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Some of the Holy Redeemer volunteers, young and old, who participated in "Clean Up" Day on Saturday, April 28th

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024

Our Parish Vision

Through a culture of excellence in worship, we are a Christ centered welcoming parish dedicated to life-long faith formation, evangelization, social works of justice and community outreach that strengthen the Catholic Church on the Lower Cape. Through gifts of time, talent and treasure we embrace all people as brothers and sisters.



Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

Our Pastor

Fr. John M. Sullivan

Deacons

Arthur L. LaChance

Joseph F. Mador

Business Manager

Howard Whelden

Director of Music

Cheryl Duerr

Director of Religious Education

Mrs. Beth Norcross

Parish Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

(Also by appointment)

Our Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 AM

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday: 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

Sunday by appointment. Please call the Rectory for more information.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples are asked to contact Fr. Sullivan at least 12 months prior to the date of their wedding. Couples should speak to Fr. Sullivan to confirm the Church is available before scheduling the date & 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.

New Parishioners are Always Welcome!

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

Opportunities to Stay Connected with Holy Redeemer Parish

Scan the codes below with your phone camera and you will proceed to the corresponding website.

Register for the Parish



Holy Redeemer Website



On-Line Giving



Learn More About Our Ministries

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Knights of Columbus

Hospitality Ministry

Bereavement Ministry

Pro-Life Ministry

Choir

Holy Redeemer Women's Club

Church Flower Ministry

Holy Launderers Ministry

Eucharistic Ministers

Altar Server Ministry

Lector Ministry

Liberty Commons Ministry

Small Faith-Sharing Groups

Spirituality Ministry

Call the Rectory (508-945-0677) or send us an email at parish@holyredeemerchatham.org if you would like more information about a Ministry.

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At Our Lady of Grace there is a ramp to the right of the main entrance.





May 5, 2024

From the Pastor



The Scalpel of Compunction

A cyst needs to be lanced, a boil cut away, and a wound stitched. To bring healing, a patient must first suffer a bit of pain. Compunction is the hurt we must endure to heal our sinful hearts. Compunction is a word we don't use that often. It sounds a bit old-fashioned. The dictionary defines compunction as anxiety arising from awareness of guilt. Theologically, we would call compunction the condition of accountability incurred by sinning.

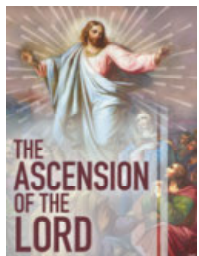
During Holy Week, at the Chrism Mass for the priests of the Diocese of Rome, Pope Francis reflected on the virtue of compunction with the 1500 priests assembled for the Mass. To illustrate his reflection, Pope Francis used the Passion Narratives as an example, which tells of St. Peter's denial of Jesus during Jesus' trial. We'll remember how Peter denied knowing Jesus three times as Peter stood in the courtyard while the Religious Authorities examined Jesus. When Peter realized what he had done, compunction overwhelmed him, and Peter went outside to cry. On Easter night, when Jesus appeared to the Apostles and disciples, Jesus brought Peter healing from the wounds of compunction as he asked Peter to profess his love for the Lord.

In his talk, Pope Francis explained that the sorrow we feel from compunction shouldn't be self-pity. God doesn't use compunction to make us feel guilty, discourage us, or cause us to become obsessed with feelings of unworthiness. What needs to cause us sorrow is that we are unmasked and forced to allow God to gaze upon our sinful hearts. Recognizing the truth about our sinful hearts is what causes our sadness.

Pope Francis said that rather than avoiding compunction and soul searching, it should stimulate our desire to seek God's healing and forgiveness. He reminded the priests that those who forget the greatness of sin forget the greatness of God's mercy. A positive result of feelings of compunction is that it causes us to grow closer to our fellow sinners. When we feel compunction, it reveals our solidarity with fellow sinners. Those feelings make us gentler and closer to those who sin against us because we are more aware of our faults and failures.

