

HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH



Holy Redeemer Parishioner, Monica Wieting, was among 73 Diocesan Faithful to receive the Marian Medal from Bishop da Cunha on Sunday, November 18th at St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral in Fall River. Congratulations Monica!

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HOLY REDEEMER MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00PM

Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday at 8:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 PM

Mass Intentions



This Weekend

Saturday 4:00PM **Len Japowicz**
Joan E. Jones
Sunday 8:00AM **Edward Daley**
 10:00AM **Lorraine Nolan**

This Week

Monday **Francis Spackman**
Tuesday **Janet Capodilupo**
Wednesday **William Shields**
Thursday **Sheila Treacy**
Friday 8AM **Robert J. Weber, Sr.**
 4PM **People of the Parish**
Saturday 10AM **Charles B. & Lois M. Sullivan**

Next Weekend

Saturday 4:00PM **Andrew Marx**
Sunday 8:00AM **Jay Kennedy**
 10:00AM **John & Barbara McCarte**
Ann McCarte

**Reception for Monica Wieting
 2018 Marian Medal Awardee**

Sunday, after the 10 AM Mass, we will hold a light reception for Mrs. Monica Wieting, Holy Redeemer's Marian Medal recipient for 2018. Along with Monica we will be honoring all our parish's past Marian Medal recipients. Bishop Edgar da Cunha conferred the Diocese of Fall River's Marian Medal on Monica at a Prayer Service at St. Mary's Cathedral in Fall River on November 18, 2018. Come and congratulate Monica and the other recipients.

Immaculate Conception - Holy Day of Obligation

Next Saturday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is under this title that Mary is the patroness of our country. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses for the obligation will be Friday afternoon at 4 PM and Saturday morning at 10 AM.

Retired Religious Collection

Many parishioners tell me of the years of Catholic education they had the privilege of receiving in their youth and young adulthood. Many of their teachers were religious sisters, brothers and priests who received very modest salaries and are now retired and elderly. They need our support at the end of their lives. Next Sunday the second collection will be for the Retired Religious Fund. Please remember the retired religious who were so helpful to so many and be generous to next week's collection for retired sisters, brothers and priests.



GIVING TREE: The giving of gifts and the Christmas tree join together at Holy Redeemer as the tradition of "The Giving Tree". Once again, the members of St. Vincent de Paul ask you to keep the needy amongst us in your hearts at Christmas and make a contribution to The Giving Tree. "Just as you do it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:40). Any amount that you can share will be greatly appreciated and put to good use. The name or names you designate will be added to the tree. **Envelopes available at the main entrance of the church.** Please place returns in the collection basket, Rectory drop off-box or mail to the Rectory.

Tabernacle Lamp: In Memory of Irene Healy.

Prayers: Please pray for those who are sick: Christina Boyle, James Nelson, Leila Porter, Marley Marie Smith, Fred Magnusson, Vera Russo, Sawyer Craig, Jack Gerard, Joyce Gallup, Dr. Peter McKay, Bill Manley, Joseph Filardi, Madeline Keogh, Oscar Sprague, William Harahan, Ed Dash, Krissy Labbate, Clarence Silvia, Thomas Chestaw, Leonard Gratton, Pam Weiler, Heather Duarte, Claire Kirby, Hazel Byrne, Donna Grant, Dr. Peter Saunders, Helen Duarte, Christopher Westdyk, Ken Elliott, Sidney Harvey. Please pray for our beloved deceased.

No Matter who you are
 No Matter what you do
 No Matter where you come from
 No matter where you are going
 No matter how good or how bad things may seem
 Please know that you are always welcome
 at Holy Redeemer

Catholic Calendars

Parish calendars are available at the back of the church. They are provided by the generosity of the Nickerson Funeral Home. A Catholic calendar should be in every home. They show us the various Liturgical Seasons, saint's feast days and give some interesting information about our Catholic Church. Pick one up before you leave church today.

