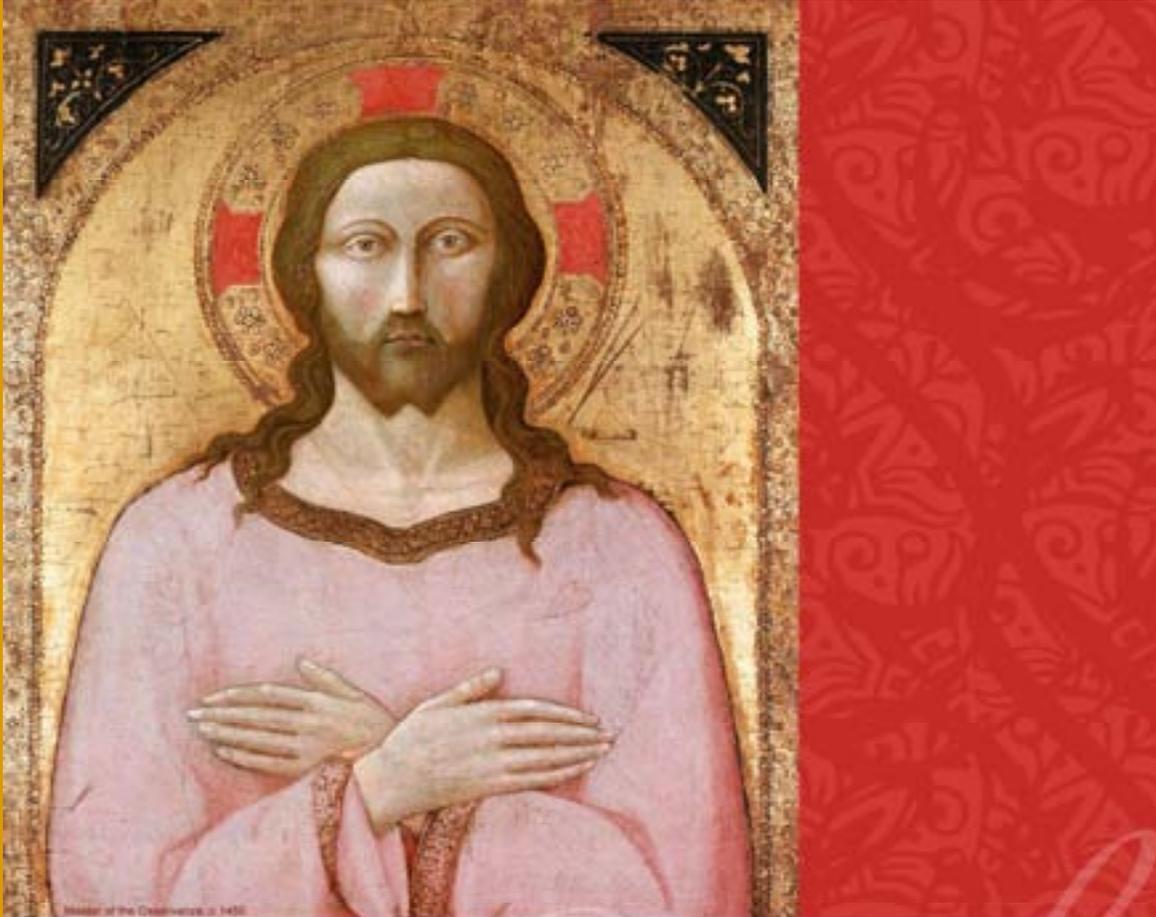


Our Lady of Grace Parish

Dunstable, Groton, Pepperell, MA



Mosaic of the Christ Pantocrator, c. 1450

Truth

7th Sunday of Easter May 17, 2015

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

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OUR TWO WORSHIP SITES



*St. James Church
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*St. Joseph Church
Pepperell*

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

Father Robert Poitras—Administrator
 fr_bob@ourladyofgracema.org
 Ph: 978-433-5737 x303 Fax: 978-433-9566
 Web Site: www.ourladyofgracema.org

St. Joseph Church
28 Tarbell Street
Pepperell, MA 01463

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

Deacon: Michael Markham
 dcnmichaelmarkham@gmail.com

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 Ph: 978-433-2028 Robert@ourladyofgracema.org

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Administrative Assistant: Cotty Reid
 Ph: x301 Cotty@ourladyofgracema.org

