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

This Week

Monday Gabriel M. Liegey, Jr.
Tuesday Giles Chapin
Wednesday Prayer Service
Thursday Gabriel M. Liegey, Jr.
Friday Claire Kirby

Next Weekend

Saturday 4:00PM Paul McAllister
Sunday 8:00AM For the People of the Parish
 10:00AM For Living and Deceased
 Members of the Holy Redeemer Women's Club

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, 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: 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.

Fall River Diocese Women & Men's Conference

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. Today before Mass parishioners who attended last year's conference will speak about last year's event and encourage your participation this year. The parish is planning to hire transportation so you need not worry about driving. Registration forms are available on the table at the back of the church.

Lenten Fast Regulations

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, is only ten days away. It is a day of fast and abstinence for Catholics. Here is an update on the regulations governing those practices.

Abstinence -- Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligation of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and on all Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, meat may not be eaten at all.

Fast -- Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are fast days. 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.

Regarding other weekdays of Lent, participation in daily Mass and the voluntary observance of fasting is recommended. Commendable, particularly during Lent, is generosity to local, national and world programs of sharing our abundance, the traditional Lenten Devotions and all the self-denial summed up in the Christian concept of "mortification".

**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: \$2,879.00

Last year's collection: \$3,300.00

Living Stewardship Now

Make a list of enemies—people who have harmed you personally or those you love, harmed our country, and harmed our world. Put this list in a place where you can pray for each one on it regularly for the next month.

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From the Pastor

Not a Three-Day Wonder

As we gather for worship this weekend, we will be in the midst of the long-anticipated Vatican conference on the clergy sexual abuse crisis. The gathering of the Presidents of the various National Bishop's Conferences from around the world, leaders of various religious orders and representatives of several of the Oriental Churches began on Thursday and will end with a Mass on Sunday.

This meeting has been long anticipated as the sexual abuse crisis continues to explode around the world. Going into the conference Pope Francis tried to dampen expectations promoted in the media that a quick and decisive resolution of the problem would come from the meeting. He has said that expectations for the meeting might be too high. During a press conference, as he was returning from World Youth Day in Panama, Pope Francis said that his objective for the meeting is to get all bishops and church leaders "on the same page". He said the focus of the meeting was to get everyone to discuss the issues of responsibility, accountability and transparency. As a global Church the Catholic Church faces challenges and constraints with regards to mandating a uniform policy because of circumstances dealing with different geopolitical, social and ecclesial cultures around world. This weekend's conference is trying to deal with these so the issue of sexual abuse can be addressed in all cultures.

Several other Church leaders involved in the planning of the meeting echoed Pope Francis' expectations for the meeting. Maltese Archbishop Charles Scicluna, the Vatican's top sexual abuse prosecutor, warned during a press conference that the world should not expect the conference to be "three-day wonder." He said he hoped for the conference to address not only abuse prevention but bishop's accountability. He said he looked for the conference to help bishops around the world to address all types of abuse, from minors to vulnerable adults and nuns.

Cardinal Blaise J. Cupich of Chicago, a member of the planning committee, also tried to temper expectations for the meeting. At a press conference he said his expectations for the meeting's primary aim would be to make sure that the perspectives of children exposed to abuse is part of Church efforts to reform.

Pope Francis and many of the conference organizers expressed the hope that it would be only the beginning of a long process of healing the wounds of the abuse crisis. Pope Francis pointed out that the conference can not solve the problem of sexual abuse in the Church. He commented that the "problem of sexual abuse will continue" because "it's a human problem."

Many organizers and observers, including Archbishop Scicluna, expressed the hope that the principal result of the meeting will be a renewal of a synodal church. That means a church that is always listening even to issues that are difficult. In a February 13, 2019 article in the Jesuit news service America Media, Louis Cameli explains synodal listening. "Synodality means people in dialogue, listening to all the voices. It draws from the collaborative style of collegiality, as the Second Vatican Council described it. It also sets us clearly on a journey as a pilgrim people, and that journey establishes the church as a dynamic reality meeting the challenges of history and willing to change accordingly. It picks up the striking words of St. John Paul II in his 2002 apostolic letter "Novo Millennio Ineunte": "To make the Church *the home and the school of communion: that is the great challenge facing us in the millennium which is now beginning, if we wish to be faithful to God's plan and respond to the world's deepest yearnings*" (43). Finally, it has everything to do with the mission and identity of the church as the evangelizing people of God bringing Jesus Christ to the world." Observers have pointed out that the post conference synodal listening must be especially attentive to the voices of victims of abuse and women. With the help of the Parish Pastoral Council I'm looking into ways that we can put into practice synodal listening on a list of various issues with regards to our parish as well as the wider church. Please keep our efforts in your prayers.

Parish Summer Fun-raiser

Last Sunday sixteen people attended a very productive planning meeting for a parish summer Fun-raiser. We discussed issues concerning the appropriate date, the site of the event, a raffle, entertainment, food, etc. None of the issues were resolved but that is okay because we have time yet as it is still February. The most important result of the meeting was that it got people's creative juices going and planted the seeds of enthusiasm. Our next meeting won't be until Sunday, April 28 at 4:00PM. Put that on your calendar and maybe you can let your creativity go and come up with some innovative ideas for our summer event.



Cure those "winter blues" - Mardi Gras Bake Sale next Saturday and Sunday, March 2-3 after all the Masses. Refreshments will also be served. Please join us as this is a wonderful opportunity to meet your fellow parishioners. All are welcome.



Looking for someone to play the piano the night of the St. Patrick's Day Dinner. Please contact Janet Holden at jlholden@sbcglobal.net if you can help.