

HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH

Parish "Fun-Raiser"
August 25, 2019



Music by Sentimental Journey was a crowd favorite at the "Fun-Raiser" held last Sunday. Every generation was on hand to help out. Edith Dockrey was joined by her granddaughter.



PASTOR

Father John M. Sullivan

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HOLY REDEEMER MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00PM

Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 AM, 12 Noon

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday at 8:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 PM

OUR LADY OF GRACE CHAPEL

Saturday: 4:30PM

Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 AM



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 **Peggy Driscoll**
Sunday 8:00AM **Thomas Maddox**
 10:00AM **Barbara McKie**
 12:00PM **For the People of the Parish**

Our Lady of Grace

Saturday 4:30PM **Alice Auld**
Sunday 7:30AM **Adele McLaughlin**
 9:30AM **John & Theodora Koepper**

This Week

Monday **Special Intention**
Tuesday **Bridie & Daniel McSweeney**
Wednesday **Mike Keefe**
Thursday **Thomas F. Murphy, Jr.**
Friday **Ann Gemella**

Next Weekend

Saturday 4:00PM **Len Japowicz - 4th Anniv.**
Sunday 8:00AM **Joe McCullough**
 10:00AM **John & Jane Jannell**
 12:00PM **For the People of the Parish**

Tabernacle Lamp: At Holy Redeemer in memory of Mary Banziger.
 At Our Lady of Grace in memory of Herbert Keller.

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, Bill Manley, Joseph Filardi, Madeline Keogh, Oscar Sprague, William Harahan, Krissy Labbate, Clarence Silvia, Thomas Chestaw, Leonard Gratton, Pam Weiler, Heather Duarte, Donna Grant, Helen Duarte, Ken Elliott, Sidney Harvey, Agnes Chrysogelos, Jean Canavan, Martin Lieber, John & Mary Lynch, Rene Artaud, Mark Desmond, Robert Hagan. 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

Summer Goodbye

The Labor Day Weekend is upon us and that means goodbye to our summer visitors. It has been a very pleasant summer season. The weather has been good and it seems as if people have enjoyed themselves. Our tradition of blessing our summer visitors will be conducted at Masses this weekend. So God's speed to everyone and we look forward to your return.

Annual Collection Underway

The 2019 Holy Redeemer Annual Collection is underway. The collection is conducted to help supplement our regular weekly Budget Collections to help support the mission of Holy Redeemer Church to save souls. Saving souls is the reason for our parish's existence pure and simple. We are here to help our parishioners, summer residents, visitors and those who are searching for God to all grow in their relationship with God. It is a really exciting mission. To carry out that mission we need the prayerful and financial support of everyone who benefits from Holy Redeemer Church. We ask our regular and seasonal parishioners and all friends of Holy Redeemer Church to make a special generous contribution to help Holy Redeemer save souls. As of Tuesday, the Annual Collection has received \$17,702.06 in donations from 76 parishioners. Please prayerfully consider making a generous donation to help Holy Redeemer continue to save souls and help everyone grow closer to God. Extra Annual Collection mailings are available in the pews. The Annual Collection will continue throughout the month of August and conclude on Sunday, September 29, 2019.

“Fun-Raiser” A Success
 Last Sunday's Holy Redeemer Summer “Fun-Raiser” was a success. Sentimental Journey's music was appreciated, the church shaped bouncy was a big draw for children, and some fellowship was enjoyed by all. By the end of the day several committee members were referring to it as the *first annual*. A great deal of thanks and appreciation to all our committee members who coordinated everything as if they had been doing it for years. We're looking forward to the second annual next year.

Holy Redeemer Women's Club

The HRWC initial meeting of this year and installation of officers will take place at Holy Mass at 8AM on Thursday, September 19th followed by a tasty breakfast catered by **The Perk** and a brief business meeting to preview the Club's plans for the upcoming year. All women of the Parish are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to **Susan** at 508-945-1834 or domno5@comcast.net by **September 16th** so that we may have an accurate count.

Membership Drive

Membership to the Holy Redeemer Women's Club (HRWC) is open for enrollment. If you would like to be part of a group that helps make a difference, while having a good time, this is your chance. All women of the parish are invited to join. Forms are in the back of the church.

**Holy Redeemer Parish
 Financial Report**
 Thank you for your generosity
 to last week's collection
 Last weekend's collection: \$8,262.00
 Last year's collection: \$7,911.00
 Weekend Mass Attendance at Holy Redeemer: 654

Living Stewardship Now
 If today were your last day on earth, what is the one thing you would need to do to die in peace? Make that happen.
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From the Pastor

Big Saints and Little Ones

Over the last forty years the Catholic Church has canonized more saints than it has in probably any other time period in its history. The Church has done that because it wants to remind us that holiness isn't something reserved for the few but a virtue that we all can strive to attain. Matthew Kelly from Dynamic Catholic characterizes the impression that holiness is reserved for the few as the greatest lie ever told about Christianity.