Music Coordinator: Ellen Blackwell
 Ph: 978-433-6131

Cemetery Manager: Joseph Viel
 Ph: 978-208-0266

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
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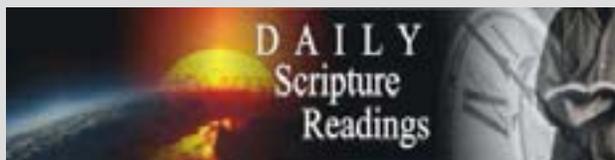
MASS INTENTIONS

DAY	DATE	TIME	IN MEMORY/HONOR OF	REQUESTED BY
Sunday	May 17	9:30 AM	Anna Lopez	Her Daughters
		11:30 AM	Richard Guimond	Joan Guimond (wife)
Saturday	May 23	4:00 PM	Jeannette Sugars	Peter & Pat Buckjune
Sunday	May 24	9:30 AM	Gerald Nkwantah	Josephine Nkemayuh

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Sunday	May 17	10:30 AM	Sunday Brunch hosted by the Groton School Confirmation	St. Joseph Church Hall
		12:30 PM	Free Ice Cream Social hosted by the Knights of Columbus	Outside St. James Church
Wednesday	May 20	2:00 PM	Legion of Mary	Private Residence
Thursday	May 21	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

God our Creator, make us joyful in the ascension of your Son Jesus Christ. May we follow him into the new creation, for his ascension is our glory and our hope.
 ~ Roman Rite



Scripture for the week of May 17, 2015

- 17 SUN Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19
- 18 Mon Acts 19:1-8/ Jn 16:29-33
- 19 Tue Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a
- 20 Wed Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
- 21 Thu Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
- 22 Fri Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
- 23 Sat Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25
- 24 SUN Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
 Day: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

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

Rita DeVincentis

In memory of her son, Thomas DiVincentis





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Pastoral Parish Council (PPC) Election

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There are 6 openings up for election

Weekends of May 23/24 and May 30/31: Election forms at Masses

*Forms will be available in the pews and ballot boxes
can be found at each church.*

Also available at www.ourladyofgracema.org

Please prayerfully consider yourself or another parishioner for service on this important advisory board to Father Bob.



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





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

	ACTUALS 2014/2015	BUDGET 2014/2015	DIFF
Offertory collected at Mass	\$ 17,354		
ONLINE Offertory 4/1-30/2015	\$ <u>9,329</u>		
Total Offertory	\$ 26,683	\$ 30,083	(\$ 3,400)
NEW Parish Monthly Collection	\$ 3,414	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,914
NEW Annual Fuel Collection	\$ 25	\$ 00	\$ 25
Grand Annual	\$ 250	\$ 00	\$ 250
Mass Offerings	\$ 95		
Baptism Offerings	\$ 00		
Wedding Offerings	\$ 00		
Funeral Offerings	\$ <u>648</u>		
Total Sacramental Offerings	\$ 743	\$ 2,000	(\$ 1,257)
Easter Flowers	\$ 110		
Altar Memorial Flowers	\$ <u>00</u>		
Total Flowers	\$ 110	\$ 1,200	(\$ 1,090)
NOTE: Money for Easter flowers came in March but budgeted for April)			
Use of Hall donations	\$ <u>00</u>	\$ <u>50</u>	(\$ 50)
TOTAL	\$ 31,225	\$ 34,833	(\$ 3,608)
<i>Offertory to date</i>	<i>\$294,202</i>	<i>\$300,834</i>	<i>(\$ 6,632)</i>
<i>Grand Annual to date</i>	<i>\$ 59,795</i>	<i>\$ 50,000</i>	<i>\$ 9,795</i>
<i>Annual Fuel Collection to date</i>	<i>\$ 23,159</i>	<i>\$ 25,000</i>	<i>(\$ 1,841)</i>
<i>Parish Monthly Collection to date</i>	<i>\$ 24,427</i>	<i>\$ 12,000</i>	<i>\$12,427</i>

Would you consider increasing your weekly offering by a few dollars? Even that small amount will make a difference. Thanks!

