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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024

Our Parish Vision

Through a culture of excellence in worship, we are a Christ centered welcoming parish dedicated to life-long faith formation, evangelization, social works of justice and community outreach that strengthen the Catholic Church on the Lower Cape. Through gifts of time, talent and treasure we embrace all people as brothers and sisters.



Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 3, 2024

Our Pastor

Fr. John M. Sullivan

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Arthur L. LaChance

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Director of Music

Cheryl Duerr

Director of Religious Education

Mrs. Beth Norcross

Parish Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

(Also by appointment)

Our Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 AM

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday: 8:00 AM

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena

Monday following Daily Mass

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 PM

Sacrament of Baptism

Sunday by appointment. Please call the Rectory for more information.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples are asked to contact Fr. Sullivan at least 12 months prior to the date of their wedding. Couples should speak to Fr. Sullivan to confirm the Church is available before scheduling the date & place for the reception.

Holy Communion at Home

Please notify the Rectory of any parishioner who is unable to attend Mass due to illness, handicap or age. Eucharistic Ministers are available to bring Holy Communion.

New Parishioners are Always Welcome!

Please see Fr. Sullivan after Mass to Register with the Parish.

Opportunities to Stay Connected with Holy Redeemer Parish

Scan the codes below with your phone camera and you will proceed to the corresponding website.

Register for the Parish



Holy Redeemer Website



On-Line Giving



Learn More About Our Ministries

St. Vincent de Paul Society

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Bereavement Ministry

Pro-Life Ministry

Choir

Holy Redeemer Women's Club

Church Flower Ministry

Altar Linen Ministry

Eucharistic Ministers

Altar Server Ministry

Lector Ministry

Liberty Commons Ministry

Small Faith-Sharing Groups

Sandwich Ministry

Call the Rectory (508-945-0677) or send us an email at parish@holyredeemerchatham.org if you would like more information about a Ministry.

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From the Pastor



November 3, 2024



Not to be Morbid But...

November is the month that the Church asks the faithful to reflect on death. Here, in the northern hemisphere, our surroundings are preparing for winter's dormancy. Plants are dying back, birds are flying south, and the atmosphere seems muffled. Signs of death and decay are all around us.

As Catholics, we believe death to be the fulfillment of our new birth initiated at baptism. Faithful shouldn't fear death, but still, we can't help but want to cling to life. We try to avoid talking about death because it is unknown. A couple of years ago, the bishop's office sent priests paperwork asking us to update our funeral plans. I already had one on file, so I wasn't hurrying to comply. In the back of my head, I wanted to prearrange my funeral and draw up an updated will. That takes time and effort, so I procrastinated.

Finally, this past summer, I got down to business. I went to the funeral home and prearranged my funeral. It's all paid for now. I made an appointment with an attorney to update my will. They also drew up a new Power of Attorney and updated Medical Directives form. I filled out the diocese's funeral plans paperwork, listed the hymns and readings for the Funeral Mass, and told them who I'd like to preach the homily; hopefully, he'll still be alive. I sent the file to the chancery, and I'm good to go. But not for another twenty years at least, Lord!

I want to encourage all parishioners to consider doing the same. Making your funeral arrangements in advance relieves your heirs of responsibility and ensures they are carried out according to your wishes. It is heartbreaking to learn the surviving family of a faithful parishioner didn't celebrate a Catholic Funeral Mass for them. Because they no longer practice the faith, they hold maybe only a graveside service or none at all!

Our Catholic funeral traditions are ancient and have developed over time to help support the grieving process. The COVID pandemic has changed many funeral traditions, and I don't believe it is the best. They have short-circuited the grieving process. A Catholic funeral has three parts: Wake, Funeral Mass, and Committal. Each one is important. The wake is the time to enter into the presence of the body and let the reality of the person's death sink in. We can't help but reflect on our memories of the deceased, cry, and laugh about them. I know people say their friends are all gone or live in Florida, and no one will come, but we are often surprised by those who do.

A funeral mass is a must for a Catholic regardless of the sanctity of their life or level of religious practice. No one earns a funeral mass. It is how the faithful grieve. The Church has lost a member, and the most generous thing we can do is pray for them and celebrate the Eucharist, the sum and summit of our faith, in their memory. Our mortal remains should also be interred in the ground or a mausoleum. Cremated remains in an urn shouldn't be left unburied for a lengthy time. They should be buried in the earth or placed in a columbarium. No matter their condition, our mortal remains need always to be respected.

Preference is that we bury the remains of a Catholic with those of others of our faith. Chatham doesn't have a Catholic Cemetery, but our neighboring parish of Holy Trinity in W. Harwich has a cemetery and a Columbarium. You might want to consider having your remains committed in one of their facilities. Still, many parishioners prefer a gravesite in one of the Chatham town cemeteries. That is allowed. In that case, the priest, deacon, or layperson leading the committal prayers blesses the site.

