

# *Our Lady of Grace Parish*

*Dunstable, Groton, Pepperell, MA*

*3rd Sunday of Easter April 19, 2015*

*Peace*



**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  
13 St. James Ave.  
Groton, MA 01450

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St. Joseph Church  
28 Tarbell Street  
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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.

**Parish Staff**

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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.



# ***SAVE THE DATE!!***

***Gala Art Exhibition & Auction***

on

**Friday evening, June 12, 2015**

at

**The Groton Country Club**

**94 Lovers Lane, Groton, MA**

**Preview: 7:00pm Auction: 8:00pm**

**Admission \$15 per person/ \$25 for two**

**Door prizes and Silent Auction**

**Complimentary finger foods, coffee & tea**

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**For tickets or information call:**

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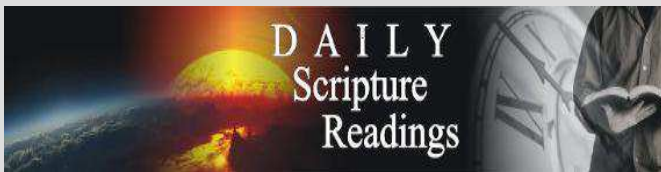
***All proceeds to benefit  
Our Lady of Grace Parish***

# MASS INTENTIONS

DAY	DATE	TIME	IN MEMORY/HONOR OF	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	April 18	4:00 PM	Eleanor Fucarile	Doug & Cotty Reid
Sunday	April 19	9:30 AM	Timothy McPartlan (1st Anniversary)	His Mother
		11:30 AM	Jane & Andrew Hartery Bernice Hartery (1st Anniversary) Owen Doherty	The Sheedy & Hartery Families
Saturday	April 25	4:00 PM	Joseph Ribeiro, Sr. Joseph Ribeiro, Jr.	Janet Ribeiro Wife & Mother
Sunday	April 26	11:30 AM	Ann Fairweather	The Fairweather Family

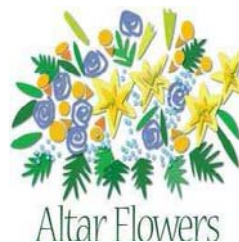
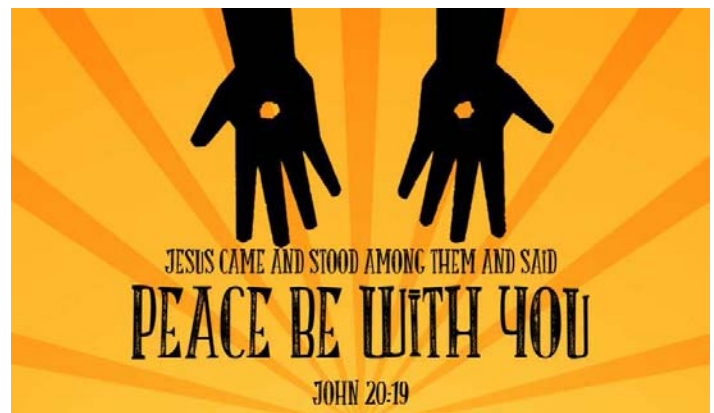
# THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Saturday	April 18	9:30 AM	Sacrament of First Eucharist	St. Joseph Church
Monday	April 20		Parish Office Closed-Patriots Day	
Wednesday	April 22	2:00 PM	Legion of Mary	Private Residence
Thursday	April 23	11:00 AM	Rosary & Communion	RiverCourt Residences
Sunday	April 26	4:00 PM	Confirmation Ceremony 1 Rec. & Pen. Service/Rehearsal	St. Joseph Church



### Scripture for the week of April 19, 2015

- 19 SUN Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
- 20 Mon Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
- 21 Tue Acts 7:51-8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
- 22 Wed Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
- 23 Thu Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
- 24 Fri Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59/23
- 25 Sat 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20
- 26 SUN Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18



