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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole
region of Galilee. - Mk 1:28

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 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.



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 2024

Our Pastor

Fr. John M. Sullivan

Deacons

Arthur L. LaChance

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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.

Visit our Website

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Liberty Commons 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.





A Year of Prayer

Last Sunday, Pope Francis announced that 2024 would be a Year of Prayer in preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025. Francis proclaimed the theme of prayer during his noontime Angelus blessing in St. Peter's Square. He said 2024 would be "A year dedicated to rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer in one's personal life, in the life of the Church, and in the world." Pope Francis stated, "I ask you to intensify your prayer to prepare us to live this event of grace well and experience the power of God's hope. That is why we begin a Year of Prayer."

The purpose of the Year of Prayer is to prepare the Church for 2025, a jubilee year. Since 1300, when Pope Boniface VIII proclaimed the first jubilee year, the Catholic Church has celebrated one every twenty-five years. The jubilee year has biblical roots in the Book of Leviticus. In that book, the Law of Moses prescribed the celebration of a jubilee year every fifty years. Leviticus commands that during the Jubilee year, slaves were to be set free and debts forgiven as a sign that recognized God's mercy. While Church tradition has celebrated jubilee years every twenty-five years, Pope Francis and other popes have occasionally proclaimed extraordinary Holy Years. Pope Francis declared the 2013 Holy Year of Faith and 2016 a Year of Mercy as extraordinary years. 2025 will be the first ordinary Holy Year since the turn of the millennium in 2000.

Holy Year 2025 will begin on Christmas Eve 2024 and continue until Epiphany 2026. The symbolic focus of the Holy Year is the Holy Year Door at St. Peter's Basilica and the three other Major Basilica in Rome. These doors are bricked over and only opened to celebrate the Holy Year. Courtney Mares, Rome Correspondent for the Catholic News Agency, explains, "The opening of the Holy Door symbolizes the offering of an "extraordinary path" towards salvation for Catholics during the jubilee. Pilgrims who walk through a Holy Door can receive a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions."

There are also several Holy Year Doors scattered throughout the world. One is at the Basilica of Our Lady in Quebec, Canada. I took a group from my previous assignment, St. Patrick's Parish in Wareham, on a pilgrimage to Quebec in the summer of 2016. Maybe there will be a similar interest among parishioners here in Chatham.

My homilies often point out the need for a strong prayer life. We can't hope to have a relationship of love with God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit unless prayer is part of our daily life. It is essential to talk to and listen to our friends. It is no different with God. In this Year of Prayer, work to develop your prayer life. Find a convenient time in a comfortable spot where you won't be interrupted, even if it is as little as ten minutes to start. Maybe read a short passage of scripture like the gospel from daily Mass. Ask God to help you reflect on it, then listen to God.

Making sure you and your family participate in weekend Mass every week is another critical way to grow in prayer. Maybe start keeping a Mass journal, a little notebook where you record one or two insights you got from the homily or prayers of the Mass. That will help reinforce how God spoke to you during the Mass and help you reflect on it during the week.

I hope to focus on how I lead prayer and the Mass during this Year of Prayer. For a priest who might celebrate a Mass up to three times a day, we can let reciting prayer become relatively rote. I will consider the pace at which I speak the prayers, my diction, and my posture to ensure I'm as prayerful as possible when I'm leading the parish in prayer. I encourage all parishioners to use the coming year to work to make your life of prayer flourish in 2024.



Collection for Church in Latin America

A second collection for the Church in Latin America will be conducted at all Masses this weekend. For the last sixty years, this collection has supported pastoral work, seminary education, and support for those entering religious life, works of reconciliation, and aid to the impoverished in countries from Mexico to the tip of Argentina and throughout the Caribbean. The Catholic Church is presently suffering persecution in several Latin American countries, such as Venezuela and Nicaragua, because they are willing to confront the power elites on behalf of the people. Support the Church in Latin America generously this weekend.



January 28, 2024



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



January Is Respect Life Month

Despite the Supreme Court decision overturning the Roe v. Wade abortion decision, there is still a great deal of prayer and work necessary to make our country pro-life. January is still Pro-Life Month, a time of prayer and action to raise awareness about pro-life activities. As a parish pro-life activity, Holy Redeemer is conducting a Baby Bottle Boomerang on behalf of Your Option Medical Center opening in Hyannis. We have asked parishioners to take a baby bottle, fill it with their loose change, and return it on the weekend of February 3-4. It isn't too late to participate. Baby bottles are available at the back of the church.

Planning ahead, save the date of Friday, May 10, 2024, for a local March for Life at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette. More details will be forthcoming.

