



# The Crown

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## Parishioners Train with “Heart”

With folding banquet tables and fluorescent lights, the room looked like it could host any social event. On two nights in February, however, parishioners gathered in the Med Tech Ambulance Service classroom in Pawtucket for a serious purpose: to learn to save lives. Over three dozen persons including Fr. Dan and Fr. Morse received training in American Heart Association CPR and the use of AED (automated external defibrillators). Joe Laurent, an EMT and the principal instructor, offered detailed information on responding to emergencies involving children and adults and took questions over the course of three hours. As the parishioners took turns kneeling in front of mannequins, throwing their weight into rapid chest compressions and practicing with actual AEDs—placing pads, listening for prompts and staying clear—it helped to know that a few “angels” were looking over them, including Gary Reis, who donated the space, and the families who donated the AEDs for the church and parish center. As a parish that welcomes its members and the wider community to our Masses and events, we are grateful to be more prepared for any emergency.

## *Welcoming and Joyful Ministries*

Here at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, it’s not just individuals who look out for one another: Ministry groups do so as well. For example, at a meeting of the Welcome Committee in late March, the members made plans to join the Events Team for the upcoming “Italian Night” dinner on April 29—no small event to hold, with its hearty meal, music, and raffles. The “upside” of such camaraderie involves seeing a familiar face wherever you go, but the risk is in giving the wrong impression—that any new volunteers are less than welcome. Nothing could be further from the truth! We invite you to contact the Events Team or another parish group that appeals to you and see for yourself. We need your help and we look forward to meeting you!



Update on our March story: The Parish Life Center kitchen is beautifully clean and functional. Thank you to our supporters. Donations are still being accepted toward the appliances. Please contact Fr. Dan at [RevDLacroix@aol.com](mailto:RevDLacroix@aol.com).