Altar Flowers

The altar flowers at St. Joseph Church last weekend were offered by

Rita DeVincentis

In memory of her son,  
Thomas DiVincentis



**Kept in Our Lady of Grace Parish  
Month of March 2015**

	<b>ACTUALS 2014/2015</b>	<b>BUDGET 2014/2015</b>	<b>DIFF</b>
Offertory collected at Mass	\$ 27,078		
ONLINE Offertory 3/1-31/2015	\$ <u>9,294</u>		
<b>Total Offertory</b>	\$ 36,372	\$ 30,083	\$ 6,289
NEW Parish Monthly Collection	\$ 3,400	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,900
NEW Annual Fuel Collection	\$ 4,980	\$ 00	\$ 4,980
Mass Offerings	\$ 320		
Baptism Offerings	\$ 50		
Wedding Offerings	\$ 877		
Funeral Offerings	\$ <u>2,544</u>		
<b>Total Sacramental Offerings</b>	\$ 3,791	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,791
Easter Flowers	\$ 1,430		
Altar Memorial Flowers	\$ <u>50</u>		
<b>Total Flowers</b>	\$ 1,480	\$ 100	\$ 1,380
Book Payment	\$ 140	\$ 00	\$ 140
Use of Hall donations	\$ <u>00</u>	\$ <u>50</u>	(\$ 50)
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ <b>50,163</b>	\$ <b>33,733</b>	\$ <b>16,430</b>
<b>Offertory to date</b>	\$ <b>267,518</b>	\$ <b>270,751</b>	(\$ <b>3,233</b> )
<b>Grand Annual to date</b>	\$ <b>59,545</b>	\$ <b>50,000</b>	\$ <b>9,545</b>
<b>Annual Fuel Collection to date</b>	\$ <b>23,134</b>	\$ <b>25,000</b>	(\$ <b>1,866</b> )

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 Would you consider increasing your weekly offering by a few dollars? Even that small amount will make a difference. Thanks!  
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**Important Information  
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 DONATION  
 STATEMENTS for 2015**

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 give Debbie a call at 978-433-5737 or email [Debbie@OurLadyofGraceMA.org](mailto:Debbie@OurLadyofGraceMA.org) for information.

**Special Collections for April 2015**

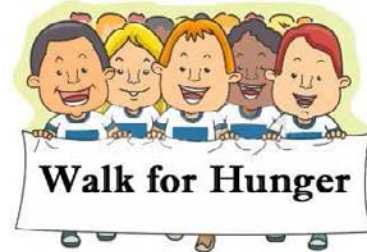
- **April 5 Easter - Clergy Health & Retirement Fund** - the Easter Collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. These priests have given their lives to faithfully serve Christ, the Church and you. Please be generous to this important collection.
- **April 12 Parish Monthly 2nd Collection** - 100% stays in parish - to help reduce our parish offertory shortfall and a percentage towards the care and maintenance of our parish cemetery, St. Joseph Cemetery on Jersey Street in Pepperell
- **April 26 Military, Home Missions, Black & Native American Collection** - supports three important national Catholic missions. The Military Archdiocese collection provides for Catholic chaplains throughout the world for American servicemen and servicewomen. The home Missions collection subsidizes the evangelization and formation activities of mission dioceses. The Black and Native American collection strengthens evangelization and outreach programs that serve the Native American, Alaska Native, and Black Catholic communities in the United States. For more info, please visit:

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[www.blackandindianmission.org](http://www.blackandindianmission.org)

# PARISH HAPPENINGS



## **Our Lady of Grace Walking the WALK! Project Bread: Walk for Hunger Sunday May 3, 2015**



Come join Our Lady of Grace Team in this year's Walk for Hunger!! The 47th annual walk will be held on Sunday May 3, and this marks the 10th consecutive year our Parish will be sending a Team.

The Walk for Hunger, sponsored by Project Bread, is the oldest continual pledge walk in the country and the largest area event to relieve local hunger. Every May, over 40,000 people walk all or part of a 20-mile course through Greater Boston, earning the pledges they have collected to support Project Bread's fresh approach to ending hunger in our state.

If interested in walking or if you would like more information on the event, please contact Vincent Pinque at [978-448-6071](tel:978-448-6071) or [vincentpinque@charter.net](mailto:vincentpinque@charter.net). You can also join Our Lady of Grace Team on-line at [http://support.projectbread.org/site/TR/Walk/General?team\\_id=76710&pg=team&fr\\_id=1250](http://support.projectbread.org/site/TR/Walk/General?team_id=76710&pg=team&fr_id=1250)

**Free Round Trip bus transportation to & from the event  
provided by OLOG.**

## **The Art Auction Committee is in need of volunteers.**

**We need help in the weeks  
before the auction, or if your time  
is limited, we could use your help  
the day of the event.**

**Please call Pat Buckjune 978-433-7897  
or Debbie Lackey 978-433-5737**



## **DEACON'S CORNER**

*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***

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# COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



## Country Day School of the Holy Union

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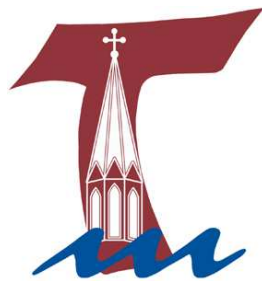
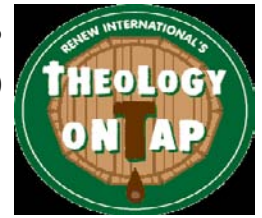
## Nashoba Valley's Theology on Tap

is meeting to close their Spring season with a fun trivia night.

