



Hosanna in the highest!

March 28, 2021 – Palm Sunday

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 27, 4pm – Adriana & Kari Medina, r/b Isabel Chesak
Sun, Mar 28, 8am – Judy Pinard, r/b Maryann Madigan
10:15am – John Garlington, r/b Dolly, Cindy & Guy Gionet
*Palms will be distributed at the Masses on Palm Sunday by an Usher.
Please do not leave palms in the pews when you leave church.*

Sat, Apr 3, 8:30pm – Deceased Family Members of Chet & Jane Pauley
Sun, Apr 4, 8am - George Kelley, r/b The Family
10:15am – Elizabeth Ott, r/b Edel Stacy
The next available Saturdays are in November 2021
The next available Sundays are in August 2021

Examination of Conscience

Tuesday, March 30 at 7pm
On Nashoba Catholic Facebook Page

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, Kathy Eldredge, Anne Fiesinger, Norman Gionet, Joanne Glaszcz, Bob Hammond, 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!

March 28, 2021 – Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion - All of today's readings for the beginning of Holy Week are familiar. As you listen to them, what is God's invitation to you? Is it the words of Isaiah that "the Lord has given me a well-trained tongue that I might know how to speak to the weary. . ."? Is it the words of St. Paul, "...at the name of Jesus . . . every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. . ." It is the words of Jesus to Peter, "Could you not keep watch. . . The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak." As you enter into the sacred mysteries of this holy week, pray for the grace to express with renewed conviction your belief that Jesus Christ is Lord of your life. That deserves an **ALLELUIA!**

Holy Week Schedule

Thu, Apr 1 @ 7pm - Mass @ St Anthony's & Facebook Live
Fri, Apr 2 @ 3pm – Stations of the Cross @ St Anthony's
Fri, Apr 2 @ 7pm – Passion of the Lord (STA) & Facebook Live
Sat, Apr 3 @ 8:30pm – Easter Vigil (STA) & Facebook Live
Sun, Apr 4 @ 8am – Mass at St Mary's
Sun, Apr 4 @ 10:15am – Mass @ STA & Facebook Live

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 22, St Mary's Gifts and Pledges = \$8875 and St Anthony's Gifts and Pledges = \$10,620.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

Did you remember to bring your 30 Pieces of Silver



to toss into the Temple today?



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 21 = \$2617.00

St Anthony's, March 21 = \$2738.25

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

Good Friday's collection for the Holy Land is, in the words of Paul VI, "not only for the Holy Places but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational, and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities."

Next week, at all our Easter Masses, our only collection will be to support the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity. For more information, please visit www.clergytrust.org.

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.

Thank you to everyone that contributed to The Stained-Glass Project! Please come visit St. Anthony's for Holy Week and Eastertide! You will see all the wonderful and colorful Stained-Glass Project artwork done by many of our parishioners!

Please pray for our First Communion and Confirmation students as they work towards preparing to receive their sacraments.

Do you have any First Communion dresses, jackets, veils, ties, shoes or other sacramental apparel that is just sitting in your closet and you don't know what to do with them? Consider donating it to our newly created Sacramental Apparel closet. Items donated must be clean and in good condition. For more information, please 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

There is a Virtual Planning Meeting on Wednesday, April 14 at 7pm. Please email Joe to Join.

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

Please contact Joe Leone - ccoach11@gmail.com