Lenten Mission

Lent is only a few weeks away. Perhaps you are making plans for a Lenten program for yourself. Here is a suggestion. Our Lady of Victory and Our Lady of Assumption parishes are co-sponsoring a Lenten Mission, "Igniting the Light of Christ Within You," on February 19, 20 & 21, 2024, featuring Catholic Speaker Paul Koleske. Paul is a contemporary Catholic Christian Inspirational Speaker, Musician, Composer, & Recording Artist from Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

The Mission will be held at Noon at Our Lady of Assumption Church, 76 Wianno Ave, Osterville, MA, and repeated at 6 PM at Our Lady of Victory Church, 230 South Main Street, Centerville, MA. Paul is a contemporary Catholic Christian Inspirational Speaker, Musician, Composer & Recording Artist. Registration is not required. A free-will offering will be appreciated.

"Our Priests Make a Difference: Stories of Positive Impact"

The Diocese of Fall River Clergy Support Office has begun a new initiative, "Our Priests Make a Difference: Stories of Positive Impact." Our priests make a tremendous difference in our lives as Catholics. Their positive impact is extraordinary at times, like when a priest acts in the Person of Christ in the Sacraments, visits us and our family during times of sickness or great need, or leads multiple parishes or assignments. At times, that impact is small yet profound, such as when he offers us a word of encouragement, preaches an impactful homily, or takes the time to visit with our parish groups and ministries. Whether in extraordinary or small ways, our priests make a significant difference, and the Clergy Support Office would like to hear these stories of positive impact to encourage our priests in their divine vocation and on their path of holiness. The Clergy Support Office asks you to submit stories of instances when a priest impacted you, your parish, or your institution. If you want to submit stories of how a priest has positively impacted you, your family, or your parish/institution, please visit www.fallriverclergy-support.org or email Matt Robinson, Director of Clergy Support, at mrobinson@dioc-fr.org.



About 70 of us will be gathering at Our Lady of Grace on February 17 for a day of reflection and faith-sharing including celebrities like Jacqueline Pollack, Martin Buoniconti,

Pat Vreeland, Jack Zilliox and Marlene & John Ciborowski as well as Allison Gingras, award winning author and speaker. Be sure to join us and not miss out on this very special day and Lenten event. Flyers and registration cards are located in the pews.



MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, January 27

4:00 PM † Christoph Zeyen

Sunday, January 28

8:00 AM † Jacquelynne Treacy

10:00 AM † Sheila Jemella

Monday, January 29

8:00 AM † Maria Ferreira

Tuesday, January 30

8:00 AM † Jacquelynne Treacy - who would have celebrated her 100th birthday on January 31

Wednesday, January 31

8:00 AM † Marie Ponsolle

Thursday, February 1

8:00 AM † George Herron

Friday, February 2

8:00 AM † Prayer Service

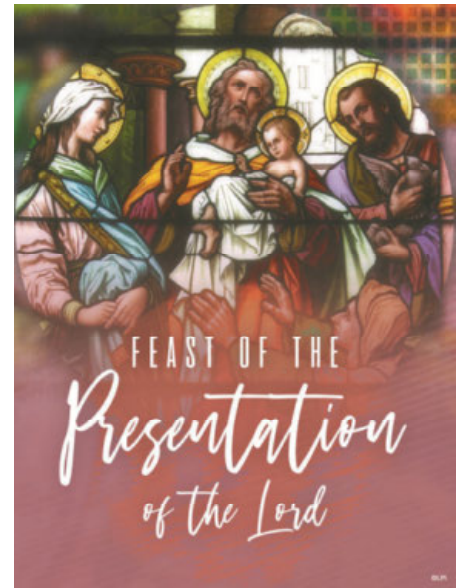
Saturday, February 3

4:00 PM † John DelVecchio - 12th Anniversary

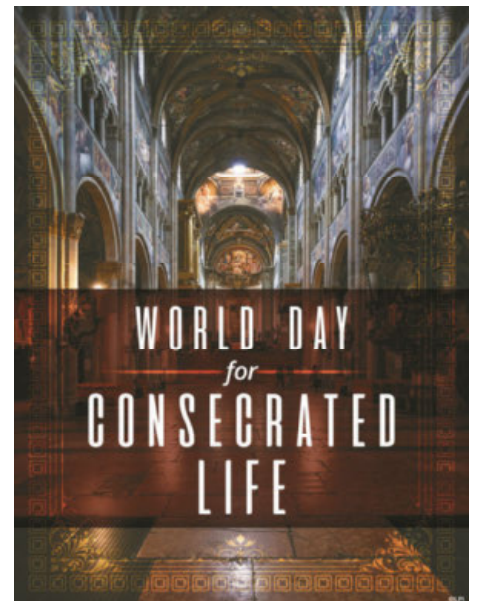
Sunday, February 4

8:00 AM † Ann Byrne

10:00 AM † Len Japowicz



February 2nd



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 Jacquelynne Treacy.

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, Jim Crowley, Fiadh Mazzola.

Please pray for all our beloved deceased.



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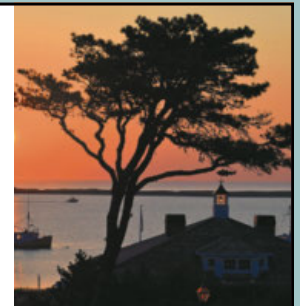
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