

SAINT ANNE PARISH

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Parish Contact Information

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Finance Committee

Rich Flathers ~ Chair

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Second Sunday of Lent, C March 13, 2022

***"I am the Lord who brought
you from Ur of the Chaldeans
to give you this land as a
possession."***

(Genesis 15:7)

Just as the Lord gave
Abraham, Moses and the
Israelites a land to possess, He
has also given each of us a
home.

Whether your home is grand or
humble, it is a gift from God.

Abraham prepared a great
sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude
for the home God gave him.

How do you show your
gratitude to God for the home
He has given you?

Do you make a sacrifice of any
kind? Do you return any of
your finances to God, investing
equally in your eternal home
just as you invest in your
earthly home?

Lord's Day Mass Schedule:

Saturday ~ 5:00 pm

Sunday ~ 8:30 am, 10:30 am and
5:30 pm.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will
resume in the early spring.

Daily Mass Schedule:

Week Day Mass

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 am

First Fridays: 9:00 am

Healing Mass:

First Wednesday of every month at
7:00 p.m.

Confessions:

Saturday ~ 4:15 pm,

First Wednesday of each month ~

6:30 - 7:00 p.m.,

or anytime on request

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesdays: 9:30 am to 6:00 pm

Sacrament of Baptism

Call the Parish Office to schedule a
Baptism. For the time being,
baptisms will be celebrated
outside of Masses, rather than
during a scheduled Mass.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements with a priest required
at least one year prior to the
wedding date.

Visitation of the Sick

Fr. Albert is pleased to bring Holy
Communion to parishioners who
are unable to join us for weekly
worship. Call the Parish Office to
arrange a time.

We welcome all visitors to St. Anne Parish.
If you would like to join our faith
community, please call the Parish Office to
register: 508-485-0141

*Would you like to receive a copy of the
bulletin via email every week?*

Please send an email to:

*stanne403@stannesouthborough.org with "St.
Anne Bulletin List" in the subject line.*

ST. ANNE PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of St. Anne Parish, Southborough, in the Diocese of Worcester are called through Baptism to become one faith family. We commit ourselves to embody the presence of Christ in Word and Sacrament; by using our ministries to welcome all who are seeking Jesus and to share in the life and work of our Catholic faith. In the spirit and truth of the Holy Trinity, we will use our time, talents and treasure to answer God's command to love one another as He has loved us, in holy worship, prayer, Catechetical formation for all, evangelization and service to others.

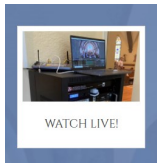
PARISH MASS INFORMATION AND MINISTRIES

St. Anne Parish Livestreamed Daily and Weekend Masses

Livestreamed St. Anne Masses (subject to change):

ALL St. Anne Mass offerings will now be livestreamed:
5:00 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, and 9:00 a.m. daily Masses through website!

- Go to parish webpage:
www.stannesouthborough.org.
- Scroll down and click on "Watch Live!" box.
- Scroll down to "eCatholic Live" box.
- Click on the arrow in the middle of the logo at 5:00 p.m. for Saturday evening Mass, 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. or 5:30 p.m. for Sunday Mass, and 9:00 a.m. for daily Masses Monday through Thursday.



Liturgical Minister Schedule

To be trained, please call the Parish Office

March 12 & 13 - Second Sunday of Lent, C

Sat 5:00 pm	Lector	Laura Schroeder
	Communion Ministers	Debbie Simon
Sun 8:30 am	Lector	Nancy Denardo
	Communion Ministers	Elaine Yetman
Sun 10:30 am	Lector	Jim Garden
	Communion Ministers	Steve Buttiglieri
Sun 5:30 pm	Lector	Need
	Communion Ministers	Need
	Collection Counting	M. Raymond/Need

March 19 & 20 - Third Sunday of Lent, C

Sat 5:00 pm	Lector	Debbie Simon
	Communion Ministers	Laura Schroeder
Sun 8:30 am	Lector	Ellen Kluge
	Communion Ministers	Nancy Denardo
Sun 10:30 am	Lector	Jim Garden
	Communion Ministers	Pat Draper
Sun 5:30 pm	Lector	RE Students
	Communion Ministers	RE Students
	Collection Counting	P. Draper/J. Flathers



An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Part-Time Bookkeeper Position Available

Saint Anne is looking to hire a part time Bookkeeper to perform normal accounting functions including payroll and tax reporting.

