

*O Blood and Water,
which gushed forth from
the Heart of Jesus as a
fount of mercy for the world:
I Trust In You.*

Jesus, I Trust In You

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 11, 2015

4:00 PM George Cloutier, Sr. by the family

Sunday, April 12, 2015

8:30 AM The Varano Family by Frances Smolenski

11:00 AM Carmen Velasquez by the family

Monday, April 13, 2015

8:30 AM In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony for prayers answered

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

8:30 AM Fr. Alexis Babineau, A.A. by David Dumais

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

8:30 AM David Nore by David Dumais

Thursday, April 16, 2015

8:30 AM In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony for prayers answered

Friday, April 17, 2015

8:30 AM James & Alan Lavendure & families by Paul Miner & Ken Mills

Saturday, April 18, 2015

4:00 PM Eileen Kapulka (12 Anniversary) by Bob & Maryann Richard

Sunday, April 19, 2015

8:30 AM Lucille Dubois by her sister

11:00 AM Donna Buffone by the family

Scripture Readings

Sunday, April 12

Acts 4:32-35

1 Jn 5:1-6

Jn 20:19-31

Monday, April 13

Acts 4:23-31, Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday, April 14

Acts 4:32-37, Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday, April 15

Acts 5:17-26, Jn 3:16-21

Thursday, April 16

Acts 5:27-33

Jn 3:31-36

Friday, April 17

Acts 5:34-42, Jn 6:1-15

Saturday, April 18

Acts 6:1-7, Jn 6:16-21

Sunday, April 19

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

1 Jn 2:1-5a

Jn 24:35-48



There has been a very good response already here at St. Roch's for this year's Appeal. We have reached 78% of the \$45,000. Next weekend during the Mass we are going to show the

DVD that the diocese put together to help us better understand the significance of the Appeal. I think that it's particularly well done.

To date 167 families in our parish have made a gift or pledge to the 2015 Partners in Charity Appeal. Our parish goal is to have at least 250 or more families participate in this important Appeal.

Convenient four payment plans are available. You can make your gift online as well by visiting www.partners-charity.net—click on the “Donate online now” tab. The pledge envelopes will be in the pews next week once again. If you haven't yet contributed please consider doing so, or perhaps you might want to increase your gift if you've already given.

Your Sacrificial Offering April 4 & 5

Offertory Envelopes (174)	\$5,633.00
Loose Money	775.00
Easter	2,897.00
Other sources of income	415.00
Total	9,720.00
Weekly Goal	5,881.00
Result	+ 3,839.00

Thank You!

Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land 1,024.00



A second collection will be taken this weekend, **April 11th & 12th**, for **Maintenance and Repair**. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

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Mass Schedule: Saturday: 4:00 PM
 Sunday: 8:30 & 11:00 AM
 Monday ~ Friday 8:30 am



PRAY FOR . . .

Kathy Perry, Owen Benway, Irene Richardson, Jane Lewicki, Anthony Nguyen, Andrew Rivers, Judy Chiancola, Sean Cryan, Olga Brault, Raymond Joseph, Al Sinkis, Barbara Swenson, Connie Croteau, Pat Shong, Chloe Barbara Jones, Fr. Robert Kelley, Ruth Andrzejczyk, James Butler Jr, Craig Ladd, Carol Violette, Roseanne Ferlito, John & Bev Makowski, Rosellen Roy, Maddy Desrosier, Phyllis Day, John Hickman, John Barton, Walter McCarthy, Stephen Rice, Debbie Byrne, Dale Mahota, Joel Winslow, Cindy Flores, Roger St. George, James Sumerlin, Julie Guertin, Timothy Bowes, Anita Prunier, Liz Iandolli, Ed Carpenter, Charlene White, Bob St. George, Victor Pizzolato, Ernest Lavallee.

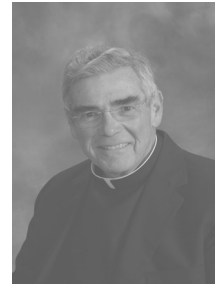
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From the
Pastor's Desk

The Readings for next Sunday, April 19, 2015

Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19
First Letter of Saint John 2:1-5a
John 24:35-48



My dear parishioners,

“Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say Rejoice.” Our celebration together of the Feast of Easter has given us abundant cause for rejoicing. May we all continue throughout the fifty days of Easter and beyond to truly experience the joy, warmth and light of our Lord’s victory which He shares so generously with us.

