston. Visit [bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://bostoncatholicappeal.org) to learn more or make a donation.

### Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

Next week we will take up the collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection Supports the Church in more than 25 countries that still struggle to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee).

### YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

In a recent letter from the Vatican (*Patris Corde*), Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St. Joseph" to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. In his letter, Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows ... Joseph is a father in obedience to God: with his 'fiat' he protects Mary and Jesus and teaches his Son to "do the will of the Father." And as Pope St. John Paul has said, "Called by God to serve the mission of Jesus, Joseph cooperated in the great mystery of Redemption, and is truly a minister of salvation."

We will honor St. Joseph this year on the 7 Wednesdays leading up to his feast day of March 19<sup>th</sup>:

**February 3,10,24,  
March 3,10,17**

We will have **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5 to 6 p.m.** We will conclude with special prayers in honor of St. Joseph and a celebration of **Holy Mass at 6 p.m.:**

**Latin Mass at St. Adelaide's  
Mass in English at St. Ann's**

\*Please note that **February 17 is Ash Wednesday.**

The 6 p.m. services that night are Masses of Ash Wednesday rather than St. Joseph.

**On Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, we will have a 6 p.m. Mass to celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph.**

### Wednesday Holy Hour

St. Ann's Holy Hour is continuing every Wednesday. Every Wednesday evening at 5:00 p.m. There will be adoration and confession, followed by a Novena Prayer in honor of St. Joseph and the celebration of Mass at 6:00 p.m.

We certainly hope you will be able to join us on one or all of these Wednesdays!  
May God bless you and your loved ones in every way.

**Financial Report January 2021****Required****Actual      to meet Budget      Difference**

|                        |           |           |            |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| January<br>Offertory   | \$15,317  | \$20,000  | (\$4,683)  |
| July-Jan.<br>Offertory | \$104,849 | \$140,000 | (\$35,151) |

**Financial Report**

The January 2021 Offertory Collection totaled \$15,317. Thank you very much for your donations! This money is used to pay for the operating costs of St. Ann's Parish such as staff salaries, utilities, program costs and basic building maintenance. These funds are also used to pay the costs associated with the Parish's Religious Education program not covered by fees charged for those classes. On average, we need to collect \$20,000 each month – or \$4,616 each week – to maintain our current level of services

**Fiscal Year 2020/2021**

| <u>Budget Amounts</u>   | <u>Annual</u> | <u>Monthly</u> | <u>Weekly</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| Offertory Giving Budget | \$240,000     | \$20,000       | \$4,616       |

The parish strongly encourages parishioners to participate in offertory giving.

The Commitment to Parish Life Program (CPL) allows participants to make an annual donation pledge to the parish. The pledged amount can be fulfilled throughout the year by making actual donations on a quarterly, monthly, or weekly basis.

The CPL program helps the parish forecast offertory collections in the establishment of the annual budget.

Alternatively, parishioners are free to make donations to the offertory without making an annual pledge.

**Parish Prayer List**

**Out of compassion please pray for your sisters and brothers in Christ. Our shut-ins, sick and hospitalized& those whose needs are known to God alone:**

**Charles & Carol Aiken  
Amanda Barber  
Emma Jane Barber  
Sarah Cena  
Jack Corrado  
Maureen Courtenay  
Elizabeth Doherty  
Jane Erickson  
Sandy Feeney  
Genevieve Gannon  
Daniel Gargas  
Nancy Hassan  
Amy Mahoney Hines  
Louise Kozak  
Larry Lane  
Alanna Linton  
Margaret Noyes  
Rosemary O'Brien  
Shannon O'Neill  
Diane Oteri  
Bill Pcheny  
Jacqueline Puglisi  
Allissa Rodriguez  
Robert Russell  
Eduarda Silva  
Virginia Slattery  
Helen Smith  
Nick Spinazola  
Jean Sullivan  
Theresa Sullivan  
Greg Surman  
Fred Tirabassi  
Patricia Twoey  
Bess Walsh  
Kellie Wood  
Virginia Zambella  
Irene Zielski**

