



QUEEN OF MARTYRS

CHURCH LOCATION

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PARISH STAFF

Rev. Raymond Cambra, Jr.*Pastor*
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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.

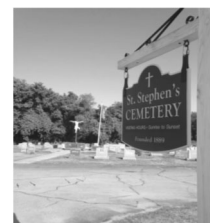


The Church is Handicap accessible. The Elevator is located in the entrance facing the North School.

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

April 8, 2018

DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday:		April 7
4:30 PM (RC)	Robert Legare	
Sunday:		April 8
8:30 AM (JM)	For The People	
10:00 AM (RC)	Catherine O'Brien	
11:30 AM (RC)	Maria DaCunha	
Monday:		April 9
9:00 AM	Doris Lebel	
Tuesday		April 10
9:00 AM	Deceased Members of the LaBelle Family	
Wednesday:		April 11
9:00 AM	Mary Blake	
Thursday		April 12
9:00 AM		
Saturday:		April 14
4:30 PM (RC)	Maria Jose Silva	
Sunday:		April 15
8:30 AM (RC)	Peter Percevecz	
10:00 AM (JM)	Rosemary McDermott	
11:30 AM (RC)	For The People	



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:

MAY MAZZEO



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.

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.

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.

WITH DEEP APPRECIATION

To the Choir, Lector's, Eucharistic Ministers, Collectors, Greeters and Decorators for the Sacred Triduum, I thank you so very much for your service on these very important Holy Days. To the men who took part in the "Washing of the Feet" on Holy Thursday, words can not begin to express my gratitude, I know that this was not easy for you, which makes it even more special. May our Father bless you all in everything you do. To the Altar Servers; you led us all in prayer this Holy Week, and that is always important; I hope that by your example many more will come forward to serve the Lord at His Altar. I am deeply indebted to you servers in reminding me where I was to go and what I was to do. Could not do it without your assistance. Me

FINANCE COUNCIL

The new Parish Finance Council will meet on Wednesday, April 18th at 6:30PM in the Parish Life Center.

Meeting will last approximately 1 Hour.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

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

Confirmation Rehearsal will be held on Friday, April 20th, at 6:00PM.



Two children were welcomed into our Faith family at the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, March 25,

We are happy to welcome:

Alona Evelyn Turcotte, Juliana Laurent Pelletier
Congratulations to the children and their families on this joyous celebration of faith.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly Offering

March 25, \$7,142.00 Flowers \$426.00

March 29, Good Friday \$373.00

April 1, \$8,506.76 Flowers \$114.00

Retired & Infirm Priests \$689.74

Thank you very much for your generous support.

This weekend's second collection is for **MONTHLY EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES.**

Next weekend's second collection is for **DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT.**

Weekly Expense Break Down

Payroll (including payroll taxes)	3,418.93
Pension, Medical and Property Ins.'s	1,381.19
Diocesan Assessment	1,097.38
Liturgical Supplies (host, wine, etc.)	262.63
Cable, Telephone, Internet & Website	162.03
Office Exp. Supplies, Postage etc.	202.73
Electricity (all 3 buildings)	263.56
Heating & Utilities (all 3 buildings)	239.70
Religious Education Supplies	145.76
Maintenance of Buildings, Equipment, & Grounds including Snow Removal	970.51
Fee for On-line Giving	34.45
Total	\$8,416.09

Above is the weekly breakdown of the parish. The monthly bills were multiplied by twelve then divided by fifty-two. There will be fluctuation dependent of the season of year but all in all this this is the most accurate that we mortals can bring forth. This is high, it should not be a surprise when you realize that it is not just the church building but also the Parish Life Center and rectory. Three entities that must be maintained no different from your own homes. The eight thousand plus dollars which is the weekly expense of the parish is true and should be looked at as benchmark to attain. If we can reach this mark, all will be well; if not, we will continue to take from the savings to meet the financial responsibilities of the parish. If we stay on that path, we won't have savings for long which would lead to disastrous outcome. This needs to be addressed honestly and without fear and for many a weekly increase in financial support will be a sacrifice. Are we willing to sacrifice out of love for Our Lady Queen of Martyrs? I have every confidence, that this community of faith will do all that is necessary to maintain it's present with a clear vision to our future. Me



SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

will take place on **Sunday, April 29,**
at the 11:30 am Mass.