The individual should be very familiar with "QuickBooks" and its interaction with other software packages. Additional duties are ordering supplies for the church and office production.

Days are flexible for reporting to work but would be the same for every week.



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

with MASS INTENTIONS (March 12 to March 20)

To request a Mass Intention, stop in Parish Office or call 508-485-0141.

SATURDAY 12	5:00 pm	For Fr. Robert E. Gariepy, priest of Worcester Diocese
SUNDAY 13	8:30 am	For all high school seniors waiting to hear from colleges by Marybeth Philbin-Hannigan
	10:30 am	For Michael Philbin Pelland by Marybeth Philbin-Hannigan
	5:30 pm	For Johnny Hannigan (Healing) by Marybeth Philbin-Hannigan
MONDAY 14	9:00 am	For Carol Bailey by Mr. and Mrs. James Donahue
TUESDAY 15	9:00 am	For Bill Yetman by Elaine Yetman
WEDNESDAY 16	9:00 am	For Deacon John Barton, priest of Worcester Diocese
THURSDAY 17	9:00 am	For Mary White by Elaine Yetman
FRIDAY 18	9:00 am	For Pat Moran by St. Anne parishioners
SATURDAY 19	5:00 pm	For Carol Bailey's family (Healing) by Debbie Simon
SUNDAY 20	8:30 am	For students of all ages who have suffered during the pandemic by Marybeth Philbin-Hannigan
	10:30 am	For Theresa St. Maurice (3 rd Anniversary) by Cecelia Lynch
	5:30 pm	For Deacon John Barton by clergy of Worcester Diocese

Preventing Child Abuse is Everyone's Responsibility

It is every adult's moral responsibility to protect possible victims (any age) by reporting suspected abuse or neglect to the responsible authorities. For help you may call: The Office for Healing and Prevention, Diocese of Worcester, at 508-929-4363. The Diocese of Worcester requires Safe Environment training for all staff and volunteers.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND STEWARDSHIP

MARCH RE CLASSES

Grade 1-2, 2+ (FC Prep), 3-4, 5

- Sunday, March 6 & 20
- 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
- Grades 1-2, 3-4, 5 in Parish Hall, Grade 2+ in Rectory



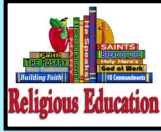
Rachelle Carmony
DRE

Grade 6, 7-8

- Sunday, March 6 & 20
- 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. (includes 5:30 Mass)
- Classes in Parish Hall

Grades 9-10 (Confirmation Prep)

- Sunday, March 6 & 20
- 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. (includes 5:30 Mass)
- Class in Parish Hall



Lenten Gourmet Pretzel Fundraiser

St. Anne youth will be selling gourmet pretzel gift packages to support community *Works of Mercy* charity projects.

To learn more, please contact: worksofmercyclub@gmail.com.

Faith Formation Parent Bible Study

Beginning Sunday, March 13

Open to parents during the children's classes:



- * Either during the morning classes: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
- * Or during the afternoon classes: 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

To sign-up, or to learn more, please contact Faith Formation Office: rachelle@stannesouthborough.org

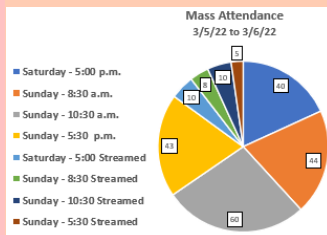
Confirmation Mass

Please pray for the Confirmandi of St. Anne Parish who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Sunday, March 27** at St. Paul Cathedral in Worcester.



Mass Attendance

3/6/2022



Saturday - 5:00 p.m.	40
Sunday - 8:30 a.m.	44
Sunday - 10:30 a.m.	60
Sunday - 5:30 p.m.	43
Saturday - 5:00 Streamed	10
Sunday - 8:30 Streamed	8
Sunday - 10:30 Streamed	10
Sunday - 5:30 Streamed	5
Total	220

Capital Campaign Update

Phase One



Total Goal:	\$2,000,000.00
Total Pledges to Date:	\$1,925,372.00
Payments Received to Date:	\$ 643,192.00
Number of Families Pledging:	145 families (32%)

Thank you again for your ongoing support!