Personally how deeply grateful I am for the multitude of parishioners whose combined efforts have honestly allowed us to observe so fittingly this pinnacle of the entire Liturgical Year. Terry Ann Renaud and Deacon Paul Connolly faithfully met with and prepared the RCIA candidates for their Sacraments of Initiation. It was wonderful at the Easter Vigil to be able to baptize, confirm and give the Eucharist to Joe Mazzone, Jeff Blackmore, Ronald Decker and his daughter Brittany. Dawn Clarkson was received into the Catholic Church and she and Tammy Brunette were confirmed. Our parish is truly blessed by the willingness of these adults to join us in our mission of establishing more evidently God’s Kingdom in our time.

Throughout Holy Week we were greatly assisted in worship by the very appropriate music given to us by our Music Director, Anna Pizzolato assisted by Frank and Matt LaRiviere, Gerta Rusnica, Cheryl and Richard Amaral, Kathy DiVeglia, and Dave Hurton as cantor. It was lively when called for, and meditative and somber when needed and always welcomed. Our heartfelt worship of our Risen Savior is what inspires and sustains us in putting into practice the convictions of our faith.

Our Ecumenical Way of the Cross along Main Street on Good Friday where all of our confirmation students carried the tableaux, inspired some observers to begin making their way back to church. It was good to see standing room only at the Easter morning Masses. The Holy Spirit never rests and continues to cultivate the faith in the hearts of people. Our living our relationship with Jesus **honestly** and **in the open** will nurture the future growth of our parish. We need to be faithful, that’s all.

Talk about faithful! I’ve mentioned all the people who were out front in our Easter celebrations. What about those who got the job done without fanfare, behind the scene. Doug Cadarette has done an incredible job this winter of winter’s; keeping the pathways open, and sanded. Then keeping the church and hall clean and removing the sand. Along with Earl Cote moving tables, ladders, plants and the innumerable other little things. We may sometimes fail to see what’s being done, but the Lord sees and is grateful and rewards.

The lectors, servers, Eucharistic ministers and greeters were faithfully there. A service of devotion and love for the Lord and for their fellow believers. All so ably coordinated by Teri Rawson in the office, the real nerve center for our parish. Deacon Paul Connolly is doing a great job during his many firsts since his May ordination.

I want to also personally express my sincere gratitude to the many wonderful people who have sent cards or dropped off delicacies at the rectory. Fr. Albert and I are being spoiled and we love it.

May the celebration of the Lord’s Victory over sin, satan and death become for us a permanent way of life.

Let us continue to love one another,

Fr. Roy

NEW PARISH FAMILY DIRECTORY!

We are pleased to begin the process of producing a new family directory with Lifetouch and hope that all our parish families will participate. The portrait sessions will be take place in our church hall on **May 28, 29, 30, 2015**.

All participating families will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a directory. You will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits at your session.



To make your portrait session appointment go to www.appt.lifetouch.com and follow the easy instructions to select your day and time. A confirmation will be emailed to you. If you need assistance, you may call Teri in the rectory office 508-987-8987.

A \$10 discount is offered for signing up online.
A 20% discount is offered to seniors.

(A make-up date will be set in June-please call the office if you absolutely cannot make the May sessions-there is limited space on this date.)

6-session Daytime & Evening Retreats in Oxford, Auburn, Charlton & Sturbridge

Want to transform your work, your marriage, your family and your life? Are you ready to learn the quickest, surest, and easiest way to holiness? Join us for another “**33 Days to Morning Glory**”, a retreat authored by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC of the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy.



Retreats will be held **at the St. Roch Parish Center, 334 Main St., Oxford, 508-987-2382**, for 6 consecutive **Wednesdays, beginning May 6**. Sessions are offered at **6:30 – 8:00pm**; and at the **St. Joseph Parish Center, 68 Central St. Auburn, 508-832-6683; St. Joseph Parish, 10 H Putnam Rd., Charlton, 508-248-7862; St. Anne/St. Patrick, 16 Church St., Sturbridge, 508-612-7008**, for 6 consecutive **Tuesdays, beginning May 5**, with sessions offered **at both 9:30-11:00am and 6:30-8:00 pm**.

The retreat will conclude with a Mass and Consecration on Saturday, June 13, 2015 (Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary). For more information or to register, contact one of the churches listed, or you may print out a registration form at www.stjosephauburnma.org. **Registration deadline is April 12.**



The St. Vincent dePaul Society Mother’s Day Gift Bags

As **Mother’s Day** approaches this May, our thoughts go out to all mothers for their unconditional love. There are however homeless mothers in our midst that do not have contact with family for various reasons. We do need to remember all mothers. There will be containers at the doors of the church. If you could please buy a personal product such as nail polish, shampoo, deodorant, perfume, etc. We will take these items and create “Mother’s Day” gift bags and deliver them. **This drive is for the month of April.**

Adult Paint Event and Fundraiser Thursday, April 23rd 7:00-9:00 pm St. Roch’s Church Hall, 332 Main Street, Oxford

Cost: \$30 per person— No experience necessary! Includes 16 x 20 canvas, paints, easel, brushes, and professional art instructor. Cash bar and hors d’oeuvres available for a nominal fee.



