

Our Lady of Grace Parish

Dunstable, Groton, Pepperell, MA



Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2015

Laetare Sunday

WELCOME TO
OUR LADY OF GRACE PARISH
 OF
DUNSTABLE, GROTON & PEPPERELL

We are glad you joined us today!

OUR TWO WORSHIP SITES



*St. James Church
West Groton*

*St. Joseph Church
Pepperell*

St. James Church
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Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9a.m. - 5p.m.

For a ***Sacramental Emergency***, please call the office and select ext. 302 and leave a message and Fr. Bob will get right back to you.

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Liturgy Schedule

At Saint James Church
 Sunday: 7:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

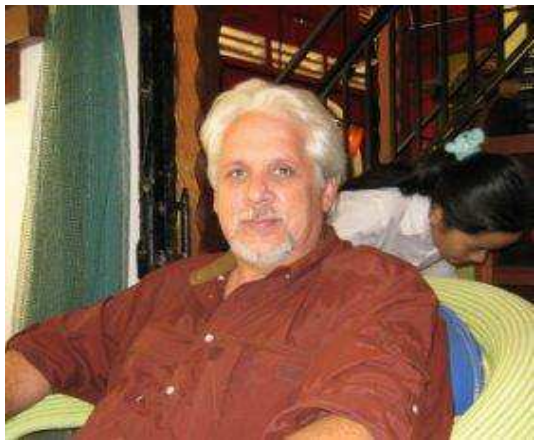
At Saint Joseph Church

Weekday Mornings: Wed, Thurs, Fri 8:30 a.m.
 Saturday: 4 p.m.
 Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Every 2nd Sunday of the Month:
 5:30 p.m. Rel. Ed. Mass For CY1 & CY2
 & Families

Confessions: 3:00—3:30 PM at St. Joseph Church
 or by appointment with the Pastor.

Information regarding any sacraments, (Baptism, Marriage, Anointing) please check our website or call the parish office.



“How to Teach Your Children and Grandchildren the Catholic Faith”

**Ken Hensley,
Nationally known Catholic speaker**

Kids and grandkids have you puzzled? Do you want to share your Catholic belief with them, but are not making much progress??

Come hear Ken Hensley, Nationally known Catholic speaker and apologist as he discusses “How to Teach Your Children and Grandchildren the Catholic Faith”

**Friday, March 20th at 7pm
at Roy Center Auditorium,
Country Day School of the Holy Union,
14 Main St., Groton, MA.**

“Ken is a former Pastor of a Baptist Congregation in Fillmore, CA who followed God’s call to enter the Catholic Church. He has been speaking and teaching across the Country ever since. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend an evening with one of the best and most engaging Catholic teachers around!

I want to recommend my good friend, Ken Hensley, who is a very effective speaker on a wide variety of subjects, ranging from Scripture and Apologetics to Church History and the New Atheism...Ken is an expert pastor, with a pastor's heart, who can make the Bible come alive. I'm looking forward to more of his teaching in the future.” *Peter Braudis*

Do you have a question you are pondering regarding the Catholic Church and its teachings? Ask Deacon Mike!

*You can email him at:
dcnmichaelmarkham@gmail.com*




Saint Patrick
I arise today through God's strength to pilot me;
God's might to uphold me,
God's eye to look before me,
God's ear to hear me,
God's word to speak for me,
God's hand to guard me,
God's way to lie before me,
God's shield to protect me,
God's hosts to save me from snares of the devil, temptations, and every one who desires me ill.
Amen
from the Loric of St. Patrick

MASS INTENTIONS

DAY	DATE	TIME	IN MEMORY/HONOR OF	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	March 14	4:00 PM	Edward T. Gillogly, Jr.	His Family
Sunday	March 15	11:30 AM	Brittney Harrison	Jim & Grace Williams
			Thomas Pucci, Jr.	The Pucci Family
Wednesday	March 18	8:30 AM	Stella Wilson	Bawn Clifton
Saturday	March 21	4:00 PM	Joyce Chapman	The Family
Sunday	March 22	7:30 AM	Matthew Corsetti	His Parents
		9:30 AM	Al & Karen Goguen (Karen's 2nd Anniversary) Neri Richard	The Family
		11:30 AM	Lucille Haley (Birthday and Anniversary)	Barbara Haley

