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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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The Church is accessible to the Handicapped.
The **ELEVATOR** is to the left of the Main Entrance.

NEW PARISHIONERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

Please see Father Sullivan after Mass
to Register with the Parish.

HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday at 8:00 AM

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

Monday following Daily Mass

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 PM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

On Sunday by appointment.
Please call the Rectory to obtain
more information.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples are asked to contact
Father Sullivan at least 12 months prior to the date of
their wedding. Couples should speak with Father Sullivan
to make sure that the Church is available before
scheduling the date and place for the reception.

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

Please notify the Rectory of any parishioner who is
unable to attend Mass due to illness, handicap or age.
Eucharistic Ministers are available to bring Holy
Communion two times each month.

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OUR LADY OF GRACE CHAPEL

Rte. 28 & Rte. 137 (Meetinghouse Road)
South Chatham, MA 02659

**CLOSED
FOR
THE
SEASON**



Mass Intentions**This Weekend**

Saturday 4:00PM Anna F. Hurley — 33rd Anniv.
Sunday 8:00AM For Living and Deceased
Members of the Holy Redeemer Women's Club
10:00AM For the People of the Parish

This Week

Monday Ann and Luke Kelly
Tuesday James Doherty
Wednesday Prayer Service
Thursday James Doherty
Friday Victor DiChristina

Next Weekend

Saturday 4:00PM Laurie Ann Hurley
Sunday 8:00AM For the People of the Parish
10:00AM David Byford

Tabernacle Lamp: In memory of the Thomas, Hurley, Henry, Twomey, Day and Weaver Families.

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, Hazel Byrne, Donna Grant, Dr. Peter Saunders, Helen Duarte, Christopher Westdyk, Ken Elliott, Sidney Harvey, Agnes Chrysogelos. Please pray for our beloved deceased: Ed Dasch, Deacon Gabriel Liegey.

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

**Wednesday Communion Services
 for Next Few Months**

Fr. George Bellenoit, who covers daily Mass for Fr. Sullivan's day off on Wednesdays, will be a "snowbird" for the months of February and March. In his absence Deacon Joe Mador will be conducting Communion Services on Wednesday.

Parish Summer Fun-Raiser

Tentative plans are underway for a parish summer fun-raiser to be held on Sunday, August 25, 2019. That is the Sunday closest to the anniversary of the first dedication of Holy Redeemer Church back in 1916. The Women's Club and Knights of Columbus are onboard. We plan to have music, food and a raffle as part of the event. It is meant to be an opportunity for parishioners to get together for fellowship and fun as the last days of the summer wind down. We will need quite a bit of help so come to the next planning meeting this Sunday, February 17, 2019 at 4PM in the parish center.

Save This Date!

Reserve Saturday, March 9, 2019, so you can attend the 2019 Fall River Women and Men's Conference to be held at Stonehill College, N. Easton. The theme of this year's conference is **Living in the Light of Hope**. Conference presenters will include Bishop Robert Reed from the CatholicTV Network, Scripture scholar and author Dr. Mary Healy from Detroit's Sacred Heart Seminary and Deacon Pedro Guevara-Mann, author and host from Salt + Light Media of Canada. The day will conclude with Mass celebrated by Bishop Edgar da Cunha. A dozen parishioners attended last year's conference. Some of them got their picture taken with Bishop da Cunha and ended up on the cover of his pastoral letter. The parish is planning to hire transportation again this year so you need not worry about driving. More information will be coming later in the month. Registration forms for the conference are on the table at the back of the church.

**Holy Redeemer Sandwich Makers**

Know that your efforts and generosity are appreciated. This is a note from St. Joseph's house. "Your First Wednesday Sandwiches really are the best! From all of us here at St. Joseph's House shelter, we appreciate everything. Thank you so much!" Anyone interested in providing food for the hungry is invited to sign up for one or more times a year to make a loaf of bread into sandwiches on any first Wednesday of the month. Call 508-945-1834 for more information.

**Save the Date**

St. Patrick's Day
 Charity Dinner
 Sunday, March 17th
 5PM — Church Hall

**Holy Redeemer Parish
 Financial Report**

Thank you for your generosity
 to last week's collection

Last weekend's collection: \$2,940.00

Last year's collection: \$3,392.00

Living Stewardship Now

The biblical ideal of giving money back to God is the tithe (10 percent), of which we now suggest that half go to your parish and local diocese and the rest to your favorite charities. If this amount seems impossible because, for example, you are unemployed or on a small fixed income, set an amount that works for you and try to give it regularly.