Sent outside the parish

Easter-Clergy Health & Retirement \$9,838 Good Friday-Holy Land \$1,514
 Military, Black, Native American \$1,143 Catholic Appeal \$200
 Rice Bowl \$34




Important Information for your 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.*

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Special Collections for May 2015

- **May 10 Nepal Relief Collection** - All monies collected will be distributed by the USCCB to Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and other Catholic agencies working in partnership with the local church to meet the most urgent relief efforts in that area. CRS emergency personnel have landed in Kathmandu, Nepal's capital, to begin helping the tens of thousands of people affected by the destructive earthquake. The initial targets will be the thousands in need of shelter. Many buildings were destroyed or damaged in the 7.8 magnitude earthquake, and continuing aftershocks are causing widespread fear of sleeping inside of even intact buildings.
- **May 10 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
- **May 17 Communications** - the Catholic Communication Campaign believes Jesus would use as many means of Communication as possible to share the Good News and that is why it supports projects that use the entire array of media tools available today to evangelize and promote Gospel values. Visit www.usccb.org/catholic-communication-campaign/index.cfm for more info. 50% of the collection remains at the parish to promote local communication efforts, such as website technology and bulletins.
- **May 24 Seminarians (Pentecost)** - supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston for service, we pray, as future priests. We are blessed that many are responding to the call to serve as priests. Please be generous and support these seminarians on their journey toward their ordination to the priesthood. For more info, visit www.VocationsBoston.org.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Thanks for your support!

Nine walkers representing Our Lady of Grace hit the pavement in Boston on Sunday May 3, 2015 for the 47th annual **Project Bread Walk for Hunger**. There were over 40,000 walkers and 2000 volunteers participating, and through this effort over three million dollars was raised to address hunger in Massachusetts.



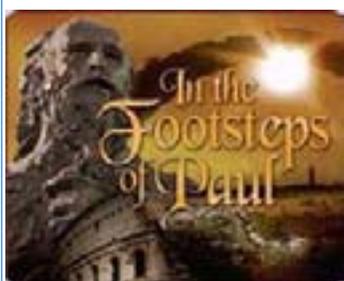
As a team, \$3293 was raised, with over \$2300 of the monies generously donated by our parishioners in after Mass collections or by the sponsoring of individual walkers.

We are blessed to part of such a charitable parish and were proud to represent Our Lady of Grace in the walk.



George Cacace
Myra Cacace
Bill Fennell
Carol Fennell
Jodi Gladstone

John (Jack) Kick
Elizabeth (Beth) Mulholland
Matthew Pinque
Vincent Pinque



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BIBLE DETECTIVE

See what you can discover for yourself about the background to the readings.

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

The reading says, 'During those days.' What days were they? When was it that Peter stood up to find a replacement for Judas Iscariot? Was it soon after Jesus' ascension, or long after? Why did the apostles need to replace Judas? What had happened to Judas?

See if you can find out what the apostles did after this time. Did they stay together in Jerusalem? If so, for how long? Did they spread out into other places? If they did spread out, was there some event that made them do it?

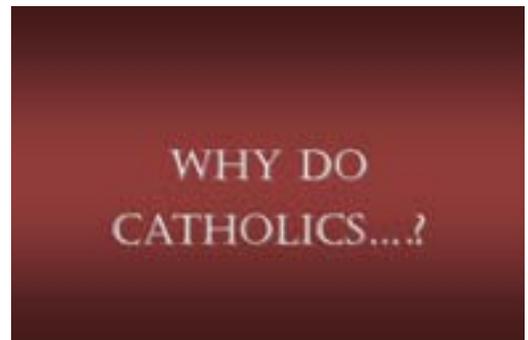
Can you discover who was the first of the apostles to die (apart from Judas Iscariot)? Who was the last?

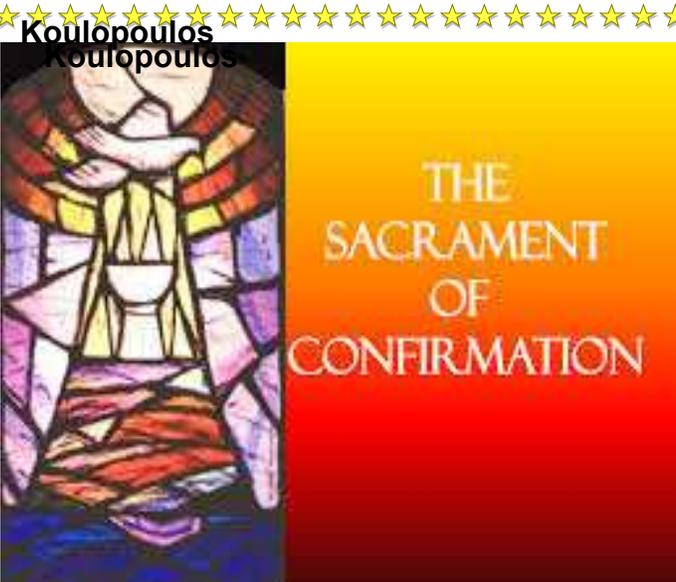
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Do you have a question you are pondering regarding the Catholic Church and its teachings?

