





QUEEN OF MARTYRS

CHURCH LOCATION
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 Monday - Friday
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PARISH STAFF

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- Rev. James H. Morse.....*Weekend Assistant*
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LITURGIES AND DEVOTIONS

Rosary: Monday - Thursday.....8:30am
Monday-Thursday.....9:00am
Saturday:
Eucharist Adoration.....3:15-4:15pm
Confession:3:30- 4:00pm
Vigil Mass.....4:30pm
Sunday Mass.....8:30,10:00 & 11:30am
Prayer Group.....Wednesday 7-8:30pm
 In the Parish Life Center

Vision Statement
Be the eyes, hands & feet of Christ here on earth!

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Congratulations on the birth of your child. The church celebrates with you and is ready to prepare you if this is your **FIRST** child being baptized at our Parish. An initial preparation gathering is held on the 4th Sunday in the months of January, April, July & October following the 11:30AM Mass. You need not wait until your child is born for you to attend the class. **Next class will held on Sunday, April 22, 2018.** Please call the parish office to register for the class.

Baptisms are held the Third Sunday of the month at 12:30pm. Please call the parish office to register.

INITIATION OF ADULTS: Adults expressing an interest in becoming Catholic are invited to search through our formation process which is from September through Pentecost. For more information, please call the Parish Office.

FAITH FORMATION: Grades 1-9. First Eucharist is a two year program, grades 1 and 2. Confirmation is a two year program, grades 8 & 9.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Congratulations on your engagement! Please speak to Fr. Cambra at least one year in advance of your intended date to allow adequate time for Parish and Diocesan Marriage preparation.

FOR OUR HOME-BOUND: Contact the Parish Office to receive Holy Communion at home if you are confined. **THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:** May be received after any weekday Mass or by appointment.



The Church is Handicap accessible. The Elevator is located in the entrance facing the North School. Restrooms and a Diaper Changing Station are located in the lower church hall.

ST. STEPHEN'S CEMETERY
 683 So. Main Street, Attleboro

For lot information, call the Parish Office at 508-399-8440



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OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

March 25, 2018

DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday:		March 24
4:30 PM (RC)	Florence Fournier	
Sunday:		March 25
8:30 AM (RC)	Kevin Hurley	
10:00 AM (RC)	Maria Machedo	
11:30 AM (JM)	For The People	
Monday:		March 26
9:00 AM	Marilyn Thomas	
Tuesday		March 27
9:00 AM	Deceased Members of the O'Brien Family	
Wednesday:		March 28
9:00 AM		
Holy Thursday		March 29
7:00 PM		
Good Friday		March 30
7:00 PM		
Saturday:		March 31
8:00 PM (RC)	For The People	
Sunday:		April 1
8:30 AM (JM)		
10:00 AM (RC)		
11:30 AM (RC)		

SANCTUARY LAMP



Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to book the Sanctuary Lamp at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs in honor of a loved one. The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in honor of:

KEVIN HURLEY & ROBERT LEGARE



Prayer Requests

Please remember the following people:

*Jean Simoneau, Janet April, Robert Burke,
Al Goudreau, Elaine Norman, Laurie Foley
Ronald & Jessica Bergevine, Claire Leonard
Carol Wall, Linda Courtis, Thomas Flynn*

Names may only be placed by a family member calling the parish office.



HOLY THURSDAY—The Liturgy of the Lord's Supper will take place at 7 PM, March 29th. During this Solemn Liturgy is the **Mandatum** the Washing of the Feet, **Holy Communion**, and the **Transfer of the Most Holy Eucharist**. Eucharistic

Adoration will take place inside the Church and end at the 10 PM. This is the only Mass of the day.

GOOD FRIDAY— The Solemn Proclamation of the Lord's Passion will begin at 7 PM. During this Solemn Liturgy, following the Reading, are the **Universal Prayers of the Church, The Veneration of the Cross, an Holy Communion**. Following this Liturgy, the Parish Youth Group will lead the faith community in Stations of the Cross.

WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE THAT THE CHILDREN OF THE PARISH PARTICIPATE IN THESE LITURGIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE IN THE CONFIRMATION CLASS.