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORTS FOR through March 6, 2022

Regular Weekly Offering:	\$3,108.00
Capital Improvement:	\$ 593.00
Catholic Relief:	\$ 115.00
Easter Flowers:	\$ 80.00
Catholic Free Press:	\$ 39.00
Our Father's Table:	\$ 40.00
Prayer Shawl Ministry:	\$ 50.00
Ash Wednesday/Retired Priests:	\$2,843.00
Blue Pay: Regular thru 3/6:	\$ 625.00
WeShare: Regular thru 3/6:	\$1,108.00
Capital Improvement thru 3/6:	\$ 175.00
Latin America thru 3/6:	\$ 10.00

Online Giving: WeShare allows both onetime gifts, as well as regular, scheduled donations. Please visit our Parish website www.stannesouthborough.org for the link to WeShare.com or call 1-800-950-9952 and use option 1 to answer any questions.

St. Anne's Website: We have an **additional resource for online giving and online CE registration.** St. Anne Parish partners with **eCatholic and BluePay** for easy on-line giving. Our one-step on-line form allows both one-time gifts, as well as regular, scheduled donations. Please visit our Parish website www.stannesouthborough.org and select the Quick Link to the BluePay On-Line Giving page.

Thank you for your continued and generous parish support!



Synod, Evangelization, and Eucharistic Renewal Questionnaire

We as a parish have been praying during the "prayers of the faithful" for the past few months about the synod.

In October of 2023, Pope Francis will convene in Rome the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops to examine the topic: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission."

The Holy Father has asked every diocese in the world to provide input for that synod. We have formulated a questionnaire and placed it on our website.

Please feel free to submit your answers. Your support is appreciated. Click [here](https://stannesouthborough.org) or go to the parish website: <https://stannesouthborough.org>

We will also print out hardcopies and place them in the foyer of the church. Please take one and fill it out at your convenience.



Knights of Columbus Scholarship

Three (3) Scholarships will be awarded by the Knights of Columbus, Council #119 Scholarship Committee based upon essay submission and completed application.

Applications are available in the parish website bulletin.



PARISH INFORMATION AND EVENTS



Our Father's Table - March Meal

St. Anne parishioners will be providing ready-to-go meals to patrons of Our Father's Table on **Thursday, March 24**.

To sponsor a meal, provide a dessert, or volunteer to distribute meals, click [here](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4BA4AA23A7FA7-ourfathers) or go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4BA4AA23A7FA7-ourfathers>.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Sr. Yvette, Seminarian Alex Quach, Fr. Thirburse F. Millot, Tom Livingstone, Bob Seariac, Pat Fitzgerald, Annie Lonzoria, Janet Mattioli, Jane & Miles Gray, Zara Daniel, Julie Flanders, Fr. Ed, Mrs. Wallace (*Holly Spicer's Mom*), Reverend Deogratis Rwegassima, Colby Morgan, Jeannine Godbout, Sr. Ann Regan, Thomas Chemmanur, Tim and Diane Higgins, Eamon Connaughton, Trudy DiBello, Dave Lemoine, Declan O'Conner, Frances Robertson, Elizabeth MacKenzie, Jason MacKenzie, Kelley, Brandon, and Nia Houston, Bill Phalon, Anne Meek, Marie Martin, those who tested positive for Covid especially friends and family members

United Parishes of Southborough Food Pantry

c/o Pilgrim Church
P.O. Box 281, 15 Common Street
Southborough, MA 01772

southboroughfoodpantry@gmail.com

508-485-4847

Thank you so very much for your support of the Southborough Food Pantry. You make it possible for us to help our clients.

Drinks

- Cranberry juice
- Coffee (*regular, unflavored*)

Food Items

- Corn beef hash
- Brownie mix

Donations may be left in the foyer of St. Anne Parish Hall. As most food items are date sensitive, please be sure that your donation is not out of date.

If you know of anyone who could benefit from the Food Pantry, please encourage them to contact the Food Pantry.

Pantry hours (located at Pilgrim Church) for CLIENTS are Thursdays from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. and Fridays from 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Pat Draper, St. Anne Coordinator



Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting

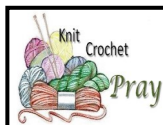
Prayer shawl members meet Mondays from 10:00 to noon **in the Parish Hall** to knit/crochet for anyone who is ill or suffering who might welcome a blessed prayer shawl.

Do you or someone you know need a prayer shawl? Stop by the Parish Office anytime during office hours.

Free will donations collected for shawls are sent to our sister parish in Haiti to aid their rebuilding.

