



**April 4, 2021 – Easter Sunday and April 11, 2021 – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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!

<b>WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS</b>	<b>WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS</b>
<p>Sat, Apr 3, 8:30pm – For the Deceased Family Members of Chet &amp; Jane Pauley</p> <p>Sun, Apr 4, 8am - George Kelley, r/b The Family 10:15am – Elizabeth Ott, r/b Edel Stacy</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Happy Easter!</b></p> <p>Sat, Apr 10, 4pm – Ronald McGrath, r/b The Family Sun, Apr 11, 8am – Robert Loya, r/b Matt &amp; Theresa Richard 10:15am – Francis Gionet, r/b Paul and Sally</p> <p>The next available Saturdays are in November 2021</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 &amp; Kari Medina, r/b Isabel Chesak Sun, Apr 25, 8am – Judy Pinard, r/b Maryann Madigan 10:15am – Ronald McGrath, r/b The Family</p> <p>The next available Sundays are in September 2021</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).

**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 April a very Happy Birthday! And all couples that were married in April a very Happy Anniversary!*

<p><b>April 4 ~ Easter Sunday – The Resurrection of the Lord</b></p> <p>Our readings remind us that the message of Easter is one of Joy and good news. It is a message that we cannot keep to ourselves. St. Peter makes clear in today's first reading that we are "commissioned" to preach and bear witness. While limitations on gatherings still need observing, how will you bear witness to Christ's saving love this Easter? Who are the people in your life that need to hear this good news? The message is clear – Christ our hope is risen. Go – tell the good News!</p>	<p><b>April 11 ~ Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday</b></p> <p>The scriptures today continue to call each of us to bear witness to the Resurrection of Christ. In the gospel, Thomas moves from doubt to faith. We all identify with that journey! Those times when your doubt gave way to faith, did you exclaim with Thomas, "My Lord, and my God"? Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. Pray that your words and actions will reflect faith, mercy and peace to those around you. Your witness may be just what someone needs to see in order to move from doubt to faith!</p>
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**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 29**, St Mary's Gifts and Pledges = **\$9275** and St Anthony's Gifts and Pledges = **\$10,645.**

Thank you for your generosity and support



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 28 = \$2700.00**

**St Anthony's, March 28 = \$2587.00**

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

**The Easter Collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston.** These priests have given their lives to faithfully serve Christ, the Church, and you. Please be generous to this important collection. For more information, please visit [www.clergytrust.org](http://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](mailto:faithformation@nashobacatholic.org)

Our Faith Formation program has been a family affair this year! You will receive the last lesson, "Easter through Pentecost", shortly. We hope that you are enjoying and have enjoyed the **4 video lessons**. If you haven't watched them yet, please spend the time to learn about the Mass throughout the year with Father D by going to our website [www.nashobacatholic.org](http://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.

- **Thank you** to everyone who contributed to **The Stained-Glass Project!** Please come visit St. Anthony's during Eastertide to see all the wonderful and colorful artwork done by our parishioners!
- Please continue to 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 Sacramental Apparel closet. Items donated must be clean and in good condition. For more information, please contact Marianne at the above email.
- We are starting to plan **next year's program**. If you would like to be part of the planning team or if you'd like us to consider some of your ideas, please contact Marianne. We already have some wonderful possibilities and would like to have your input in creating an exciting and dynamic program for all our parishioners.

**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!!**

### 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](mailto:ccoach11@gmail.com)**



### BLOCK PARTY PLANNING

We are looking to get creative (while staying safe) with this year's Block Party. If you are able to join us to brainstorm – we would appreciate your help! We are holding an online meeting on April 11 @ 7pm. Please email [parishoffice@nashobacatholic.org](mailto:parishoffice@nashobacatholic.org) or call the Office at 978-772-2414 to RSVP.