

St. Roch Church



Parishioners and Friends painting sunflowers in our church hall on October 30, 2014. What a fun night!!

**Release your hidden talent—Come paint with us on
Thursday, April 23rd!**

Register today or call the rectory office. No experience necessary!



Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, April 20, 2015

8:30 AM Joe Mahoney by daughter Barbara Quaiel

Tuesday, April 21, 2015

8:30 AM Thelma Brunelle (1st Anniversary) by her daughters

Wednesday, April 22, 2015

8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Stolz Family by the family

Thursday, April 23, 2015

8:30 AM Sylvia, Thomas, Cecile, Francis and Paul Burns by daughter & sister Lorraine Dumont

Friday, April 24, 2015

8:30 AM Walter Sr., Walter Jr. and Thomas Dumont by wife & mother Lorraine Dumont

Saturday, April 25, 2015

4:00 PM Mary Gagliastre by daughters Ginny & Maryann

Sunday, April 26, 2015

8:30 AM Adolph Smolenski by his daughter

11:00 AM Katrina Anargereros and Dino Drakopoulos by Olga & Helen

Scripture Readings

Sunday, April 19

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

1 Jn 2:1-5a

Jn 24:35-48

Monday, April 20

Acts 6:8-15, Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday, April 21

Acts 7:51-8:1a, Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday, April 22

Acts 8:1b-8, Jn 6:35-40

Thursday, April 23

Acts 8:26-40

Jn 6:44-51

Friday, April 24

Acts 9:1-20, Jn 6:52-59

Saturday, April 25

1 Pt 5:5b-14, Mk 16:15-20

Sunday, April 26

Acts 4:8-12

1 Jn 3:1-2

Jn 10:11-18



There has been a very good response already here at St. Roch's for this year's Appeal. We have reached 81% 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.

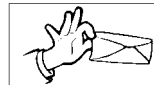
To date 167 families in our parish have made a gift or pledge to the 2015 Partners in Charity Appeal. Our parish goal is to have at least 250 or more families participate in this important Appeal.

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 11 & 12

Offertory Envelopes (143)	\$3,613.00
Loose Money	439.00
Repairs & Maintenance	1,181.00
Other sources of income	599.00
Total	5,832.00
Weekly Goal	5,881.00
Result	- 49.00

Thank You!



A second collection will be taken next weekend, **April 25th & 26th**, for the **St. Vincent de Paul Society**. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

ST. ROCH CEMETERY NOTICE

All Christmas Flower baskets must be removed **by May 3rd** for preparations for Memorial Day. Thank you.

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Deacon **Rev. Mr. Paul Connolly**

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



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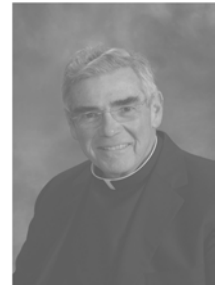
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From the
Pastor's Desk

The Readings for next Sunday, April 26, 2015

Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12
First Letter of Saint John 3:1-2
John 10:11-18



My dear parishioners,

The trees have not started to bud with new foliage, but it is so sweet to feel the Spring air and breath in this long awaited season. We do not need to be reminded how harsh the winter has been. This morning, April 15th (Tax Day) I walked the property with our dedicated custodian/caretaker, Doug Cadarette to assess the damage. We have some, but by the grace of God we've generally been spared. **We are going to address the puddling of water** at the base of the ramp and the deterioration of the concrete around the entrance. Thanks to your generous response to the Maintenance & Repair collections we can take care of this. A special thanks also to all those who made up their weekly envelopes when for seven straight weekends we had snow storms.

A few other items of interest; from now on the **second pew of the back section** on the Blessed Mother's side is going to be **reserved** for people with limited mobility. This will provide some of our parishioners a secure place to be, able to have the pew in front to lean on and also able to receive Holy Communion without having to leave the pew.

Speaking about Holy Communion; we now have **gluten free hosts available** for those who need them. Please drop by the sacristy before Mass to let us know of your need. That special host will then be placed in a pyx and it will be necessary to go to the line where the priest/celebrant of the Mass is distributing Holy Communion.