The Rosary portion of the Prayer Shawl Monday meetings is live streamed via the parish website starting at 10:30 a.m.

Password: shawls



Choir Rehearsals

Choir rehearsals run every Sunday after the 8:30 Mass, through to and including Palm Sunday (April 10). As always, all are welcome.

Fasting and Abstinence

March 2 to April 15

Lenten fast and abstinence regulations for the Diocese of Worcester are as follows:



- Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen (14) years of age and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.
- Fasting is to be observed by all Catholics who are eighteen (18) years of age but not yet fifty- nine (59) years of age on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed Lenten penitential practices.

Lenten Season 2022

- Friday weekday Mass throughout the Lenten season
- Confessions on every Sunday between 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Confessions on every Wednesday between 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. throughout Lent
- Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays during Lent at 12 noon - *No soup following*
- Stations of the Cross on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. soon after the Benediction at 6:55pm

Lenten Meditation Every Sunday during Lent

Lenten Meditation will be conducted by Three Hearts Apostolate in the Parish Hall after the 10:30 a.m. Mass during Lent.



Soup will be provided followed by a short video and discussion.

All are welcome!

Communal Penance Service

There will be a communal penance service on **Tuesday, April 5** at 7:00 p.m. Three priests will be in attendance to listen to confessions.

Everyone is welcome.



No St. Patrick's Dinner This Year

For the third year, there will be no St. Patrick's Dinner at St. Anne Church. Please pray that this entertaining parish-wide dinner of celebration will return in March 2023.



DIOCESAN OPPORTUNITIES, NEWS, AND EVENTS

Diocesan YOUTH Events



Save the Date – Diocesan Youth Rally

Save the date for the Diocesan Middle School Youth Rally!

The Middle School Rally will take place on **Sunday, March 20, 2022** from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. at North American Martyrs in Auburn.

Information at neworchester.org.



Diocesan Youth Retreat

All high school youth and current eighth graders are invited to sign up for the Diocesan Youth Retreat on **Friday, May 20 - Sunday, May 22** at Anna Maria College!

The theme for the retreat is *Verso L'Alto* (Into the Heights). This theme is based on the motto of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. The retreat will aim to capture this motto as we journey into the heights through fun & games, music, guest speakers, breakout sessions, and ultimately into the spiritual heights through an encounter with Jesus in the Sacraments.

The weekend will include experiences of Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, and Mass!

Cost is \$75 if registered before Friday, April 1st. After April 1 the cost is \$100. Final deadline to register is **Wednesday, April 27**.

To sign up or to get more information, go to neworchester.org/diocesan-youth-retreat.

Diocesan Pro-Life Events



Mass for Life at Cathedral St. Paul Cathedral, Worcester

The annual Mass for Life will be celebrated by Bishop Robert J. McManus on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, **Friday, March 25 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Cathedral of St. Paul.

All are invited to join students from our Catholic schools who will be our special guests. The Diocese of Worcester's annual Pro-Life Awards will also be presented at this Mass. All are welcome to attend!

Pope Francis' Intention for March 2022

A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO BIOETHICAL CHALLENGES:

We pray for Christians facing bioethical challenges, may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for 2022	
JANUARY	True Human Fraternity
FEBRUARY	Religious Sisters and Consecrated Women
MARCH	A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges
APRIL	Health Care Workers
MAY	Faith-filled Young People
JUNE	Families
JULY	The Elderly
AUGUST	Small Businesses
SEPTEMBER	The Abolition of the Death Penalty
OCTOBER	A Church Open to Everyone
NOVEMBER	Children who Suffer
DECEMBER	Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations

Diocesan Support Groups

"At the Foot of the Cross" Bereavement Ministry Our Lady of Loreto Parish, Worcester

If you are grieving the loss of someone by death, you are cordially invited to join us for sharing, prayer and mutual support. We meet the last Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Loreto Parish Center, 37 Massasoit Road, Worcester.

The next meeting is **March 24**.



Alzheimer's Support Group St. Denis Church, Douglas

The Alzheimer's Support Group sponsored by the Alzheimer's Support Network of South Central MA will meet the second Monday of the month at St. Denis Church in Douglas, at 23 Manchaug Street.

Meetings will resume in April. The next meeting will be **April 11, 2022**.



Caregivers and family members cannot only obtain information about Alzheimer's Disease, but also to learn many techniques in caring for a person with dementia at all stages.