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Saturday	March 14	5:00 PM	Knights of Columbus Ham Supper	St. Joseph Hall
Wednesday	March 18	2:00 PM	Legion of Mary	Private Residence
		6:30-8 PM	The Light is on For You	St. Joseph Church
Thursday	March 19	11:00 AM	Prayer & Communion	RiverCourt Residences
		7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Blue Room
		7:30 PM	Knights of Columbus Council Mtg.	St. James Hall
Saturday	March 21	9:30 AM	First Eucharist Retreat-group 1	St. Joseph Hall
		Noon	First Eucharist Retreat-group 2	St. Joseph Hall



DAILY
Scripture
Readings

Scripture for the week of March 15, 2015

15 SUN 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

16 Mon Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54


17 Tue Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

18 Wed Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30

19 Thu 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

20 Fri Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

21 Sat Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53



***"Christ beside me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ within me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me."***

Saint Patrick



THE CLERGY FUNDS

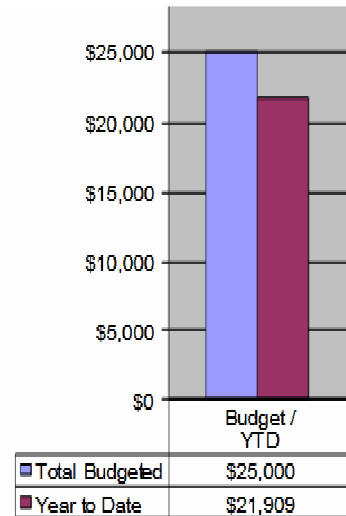
Caring for the Health and Retirement Needs of our Priests

The Clergy Health and Retirement Trust

At Easter, we honor and celebrate our priests. The Clergy Health and Retirement Trust helps care for the health and well being of our 638 priests, ensuring the highest quality of care and quality of life for the men who have dedicated their lives in service to our Archdiocese of Boston. Remember the priests who were there for you and your loved ones in times of need, and consider honoring them with a generous gift. Thank you for helping to keep the promises made care for the priests who continue to give so much to our Church.



Annual Fuel Collection



We are 88% to our goal!

Thank you!

A note about the EASTER COLLECTION

All of the money collected during the Holy Saturday and Easter Day Masses will be sent into the Archdiocese for the Clergy Health & Retirement Trust Fund.

The parish does not keep any of this money.

(NOTE: if you send us your Easter envelope early, that donation also goes to the Clergy Benefit Trust Fund.)



If you want to make a special donation to the parish during this season, please use the Offertory collections before or after Easter.

Thanks!

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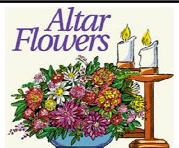
Important Information for your DONATION STATEMENTS for 2014

Statements for donations are only sent to those parishioners who submit their donations in a parish envelope or through our OnLine Giving system. *Loose checks put into the Offertory basket are not recorded into the database.*



PLEASE NOTE

MEMORIAL ALTAR FLOWERS



During the Lenten Season, we will not be placing Memorial Flowers at the Altar. We will resume this after Easter.



OFFERING COUNTERS

Looking for volunteers to count offertory on the **4th Monday of each month.** Please contact Debbie Lackey in the parish office at 978-433-5737

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

EVENT: "We Believe"

Grades 1, 3-5 Special Workshop Quizzes

FOR: Grades 1, 3-5, Group Leaders,
Parents with
CY1 & CY2

Facilitation

TIME, VENUE &
DATE:

2:15pm-3:45pm St. Joseph's Hall
Saturday March 21st, 2015

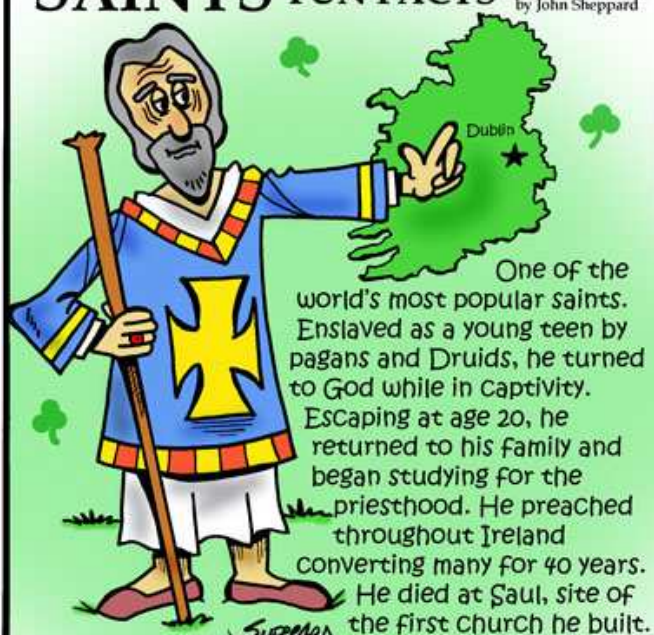
Saint Patrick's Day Word Search

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celtic	dublin	green
ireland	irish	legend
leprechaun	limerick	patrick
potofgold	rainbow	saint
shamrock	snakes	