Ask Deacon Mike! You can email him at: dcmichaelmarham@gmail.com





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&
Dcn. Michael Markham

Confirmation ~ Ceremony Two,
May 8th, 2015

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Zachary Adams | Alexander Philbert |
| Cassandra Beigel | Nicholas Poitras |
| Ethan Cook | Emma Rasmussen |
| Hannah Crocker | Rosaria Rielly |
| Owen Ferrara | Nicole Samarjian |
| Olivia Flanagan | Charles Sebastyn |
| Jillian Flanagan | Michael Spooner |
| Sabrina Janis | Alexa Stathis |
| Gavin Keough | Peter Steeves |
| Nicole Kessler | Samuel Tervo |
| Christine Koulopoulos | Matthew Warren |
| Benjamin McEvoy | Nathan Wong |

Confirmation ~ Ceremony One,
May 1st, 2015

- | | |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| Paige Bailey | Jacob Llodra |
| Ryan Bjerke | Margaret Loucraft |
| Bailey Bobzien | Sarah Machado |
| Nicholas Boggiano | Joseph Madden |
| Erin Brooks | Peter Marson |
| Timothy Cahill | Benjamin Marson |
| Amanda Castillo | Jack Marson |
| Cameron Costa | Edward Murray |
| Zachary Coven | Matthew Naughton |
| Gianna D'Ambrosio | Leah Pezanowski |
| Kathryn Diaz | Kathryn Preston |
| Isabel Diaz | Emma Reading |
| Joseph Ganley | Molly Richardson |
| Annika Jurgilewicz | Adam Scott |
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| Matthew Koza | Mitchell Wheeler |
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~~Special Thanks To~~

All the "Prayer Friends" who prayed for our confirmation candidates.

And

Ceremony 1

Servers: Madison Collins, Brian Deignan & Augy Sears

Music: Matthew Rimkus

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Heidi Beigel, Patricia Buckjune & Patricia McGuire

Our Confirmation Process Leaders:

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Ceremony 2

Servers: Ruby Bailey, Penny Bailey, Mary Castillo & Annie Madden

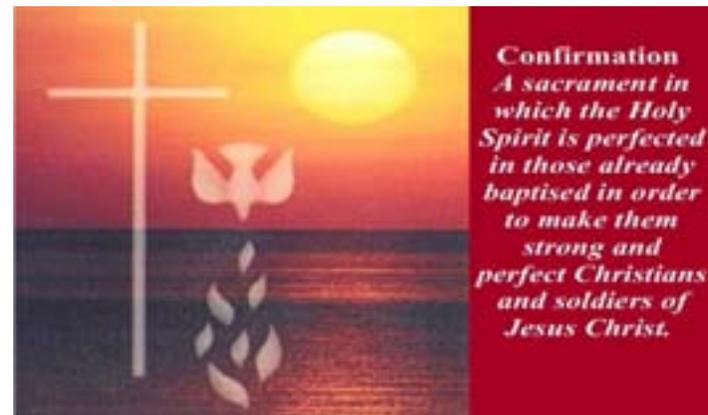
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Custodian needed



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 - Do needed small repairs
- Maintain the appearance inside and out of all buildings
 - Set up halls for events
 - Be available to open doors for repair people
 - Be available to unlock doors for weddings, etc
 - Do occasional shoveling
- Put air conditioners in and out of windows in Rectory
 - Move furniture around
 - Assemble new furniture kits
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 - Do touch-up painting
- Bring records to RCAB in Braintree
 - Miscellaneous as needed

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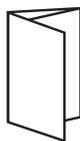
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Session II: May 26-July 9 (2 credit electives)

Tues. 6:00-9:00 pm **The "Terrible Beauty" of the Prophecy of Jeremiah**, *Prof. Celia Sirois*

Tues. 6:00-9:00 pm **Religious Education & the Impact of the Second Vatican Council**, *Prof. Susan Kay*

Wed. 6:00-9:00 pm **Spirituality for Ministry**, *Rev. George P. Evans*

Wed. 6:00-9:00 pm **Theology of Love: Being, Incarnation, and Contrariety**, *Dr. David Franks*

Thurs. 6:00-9:00 pm **Challenging the Landscape of Loss: Spiritual and Psychological Insights for Bereavement**, *Rev. Terence Curley*

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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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