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

FAITH FORMATION

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

Registration for Faith Formation classes for the year 2018-2019 will take place this summer. Date and time to be announced at a later date.

Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Adult Servers, Adult Greeters

We are required by our Diocese to update all CORI forms once each year for volunteers who may have contact with any child.

Returning Ministry Volunteers: Please see Rose Parenteau at mass to pick up your renewal Cori forms.

New Ministry Volunteers: A one hour training session for all new volunteers will be held. Date, time & place to be announced.

SAVE THE DATE!

A Parish Picnic
will be held on
Sunday, June 24th.

More details to follow.



WOW! Thank you so very much for your participation in our first meeting. Great ideas to move forward with equal high spirits to make this a success. Thank You for your service.

Change to the Fair - This year the Holiday Fair will take place on November 2 and 3. We would also like our parishioners to consider **DONATING NEW TOYS FOR THE Fair,** or in **DONATION** already made **GIFT BASKETS** or in **DONATING GIFT CERTIFICATES.** The success of the Fair is completely dependent on how one vibrantly takes part. This is a fun parish event; lets also have fun in bringing it to fruition. Keep those spirits HIGH!!

DOORWAYS FOOD PANTRY

Items needed: Juice & Cookies

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



CONFIRMATION

Strengthened by the Spirit, Called to Action



Confirmation enriches the baptized with the strength of the Holy Spirit so that they can better witness to Christ in word and deed (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* [CCC], no. 1285). Anointed by the Holy Spirit at Confirmation, Christians strengthen their bond with the Church and become better equipped to carry out the Church's mission of love and service.

At Confirmation, our faith and membership in the Body of Christ is confirmed, or strengthened.

In the Rite of Baptism, we become new members of the Body of Christ, but our journey does not end there. The decision to be baptized is followed by continued growth, learning, and witness as members of the Body of Christ. Our desire to continue to grow and develop as Christians finds expression in Confirmation, when we renew our baptismal promises and receive in a new way the gift of the Holy Spirit, which strengthens our "bond" with the Church and its members (CCC, no. 1316, and Pope John Paul II, *Redemptoris Missio* [*On the Permanent Validity of the Church's Missionary Mandate*], no. 26).

Confirmation connects us to a larger community.

The relationship of the bishop (who presides over the Rite of Confirmation) with the church community in a given area reminds us of our connection to the larger community of the Church, which is global. Thus, Confirmation reminds us that we belong to the Universal Church and to a local parish community (CCC, no. 1309). The sacred Chrism oil used during Confirmation points to the community's sharing of the Spirit, since the same oil is used during Baptism and to anoint bishops and priests during the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Oil for the Anointing of the Sick is also consecrated during Holy Week. The symbol of oil reminds us of the action of the Holy Spirit upon us as members in the Church family.

At Confirmation, we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

In the Gospels, the same Spirit that descended on Jesus during Baptism descends on the Apostles at Pentecost (CCC, nos. 1285 - 1287). The readings and homily we hear at Confirmation remind us that this same Spirit is present to us today. At Confirmation, we receive diverse spiritual gifts that work together for the "common good" and "the building up of the Church, to the well-being of humanity and to the needs of the world" (Pope John Paul II, *Christifideles Laici* [*The Vocation and the Mission of the Lay Faithful in the Church and in the World*], no. 24). At Confirmation, we pray for an increase of the gifts of the Spirit in our own lives in order to serve the cause of justice and peace in Church and world.

The Spirit moves us to imitate the love and service of Christ and the saints.

In preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, we often perform many hours of service to help those in need. In doing so, we practice love and service in imitation of the saints whose names we often take at Confirmation. Anointed at Confirmation, we are further strengthened to live lives that give off "the aroma of Christ" as did the holy saints (CCC, no. 1294). The sacred Chrism is mixed with fragrant spices precisely to symbolize this "aroma."