Over the last several months I've invited parishioners to contribute to the bulletin. Ron Weishaar has taken up the invitation and contributes the following reflection. Ron and his wife Mary are proprietors of A Good Yarn, a yarn and used bookshop on Main Street. Ron writes about one of the little saints who are a part of his life.

"Doing the right thing" is usually easier said than done. Especially when it comes to the big issues of the day, where often the assistance of saints – or saintly people – is required. The end of apartheid in South Africa would not have been possible without Nelson Mandela. The same could be said for Martin Luther King, Jr.'s role in the civil rights struggles of the 60's, or Jane Adams' efforts to lift women and children out of poverty nearly a century ago.

Doing the right thing on a day-to-day basis can be just as difficult, especially in a world where opinions are increasingly hardened, and cynicism frequently overpowers optimism. Where is a saint when you need one? Maybe the answer is that we don't need a Big Saint to help us deal with our current struggles. Maybe we just need some Little Saints, to gently prod us toward the right thing.

Meet Elizabeth, my personal Little Saint. She is a quiet, diminutive woman with the unassuming presence of someone who is often ignored. And yet, in the way that a pint-size tugboat can nudge a larger vessel through difficult channels and into open water, Elizabeth always manages to illuminate the correct path among a maze of confusing options. While she might lack the stirring oratory of Martin Luther King, Jr., or the organizational genius of Jane Adams, Elizabeth is not without her own talents. Her skills are the same ones we all strive for: kindness, empathy and a warm smile. Her life is not without challenges: she is getting older, and her husband is in poor health. But what really sets Elizabeth apart – and makes her a genuine Little Saint – is the total absence of self-absorption, resentment or spite.

When the doorbell rings, and Elizabeth walks in, the angry noise of everyday life vanishes, replaced by laughter, hope and a quiet confidence in the future. Pick any of the day's controversial topics, and when Elizabeth is in the room it is impossible not to see a future filled with fairness, tolerance and forgiveness.

Then there are Elizabeth's cookies. Famous Amos makes better cookies, but no one puts more love into theirs than Elizabeth. And to receive a bag of warm cookies from her -- which she seems to always drop off at precisely the moment when only a cookie will restore your sanity -- is to know that there is a God, and that God has chosen the Elizabeth's of the world to help you do the right thing.

Volunteers Needed: The Faith Formation Program is in need of volunteers to teach this year. Classes are held on Sunday mornings. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your faith with the children of the Parish. Please contact Beth Norcross at the Rectory (508-945-0677) for more information.



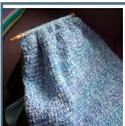
Annual Raffle The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is once again sponsoring its Annual Raffle. First prize: \$500.00; second prize: \$200.00, third prize: \$100.00.

Drawing will be held on Labor Day. Tickets are \$1.00 each or \$5.00 for a book of 6. You do not have to be present to win. Help St. Vincent de Paul in its Christian endeavors of helping those who are in need.

Members will be selling raffle tickets after all the Masses this weekend at both Holy Redeemer Church and Our Lady of Grace Church.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

Once again our shelves are lean. Once again we ask our very generous parishioners to bring donations of cereal, soup, peanut butter, jelly, tomato sauce, and tuna to replenish our pantry. Food items can be left in the baskets in the back of church. Thank you in advance for your willingness to "bring food to the hungry".



Holy Redeemer Knitting Ministry

Will meet the second Tuesday of each month at A Great Yarn in Chatham from 5-6PM and snacks will be provided. The first meeting will be Tuesday, September 10th (we are skipping August). All ages and skill levels welcome. If anyone is interested in joining or would like more information, please contact Stefanie Murray at 508-454-2971 or stefanieemurray@hotmail.com



The choir is almost about to start up again! I want to extend an invitation for you all to join the choir here at Holy Redeemer. The choir sings for the 10:00 AM Mass every week. We will be rehearsing from 4:00 to 5:30 on Wednesday evenings starting Wednesday, September 4. If you have not sung in choir before, I encourage you to attend a rehearsal to try it out. We welcome people of all skill levels. I listened to a great interview from a woman who sang in a community choir in Philadelphia, she said, "individually, we don't have great voices, but collectively we sound like a million bucks". This is the true beauty of choir. God gave us our own unique voice, and it was meant to be used to praise him. Remember, St. Augustine said, "those who sing, pray twice". Please let me know if you want to join, or give it a trial run. I look forward to welcoming you into the choir. - Ryan Peteraf

Holy Launderers Needed

With the retirement of Midge Adamchuk, the rectory housekeeper, we will be in need of a few holy launderers to wash and iron the Mass linens. If you find satisfaction in washing and a little bit of ironing and would be willing to care for the Mass linens one week a month please give the parish office a call at 508-945-0677 to volunteer. Your reward will be great in heaven.

Wedding Anniversary Mass

All wedding anniversaries are significant but are you celebrating a particularly significant one during 2019? The Diocese of Fall River's annual Mass of Thanksgiving for married couples will be celebrated at St. Mary's Cathedral in Fall River on Sunday, October 6, 2019, at 3:00 PM. If you would like to participate please call the parish office, 508-945-0677, to make a reservation.