Please join us to show off your trivia skills and a chance to win!

**Monday, April 20th @ 7pm**

at the Nashoba Club, 14 Central Ave, Ayer



## Enriching My Life of Prayer San Damiano House of Prayer

is offering a series on ways to deepen one's prayer life. Join us Wednesday Evenings

**April 29th - July 8th 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm**

333 Pawtucket Street, Lowell, MA

SUGGESTED DONATION \$10 per session or \$75 for all 11 sessions (or whatever you can give.

Please and thank you!) Please register by

**Sunday, April 26th**

at [sandamiano333@gmail.com](mailto:sandamiano333@gmail.com)

For more information visit our website at

[www.sandamiano-houseofprayer.org](http://www.sandamiano-houseofprayer.org)

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**Please see details on next page (pg. 8)**



## LIFT Worship Night

Join LIFT Ministries on

**Tuesday, April 21st @ 7pm**

for an inspiring night of worship at St. Anthony's Church in Lowell with guest speaker Colby Flis. The night will include uplifting music, a relevant talk, confessions, Eucharistic Adoration, and is FREE to attend and open to ALL AGES. A downloadable flyer, along with more information about LIFT, can be found on their website

at [www.liftedhigher.com](http://www.liftedhigher.com). Come and worship with hundreds of Catholics from around the Boston area!

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The 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](http://www.wwme.org)



## Summer Program at Northeast Catholic College

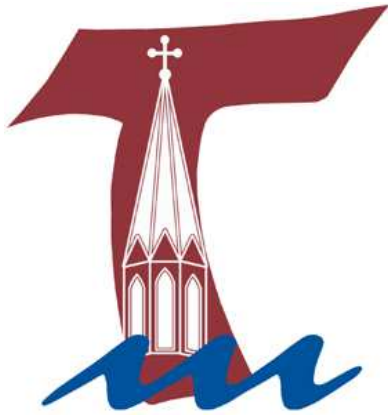
Room is still available for the Summer Program at Northeast Catholic College in Warner, NH! The Collegiate Summer

Program offers participants the opportunity to study theology, philosophy, literature and political science. During the summer program, students also attend daily Mass and enjoy sports, socials and day trips including hiking and canoeing. The program is for students who will be entering their sophomore, junior or senior year of high school in the fall of 2015. It is also open to students who have just graduated high school. The Collegiate Summer Program is a two-week session that runs from

**Sunday, July 26 - Saturday, August 8, 2015.**

Register today at [www.NortheastCatholic.edu](http://www.NortheastCatholic.edu)!

For more information, contact the admissions office at [admissions@northeastcatholic.edu](mailto:admissions@northeastcatholic.edu) or [603.456.2656](tel:603.456.2656).



## Enriching My Life of Prayer San Damiano House of Prayer In Lowell, MA

**St. Francis of Assisi has been known to say that he didn't want to simply say prayers, he desired to become prayer.**

Please join us at the San Damiano House of Prayer for our **Enriching My Life of Prayer** series on:

**Wednesday Evenings: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm, 11 Sessions beginning April 29th**

**Registration requested by: *Sunday, April 26th* at [sandamiano333@gmail.com](mailto:sandamiano333@gmail.com)**

**Suggested Donation: \$10.00 per session/\$75 for all 11 sessions**  
(or whatever you can give... please and thank you!)

The staff at San Damiano House of Prayer has taken some time to focus on our life of prayer. We wanted to see how we too could "become prayer" individually, with each other, and with our guests. Please join us and feel free to share this email with others.

### **Details:**

**April 29:** An Overview of the next ten (10) weeks with a look at:  
Praying alone...Praying with others...Becoming Prayer...