**Please call Deacon Richard at 781-962-4480 if you wish to have someone added to our prayer list.**

**Thank you,**

**“We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ”  
Lord, Hear Our Prayer**

## Lent 2016: A Meditation by Fr. Raymond (part 2)

We have begun the season of Lent – a time for prayer and reflection, as we enter the desert with Christ – there to experience with him the interior struggle with sin and temptation. The 40 days and 40 nights of Lent can be thought of as a pilgrimage of faith by which we travel with Christ through His suffering, passion and death, and arrive at the center of the life of God – namely, the resurrection and union of love with God the Father. Our late Holy Father, St. Pope John Paul II, in one of his messages to the Church for Lent, said this: “Dear brothers and sisters, each year, the Lenten Season is set before us as a good opportunity for the intensification of prayer and penance, opening hearts to the docile welcoming of the divine will. During Lent, a spiritual journey is outlined for us that prepares us to relive the Great Mystery of the Death and Resurrection of Christ.”

The question arises: “How shall we achieve this end? Reliving the Great mystery – what the Church has always called, the Paschal Mystery? I believe we associate ourselves more deeply with Christ by listening to the Word of God more devoutly, by the practice of self-denial and works of charity and mercy. The Holy Father tells us that the theme of listening to the word of God is well illustrated by a verse from the Book of Deuteronomy:

"Loving the Lord ... means life to you, and length of days..." (30:20). These are the words that Moses directs to the people, inviting them to embrace the Covenant with Yahweh in the country of Moab, "that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord, your God, obeying his voice, and cleaving to him" (30:19-20). The fidelity to this divine Covenant is for Israel a guarantee of the future: "that you may dwell in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give to them" (30:20). In that same text from Deuteronomy, we hear the Lord speaking to the people: “Behold, this day I have set before you life and prosperity, death and doom ... choose life, so that you may live.” (30:1)

Choosing life is associated with loving the Lord, heeding His voice, holding fast to Him. So the initial answer to the question, “What shall we do for Lent?” is simply this: “Love the Lord, Heed His voice, Hold fast to Him.” Are these things precisely what conversion is really all about?

On the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent we hear the Gospel account of Jesus going into the desert. Let us look at that Gospel passage so that we might more completely understand its meaning ... and how we might spend this Lent aimed at personal conversion.

The Gospel says that Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit ... there to be tempted by the devil. It does seem a bit odd, doesn't it, that the Spirit of God would lead someone to the dangerous and threatening confrontation with the power of evil. Why would God want His own Son to be tempted by Satan? Perhaps it is because temptation shows us up for what we really are ... perhaps because confronting evil is a necessity for one who wishes to follow the Lord. We know that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, knowledge, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord. These gifts are present in the faith, hope, and love of the believer. They are present in each person's pilgrimage in this vale of tears ... and they do not fail us. They are present in every trial, in every difficulty, in every confrontation with evil. And they guide and direct us through the twisted and sometimes thorny experiences of life. They are present in the many tests of character and interiority that we each experience. Just as they did not fail Jesus in the wilderness, they lead us also through the interior struggle we have with ourselves. Through the desire for riches, honor, and the pride of life, the Holy Spirit urges us to discern temptations, our character flaws, and our propensities toward selfishness – and to reject what is not of God ... to avoid whatever may disfigure our true self, made in the image and likeness of God.

God the Father, in the fullness of time, sent into the world his only-begotten Son, to re-establish peace; so that by his redeeming us from sin, "we might become sons and daughters of God," freed from the yoke of sin, capable of sharing in the divine intimacy of the Trinity. And so it has become possible for us, because we are grafted into the mastery of Jesus, to be raised up with Him – because through Him, all creation has been freed from disorder. As the motto of St. Pius X has it: “*instaurare omnia in Christo*” ... all things have been restored in Christ, who has reconciled them to God.

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