



March 14, 2021 – Third Sunday of Lent

Welcome to the Nashoba Valley Catholic Collaborative

If you are visiting us for the first time, we wish to welcome you and your family and hope that you enjoy your visit with us. If you would like to join either St Mary's or St Anthony's Parishes (we are two separate entities) there are **Registration Forms on our website:** www.nashobacatholic.org/form/parish-registration. Don't have the internet or email? Call the office and we would be happy to mail a form to you!

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, Mar 13, 4pm – Edward Madigan, r/b His Children
Sun, Mar 14, 8am – Elaine Gendron, r/b The family
10:15am – Theresa & Robert Cahalane, r/b The Family
Sat, Mar 20, 4pm – Margaret J Kelley, r/b The Family
Sun, Mar 21, 8am – Ernie Blasetti, 2nd Ann., r/b Alice Langford
10:15am – Bertrand & Helena Cullen, r/b Arthur & Michelle Eddy
The next available Saturdays are in November 2021
The next available Sundays are in August 2021

Virtual Retreat

Streamed LIVE on Nashoba Catholic Facebook page.
Wed and Thu, March 24 & 25 At 7PM

Virtual Examination of Conscience

Streamed LIVE on Nashoba Catholic Facebook page.
Tuesday, March 30 at 7pm

Individual Confessions

at St Anthony's Church
Wednesday, March 31 at 7pm

Dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation remains in effect. Cardinal Sean strongly encourages people in vulnerable populations, especially the elderly and those with complicated physical conditions, to continue to watch from their homes (which you can do on our Nashoba Catholic Facebook page).

Please pray for these people who may be ill or have asked for prayers: Karen Butler, William Davis, Anne Fiesinger, Norman Gionet, Joanne Glaszcz, Br. Joachin, Alec Lawton, Betty LeBlanc, Dotty Marino, Mary Palmer, Donna Vaira.

We want to wish everyone born in March a very Happy Birthday! And all couples that were married in March a very Happy Anniversary!

Make Your Home a Holy Place!

Over the five weeks of Lent, we will be offering suggestions each week on how to make your home a holy place.

This week's suggestion is to say Grace before meals.

St Mary's Fatima Club - The next drawing will be on Monday, March 15.

Holy Week Schedule

Thursday, April 1 @ 7pm – Mass @ St Anthony's
Friday, April 2 @ 3pm – Stations of the Cross (STA)
Friday, April 2 @ 7pm – Passion of the Lord (STA)
Saturday, April 3 @ 8:30pm – Easter Vigil (STA)
Sunday, April 4 @ 8am – Mass @ St Mary's
Sunday, April 4 @ 10:15am Mass @ St Anthony's

March 14, 2021 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent – Today's readings remind us of the extent of God's love. "God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions [sins], brought us to life with Christ – by grace you have been saved." God's vast inclusive love excludes no one! St. Augustine puts this truth this way: "God loves each one of us as if there were only one of us to love." As lent continues, take a few minutes to ponder God's all-inclusive love for you. How will you respond to that love?

2021 CATHOLIC APPEAL – Each parish has an Assessment Amount to reach.

This year, St Mary's Assessment is \$11,816.29. St. Anthony's Assessment is \$17,543.11.

As of March 3, St Mary's Gifts and Pledges = \$6,535 (55%); and St Anthony's Gifts and Pledges = \$6,255 (36%).

Thank you for your generosity and support.



30 Pieces of Silver Tossed into the Temple! Fill a bag with 30 pieces of 'silver'(quarters). When it is full, bring it to church by Palm Sunday and toss it in to the Temple! Whatever is collected will be split equally between our two parishes. **Not attending church in person? How about that temple traveling to you?! 30 Pieces of Silver will be on the road Sunday, March 21st from 12-3. Email Julie Murray pastor.asst@nashobacatholic.org with your address by March 17th to be included. We hope you have a good aim!**



For those of you who have not yet returned to Mass, we thank you for your continued support of our two parishes.

Weekly Offering

St Mary's, March 7 = \$2568.25

St Anthony's, March 7 = \$3412.25

(We are two separate parishes and our finances are not combined.)

Upcoming 2nd Collection for St Mary's: March 14 – Maintenance & Utilities

If anyone wants a statement of their donations for 2020, please call or email the office to request one, and it can be either emailed or US mailed to you.

If anyone would like to start contributing via our EFT program, the Authorization Form is on our website in pdf format. It is under the GIVING BUTTON at the top, right of our homepage. You will need to print it out and mail it to the Office.

NASHOBA CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

Marianne Cooper, Faith Formation Coordinator, 978-772-0727 faithformation@nashobacatholic.org

Our Faith Formation program is a family affair this year! We hope that you are enjoying the video lessons. Please go to our website www.nashobacatholic.org for detailed information on these video classes and the virtual retreat. **You should have received the video lesson about Lent. In this latest lesson, Father D also answers many questions that were posted by the students in the past 2 video-lessons. Please contact Marianne if you haven't received the email link.** Keep an eye out for the last video lesson, which will be available during Holy Week, to learn about Easter through Pentecost.

Calling all parishioners! Release your inner artist! **The Stained-Glass Project is underway!**

Marianne will be at St. Anthony Parish Hall on Saturday, March 20, from noon to 4pm for anyone who wants to pick-up and/or decorate their window clings there and use provided, multi-colored Sharpies. Covid safety restrictions will be observed and masks are required.

Blank window-clings can be picked-up at St. Anthony's before and after Masses, from the Collaborative office at St. Mary's during office hours, or by special arrangement by contacting Marianne via email. See our website for ideas for your design. **Please return your completed artwork to St. Anthony's Church, the Collaborative Office, or Marianne by Monday, March 22. Let's make our Easter Season colorful at St. Anthony's!** As always, if you have any questions, contact Marianne.

St. Mary's THRIFT STORE is only open on Saturdays from 9am to 2:30pm. All COVID-19 protocols are in place, with a limited number of people allowed in the store at one time. Donations are accepted from 9-2 ONLY. No checks, credit or debit cards, or bills larger than \$20 are accepted. No exceptions!! **For the month of March, EVERYTHING IN THE STORE WILL BE 50% OFF! Plus, new, handmade Easter Baskets will be for sale.**

MISSION DAYS 2021 - Mission Days has been scheduled for July 13, 14 and 15. The event is subject to all of the safety protocols that will be in place at the time. We are hopeful that we can run this program in some form. At this point we are looking for the following:

1. Jobs - if you know anyone that needs outdoor work done to their home but cannot get it done due to hardship, please have them contact us at the email below.

2. Kids - if you are going into 7th grade through graduated senior and want an amazing experience, please send an email to the email below.

3. Adults - we always need adults to help with the planning and execution of these days.

Please contact Joe Leone - ccoach11@gmail.com

PAROCHIAL SCHOOL TRUST SCHOLARSHIPS - The Parochial School Trust of the Archdiocese of Boston is providing approximately 100 scholarships, each worth \$1000, to families with a child planning to attend parochial school (grades 1 through 8) during the 2021-2022 school year. **Applications are due April 1, 2021.** If interested, Ayer residents should call St Anne's St. Vincent de Paul #978-320-4215; Shirley residents should call St Catherine's St. Vincent de Paul #978-320-4214, to commence the scholarship application process.

Happy Saint Patrick's Day!