**May 6:** Creating a Just Language and a sacred space to share prayer

**May 13:** *Mass of Creation* – Celebrating Wonders of Earth

**May 20:** Contemplation, Meditation, Centering Prayer, Eucharistic Adoration

**May 27:** Communal Celebration–To be bread is to be nourishment for one another  
– Another way to view Communion...

**June 3:** Praying with Scripture – Read, Reflect, Respond

**June 10:** *Mass of Creation* – Celebrating Rivers

**June 17:** Companion with a prayer partner...

**June 24:** Empowering Lay Leadership

**July 1:** Communal Celebration

**July 8:** *Mass of Creation* – Celebrating Forests

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# CHILDREN'S SUNDAY FUN PAGE

## Bible Easter Trivia I

Put an "x" beside the answer you think is right!

**1. Jesus said that before the rooster crowed twice Peter would do what?**

- a. Leave the city
- b. Deny Christ three times
- c. Accept a bribe
- d. Kill a centurion

**2. Where was Jesus arrested?**

- a. A garden
- b. A temple
- c. His home
- d. The Upper Room

**3. When Jesus was arrested, who cut off the ear of the high priest's servant?**

- a. James
- b. John
- c. Peter
- d. Andrew

**4. Judas betrayed Jesus for how many pieces of silver?**

- a. 10
- b. 20
- c. 30
- d. 40

**5. What sign did Judas use to betray Christ?**

- a. A hug
- b. A kiss
- c. A handshake
- d. A salute

**6. Which prisoner was released instead of Jesus?**

- a. Philip
- b. Barabbas
- c. Barnabas
- d. John the Baptist

**7. Where was Jesus crucified?**

- a. Golgotha
- b. Dolorosa
- c. Gethsemane
- d. Domine Ivimus

**8. In whose tomb was Jesus buried?**

- a. Mary Magdalene's
- b. Lazarus'
- c. Joseph of Arimathea's
- d. John the disciple's

**9. Who ordered Jesus to be arrested?**

- a. Pilate
- b. Caiaphas
- c. Caesar
- d. Herod

**10. Before His crucifixion, what was placed on Jesus' head?**

- a. A golden crown
- b. Purple cloth
- c. Crown of thorns
- d. Crown of thistles

**11. On what charge was Jesus sentenced to death?**

- a. Blasphemy
- b. Lying
- c. Treason
- d. Tyranny

**12. For what did the soldiers cast lots?**

- a. The Cross
- b. Jesus' clothes
- c. Money
- d. Jesus' hair

**13. Who wanted to see the nail marks in Jesus hands before they believed he was alive?**

- a. Thomas
- b. Peter
- c. Nicodemus
- d. Judas

**14. Three disciples were with Jesus at the time of his arrest. Who were they?**

- a. Matthew, Mark, Luke
- b. Peter, James, John
- c. Thomas, James, Bartholomew
- d. Peter, Mark, John

**15. What was written on the sign above Jesus' cross?**

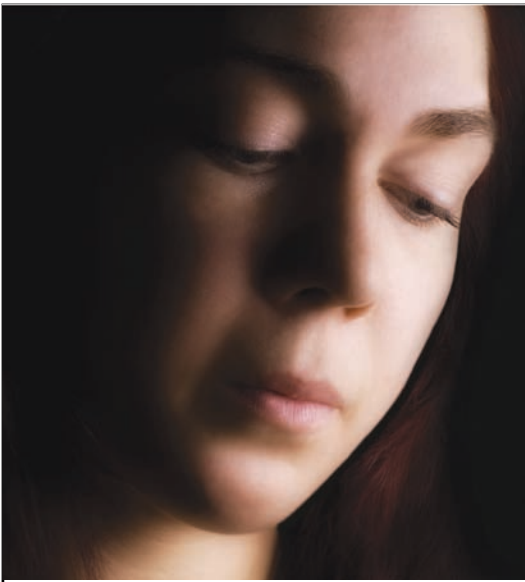
- a. Friend of Sinners
- b. Prophet of the Jews
- c. King of the Jews
- d. King of the World



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## ANSWERS

1: b, 2: a, 3: c, 4: c, 5: b, 6: b, 7: a, 8: c, 9: b, 10: c, 11: a, 12: b, 13: a, 14: b, and 15: c



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### ***One Day Retreat for Hope & Healing After Abortion***

◆ Saturday, April 25, 2015

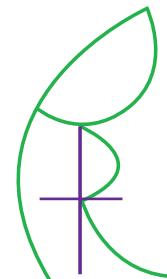
9:00AM – 5:00 PM

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.

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Rachel mourns her children; She refuses to be consoled, because her children are no more. Thus says the Lord: "Cease from your cries of mourning. Wipe the tears from your eyes...There is hope for your future."  
 Jeremiah 31:15-17

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