



St. Francis of Assisi Parish
 ST. JOSEPH'S CHAPEL
 ST. THOMAS A BECKET CHURCH

MARCH 31, 2024

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| Mass Schedule | |
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| Saturday | Sunday |
| 4PM St. Thomas A Becket | 8AM St. Joseph's Chapel 10:30AM St. Thomas A Becket |
| Daily Mass ▪ Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday | |
| 9AM ▪ St. Thomas A Becket Daily Masses are canceled when school is delayed/canceled due to weather | |
| Confession ▪ Sacrament of Reconciliation | |
| Saturday ▪ 3PM ▪ St. Thomas A Becket Or by appointment | |
| Eucharist Adoration | |
| Tuesday ▪ 5:45PM ▪ St. Thomas A Becket In the event a cancellation is necessary it will be announced | |
| Rosary | |
| Tuesday ▪ 7:10PM ▪ St. Thomas A Becket For more information contact Liz via phone or text at 774.364.2158 | |

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad."

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of March 31, 2024

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| 03/30/2024 | SATURDAY 7:30PM | HOLY SATURDAY <i>EASTER VIGIL</i> ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET |
| 03/31/2024 | SUNDAY 8:00AM | EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD ST. JOSEPH CHAPEL |
| | SUNDAY 10:30AM | EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET |
| 04/01/2024 | MONDAY 9:00AM | Pastor's Intentions |
| 04/02/2024 | TUESDAY 7:00PM | Votive Offerings |
| 04/03/2024 | WEDNESDAY 9:00PM | Pastor's Intentions |
| 04/06/2024 | SATURDAY 4:00PM | Pastor's Intentions |
| 04/07/2024 | SUNDAY 8:00AM | (+) Harry J. Corbett and Catherine Corbett Req by: His Wife Isabel |
| | SUNDAY 10:30AM | (+) Thomas N. Cristo 1st Anniversary Req by: The Finne Family |

A Mass intention is a specific petition for which the Mass is offered. Mass intentions can be requested on behalf of another living person; for example, the healing of someone who is sick or to commemorate a wedding anniversary. However, Mass intentions are most commonly offered in remembrance of a person who has died. Contact Deacon Malcom if you would like to request a Mass.

THE MESSAGE OF HOLY SATURDAY

"Wait. Something is about to happen. But it hasn't happened yet." Holy Saturday lasts so long. It feels like Sunday will never come. The twenty-four hours feel like an eternity. **It's Saturday, but Sunday's coming . . .** Death still surrounds us. Sin still tempts us. Sickness still wounds us. Suffering still pervades us. Evil still invades us. Satan still taunts us. **It's Saturday, but Sunday's coming . . .**

We join hands with our brothers and sisters to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ.

As his rising from the dead breathes new life into our hearts, so too should we breathe new life into those migrants who knock at our country's gates.

Our fellow sisters and brothers in Christ are hungry, scared and long for safety for their children and for themselves.

These refugees seek healing and new life in the cradle of rejuvenation our country provides.

Just as Jesus gave himself for us, so too, should we consider sacrificing of ourselves to welcome our new neighbors through our borders.

We honor their journey, just as we honor Christ's journey from a manger to the cross.

We pray that we can live out our faith by welcoming newcomers in our midst.

Amen.



Tues. 5:45 -6:45pm
ADORATION AND
BENEDICTION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT
along with 7:10PM
ROSARY GROUP
will be hosted at
**ST. THOMAS -A
BECKET CHURCH**
THROUGH APRIL 2

| Parish Weekly Collection Week of: March 24, 2024 | |
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| Envelopes | \$1,341.00 |
| Anonymous Cash | \$408.00 |
| Loose Checks | \$835.00 |
| On-Line Giving | \$260.00 |
| Total | \$2,844.00 |
| Special Collections That Stay in the Parish | |
| Fuel | \$20.00 |
| Maintenance | \$45.00 |
| Easter | \$50.00 |
| Easter Flowers | \$110.00 |
| In Memory of Homer Robertson | \$12.00 |
| Total | \$237.00 |
| Additional Collections That Leave the Parish | |
| Emergency Assistance Fund | \$20.00 |
| Catholic Relief Services | \$2.00 |
| Total | \$22.00 |
| Total Collection | \$3,103.00 |

