



April 18, 2021 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

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!

<p>WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS</p> <p>Sat, Apr 17, 4pm – Sal Spinale r/b the family Sun, Apr 18, 8am – Sal Spinale r/b the family 10:15am – Phil Draleau r/b the family</p> <p>Sat, Apr 24, 4pm – Adriana & Kari Medina r/b Isabel Chesak</p> <p>Sun, Apr 25, 8am – Judy Pinard r/b MaryAnn Madigan 10:15am – Ronald McGrath r/b family</p>	<p>Please pray for these people who may be ill or have asked for prayers:</p> <p>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, Charlotte Decker, Joseph Tomaszek.</p> <hr/> <p>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.</p>
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Thank you, Betsy!



On behalf of Father D and all the Nashoba Catholic team - we want to say **THANK YOU** to Betsy Diskin. After 16 years of fabulous service, Betsy has retired. She has been an incredibly valuable resource to our parishes. She served St. Mary's for 16 years and helped guide our collaborative into a wonderful working relationship between both St. Mary's and St. Anthony's. She will be greatly missed for many reasons, but her organization skills and caring heart are beyond compare. We wish her a relaxing retirement filled with family and friends.



Every gift, regardless of the size, is meaningful and can make an impact. Your participation in our Appeal is very much appreciated by our parish and the thousands that are served through the Archdiocesan Central Ministries.

We are pleased to share that even during these difficult times. St. Anthony Parish has raised **\$12,345.00** toward our 2021 Catholic Appeal goal of **\$17,543.00**. And St. Mary has raised **\$9,275.00** toward our 2021 Catholic Appeal goal of **\$11,816.00**. Our heartfelt thanks to all who have helped make our campaign a success so far. Whether you are attending Mass in person or watching from home, I invite you to join me in supporting the Catholic Appeal.

We recognize that many of you may be navigating your own financial challenges but ask for your prayerful consideration of a gift to the 2021 Catholic Appeal at whatever level is comfortable for you. If you have not received a Catholic Appeal letter or email request, donations can be made on line at www.bostoncatholicappeal.org



We thank you for your continued support of our two parishes.

Weekly Offering

St Mary's, Easter = \$2456.00

St Anthony's, Easter = \$2979.50

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

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

Our Faith Formation program has been a family affair this year! Last week, you received the final lesson, "Easter through Pentecost." We hope that you are enjoying and have enjoyed the **4 video lessons**. You can go to our website www.nashobacatholic.org to watch these classes. Many, many thanks to all who made this year's program possible: Father D, Pat Kelly, Brian Gill, Ken Bishara, Greg Pepin, and Shawn Denoncour.

Do you have any First Communion dresses, jackets, veils, ties, shoes or other sacramental apparel that is just sitting in your closet? Consider donating it to our Sacramental Apparel closet. Items donated must be clean and in good condition. For more information, please contact Marianne at the above phone number or email.

ALPHA PROGRAM! Come join us on an adventure of the spirit! Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith, in a friendly, open and informal environment. No pressure. No judgment. **No Cost.** Over 29 million people across the globe have participated in Alpha! Why not try it?! **Alpha is not so much a course, but an experience!** Gathering once a week over a 10-11 week period, in-person or online via Zoom, each Alpha brings together people from every walk of life. **You do not have to commit to the whole series at once. Just simply Come to check it out at our first week or two.** Please go to <https://applevalleycatholic.org/alpha> to register for the Zoom version taking place on Thursdays, starting April 29, at 7pm. If you have any questions, contact Marianne Cooper at faithformation@nashobacatholic.org or leave a message at the parish office.

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!!**

WE ARE HIRING!

Interested in joining our team and supporting our awesome parishes? We would love to hear from you. More information on our website.

The Collaborative Office and Communications Manager (OCM) is a role requiring the handling of a variety of tasks that ensure the smooth daily operations of the collaborative. Overseeing the production and maintenance of electronic, social and printed media, facilitating communication with the clergy, archdiocesan agencies, parishes and other organizations, and generally assisting the Pastoral Staff. Oversees and approves all parish communications. This is a part-time position, 18 hours a week Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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. 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