SAINTS FUN FACTS

by John Sheppard



One of the world's most popular saints. Enslaved as a young teen by pagans and Druids, he turned to God while in captivity. Escaping at age 20, he returned to his family and began studying for the priesthood. He preached throughout Ireland converting many for 40 years. He died at Saul, site of the first church he built.

SHEPPARD

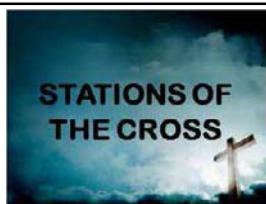
St. Patrick

The Trinity

Just like the leaves on each shamrock I see, there are three parts to the Holy Trinity. First is God the Father, then Jesus, His only Son, and the Holy Spirit together as One.



PARISH HAPPENINGS



Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday evening during Lent at St. Joseph Church at 7 PM.

Come join us – all are welcome.

During the weeks of Lent, every church in the Archdiocese of Boston will be open on Wednesday evenings from 6:30–8 PM for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



Starting on Wednesday, February 25, *Our Lady of Grace* will be open for confessions.

Please see the schedule below.
March 18: St. Joseph Church
March 25: St. Joseph Church
April 1: St. Joseph Church

SAVE THE DATE *Our Lady of Grace*



Seder Supper **Saturday March 28, 2015**

*Begin your Holy Week journey by celebrating the Supper of the Lord...
Tickets (\$20) sales start March 14th at all the Masses*

Are You Smarter Than A 5th Grader?

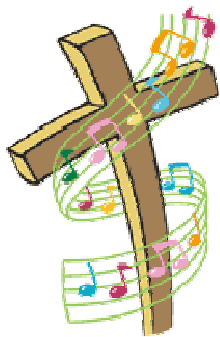
Congratulations to those parishioners who passed Part 1 & 2 of our Winter Refresher Course about The Old Testament and the Mass.

We learned a few things, remembered some more and had a good time.

Here are the dates for the remaining meetings (all start at 7pm and include refreshments)

- March 17th, Part 3, New Testament**
- April 7th, Part 4, Traditions, Myths and Misunderstandings**

Come early to get a good seat (near the back), bring a friend and get ready to learn and have fun. Our no entry fee and double your money back guaranty are good through April 7th.



Calling singers of all ages!

We are gathering together to form a choir for Easter Morning at St. Joseph church.

Rehearsals for this will be Monday March 30th at 7–8pm and Easter morning before the Mass. We ask that you attend at least one of the rehearsals if you want to sing. Thanks!

Please contact Myra at [978-433-6155](tel:978-433-6155)

if you have any questions.



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COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



**Nashoba Valley
Theology on Tap**
When: Monday, March 16th
 7pm Gather; 7:30 Speaker
Where: Nashoba Club,
 14 Central Ave, Ayer

Topic: Sister Marian Batho, CSJ Delegate for Religious for the Archdiocese will speak to us on **The Year of Consecrated Life**. The year began on the First Sunday of Advent, Nov. 29, 2014 and will end on February 2, 2016. Its purpose as stated by the Vatican is to 'make a grateful remembrance of the recent past' while embracing the 'future with hope'. The theme of the year is Consecrated Life in the Church today: Gospel, Prophecy Hope. Sister Marian will also speak about the findings concerning the Apostolic Visitation of Women Religious in the United States
Save the Date: Apr. 20 – Trivia



Legion of Mary

Mary Queen of Apostles Praesidium of Our Lady Of Grace invites all active and auxiliary members, parishioners and friends to their annual Acies Ceremony, March 22, 2015 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Mary Of The Assumption Church, 300 Haverhill Street, Lawrence, MA.

The Legion of Mary is a worldwide Apostolic organization of lay people whose purpose is sanctification of its members and assisting priests in many parish outreach programs, bringing the love of Jesus through Mary to others.