New caregivers can learn from experienced caregivers and support group leaders, so they leave each meeting feeling more supported.

Diocesan Youth Sports

Diocesan Youth Summer Volleyball League

Team registration is now open for the 2022 summer youth volleyball league!

The league is open to youth currently in grades 7-12.

The season will run from mid-June until mid-August.

All parishes within the Diocese of Worcester are welcome to sign up a team.

Deadline to register is May 20. To register a team or to get more information, go to www.neworchester.org/volleyball or contact Tim Messenger at tmessenger@worcederdiocese.org.



Diocesan Fundraising Events

Irish Dinner

St. Bernard's Church, Worcester

Annual Irish Dinner at St. Bernard Church will be held **Sunday, March 13** at 2:00 p.m. in the gym, 1 Harlow St, gym entrance.



Dinner at \$12/adults and \$6/children 3-10 is a choice of corned beef, chicken or chicken nuggets with French fries. Desserts are welcome.

For tickets visit olpworchester.org/irish-dinner.

DIOCESAN OPPORTUNITIES, NEWS, AND EVENTS

Diocesan Stewardship Events

Environmental Stewardship Virtual Workshop

God's Plan(et); Heal our Common Home and Respond to the Cry of the Poor, Saturday, March 12 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., a virtual workshop sponsored by the Archdiocese of Boston Social Justice Ministry, the Diocese of Worcester Environmental Stewardship Ministry, and the Boston Catholic Climate Movement.

Learn actions we can take to combat climate change and to promote environmental justice. Join us to hear how Catholics are taking steps to build the Vatican's **'Laudato Si' Action Platform'** globally and right here in Massachusetts.



You can help provide a safe and thriving world for future generations of all species.

For details/to register: <https://tinyurl.com/Home-3-12-22>

2022 Lenten Care of Creation Calendar - Environmental Stewardship Ministry

In his encyclical *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis reminds us that human life is grounded in three fundamental relationships - with God, with our neighbor, and with the earth itself. (LS66)

This Lent let us strengthen, repair, and restore these relationships through prayer, increased awareness of the plight of the poor, and active response to the cry of the earth itself. The Environmental Stewardship Ministry is pleased to offer this calendar of facts and actions as a family program to engage everyone in thoughtful discussion.

Please visit:

<https://environment.worcesterdiocese.org/2022-lenten-care-for-creation-calendar>

Diocesan YOUNG ADULT Events

World Youth Day 2023

All young adults are invited to join the Diocese of Worcester for World Youth Day in Lisbon Portugal in the summer of 2023!



The trip is open to **young adults ages 18+ (at the time of the trip in 2023)**. Youth ages 16 and 17 (at the time of the trip in 2023) are welcome, but must attend with a parent.

Our Diocesan trip will run from **Thursday, July 28 - Sunday, August 7, 2023** (optional 2-day extension available) and will include the World Youth Day festivities as well as a trip to Fatima and a couple free days to explore Lisbon!

For all the details and to sign up, go to neworchester.org/world-youth-day-2023.



2022 LENTEN CARE FOR CREATION CALENDAR

In his encyclical *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis reminds us that human life is grounded in three fundamental relationships: with God, with our neighbor, and with the earth itself. (LS 66) This Lent let us strengthen, repair, and restore these relationships through prayer, increased awareness of the plight of the poor, and active response to the cry of the earth itself. Outlined below are weekly themes to be followed until Easter. The Mass readings for each Sunday are listed, along with stewardship action items for each week. These can be done by families, school groups, religious education classes or individuals. If you miss a week, it's okay! Just pick up where you left off. Every act of goodness counts and together we can make a big difference!