Two wonderful opportunities that are close to my heart and I truly believe will be of great benefit to my parishioners. One close to home the other at some distance. Close to home; there will be a **Men's Cursillo Weekend** held **June 25-28** at the Prindle Pond Conference Center in Charlton. We are so very fortunate to have this powerful retreat available. It really brings all the treasures of our faith into sharp focus. Soon after the Men's Cursillo there is **one offered for women** from **July 30 to August 2** at Nichols College. This is a weekend full of laughter, prayer, great music, wonderful meals that you will never forget. For additional information and/or an application, please contact: Carolyn Galgano at 508-847-7005, angels3cma@gmail.com or Joan Laracy at 774-239-2474, joanlaracy@yahoo.com.

Please pray about this possibility. I have participated in these many times and very highly encourage your taking advantage.

The one great opportunity that is at some distance and is also something you will never forget is the **pilgrimage to the Holy Land** that we are planning from **October 12 to 20**. To walk in the footsteps of Jesus and to visit and pray where many generations of Christians have gone for centuries to draw closer to the Lord is something that made a huge contribution to my spiritual life and I know it will for you as well. If you are at all interested please speak to me.

I hope that you enjoy the brief video we will be showing this week about how our support of *Partners In Charity* really makes a difference.

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.)



FESTIVAL XXII JUNE 13, 2015

A day filled with fun, good food, raffles, an "Auction on the Stage", vendors and shopping opportunities followed by our Famous Chicken Barbecue is now being planned.

A lot of volunteers will be needed to ensure a successful festival. Can we count on you?

If you would like to volunteer (before or during the event), please let us know by calling the rectory office at 508-987-8987 or the parish center at 508-987-2382. Any amount of time you can give will be greatly appreciated! Everyone is welcome! We would love to see new faces ... this is a fun event and a great opportunity to get to know your fellow parishioners!

The garage will be open beginning next weekend for dropping off garage sale items and books. Please no furniture, clothing, tires, TV's or any type of electronics, stuffed animals or mattresses.

We will also be collecting new raffle items and gift certificates, craft items, bake items, and plants. These drop off times and locations will be announced soon.

**VENDORS WELCOME
(CALL 508-987-8987 TO RESERVE SPACE)**

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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.

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

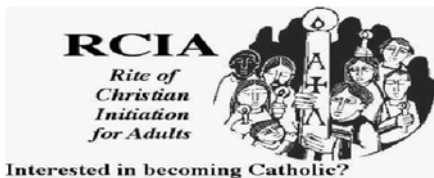
Sponsor certificates & Name essays PAST DUE.

(April 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.

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.



1ST EUCHARIST SESSIONS

SUNDAYS 9:40-10:50 AM

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.

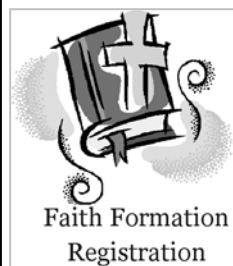
We are getting ready for

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.



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.

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.

Retreats held at the **St. Roch Parish Center**, for 6 consecutive **Wednesdays, May 6, 13, 20, 27, June 3, 10; at 6:30 – 8:00pm**; books will be available by pre-registering, 508-987-2382. All are welcome.

It will be offered also at: the St. Joseph Parish Center, 68 Central St. Auburn, 508-832-6683; St. Joseph Parish, 10H 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 **Terry Ann Renaud 508-987-2382.**

A GLORIOUS NEW MORNING.

Blessings on those who consecrated themselves to Jesus through Mary on the Feast of the Annunciation, or previously. Anyone who wishes to follow up by gathering are welcome on the First Monday morning each month in Room 1 of the Parish Center at 9:45 AM.

Call 508-987-2382 for details.

Watch this column for information on Marian devotions (rosary, scapular, chaplets teachings) and ways to keep your consecration alive.



Bible Study

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

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

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.)**



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.

**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—Cheeters’ 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.

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