*(For directions or a ride, please call
 Susanne at 978-433-2454)*



St. Bernard's Central Catholic High School, Fitchburg, MA

is currently accepting application for the 2015-2016 School Year. STB Students come from 24 New England Communities, 2 States and 3 Countries. Transfer students are always welcome. Financial Aide and Transfer Grants are available. Join us for our Open House Sunday March 22nd from 1pm-3pm and see first hand all the great things STB has to offer! For more information or to register for next year please contact Mrs. Nancy Woolfrey, at [978-342-3212 x228](tel:978-342-3212) or go to our website www.stb.echalk.com



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Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Today's gospel says "But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God". Let your marriage live in truth and works through God. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are **May 1 - 3, 2015, May 29 - 31, 2015 and July 10 - 12, 2015.**

In the first reading it says "I will be their God, and they shall be my people." God wants to be invited into your marriage. For more information call Jim and Elaine Richard at 1-800-710-WWME or visit our webpage at www.wwme.org



Loaves and Fishes is holding a Good Friday walk on April 3, 2015.

The start of the 5 mile walk takes place from **7:30 am to 12:30 pm in Harvard.** It starts at the Congregational Church of Harvard, 5 Still River Rd-Harvard MA. The walk benefits two charities, **Loaves and Fishes and Sharing, Inc.** which helps impoverished young people in the rural South. Loaves and Fishes served 800+ families last year with your help. Each dollar you donate buys 5 pounds of food! If you would like to help, please put a donation in the collection basket with "Loaves and Fishes" written on the envelope. If you would like to participate in the walk, see their web site at www.loavesfishespantry.org. Thank you!

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY FUN PAGE

For God so Loved the World

I KNOW GOD TOLD ME NOT TO, BUT...
 When God made the world He wanted the people to be His friends and always live in happiness. But instead of choosing to love God completely, the people sinned. They were cut off from the happiness of God because they chose to love themselves more than they loved God.



But God still loved the people so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to save the people from their sins. Now we just need to choose to believe in Jesus, and to love Him. As today's Gospel reading says, "...so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life."



How can we turn to Jesus so that we can be saved from our sins?

Well, here are a few things that can help you a lot:

- 1. When you wake up in the morning, tell Jesus that you are offering everything that happens today to Him.**
- 2. Every day look at a crucifix (a cross with Jesus on it.) Think about how much Jesus loves us. How much do we love Him back?**

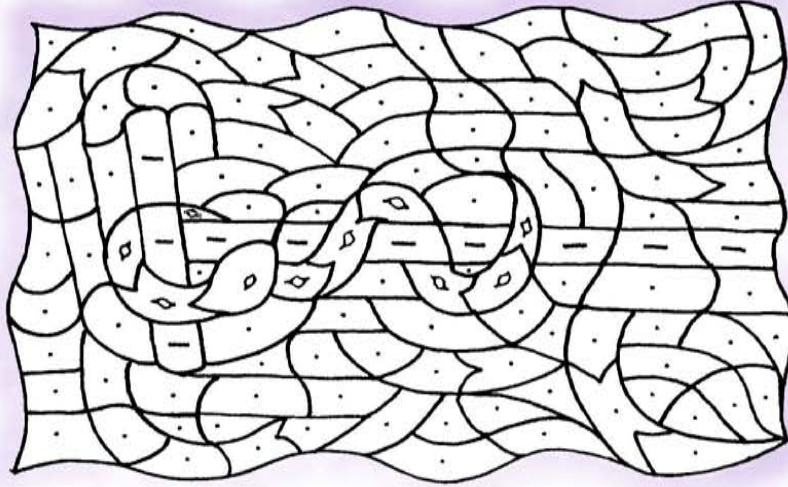


- 3. Each night before you go to sleep, think about your day. Did you show your love for God today? If you did something bad, be sorry and think about how can you do better tomorrow.**

Answers to sort-out-the-picture puzzle: top- 6, 3, middle- 4, 1, bottom- 2, 5.

The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Lent



*Jesus died on the cross so that our sins could be forgiven and we could go to Heaven.
 When God's people in the desert were bitten by snakes, Moses held up something he made from bronze that the people could look at and live.
 What was it? Use the colour code to find out!*

- blue
- | brown
- ◊ green



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HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday Mass, Chrism Mass, Holy Thursday Mass, Good Friday, Easter Vigil & Easter Sunday Mass

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