Has compunction cut open your soul to reveal your need to confront sinfulness? Now that you recognize your sins, you must allow Jesus to bring you God's healing. God doesn't want you to punish yourself with guilt, remorse, and sorrow. God wants to pour out mercy and healing on our wounded souls. Allow God to cut away your feelings of regret and receive the new life of Christ.

Easter is an excellent season to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation if it has been a long time since you opened yourself to the curative opening of your soul by the scalpel of compunction. Catholics aware of committing serious sin are obligated to receive forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Trinity Sunday on May 26. It is what used to be called the Easter Duty. Even if you feel you only have venial sins to confess, come to Confession as the Easter Season nears its close. Have your heart opened by the blade of compunction to experience the healing grace of mercy and grow deeper in your relationship with God. I'm in the Reconciliation Room at the back of the church every Saturday from 3 to 3:45. Open your heart to God's healing and strength by practicing compunction.



Ascension Day Mass Schedule

Thursday is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, a holy day of obligation for all Catholics. The Schedule of Masses is:

Wednesday Evening, May 8th at 4 pm

Thursday, May 9th at 8 am & 12:05 pm

OUR LENTEN DISCIPLINES



Lenten Folder Results

During Lent parishioners put aside 25¢ daily for a total of \$10 in our Lenten Folders. Contributions totaling \$1180 were donated to the Cape Cod Foster Closet. Earlier in the winter, during Pro-Life Month, we conducted a Baby Bottle Boomerang for Your Options Pregnancy Centers. Recently, we learned that \$1040.60 in spare change was collected in the bottles. May God grant special blessings to parishioners who supported these two fundraisers in support of life.





May 5, 2024



The Rosary is prayed after the 8AM Mass every Monday through Friday. Please join us.



Celebrating First Holy Communion

This Sunday Jack Mortell will be celebrating the Sacrament at the 10AM Mass. Please welcome him, his family and friends on this joyous occasion. It is a joyful day when we can share the Eucharist, the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ for the first time with our children.



Catholic Appeal 2024 Kickoff

The 83rd Catholic Appeal of the Diocese of Fall River began on May 1 and will continue until June 30. Parishioners have been receiving 2024 Catholic Appeal mailings. This year's Appeal theme is "Renew the Face of the Earth." 2024 marks the 120th Anniversary of our diocese's founding by Pope Pius X. We hope to mark the anniversary with a very successful 2024 Appeal. The Catholic Appeal funds many diocesan charitable and evangelization efforts such as schools, Pastoral Ministries, Social Services, and care for the sick and homebound. Ninety-four percent of Appeal donations go directly to these needs. Last year \$4.5 million was raised diocese-wide, and Holy Redeemer Parishioners donated \$56,140. The parish has set a goal of \$62,000 or an increase of 10% this year. With everyone's help, we can accomplish this goal. Extra Catholic Appeal brochures and pledge cards are in the pews. Prayerfully consider your donation to the Catholic Appeal, and please make it generous.

Local Diocesan Walk for Life

The Diocese of Fall River's Secretariat for the New Evangelization is organizing a local Walk for Life on Friday, May 10, 2024, at La Salette National Shrine in Attleboro. The event will begin at 9:30 am with a Keynote Address by 9th Bristol District State Legislative Representative Alan Silva, followed by Rosary for Life at 10:00 am. Most Rev. Edgar da Cunha, Bishop of Fall River, will celebrate Mass at 10:30 am. The Walk for Life will kick off at La Salette and travel to Cyril M. Angell Park at noon. The event will conclude with adoration at La Salette Shrine Church. Registration for the event is required. Single, Group, and Family registration are all available. Visit <https://www.fallriverdiocese.org/> to register. Registration is first come, first served and will close when capacity is reached. We hope to see you and your family there.

SMALL FAITH-SHARING GROUPS

At Holy Redeemer Parish, small faith-sharing groups of 8-10 members meet weekly for about an hour and are an integral part of whom we want to be—a parish of small groups. We believe that our relationship with Jesus Christ can be transformative and that small groups can offer intentional relationships with others who are seeking to know and grow closer to Jesus. Through prayer, scripture and faith-sharing conversations, members grow together in community and in so doing enhance the community of our parish.