Seating Is Limited – Register After Masses On Sunday Mornings Or Call The Rectory Office 508-987-8987. Payment required with sign-up.



You are all invited and you are needed. We meet *every second Wednesday of the month*, in the St. Ann rectory at **6:00 PM; next meeting is May 13.**

Our Pro-Life Ministry at St. Roch’s is for everyone younger and older members join together with St. Ann’s No. Oxford, let’s see how we can help the larger community of Oxford respect life from the moment of conception to natural death. **Won’t you please join us?**



Starting in April
On the last Thursday of each month at 12:00 in room 1 of the parish center. Adults will gather to watch a variety of films. Watch for new titles each month. Suggested titles welcomed.



Blessings on those who consecrated themselves to Jesus through Mary on March 25th, the Feast of the Annunciation. Anyone who wishes to follow up by meeting weekly are welcome on Monday mornings in Room 1 of the Parish Center at 9:45 AM. Those who have previously consecrated themselves are also invited.

Call 508-987-2382 for details.

SAINT ROCH CONFIRMATION 2015



Sunday Sessions 6:30-8:00 PM in the Church Hall. **Note: all sessions are required.**
Emergency call Father Roy...508-987-8987

Sponsor certificates & Name essays PAST DUE.

April 12 regular session
(April 19 no class vacation)

April 26 regular session

May 3 Sponsors & Candidates: Practice at Sacred Heart, Webster 7:15 PM.

May 7 Confirmation Celebration at Sacred Heart—

June 7 Corpus Christi, Newly Confirmed process following the 11:00 AM Mass, followed by a special welcome pot-luck family luncheon, with make your own sundaes.



1ST EUCHARIST SESSIONS

SUNDAYS 9:40-10:50 AM

Apr. 11 FAMILY MASS 5:30

Apr. 12 regular class

Apr. 12 (Parents meet to prepare & design the flowers & headpieces the children will wear.)

Apr. 19-26 Vacation—no classes

May 3 regular class

May 10—Mother's Day—no classes

May 12 First Eucharist Rehearsal 6-8 PM

May 13 Eucharist Portraits by Sue Bray

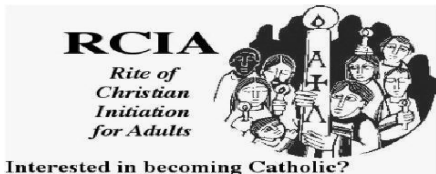
May 17 First Eucharist Celebration Mass 2 PM
candidates arrive 1:15 in hall for group photo.

June 7 Corpus Christi Procession 11:00 Mass, arrive 10:45 in hall. All children who have received Holy Eucharist are invited to join the procession, too. The children will process to church in outfits worn for First Holy Communion.



ADULTS why not take time for enrichment? Education never ends. Join others **Tuesday mornings** for the *Echoes of Faith* series on *Liturgy and Sacraments*, in the parish center, room 1, **10-11:30 weekly.** Next class meets **April 21, 28, May 2, 9,**

2015. Please register by April 9, to order the book needed for the class. **Call Terry Ann Renaud 508-987-2382.**



We meet Sundays at **9:45 am** in the rectory. To be part of this process call **508-987-2382.**

Do you know anyone who would like to find out about **becoming Catholic**, receiving Sacraments as an Adult, or parents of older children, who need Baptism or Holy Eucharist: **Contact Terry Ann Renaud or Father Roy anytime 508-987-2382 or 508-987- 8987.**

Adults interested in walking with other adults in this process are asked to join us Sunday mornings between Masses at **9:45 AM in the rectory parlor.**

We are getting ready for
Bible Adventure 2015.

July 6th—10th

Without a lot of help it cannot happen. Adults & Teens are needed to volunteer for Set up & Breakdown & All leadership Roles during the camp.

Please call **508-987-2382** to help us firm up dates & times. Watch for more to come.

Registration for Fall 2015 Classes at all levels & Sacraments sessions begin now and end by **April 30th.** Tell your neighbors, all families are welcome.



Please register ASAP for the fall 2015-6 school year. Ordering books from publishers in May saves a good percentage on our material costs. If you have yet to pay fees for the current year 2014-5, your help is requested in helping us to close the finance records by June.