Next week, I'll write about Catholic teaching on medical directives, euthanasia, and other end-of-life considerations, so please check the bulletin to make sure you learn more about Church teaching surrounding our death.



Ministry Fair This Weekend

Holy Redeemer will hold its annual "Ministry Fair" this weekend. If you are not already a member of one of the parish's ministries, we hope you will consider joining one or two that align with your skills and interests. Following each of the Masses, members from the parish's ministries will be downstairs in the parish hall to tell you about their ministry's work and answer any questions you might have. Refreshments will also be served. Please consider joining a ministry and helping with the good work that they are performing.

"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." (1 Corinthians 12:4-7). Put another way, we must acknowledge that God gives us many gifts, including time and talent, and we must give back a portion of them, as well, if we are to be truly faithful stewards.

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."
Ephesians 2:10



November 3, 2024



The Rosary is prayed after the 8AM Mass every Monday through Friday.

Please join us.

† Names for Our Book of the Dead †

November is the month when Catholics make a special effort to pray for their deceased loved ones. The parish has compiled a Book of the Dead. It is on a stand at the front of the church and is being revered with incense before weekend Masses during November. Several weeks ago, we sent a letter with an All Souls envelope to parishioners. We invited them to use the envelope to list the names of deceased loved ones to include in the Book of the Dead. Deposit the envelope in the Offertory Collection or send it to the Parish office. The proceeds from the envelopes will be forwarded to Catholic Charities for Hurricane Relief.

Vestiture for Deacon Art

Dalmatics are the vestments worn by deacons. They are different from a priest's. They are tapered through the torso and arms rather than flowing like a priest's to symbolize the deacon's role of service. We want to buy six dalmatics, one in each of the six liturgical colors. Each one costs \$750. They make a suitable gift for someone you would like to memorialize. A memorial tag will be sewed into the back of the vestment as a reminder to pray for the person being memorialized. If you would like to arrange the purchase of a dalmatic, contact Fr. Sullivan at the Parish Office (508)-945-0677.

Summer Parish Survey Results

In our continuing efforts to best serve the parish's needs, Holy Redeemer believes it is important to make regular assessments of the opinions of both full-time members of the parish as well as our summer visitors. During the first week in August, we conducted a survey limited to summer visitors. The survey was conducted at all masses at Holy Redeemer and Our Lady of Grace churches. The responses we obtained were very favorable, with 80-90% of the respondents indicating that they either "agreed" or strongly agreed" with the following three statements: 1) "The worship service at Mass is uplifting and inspirational"; 2) "The music played during Mass enhances the worship experience"; and 3) "I felt welcomed at Church today."

The parish is also planning to conduct a more detailed survey of the opinions of full-time parishioners in April 2025. We anticipate that the survey will be conducted electronically to make it easier and less time-consuming for parishioners to complete. However, paper forms of the survey will also be available.

Holy Redeemer Women's Club will have Marilyn Whelden from the Bereavement Ministry speak about grief on Wednesday, November 6th at 2PM. The presentation will take place in the lower level of Holy Redeemer Church. All parishioners are welcome to attend.



The St. Vincent de Paul Society

will be collecting non-perishable food items for Thanksgiving baskets that will be delivered to local families. Items needed are: stuffing mix, gravy, pie crust mix, pudding, cake

mix and frosting, cranberry sauce, instant mashed potatoes, holiday chocolates, roll/biscuit mix, cream of mushroom soup and crispy fried onions (for green bean casserole), pumpkin pie filling and graham cracker pie crust. The items will be collected at all Masses the weekend of November 16/17.

GOD USES PEOPLE TO FORM PEOPLE

Small groups consist of up to 12 men and women who gather weekly or bi-weekly in the morning, afternoon or evening for prayer, scripture and faith-sharing conversation. No matter your schedule, there is a time of the day for you. **Currently, we have over 70 year-round and seasonal members in small groups who are meeting at Holy Redeemer**, but groups may also meet in a home, on zoom (like our seasonal group is presently doing), in a public venue or whatever works. Joining a small group is not a rigid commitment, and we are flexible with attendance. You need not be an expert, and each person shares on the level where he or she is most comfortable. Come and be a part of our faith-sharing community of small groups. Come and be inspired by the Holy Spirit! Come and be a part of a growing movement in our parish.

