

MASS INTENTIONS –2018

SATURDAY, MARCH 24 (PALM SUNDAY)

4:00pm **Phanessa Fisher– 16th Anniversary**
by family

SUNDAY, MARCH 25 (PALM SUNDAY)

7:30am **Marcelle Windward**
by Gallivan and Busa families

10:00am **Carolyn Killelea & Kathy Shablin**
by family

MONDAY, MARCH 26

9:00am **Communion Service & Quiet Time**

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

9:00am **Daily Mass**
Paul Kroll by Anne Gemme

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

NO DAILY MASS

THURSDAY, MARCH 29 (THE LORD’S SUPPER)

7:00pm **Holy Thursday**
Irene Carew by Joe Carew

FRIDAY, MARCH 30 (PASSION OF THE LORD)

7:00pm **Good Friday**

SATURDAY, MARCH 31 (EASTER VIGIL)

7:00pm **Jack Allen & David Devine**
by family

SUNDAY, APRIL 1 (EASTER)

7:30am **Catherine McNamara**
by Catalano/Smith family

10:00am **Phyllis Kristoff - 7th Anniversary**
by family



ST. RICHARD SCHOLARSHIP FORMS FOR 2018 GRADUATING SENIORS ARE AVAILABLE

If you are a graduating senior this year, forms are now available at the rectory office for the St. Richard Scholarship. Application must be returned by the deadline date of May 1, 2018.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

CCD Assigned Classes.....9:30 am-10:45am

SUNDAY, MARCH 25 (Palm Sunday)

Sister Village Coffee.....7:30am-9:30am

PreK-K Assigned Classes.....9:50am-11:00am

CCD Gr.9.....10:00am Mass-Noon

Mission Trip Meeting.....9:00am

MONDAY, MARCH 26

Food Pantry.....10:00am-Noon

CCD Assigned Classes.....4:30-5:45pm
6:00-7:15pm

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

CCD Assigned Classes.....4:30-5:45pm
6:00-7:15pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

Food Pantry.....10:00am-Noon

Holy Thursday (The Lord’s Supper).....7:00pm

Nar-Anon.....7:15pm

AA Meeting.....8:00pm

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

Good Friday (Passion of the Lord).....7:00pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

No CCD Assigned Classes

Blessing of Easter Baskets.....Noon

Easter Vigil.....7:00pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 1 (EASTER)

No Sister Village Coffee

No PreK-K or Gr. 9 Assigned Classes

PALM SUNDAY

“Pilate again said to them, ‘Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?’ And they cried out again, ‘Crucify him.’” (MARK 15:12-13)

Jesus told us “whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me.” Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Pray for the strength and courage to stand up for those in need of our help.

Dear Parishioners,
The use of palms is very important, as it reminds us of the close connection between joy and sorrow. Just days after Palm Sunday, the crowds turned on Jesus with hatred.

The lesson is that when we reach out our arms to embrace love, we do so with the certain knowledge that to love is to risk great loss and suffering.

This is a lesson our youth MUST be taught in order to thrive in this world. So, we will distribute palm branches as usual at Mass for everyone. But for each CCD student, we have prepared individual small crosses made of palms. Blessings to all. Father S.



FAMILY OUTING SPONSORED BY ST. RICHARD YOUTH MINISTRY AT WORCESTER RAILERS

St. Richard's Youth Ministry will be sponsoring a family outing at the Worcester Railers on Sunday, April 8th at 3:05 pm. The event is at the DCU Center in Worcester. All students and families are welcome. Tickets are \$18 per person and children under 2 years old are free. This price includes: game ticket, hat, and a group picture on the ice! To reserve your spot, contact: Susan Gallivan at 978-422-8881 before March 17th.

PARTNERS IN CHARITY DRIVE

Dear Parishioners,
Many thanks to those who have sent in their contribution to this annual drive. To date, we have received over 100 gifts. As I open them, I am humbled by your generosity! We are about half way to our goal of \$41,300. The levels of giving have increased and that will help us to achieve the goal. Today, I have put envelopes in the pews of the church for any who do not have one. We would like to complete this drive by Easter, since we see it as our parish "Lenten Almsgiving". Again thank you!

Father Steuterman



CCD NEWS AND INFORMATION

Director of Religious Education – Susan Gallivan
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- **Tickets available for Railers Game: \$18 per person, contact Mrs. Gallivan**
- **March 25: Mission Trip Meeting @ 9:00am**

CRADLES TO CRAYONS

One of our CCD students, Emma Croce, is doing a service project for **Cradles to Crayons**, a non-profit organization that collects clothing for young children. If you wish to donate to this worthy project, boxes will be at the side doors of the church from March 27th through April 7th.

LENTEN CONCERT

On Tuesday, March 27th at 7:00pm, the St. Anthony & Friends Choir will present a Lenten Concert of music centering on Holy Week. The choir is comprised of parishioners from St. Anthony, St. Richard and St. Anna parishes and is directed by Judy Allardice. Please consider supporting your fellow parishioners by attending this free concert held at St. Anthony Church, 84 Salem St., Fitchburg, MA.

WOMEN'S DAY RETREAT...WHERE WOMEN SAVOR TIME WITH GOD

In response to requests from our Parishioners, we are proud to be holding our first Women's Day Retreat in the Church Hall on Sunday, April 29th from 11:00am -5:00pm. All women are welcome, regardless of their religious denomination! The Registration Fee is \$40 which includes materials and lunch. Registration Forms can be found at all Church Entrances. Space is limited! Make sure to get your Registration Form and payment to the Church office by April 15th to reserve your spot. For more info email Cheryl Roy at:



cherylroy@me.com or phone 978-422-6026.



PALM SUNDAY

Loving God, I turn my gaze to heaven and beg you to deepen my longing for that everlasting communion with you and all of your creation.

Deepen my distaste for every impediment, every selfishness, and whatever may stand in my way.

Strengthen me in all the virtues that I may clearly see the good and do it quickly, that I may thereby avoid anything that stands between you and me.

Grant me knowledge of the true happiness to which you call me, and help me to pursue it with all my strength in great patience and courage.

By faith, hope, and love, draw me to yourself, oh Lover of my soul!

AMEN

HOLY WEEK AT ST. RICHARD

- **HOLY THURSDAY (March 29) – 7:00pm (The Lord’s Supper)**
- **GOOD FRIDAY (March 30) – 7:00pm (The Passion of the Lord)**
- **HOLY SATURDAY (March 31) – Blessing of Easter Baskets at Noon
Easter Vigil – 7:00pm**
- **EASTER MASS (April 1) – 7:30am & 10:00am**