Date	Weekly Theme	Theme Illustration	Did you Know?
Ash Wednesday March 3, 2022 Ps 51:3-12 Lk 13:3-9 Pr 5:8 Mt 6:1-4, 16-18	Response to the Cry of the Poor		*As of January 2020, the state of MA was listed as 4th overall in the US with 17,975 people experiencing homelessness on any given day. (1) *Monday, nearly 1 in 4 children in Massachusetts, live in poverty without basic necessities like clothing. (2) Donating gently used items to Aid4U, Catholic Charities, Salvation Army, Goodwill or Habitat for Humanity. *Many Salvation Army stores offer monthly supplies of clothing. Repurpose those items with donations to keep this going. *In Massachusetts, 564,700 people are facing hunger, and of them, 120,250 are children (3). Volunteer to make a difference in those lives.
1st Sunday of Lent March 6, 2022 Ps 25:1-12, 17-18 Mt 26:40 Pr 11:1-2, 10-15 Rom 8:18-23 Lk 4:1-13	Response to the Cry of the Earth		*Approximately 2,200 plants have been documented in MA, and about 725 of them are non-natives that are considered established. (4) *Collecting water that would otherwise be wasted from barrels, pre-heated shower water, water boiled for cooking and using it to water potted plants, lawns, gardens, or vegetable beds will conserve water. *Composting can create richer soils, while also reducing methane emissions of landfills, and the need for fertilizers, thereby leaving a smaller carbon footprint. Give the new models back to the soil and to God. *Native planting requires less water and no fertilizers, helps reduce pollution and restore natural habitats.
2nd Sunday of Lent March 13, 2022 Gen 15:1-2, 17-18 Ps 27:1, 9, 13-14 Pr 3:17-18 Mt 4:1-11 Lk 9:28b-36	Ecological Spirituality		*There are 12 States and Holy Places in the state of Massachusetts, and countless more outdoor spaces of the cross and rosary gardens. *Prayerful walks in the woods and on farms will allow one to recognize how humans fit with the Earth. The interconnectedness between the two. *People who are in nursing homes, long-term care facilities or retirement are often very lonely. Visiting them, their spirits and bring the light of Christ into their lives. *Reaching out to those who are no longer active members of our Church would be instrumental in formation for both ourselves and those we seek to evangelize.
3rd Sunday of Lent March 20, 2022 Ps 118:1-2, 10-15 Pr 10:1-4, 6-11 1 Cor 15:1-8 Mt 4:17 Lk 13:1-9	Adoption of Sustainable Lifestyles		*Humans consume about 5 grams of plastic a week, which is the equivalent of a credit card. (5) *Organic wastes, such as food and yard waste, make up 25-30% of what people throw away (6). Composting can cut down on your overall trash as well as reduce your carbon footprint. *Choosing reusable items, supporting B Corporation & Certified Fair Trade companies, as well as taking and valuing for shorter trips help us live sustainable lifestyles. *80% of all plastic produced is for single-use purposes - used for minutes and then thrown away. (7) Avoid single-use items such as plastic bags and straws.
4th Sunday of Lent March 27, 2022 Jas 5:9, 10-12 Ps 34:2-5, 8-9, 17-20 2 Cor 13:1-4 Lk 13:1-9	Ecological Economics		*Roughly 250 Catholic institutions have committed to end investments in coal, oil and gas industries. (8) *Work is more than a way to make a living. It is a form of continuing participation in God's creation. To protect the dignity of work, we must support decent and fair wages, as well as equal opportunity employees. *Global countries and those related to the fishing industry are significantly affected by climate change, but do not have the economic resources to rebuild. *Globally, 82 million people have been forced from their homes by conflict and persecution - and 4 in 5 of them from countries on the frontline of the climate emergency. (9) By supporting parish fundraising we support our brothers and sisters.
5th Sunday of Lent April 3, 2022 Lk 13:1-9 Ps 136:1-2 Pr 3:9-14 2 Cor 13:1-4 Lk 13:1-9	Ecological Education		*If we are to meet the goal of Net Zero by 2050, we have 28 years to get rid of all gas powered automobiles, oil/gas furnaces, and to switch to carbon free electricity. *Prices of oil prices put back sharply. It seems likely that the national average gas price will hit \$4.00 per gallon at some point this year, a level not seen since 2008. (10) *Participating in Earth Day cleanup enhances the neighborhood quality of life by making the healthier, less stressful and more pleasant. (11) *Habitat loss poses the greatest threat to species. The world's habitats continue to disappear as they are harvested for human consumption. (12) Learning more about the causes of habitat depletion and what can be done to prevent this loss will help preserve our planet.
Palm Sunday April 10, 2022 Lk 22:1-7 Ps 22:8-9, 17-22, 23-24 Pr 24:1-11 Lk 22:1-7	Community Resilience and Empowerment		*In the Nov. 3, 2020 election, 3,657,972 ballots were cast in the election, equalling 76 percent of registered voters in MA and shattering the previous turnout record set in 2016. (13) *As Catholics we are called to consider Catholic Social Teaching which guides us to be advocates for a variety of issues related to dignity of life and human rights. *Environmental advocacy means being honest and responsible for your actions, sharing important information with the general public in a way that they can understand, and above all else, it means stewardship and speaking up for those who cannot speak up for themselves. (14)
Easter April 17, 2022 Acts 10:34-43 Ps 118:1-2, 17-22, 23-24 Col 3:1-4 1 Cor 15:20-28 Jn 20:1-9	"May our struggles and our concern for this planet never take away the joy of our hope." LS 244		*MA Department of Environmental Restoration has completed over 100 projects, restoring acres of tidal wetlands and miles of rivers and freshwater habitats. (15) *As a global family we successfully took the steps to reverse the depletion of the ozone layer and continue to succeed in our efforts to address climate change. *Planting native and other native plant and pollinator seeds will ensure biodiversity and renewal of native habitats. *As trees grow, they help stabilize climate change by removing carbon dioxide from the air, storing carbon in the trees and soil and releasing oxygen into the atmosphere. (16) *While it is not enough by itself, planting trees can assist in offsetting the CO2 produced.