Please join us whether you are seasonal or year-round. You can call the Parish Office at 508-945-0677 or email us at parish@holyredeemerchatham.org providing your name, email address and mobile telephone number. We will promptly contact you and fill you in on the details. Groups currently available are:

Monday:

- St. Anthony of Padua Group, Bi-Weekly, 8:30-9:45 AM (closed)
- Saint Joseph Group, Bi-Weekly, 8:30-9:45 AM (5 openings)
- St. Michael the Archangel Group, Weekly, 4:00-5:30 PM (3 openings)

Tuesday:

- St. Monica Group, Bi-Weekly, 10-11:30 AM (3 openings)
- St. Therese of Lisieux Group, Weekly, 3:30-5 PM (closed)
- Blessed Carlo Acutis Group: Weekly, 4:00-5:30 PM on Zoom (closed)

Wednesday:

- St. Teresa of Calcutta Group, Weekly, 5:30-7:00 PM (4 openings)



MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, November 2

4:00 PM † Mary DelVecchio - 12th Anniversary

Sunday, November 3

8:00 AM † James Frederick Donovan

10:00 AM † In Memory of those Parishioners who Died in 2024

Monday, November 4

8:00 AM † Charles B. Sullivan

Tuesday, November 5

8:00 AM † Elisabeth Lucy

Wednesday, November 6

8:00 AM † Francis Bullock

Thursday, November 7

8:00 AM † M. Natalie Young

Friday, November 8

8:00 AM † Margaret Ledoux

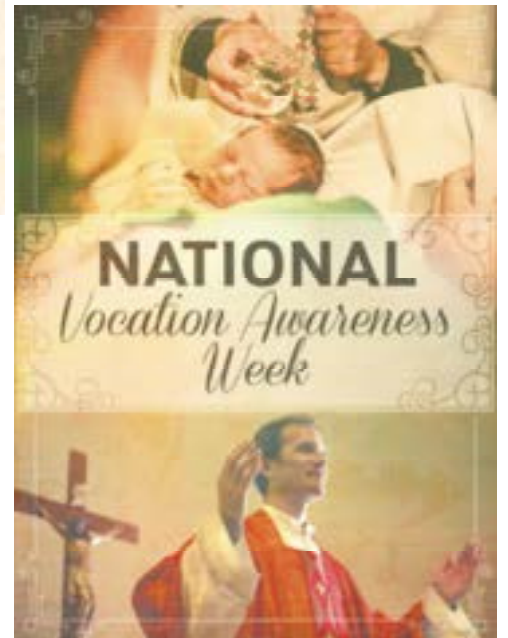
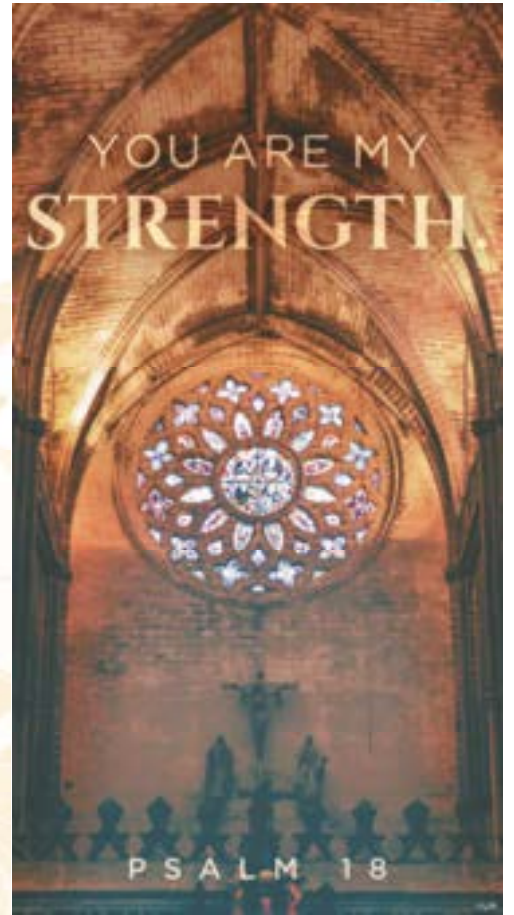
Saturday, November 9

4:00 PM † David M. Weaver - 7th Anniversary

Sunday, November 10

8:00 AM † John Walls

10:00 AM † Len Japowicz



No matter who you are
No matter what you do
No matter where you come from
No matter where you are going
No matter how good or how bad things may seem
Please know that you are always welcome at Holy Redeemer



Prayer REQUESTS

PRAYERS

Tabernacle Lamp: At Holy Redeemer in memory of the Merlina and DelVecchio Family.

Please pray for those who are sick: James Nelson, Leila Porter, Marley Marie Smith, Fred Magnusson, Sawyer Craig, Jack Gerard, Madeline Keogh, William Harahan, Krissy Labbate, Thomas Chestaw, Leonard Gratton, Helen Duarte, Agnes Chrystogelos, Martin Lieber, John & Mary Lynch, Leona Olfano, Maritess Seymour, June Preskenis, Jack McElhinney, Philip & Dorothy Ripa, Tina Steen, Allison Mullaney, Carol Aschoff, Barbie Haven, Marion Sinatra, Fiadh Mazzola, Eva Gratton, John A. Curry, Joyce Gallop, Sara Surgi.

Please pray for all our beloved deceased.



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