HOLY SATURDAY VIGIL OF EASTER — The rubric states this Liturgy must begin at night. It is the only Liturgy of the day and will begin at 8 PM. During this Solemn Liturgy, we bless the **new fire**, engrave the **Paschal Candle**, **Proclaim the Exultet**, recall the wonders of **God in Scripture**, **Proclaim the Alleluia**, **Renew our Baptismal Promises**, **Receive the Holy Eucharist**. This is the night where we gather in darkness to proclaim the **Light that is Christ**.



The Paschal Candle (Easter Candle)

has been donated by Robert & Judy Araujo in memory of the Deceased Members of the Araujo & Silva Family

and by Shannon & Francis Hanifin in memory of Harold "Pat" Gaumond

WE DEEPLY APPRECIATE THIS DONATION!

**The Parish office will be closed on
Holy Thursday, March 29th,
and Good Friday, March 30th.**

REMEMBRANCE BOOK

Is located in our St. Joseph Prayer Room. This prayer book has been compiled to provide people with the opportunity to entrust their loved ones to God's all embracing love, through the intercession of St. Joseph.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly Offering

March 18, 2018 \$ N/A

Thank you very much for your generous support of the parish.

This weekend's second collection is for MAINTENANCE.

Next weekend's second collection is for RETIRED AND INFIRM PRIESTS.

Good Friday (March 30) Collection is for the Church in East & Central Europe and the Holy Land.



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PARISH ANOINTING OF THE SICK

On Saturday, May 5, within the context of the 4:30 Vigil Mass the Sacrament of the Sick will take place. Who can receive this Anointing? If you are of advanced years, or know that you will have an up-coming medical procedure, or suffer from a debilitating illness; you can receive the Sacrament of the Sick. What do you have to do prior? Call the rectory and inform us before May 5, so that proper space can be provided, names listed so that all who take part in this Communal Celebration will be recorded in the Parish Register.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

will take place on
Saturday, April 21, 2018
at the 4:30 PM Mass,
celebrated by
Bishop da Cunha.

FAITH FORMATION

Class for grades 1-6 will be **Sunday, April 8th & April 22nd 8:30-9:45 AM.**

Next Children's Liturgy of the Word will be **Sunday, April 8th.**



SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

will take place on

Sunday, April 29, 2018
at the 11:30 am Mass.

Rehearsal for First Communion will be
Wednesday, April 25th at 6:00 PM.



The Holiday Fair Committee will meet on **Monday, April 2, 7pm** in the Parish Life Center to discuss initial planning for this year's Holiday Fair in November.

If you would like to help, join us. Many hands makes the work light. All are welcome.

DOORWAYS FOOD PANTRY

Items needed: Baked Beans & Pasta Sauce

A basket is available at each entrance of the church for you to place your items.

COFFEE SOCIAL

Please join us after the 8:30 AM Mass on Sunday mornings for coffee and refreshments in the lower church hall. We would like to thank all our weekly helpers for their assistance. If you are able to help, on Sunday mornings, please email Joyce Kelly at moysk659@comcast.net.



A meeting will be held
Sunday, April 8th
from 2-3:30pm in the
Church Basement.
All youth grades 6-10
are welcome.

COME AND SHARE YOUR HOPES AND DREAMS FOR OUR CHURCH!

Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., is hosting a series of Listening Sessions at different parish locations as part of the strategic planning process here in the Fall River Diocese. Members of diocesan parishes are invited to attend one of them to offer their thoughts into the process. Listening sessions are scheduled as follows: St. Ann Parish, Raynham; April 5, Christ the King, Mashpee; April 12, St. Mary Cathedral; April 18, St. Joan of Arc Parish, Orleans; April 20, St. Julie Billiart Parish, Dartmouth; and April 23, Our Lady of Victory Parish, Centerville.

All sessions will take place from 6:30 to 8PM with the exception of the final one in Centerville, which will begin at 7PM.

St. Vincent de Paul Society - OLQM Conference

HOME VISITOR PROGRAM

If you or someone in your family is homebound due to short term or long term illness and would like to have a visit from a fellow parishioner or you would like to join this rewarding ministry please call or email Carmela Metfooney or Irene Frechette. Carmela Metfooney - cmctfooney@comcast.net
Irene Frechette - svdpgolf@comcast.net 508-222-8059.