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From the Pastor

Evangelizing Without Being Obnoxious

The Season of Lent is just around the corner. Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the season, is March 6. This week a letter outlining our plans for Lent will be mailed to parish households. Watch for it in your mail. The Lenten Season is a great time for evangelization and it doesn't have to be knocking on doors or preaching on street corners. Although that isn't always a bad thing. A recent article on the U.S. Bishop's website outlined six ways we can quietly evangelize this Lent.

On Ash Wednesday, when people tell you that you have a dirty forehead, explain to them that it comes from the ashes you got at Mass earlier in the day. Tell the observer that the ashes aren't something dreamed up by the Catholic Church but a sign of penance going back to the Old Testament. Tell them the ashes are also a sign that God created us from the dust of the earth and we will return to dust. Tell them it is a sign that God has destined us for immortality and that while our bodies will return to dust God has saved our souls for everlasting life.

When you are asked what is going on when you are eating a toasted cheese sandwich rather than your favorite burger, explain it is because you are abstaining from meat on Fridays. Tell your questioner that Catholics make a sacrifice by abstaining from meat on the Fridays of Lent as an external sign of inward conversion. Inform them that not eating meat is an outward sign of your desire for inner purification and a desire to respond to God's will for you.

If someone asks you to explain why you say you have given up an item of food or a favorite diversion for Lent, tell them it is part of your seasonal practice of penance and sacrifice. Tell them that the reason for giving up something during Lent is to help you strengthen your love of Christ and your resilience against temptation.

Should someone ask why you bother giving that item up for just a few weeks when you are going to go right back to it on Easter, tell them that external sacrifice is a manifestation of inner conversion. Explain to them that self-denial for even a short time has a lasting effect on a person. When we do anything, however small, to glorify God we grow in His love. Every gesture of love leaves a lasting impact.

On Palm Sunday if someone asks why you are walking around with a branch, tell them that it is part of an ancient custom that goes back to before the life of Jesus. Describe to them that it was the practice of people in Jesus' day to welcome an important ruler to a city or town by covering the road with branches as a sign of respect. Explain to them that when Jesus came to Jerusalem at the beginning of Holy Week he was welcomed with this ritual of respect given to a King. Say to them that within the week the same crowd would crucify him. They would kill him using the most brutal form of execution imaginable. You can re-count to your questioner that you take the branch and place it in a prominent place in your home. Throughout the year it will remind you of the great humility of our Lord who chose the suffering of the Cross to win for us all salvation from sin.

If your employer asks why you have requested Good Friday as a vacation or personal day off, tell them that you plan to use the day as a day of quiet reflection. You want to spend some time that day in contemplation on how Christ has died for us to win the gift of everlasting life. Say to them that you plan to attend the Good Friday Service at 3 PM, the hour of Jesus death, as a sign of your thanksgiving and devotion to Jesus. Inform them of your plan to use the day to symbolically walk with Jesus Christ to Calvary and to immerse yourself in his love and mercy.

Lent is a good time to evangelize. It is a time when we use so many outward signs and symbols to explain our faith in God and appreciation of Jesus' death on the cross. Take every opportunity you might have during the season to answer questions about our Catholic Christianity and its use of signs and symbols to explain our faith. They are such good tools for evangelization.

Also, plan to invite a friend or family member who might have strayed from coming to church back to Mass. Over the past few years the Catholic Church has suffered from a decline in membership because of the sexual abuse scandal and other controversies. During the Lenten Season Fr. Sullivan will be preaching a series of homilies called "Rebuilt". He will be discussing various steps we can take as individuals and as a parish to rebuild and rededicate our parish to its role of developing all our members into disciples. It will be a good time for those who have fallen away from their faith to have it renewed and rebuilt.

Guest Marriage Encounter Speaker

Before Masses this weekend Ginny Vатели will speak for a few minutes to invite married couples to consider participating in a weekend retreat called Marriage Encounter. Marriage Encounter is designed to help good marriages become better. Couples don't need to be newly wed or young to benefit from the weekend. Couples of all ages are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity.

Prayers for Vatican Sexual Abuse Meeting

Pope Francis will be meeting with Presidents of Bishops Conferences, Superiors of Religious Congregations and other Church leaders on the sexual abuse crisis. Reports are that the meeting will be aimed at presenting a unified response to the crisis by developing Church wide standards of responsibility, accountability and transparency regarding the issue. Please pray for participants to be open to the Holy Spirit's guidance as they meet February 21-24, 2019.