**Holy Redeemer Parish
 Financial Report**

Thank you for your generosity
 to last week's collection

Last Weekend's Collection: \$3,261.00
 Last Year's Collection: \$4,055.00

Living Stewardship Now

Drop something you usually do at this time of year but do not enjoy. Choose an Advent custom and make it part of your daily routine.

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From the Pastor

Advent Is Here!

You'll notice a decided change of seasons at Mass today. I'll be wearing violet vestments. We'll be blessing the Advent Wreath and the readings and prayers will reflect the Church's sense of anticipation and expectancy as we prepare to celebrate the Christmas solemnities.

The norms for the Liturgical Year describe the purpose of the season. "Advent has a two-fold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For those two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight."

It is encouraging to see how many parishioners have taken a copy of the Advent edition of "The Word Among Us". I'm sure parishioners will find it useful for their reflection on the scripture readings for each day of this Advent and maybe many will subscribe to it all year long.

Consider taking a mini retreat this Advent. Dynamic Catholic is offering its, "Your Best Advent Ever," again this year. If you sign up for it at <https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever>, you will be sent a short email each day of the season to help you make Advent 2018 your best Advent ever. It gives us a great opportunity to pause sometime during each of these busy Advent days to reflect on how we can put ourselves into a better frame of mind to welcome the coming of Christ.

Finally, enclosed with the bulletin each week of Advent will be an insert to help our prayer life during Advent. It has a reflection on the week's Sunday readings, some information on the saint's days we celebrate each Advent week and prayers of blessing that can be said as your home Advent Wreath is lit each week of the season. Hopefully, parishioners can use all these aids to make this Advent a spiritually enriching season.

Reconciliation with the Lord and others is also an important part of the Advent Season. Howard Whelden, the parish business manager, told a cute story about the need to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas. His young grandson will be receiving First Communion this spring. A few weeks ago, Howard's daughter was in the car with her son and another little boy and his mother. The boys were in the back seat talking. The other boy started rattling off everything he wanted for Christmas. After he recited his list the little boy said, "And I hope I get it all and not coal!"

Howard's grandson said that he wasn't afraid of getting coal instead of toys this Christmas. He told his friend that, because he was going to receive his First Communion this spring, he was going to first celebrate Reconciliation this Advent. He told the other boy that since he was going to be able to ask forgiveness for all his sins before Christmas, he wasn't afraid that Santa would only leave him coal. It's a child's rational for receiving Reconciliation before Christmas but a good insight for everyone to ponder.

As we make ready to welcome the Lord, we need to consider asking God's forgiveness for our sins so we can welcome the Christ child with pure souls. To help parishioners do that the parish will be celebrating an Advent Reconciliation Service on Sunday, December 16, 2018 at 3:00PM. There will at least three other priests joining Fr. Sullivan to hear confessions. Don't worry, the Patriots play in the Sunday Night Game so you won't miss any of the game if you come. Fr. Sullivan will also be in the Reconciliation Room at the back of the church on Friday, December 21, 2018, from 3-4 PM as well as every Saturday from 3:00-3:45 PM before the 4:00 PM Mass.

Signing Up for Electronic Giving

Last Sunday was a stormy one and attendance was down. Hopefully, many parishioners will compensate for the bad weather by making up their contribution today. With winter fast approaching we face a few more stormy Sundays. Have you considered signing up for electronic giving? If we give electronically our contribution can be automatically withdrawn from our checking account or applied to our credit card every week. That way we never have to worry about making our weekly contribution. To sign up for electronic giving go to our parish website www.holyredeemerchatham.org. On the Homepage click on the "Giving" tab. A dropdown menu will give you two options. Click on "Donate Online" tab and follow the directions to sign up.

Lenten House in Haiti

Last Lent the parish raised \$3,600.00 through our Lenten Sacrifice Folders and sent the money to Food for the Poor to build a modest home for a family in Haiti. Recently, Food for the Poor sent us a picture of the Montrevil Family in front of their new home in Plaine Du Nord, Haiti. The picture is in the bulletin board at the back of the church. It is on your left as you leave the church. Thank you to all who contributed to this project. Well done!