“And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”

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 **The Women's Guild**
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

MONTHLY GUILD MEETING

Wednesday, April 10 • 6:30PM • St. Joseph's Hall

Agenda: Craft Fair & Visitation House
All Women of the Parish are Welcome
Contact Mary Ann Jordan via email at
mjordan92557@gmail.com for more information.

Pilgrimage to Fatima & Lourdes Discovery with Barcelona with Father Stephen Gemme of St. Paul's Cathedral

October 13 - October 22, 2024 10 Days • 15 Meals



TRIP HIGHLIGHTS • ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Fatima, Aljustrel, Valinhos, Cathedral of Burgos, Lourdes, Grotto of Massabielle, Barcelona, La Sagrada Familia

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| Day 1 | Overnight Flight | Day 6 – 7 | Hotel Mercure Imperial Lourdes , Lourdes |
| Day 2 – 3 | Hotel Estrela de Fatima , Fatima | Day 8 – 9 | Occidental 1929 Hotel, Barcelona |
| Day 4 – 5 | Silken Gran Teatro, Burgos | Day 10 | Tour Ends, Return Home |

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THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE MADE A GIFT TO PARTNERS IN CHARITY AND A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO GAVE FOR THE 1ST TIME!

We need the support of the whole parish in reaching our parish goal of \$25,000. We are almost there with our gifts totaling \$22,993.

We are confident, with God's help and with yours, that we will make it!

If you have not yet participated, please take an envelope from the pew, complete it and return it in the collection basket next week or visit www.partner-charity.net.

On this day commemorating Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, the people celebrated. Celebrate your marriage by giving your spouse the gift of a **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** experience. *Learn how to listen better, communicate more, and express your love for your spouse in many ways. You will be glad you did!* You can find one at WWME.org.



SOME OF THE DATES TO SIGN UP ARE:

April 11-May 23, 2024 (virtual 3RE)

June 7-June 9, 2024 in Upton,, MA

June 21-June 23, 2024 in Huntington, NY

COUPLES EXPLORE THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH EACH OTHER, GOD & THE CHURCH

Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Joe & Ginny Vatelle at 978-870-5646.

WE HAVE

Exciting News
TO SHARE!

We have some exciting news regarding the Emergency Fund! It was started about ten years ago as a way our parish could have a few dollars to be able to help when someone knocked on the rectory door.

More and more families have needed assistance over these past ten years. Through the grace of God, the fund's balance has grown along with the scope of assistance. We are blessed with parishioners who give to the fund on a regular basis. In addition, we have applied for and have been granted a couple of grants. Just this year, we applied and received a grant of \$5,000 from the Barre/Fidelity Charitable Fund.

The funds name has been changed to "St. Francis of Assisi Charitable Needs & Resources Fund".

The mission of our fund is to Help Families and Individuals in need by assessing the needs for Food, Fuel & Utilities. The one-time assistance will be assessed individually to the circumstances of each family. In addition to helping with the immediate financial needs we will provide clients with recommendation of other resources in the area for legal assistance, housing, and counseling. If you need assistance or know someone who needs assistance please contact

Paula Wood at 978-355-2228 Ext. 6

Barre Food Pantry

Kindly remember your donations of nonperishable food items as well as health and beauty aids for the Barre Food Pantry in the vestibules of the churches.

Distribution dates are the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 10am -11:30am and the 3rd Thursday from 5:30pm -7pm at the Barre Congregational Church.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

THE ARTISANS @ ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

The Raffle Quilt and Christmas Fair Crafters will be meeting at St. Joseph's Hall the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month from 10AM - 12PM

Sewers will be working on quilt blocks and crafters will be working on items for the Christmas Craft Table.

