

HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH



Congratulations to the Holy Redeemer Parish First Communion Class 2019

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Help line: 508-237-7983

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

OUR LADY OF GRACE CHAPEL

Closed for the Season

Mass Intentions**This Weekend**

Saturday 4:00PM James Doherty
Sunday 8:00AM Alodia Bush
 10:00AM For the People of the Parish

This Week

Monday Thomas Emmons III
Tuesday Paul Collins - 5th Anniversary
Wednesday Rev. Manuel Garcia
Thursday Michael Trainor
Friday Rev. Manuel Garcia

Next Weekend

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

Tabernacle Lamp: In memory of Edward and Gertrude Carroll.

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, Helen Duarte, Christopher Westdyk, Ken Elliott, Sidney Harvey, Agnes Chrysogelos, Jean Canavan. Please pray for our beloved deceased: Sharon Ponsolle.

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

Parish Survey

The Parish Pastoral Council has prepared a Parish Survey that will be distributed through the mail to all registered parishioners later this month. We would like every parishioner to fill it out individually. There will also be copies available in the pews. It will evaluate several areas of parish life. Please plan on filling the survey out and getting it back to us promptly. We are looking forward to your responses.

Parish Summer Event Meeting

The parish is planning a Summer Fun-raiser for Sunday, August 25, 2019. That is the Sunday closest to the anniversary of the original dedication of Holy Redeemer Church back in 1916. The event will include a cookout, raffle to benefit the work of the Holy Redeemer Women's Club, entertainment, games and anything else you can think of that might be fun. We will need lots of help! The Women's Club, Knights of Columbus and several parishioners are all onboard. It will be fun to work together as a parish community to make this event a success. Our next planning meeting will be held on Sunday, May 26, 2019, at 4:00PM. Come share your gifts and make this a fun event.

**Summer Help Needed**

As we walk down Main Street we see quite a few "Help Wanted" signs in store windows. We'll be needing extra help here in the parish this summer too. If you are a seasonal resident and are a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Altar Server or some other ministry in your home parish we could use your help while you are here at Holy Redeemer. Don't take the summer off completely. Call the Parish Office (508) 945-0677 so we can tell you what you need to do to help out here at Holy Redeemer. We will also need extra help with collectors and ushers as we expand our Mass schedule. Masses at Our Lady of Grace Chapel will be Saturday Vigil 4:30 PM, Sunday morning at 7:30 & 9:30 AM for July 4th to Labor Day weekends. An additional 12 Noon Mass will be added at Holy Redeemer Church from Memorial Day weekend through Columbus Day weekend.



Our Parish's St. Vincent de Paul Society maintains a food pantry for the benefit of our less fortunate neighbors. Items needed are: **tuna fish, jelly, macaroni and cheese, cereal, and coffee.** Donations can be left in the baskets located behind the pews as you enter Holy Redeemer. Many thanks in advance for your continued generosity.

**Holy Redeemer Parish
Financial Report**

Thank you for your generosity
to last week's collection

Last Weekend's Collection:\$3,783.00

Last Year's Collection:\$3,982.00

Weekend Mass Attendance: 443

Living Stewardship Now

Write short notes to parish clergy and diocesan bishops thanking them for all that they do in service to God's people. Speak up on matters of importance to your parish or diocese. Pray for vocations to the priesthood and permanent diaconate. Contribute to the support of a seminarian. Join a Serra Club.

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From the Pastor



Happy Mother's Day!

A very happy Mother's Day to all the Mothers in the Parish today. We appreciate the great sacrifice you make for your children and to family life. May God bless you and help you know the support of our parish community.

It can be a bit of a bittersweet day, though, for mothers who feel they have failed in that role. It can also leave a sting on the hearts of women who have never been able to conceive a child. Some of the most pathetic stories in the Bible are of women praying to God for help to conceive a child. My sister-in-law was never able to have children. Last winter she was reading Pope Francis' encyclical *Amoris Laetitia*, The Joy of Love-On Love in the Family. In it Francis writes of the pain women without children often feel. My sister-in-law said it was one of the first times she felt as if her church understood her suffering. So, in expressing your appreciation for your mother today remember in your prayers those women who, through no fault of their own, were never blessed with a child.

see all the **"See All the People" 78th Annual Catholic Charities Appeal**



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DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER

The 2019 Catholic Charities Appeal began on May 1st and will continue through June 30th. The CCA is the one time each year the Diocese of Fall River asks all the Catholic faithful to financially support the diocese's many charitable and social service agencies. Many of these agencies work right here on Cape Cod. They are St. Joseph's House in Hyannis, the only full-service homeless shelter on the Cape. They are St. Clare House in Centerville, a transition home for former female inmates from the Barnstable House of Correction, and the Catholic Social Services office in Hyannis that provides family and other counseling services based on Christian principles.