The Holy Spirit pours love into our hearts so that we can become "instruments of grace" in order to "pour forth God's charity and to weave networks of charity" in the world (Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate*

[*Charity in Truth*], no. 5). The Holy Spirit “harmonizes” our hearts with Christ’s heart and moves us to love others as Christ loved when he washed the disciples’ feet and gave his life for us (Pope Benedict XVI, *Deus Caritas Est* [*God Is Love*], no. 19).

At Confirmation, we recommit to participate in the Church’s work and mission.

Sealing with the gift of the Spirit at Confirmation strengthens us for ongoing service in the Body of Christ in the Church and in the world. It prepares us to be active participants in the Church’s mission and to “bear witness to the Christian faith in words accompanied by deeds” (CCC, no. 1316). Finally, the Spirit sends us as workers in the vineyard and instruments of the Holy Spirit in renewing the earth and promoting God’s Kingdom of justice and peace.

Thus, Confirmation is not only an *anointing*, but also a *commissioning* to live out our faith *in the world*. We are already called to mission by virtue of our Baptism, but at Confirmation we are endowed with gifts of the Spirit (like the Apostles in Acts 2) to be “ever greater witness[es] to the Gospel in the world” (Pope Benedict XVI, *Sacramentum Caritatis* [*Sacrament of Charity*], no. 17). As disciples and witnesses to Christ in both Church and world (CCC, no. 1319), we are sent out

behalf of the poor and vulnerable, promoting the life and dignity of every human person.

The Holy Spirit inspires us to Gospel action that includes human development and work to end injustice.

The Holy Spirit inspires the work of evangelization, which includes work not only for all peoples’ spiritual well-being, but also the evangelization of systems and cultures (Pope John Paul II, *Redemptoris Missio*, nos. 42, 65). The Church’s missionary activity includes a “commitment to peace, development and the liberation of peoples; the rights of individuals and peoples, especially those of minorities; the advancement of women and children; safeguarding the created world,” and many other areas of action in the world (*Redemptoris Missio*, no. 37).

In addition, action inspired by the Holy Spirit calls us to “bear witness to Christ by taking courageous and prophetic stands in the face of the corruption of political or economic power.” The Spirit also “overcomes barriers and divisions of race, caste, or ideology” and makes the Christian-on-mission into “a sign of God’s love in the world—a love without exclusion or partiality” (*Redemptoris Missio*, nos. 43, 89).

Confirmation calls us to share Christ’s mission to promote life and dignity.

The baptized, anointed by the Holy Spirit, are incorporated into Christ, who is priest, prophet, and king, and called to share in his mission (CCC, no. 1241). We share Christ’s priestly mission by giving of ourselves daily in union with Christ’s supreme sacrifice on the Cross. As prophets, we announce the Kingdom of God in both word and deed and we witness to the Gospel in family, social life, and community, and in our commitment to human life and dignity. We share the kingly mission by seeking God’s Kingdom of justice in the world. We do this when we overcome the kingdom of sin, give of ourselves, recognize Jesus in “the least of these” (cf. Mt 25:40), and work for justice and peace.

All those anointed by the Spirit at Baptism and Confirmation share Christ’s mission in Luke 4:18-19: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, / because he has anointed me / to bring glad tidings to the poor. / He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives / and recovery of sight to the blind, / to let the oppressed go free, / and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord” (see also *Christifideles Laici*, nos. 13-14).

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Membership in the community. What does it mean to be part of the Body of Christ?

Gifts of the Spirit. What gifts have you been given? How are you called to use those gifts to benefit others?

Listening to God’s call. Who are you called to be? What are you called to do with your life?

Mission in the world. What is the mission of the Church? What is your role in carrying it out? To what are you *commissioned*?

The witness of the saints. How do the lives of the saints inspire you to “give off the aroma of Christ”?

Learn about the other sacraments! Visit “Resources and Tools” at www.usccb.org/jphd.