Please join us. You can call the Parish Office at 508 945-0677 or email us at parish@holyredeemerchatham.org providing your name, email address and mobile telephone number. We will promptly contact you and fill you in on the details.



Renovation Update

The new elevator should be delivered on Monday, and installation completed by the end of the month. Installation of window, painting, and laying of flooring were all items worked on this week, so our targeted date to reopen Holy Redeemer is mid-June. The anniversary of the first Mass ever celebrated in the church is June 25. Maybe that could be the date to celebrate the first Mass in the renovated church. Plans are for Bishop da Cunha to rededicate the church on Sunday, July 7. A Rededication Committee is planning a calendar of events to celebrate the church's reopening throughout the summer. We want to stimulate a sense of anticipation for the renovations, so we haven't printed many pictures lately. Everyone will be pleasantly surprised. A Sneak Preview Reception for Capital Campaign Donors is planned before the first Mass.



Tootsie Roll Drive: The Knights of Columbus St. Paul VI Council 7312 will be conducting their annual Tootsie Roll Drive after each Mass next weekend, May 11-12. They will be accepting a Free Will Donation in exchange for a Tootsie Roll for the grandchildren or grandchildren at heart. All proceeds go to the Special Needs Children's Fund for our community.



St. Paul VI Council #7312 is sponsoring a **Day of Reflection** on Tuesday, May 7th open to all men from Holy Trinity, Holy Redeemer and Our Lady of the Cape parishes. There will be no charge for this retreat. The day will begin with the 9AM Mass, followed by some light refreshments, a talk by Holy Trinity pastor, Rev. Thomas Washburn, a second talk by Deacon Christian De Vos from Holy Trinity, a group discussion & sharing, ending around noon. Confessions may be available depending on the response. To register please call or email Tony Cosgrove DGK with your name, phone number and parish. Tony can be reached at 508-430-2241 and his email is: tonyandchrisoncapecod@hotmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, May 4

4:00 PM † Thomas Daly

Sunday, May 5

8:00 AM † Sharon Ponsolle

10:00 AM † Gigi Gerstle

Monday, May 6

8:00 AM † Charles Bladen

Tuesday, May 7

8:00 AM † Special Intention

Wednesday, May 8

8:00 AM † Damian Macaluso

4:00 PM - Vigil Mass - Ascension of the Lord

† Robert Starkey

Thursday, May 9 - Ascension of the Lord

8:00 AM † Nancy Fox

12:05 PM † Al Hansen

Friday, May 10

8:00 AM † Alice Auld

Saturday, May 11

4:00 PM † Len Japowicz

Sunday, May 12

8:00 AM † Norb Timmins

10:00 AM † Liz Lucy



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



Prayer REQUESTS

PRAYERS

Tabernacle Lamp: In memory of Robert Canavan.

Please pray for those who are sick: James Nelson, Leila Porter, Marley Marie Smith, Fred Magnusson, Sawyer Craig, Jack Gerard, Madeline Keogh, William Harahan, Krissy Labbate, Thomas Chestaw, Leonard Gratton, Helen Duarte, Agnes Chrystogelos, Martin Lieber, John & Mary Lynch, Leona Olfano, Maritess Seymour, Don & June Preskenis, Jack McElhinney, Jacques Ponsolle, Philip & Dorothy Ripa, Ruth Homerick, Tina Steen, Eileen Harrigan, Allison Mullaney, Carol Aschoff, Barbie Haven, Marion Sinatra, Fiadh Mazzola, Jeffrey Trachsel.

Please pray for all our beloved deceased.



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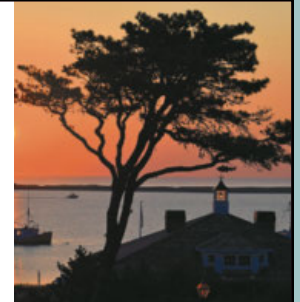
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