Last year 220 Holy Redeemer Parishioners donated \$51,519.75 to the Appeal. As of Tuesday 35 parishioners donated \$9,750.00 to the 2019 CCA. It would be a great sign of love for the needy if every parish household were to donate to this year's appeal.

Last Saturday after the 4PM Mass a parishioner approached me. He told me that he really liked what I wrote about the Appeal in the bulletin the weekend of April 27-28. I had written a reflection on how St. Francis of Assisi had been praying in the derelict Chapel of San Damiano outside of Assisi. Francis felt the figure of Jesus on the cross speak to him. It asked Francis to rebuild my Church. Francis thought God meant the physical chapel of San Damiano. He set about gathering stones to do the rebuilding.

As he listened more closely to God Francis realized that God wasn't telling him to rebuild a building but the spiritual church. That is what Francis spent the rest of his life doing. He rebuilt the spiritual Church through his work as the founder of the Franciscans. Today we are in a similar situation. The Church is in disrepair because of the clergy sexual abuse scandal and the growth of secularism. That has caused some people to feel reluctant to donate to the Church. They are angry at the bishops and want to punish them. While I understand people's anger, not donating to the Catholic Charities Appeal doesn't really hurt the bishops it hurts the needy.

After reading my words the parishioner told me that even though he had already made a donation he was going to donate more to the Appeal. That was very gratifying to me. I too have decided to increase my own personal donation to the CCA to \$2,000 this year. It is my small gesture of faith to show I too am working to help rebuild the spiritual Church by reaching out to the poor in the name of Jesus.

Our Lady of Fall River Prayer Cards Available

Cards with the depiction of Our Lady of Fall River and a prayer for her intercession for the work of strategic planning for the Diocese of Fall River are on the table at the back of the church. You are invited to take one. The image of Our Lady of Fall River was painted by the Russian-American artist Feodor Zakharov in 1943 and presented to then Bishop James E. Cassidy by Mr. & Mrs. Charles R. Crane, summer residents of Woods Hole. It hangs today in the Residence of Bishop da Cunha. Please pray the prayer to Our Lady for the work of the various commissions working on the diocesan strategic plan, Rebuilding in Faith and Hope.

Let Your Voice be Heard

The Bishops of Massachusetts recently released a joint statement expressing their strong opposition to two proposed bills that would expand abortion in Massachusetts. Bishop da Cunha has asked that it be shared with parishioners to help call attention to the extreme provisions of this legislation and the radical consequences that would follow their passage into law. In their statement, the Bishops of Massachusetts "call on our elected officials to carefully consider the consequences that the bill would bring..." and "they urge all people of good will, regardless of what faith they practice, to vigorously oppose these extreme measures." Bishop da Cunha is appealing to all members of the Diocese to contact their state legislators. The Massachusetts Catholic Conference has resources on its website at www.macatholic.org - see (Let Your Voice be Heard) to help do this. It is imperative that our voices be heard to stop this legislation!

A couple of weeks ago Fr. Sullivan wrote in the bulletin how New York State has recently passed similar legislation that would allow abortion right up to the time of birth. Their law would not require emergency assistance to a child born alive as the result of an abortion and several other radical provisions that make abortion more available later in a pregnancy. These laws are being proposed because of the fear that a more anti-abortion leaning US Supreme Court will strike down the Roe Vs Wade decision.

Unfortunately, many legislators who claim to be Catholics hide beside the claim that while they are personally opposed to abortion, they can't impose their ethical and moral opinions on others. Actually, that is what they do on every issue. Or they say they have to vote the opinions of the majority of their constituents. That is abrogating their responsibility as leaders. In actuality the majority of people in our country only favor the availability of abortion to rather strict circumstances. Please contact our state representatives in the General Court to register your opposition to this very radical legislation.