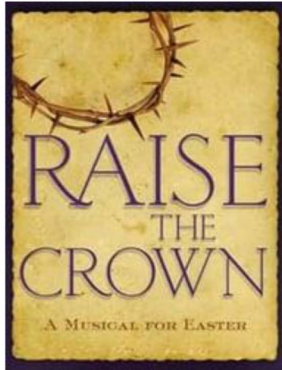
Knitters and Crocheters, you are invited to bring your projects and join in this fellowship!

**Our next get-together is
Wednesday, April 3**

Can't attend a day time meeting but want to contribute? Please email Beth Cunningham at elizabethcunningham68@gmail.com.



The
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHOIR
presents



SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024 – 3:00 PM
East Brookfield Baptist Church
262 East Main Street, East Brookfield MA 01515

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024 – 3:00 PM
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
131 Blaine Ave., East Brookfield MA 01515

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!



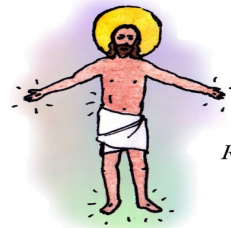
Easter is the time when we celebrate Jesus' rising from the dead.



Early in the morning the day after the Sabbath, the women went to the tomb and found it empty! They went and told the disciples, who went and saw it was true. Jesus' body was gone! He had risen from the dead!



Imagine the joy of Our Lady that her Son was alive again! Here is a special Easter prayer to Our Lady:



*Queen of Heaven, rejoice! Alleluia!
For the Son Whom you were privileged to bear, Alleluia!
Has risen as He said. Alleluia!*

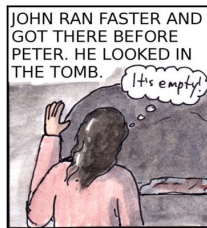
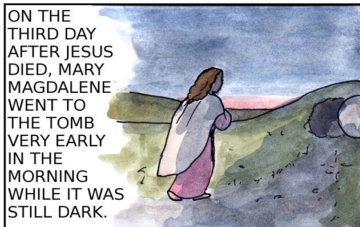
*Pray to God for us, Alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad, Virgin Mary, Alleluia!
For the Lord has truly risen! Alleluia!*

Answer to the Word-Find: Jesus is risen!

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Easter Morning

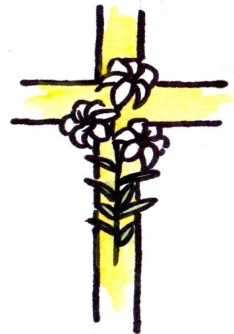
From the Gospel of John



THE DISCIPLES WERE VERY SAD AND AFRAID AFTER JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS. ON THE SUNDAY MORNING MARY MAGDALENE WENT TO SEE AND HONOUR THE BODY OF JESUS, BUT HE WAS GONE! LATER IN THE DAY JESUS APPEARED TO THE WOMEN AND THEN TO THE APOSTLES. CAN YOU IMAGINE THEIR JOY?


Easter Word-Find

J E L O V E D S T U
C L O T H S I M O N
F I R S T C S A M A
B N I T D R C G B P
E E S O A I I D E K
L N E N R P P A M I
I W E E K T L L P N
E D E A D U E E T S
V I S M A R Y N Y R
E I S E P E T E R N



Find the words in CAPITALS and use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

Early on the FIRST day of the WEEK, when it was still DARK, MARY and Mary MAGDALENE and some other women went to bring spices to Jesus' TOMB. They wondered who would roll away the STONE. But when they got there, they saw it was already moved, and the tomb was EMPTY! They ran and told the disciples. SIMON PETER and the other DISCIPLE, whom Jesus LOVED, ran to the tomb and found it as the women had said. The LINEN CLOTHS were lying there, and the NAPKIN that had been on Jesus' head was folded up. Then they began to BELIEVE, because they hadn't known the SCRIPTURE that said that Jesus must RISE from the DEAD.



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