CLOTHING NEEDS:

Please drop off your extra clothing and housewares to:
SVDP Clothing Store,
95 Pine Street, Attleboro MA
Wednesdays: 9 to 11am
Second Saturday of the month: 9 to 10am



OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Today's Society of St. Vincent de Paul is airing on EWTN for a 10 week series which started on March 4th.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

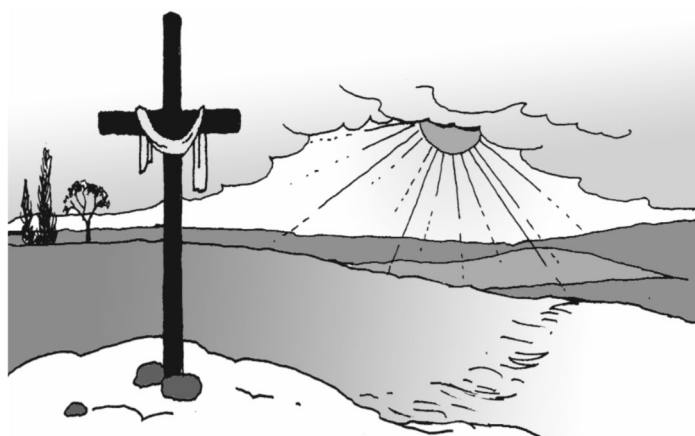
"Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear." As we celebrate Palm Sunday, let us keep our ears open to the love from our spouses and God by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Apr 21-22, 2018 in Brewster, MA and May 19-20, 2018 in Warner, NH. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

With Friends Like These...

This year, we hear the Passion from the gospel of Mark. One thing unique about this reading is the emphasis on Jesus being abandoned by his disciples. First, the leaders of the disciples, Peter, James, and John, cannot even support Jesus in his agony in the garden: They fall asleep, three times. Then there is Judas, who seeks out the chief priests to make a deal with them, Peter, who denies Jesus three times, and the disciples who flee when he is arrested. The crowds who cried, "Hosanna!" a few days before, now call for him to be crucified. Even Simon the Cyrenian had to be forced to help carry the cross.

What does this tell us? With friends like these, who needs enemies? No, the point is that Jesus died specifically for these people, not because they were once friends, but because they were sinners, who needed Jesus. All but one of them ended up as saints. And the one who didn't was Judas, who gave up on Jesus, instead of coming back to him for forgiveness. When we find ourselves in sin, when we think that everything we do is wrong, or when we think we can't possibly deserve to be loved by God--that is when God can help us, if we just stop hating ourselves and start loving and trusting the Lord. It is not the time to pretend we have avoided the big sins, or to brag about some of the good we may have done. Instead of trying to convince God that we deserve his mercy, simply agree that you need his help. God loves sinners who know they need his forgiveness and don't deserve it.

But maybe you have already been forgiven and wonder what's next. Remember the ones you would not expect to support Jesus: The centurion supervising his crucifixion proclaims him Son of God. A member of the Sanhedrin gives Jesus a burial place. The women who were there to the end. These were people who did not claim to be worthy, just did what they could to show their love. Ask Jesus each morning when you wake up, "What can I do for you today?" and do what you can.



Gospel

Mk 11: 1-10

When Jesus and his disciples drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately on entering it, you will find a colt tethered on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone should say to you, Why are you doing this?' reply, The Master has need of it and will send it back here at once." So they went off and found a colt tethered at a gate outside on the street, and they untied it. Some of the bystanders said to them,

"What are you doing, untying the colt?" They answered them just as Jesus had told them to, and they permitted them to do it. So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!"

Draw or write what happened on each of these special days during Holy Week



Good Friday



Easter Sunday

Junior Wordsearch - Hosanna to God in Heaven

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N L V P P P H P I L A T E O
G G L O H S U N X C A A E W
M O Q H J T E G D C P K R D
L T Q V C R O W N Z T F H T
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P A Q O S D A R K H E A D D
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X O R P G M S N C R O S S D

Try to find these words:

clothes
cross
crowd
crown
dark
Golgotha
head
king
Pilate
priests
whip
wine