Medicine, Bioethics, and Spirituality Conference

The Healthcare Professionals for Divine Mercy will sponsor the annual Medicine, Bioethics, and Spirituality Conference on May 6 & 7, 2015 at the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester. Presenters include Archbishop Zygmunt Zimowski, President of the Pontifical Council for Health Care Workers, Bishop Robert McManus, Dr. Paul Carpentier, Dr. Mark Rollo, Fr. Mark Yavarone, OMV, and many more. Continuing education credits for health care professionals are available. For more information and to register: www.thedivinemercy.org/worcester or 800-462-74266.

NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT

Join 5000 Catholics across Canada and the USA at this premier conference for the new evangelization. On **April 24/25, 2015** hear 8 world-class Catholic speakers on the New Evangelization—people like Dr. Scott Hahn, Fr. Michael Gaitley, Dr. Ralph Martin, Patrick Coffin, JoEllen Gregus, Fr. James Mallon, Ken Yaskinski and Michael Dopp. The NES has been designed to inspire Catholics and help them live out their personal call to evangelize. St. Joseph Church in Charlton, in partnership with St. Mary Church in Uxbridge, is incredibly excited to be a host site for NES. The conference will be webcasted from Ottawa to St. Joseph Church in Charlton. Be inspired, receive formation, and connect with other Catholics.

Register now at www.newevangelizaion.ca

April 24/25, 2015

St. Joseph Church, 10 H. Putnam Ext., Charlton
Cost: \$65.00 (includes lunch on Saturday.)



Bible Study

Wednesday morning Bible Study in the Parish Center 9:30 AM. All are welcome.



334 CLUB WINNERS—Week 20

- # 216 Del Baarda
- # 556 Susan Anderson
- # 379 Terry Comtois
- # 494 Irene Richardson

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!!

MEETINGS

Festival Meeting will take place on **Thursday, April 16th at 7:00 PM** in the parish center.

St. Vincent de Paul Society will meet on **Monday, May 4th at 7:00 PM** in the church hall.

Finance Committee will meet on **Tuesday, July 14th at 7:00 PM** in the rectory.

A local family is looking for someone to give assistance to their elderly mother a couple of times a week, basically laundry, light housekeeping and shopping. Mom is competent and in basic good health but needs some assistance. Anyone interested in this employment please call St. Roch rectory at 508-987-8987.

St. Anne School Open House

May 4, 2015 ~ 6:30 – 8:00 P.M.

Come and see where students receive the educational foundation that will lead to future success and achievement. You will receive a tour of the school and will be able to enjoy St. Anne School Project Night. Project Night is a display of various projects done by the students. At St. Anne School, we inspire our students to be the best they can be in mind, body and spirit and in the development of moral values.

\$500 Grant for a new student

\$1,000 Grant for a new family of 2 or more students

**The Daughters of Isabella Proudly Present
2015 Fantastic Bus Tours**

May 3-5 Atlantic City Resorts Casino—Atlantic City's Original Casino! Right on the Atlantic City Boardwalk! 7:00 am Webster; 7:30 am Southbridge. Includes \$25.00 Slot Bonus, Two Buffets, Revue Show! \$219

May 17 Newport Playhouse—Cheaters' Show, Cabaret, & Delicious Buffet! 8:30 am Southbridge; 9:00 am Webster. Great Stage Show, Buffet Luncheon & Cabaret! What a Combo! \$85 Many more trips scheduled. For information please call Jan Caouette 508-887-2215 or Bernadette Langlois 508-943-8047.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL #4241**

Meeting every **first Tuesday** of the month beginning with a Mass at 6:00 pm at St. Ann's. Then we retire to the church hall to begin K of C Council Meeting at 6:45 pm. Lots of things happening! If you are in need of something, please call a brother Knight. We are always looking for new men who are interested in joining! You may contact us by email to: kofcoxfordmass.org

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Come to the Waters of Healing

One Day Retreat for Hope & Healing After Abortion

◆ Saturday, April 25, 2015

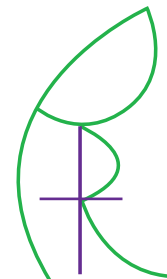
9:00AM – 5:00 PM

This one-day retreat is designed to help women hurting from past abortions experience the personal love of Christ and find hope for healing in a loving and confidential environment.

Sponsored by the Project Rachel Ministry - Archdiocese of Boston

Pre-registration is required. Limited to 10 participants.

For more information, contact
Project Rachel at (508) 651-3100 or
help@projectrachelboston.com



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