



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.



OUR LADY OF GRACE CHAPEL

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

**CLOSED
FOR
THE
SEASON**



PASTOR

Father John M. Sullivan

DEACON

Joseph F. Mador

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION and ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Help Line: 508-237-7983



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.

Mass Intentions**This Weekend**

Saturday 4:00PM John DelVecchio—6th Anniv.
Sunday 8:00AM For the People of the Parish
 10:00AM Anthony Pierro

This Week

Monday Michael Trainor
Tuesday James Doherty
Wednesday James Doherty
Thursday Frank Keyes
Friday James Doherty

Next Weekend

Saturday 4:00PM Len Japowicz
Sunday 8:00AM For the People of the Parish
 10:00AM Carolyn Fitzpatrick

Tabernacle Lamp: In memory of the Merlina and DelVecchio Family.

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. Please pray for our beloved deceased: Anthony Pierro.

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.

A Southern Holiday for Fr. Sullivan Next Week

Fr. Sullivan will be on a week's vacation at Hilton Head, SC next weekend. Fr. Tom Lopes, a retired priest of the diocese, will be filling in for him. Please welcome Fr. Tom.

**Black and Indian Missions Collection
 This Weekend**

Today the annual Collection for Black and Indian Missions will be taken up as a second collection. This collection dates all the way back to 1884 when it was first mandated by the III Plenary Council at Baltimore. The funds are distributed as grants to dioceses throughout the United States supporting and strengthening evangelization programs among these two groups. Please be generous to this collection.

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 on Sunday, February 17, 2019 at 4PM in the parish center.

**Two Retreat Experiences for Men
 Diocese of Fall River Vocation Office
 Discernment Retreat Weekend**

The Diocese of Fall River Vocation Office is hosting a discernment weekend for Men ages 18-45 at the Betania II Spiritual Life and Marian Center, 154 Summer St. Medway, MA from Friday, February 22 to Sunday, February 24. If interested, please contact Fr. Jack Schrader at frschrader@fallrivervocations.org or 508-695-6161.

"Everybody Dies-but not everyone Lives!"

The Diocese of Fall River Office of Faith Formation is offering a retreat for men at the Sacred Hearts Retreat Center, 226 Great Neck Road, Wareham the weekend of February 8-10, 2019. The theme of the retreat is living strategies for a full life. Retreat leaders are Ernie Collamati & Deacon Bruce Bonneau. Space is limited to 25 retreatants and the cost is \$165. To register call Deacon Bonneau at 508-678-2828 Ext. 13 or email: bbonneau@dfrcs.org.

**Holy Redeemer Parish
 Financial Report**

Thank you for your generosity
 to last week's collection

Last weekend's collection: \$2,345.00
 Last year's collection: \$3,384.00

Bring hope and help to the poor.

Close to home: Volunteer with a literacy organization, a job seekers' network, a food bank, or the Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

Far away: Support the work of Catholic Relief Services, Kiva Microfunds, or Heifer International.

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From the Pastor

Candles, A Martyr, and Committing Your Life to God

It has been forty days since Christmas and so on Saturday the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. According to Luke's gospel this is the day that Mary and Joseph brought the infant Jesus into the Temple for the first time. They came to the Temple to offer the humblest sacrifices, two turtledoves, and with two purposes in mind. Mary came to be purified after giving birth to Jesus. Jesus was brought because as a first-born son they needed to offer a sacrifice to redeem him as required by the Law. Luke's gospel also tells us that two holy people, Simeon and Anna, were the first to recognize Jesus' greatness when he came into the Temple. They astonished Jesus' parents when they both prophesied that Jesus would become someone very special to God.

February 2 holds such significance in regards to Jesus being committed to serve God. It was long celebrated as the day new candidates to the Religious Life were accepted into convents and monasteries. For many years it was a favorite day for ordinations to the priesthood, too. In 1997, St. John Paul II instituted February 2 as World Day for Consecrated Life. Today we pray for vocations to the consecrated life. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

Since it was at his Presentation that Jesus was first recognized as the light of the world, the Feast of the Presentation is often referred to as Candlemas Day. It is the day to bless candles for use throughout the year. We will be blessing candles at Masses today. Each family is welcome to take one candle home with them. It is a good pious practice to light the candle on birthdays, anniversaries of baptisms and marriages. Some people like to light it during storms or other times when they might be anxious. Help yourself to a candle on your way out of Mass.

Finally, Sunday is the Feast of St. Blaise. He is the saint who is called upon to help protect us from ailments of the throat. The traditional blessing of throats will be invoked at the end of all Masses. Below is a little story about St. Blaise found online at the Franciscan Media website.

Saint Blaise's Story

We know more about the devotion to Saint Blaise by Christians around the world than we know about the saint himself. His feast is observed as a holy day in some Eastern Churches. In 1222 the Council of Oxford prohibited servile labor in England on Blaise's feast day. The Germans and Slavs hold him in special honor, and for decades many United States Catholics have sought the annual Saint Blaise blessing for their throats.

We know that Bishop Blaise was martyred in his episcopal city of Sebastea, Armenia in 316. The legendary Acts of St. Blaise were written 400 years later. According to them Blaise was a good bishop, working hard to encourage the spiritual and physical health of his people. Although the Edict of Toleration (311), granting freedom of worship in the Roman Empire, was already five years old, persecution still raged in Armenia. Blaise was apparently forced to flee to the back country. There he lived as a hermit in solitude and prayer, but he made friends with the wild animals. One day a group of hunters seeking wild animals for the amphitheater stumbled upon Blaise's cave. They were first surprised and then frightened. The bishop was kneeling in prayer surrounded by patiently waiting wolves, lions and bears.

The legend has it that as the hunters hauled Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command the child was able to cough up the bone.

Agricolaus, governor of Cappadocia, tried to persuade Blaise to sacrifice to pagan idols. The first time Blaise refused he was beaten. The next time he was suspended from a tree and his flesh torn with iron combs or rakes. Finally, he was beheaded.

Save This Date!

Reserve Saturday, March 9, 2019, to 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 Boston Catholic Television, Dr. Mary Healy and Deacon Pedro Guevara-Mann. 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.

Holy Family Icon and the Knights of Columbus Council #7312

The religious portrait of the Holy Family will be the centerpiece for a special prayer service held on Thursday, February 14th immediately after the 8AM daily Mass.

This ICON was blessed by Pope Francis and given to the Knights of Columbus to circulate and help foster devotions toward the Holy Family in support of Family Life. We invite every family member to come together to offer the Prayers of Consecration and consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family.