CARE FOR CREATION IN ACTION

Create a kit with basic necessities (i.e., small denomination gift card to food vendors, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, socks and undergarments) that can be provided to those less fortunate. Choose drop off sites ahead of time so you can determine your kit quantity goal.
Participate in a clean up day in your community. If none is planned, organize your friends and family for a local project as a model.
Create a kit with native plant seeds (i.e., Milkweed, Milkweed, Blueberry, etc.) that can be used at home, on church grounds, at school or place of work. Share the kits with those who have spaces lacking in native and pollinator-friendly gardening. Help to restore biodiversity in Massachusetts.
Partner with community organizations such as schools, libraries, town halls, and senior centers to promote environmental educational themes for children and adults.

Thank you for choosing to use our tool to celebrate Lent this year. Looking for more information on how you can Care for Creation? Please check us out at the following:



Website
environment.worcesterdiocese.org
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[environmentalstewardshipwc](https://www.instagram.com/environmentalstewardshipwc)
Facebook
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Adult Faith Formation

The Annual Worcester Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference

Men (of all ages, including teens and college students) are invited to this important in-person conference, scheduled for **Assumption University** (500 Salisbury Street, Worcester) on **Saturday, April 2, 2022**.

Come and hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: Kevin O'Brien, Tim Francis, Dan Egan, Father Anthony Hamaty and Dr. Pat Castle.

Adult tickets are \$45 until March 18th, afterward \$60.

Student tickets are always \$30.

Visit the conference website at www.firstmensconf.org for information and to purchase tickets online and elsewhere.

For a Conference brochure, further information or registration, call Joan DeMasi at 508-929-4345.

BISHOP'S LETTER ON UKRAINE



Diocese of Worcester
Office of the Bishop
49 Elm Street
Worcester, Massachusetts 01609

March 1, 2022

My dear friends in Christ,

As the Bishop of Worcester, I thank God for the great generosity of our parishioners when asked to offer a compassionate response to people in crisis.

Along with praying for peace in the Ukraine this Lent, I join with the bishops throughout the United States to ask you to consider making a donation in response to the humanitarian crisis which is unfolding in the Ukraine and in the surrounding countries of Eastern Europe which are providing a haven to Ukrainian refugees.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is uniquely positioned to provide aid to the region, having built strong relationships with our brother bishops there over these last 30 years. Thanks to our annual collection for Central and Eastern Europe, the Catholic Church in the US has channels to assist with pastoral and social needs in the area.

I recognize that there are many requests for financial assistance being made at this time, including our response to local people in need through Partners in Charity. If you are willing to make a contribution in any amount, an online donation can be made at our diocesan website, worcesterdiocese.org and information is also there to make a donation with a check by mail. We will forward your contributions through the USCCB to offer direct humanitarian aid to the people in Ukraine.

Whether you choose to use this donation vehicle, or have already identified another humanitarian aid vehicle, please accept my gratitude for responding to this terrible tragedy unfolding before our eyes in the lives of our brothers and sisters in the Ukraine.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

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Application Form for the
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #119
SOUTHBOROUGH, MA
COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Awarded to graduating high school seniors who are members of the Southborough Catholic Community (St. Matthew or St. Anne Parish) who plan to attend an institution of higher learning in the Fall of 2022.

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

2 or 4 year College or University you plan to attend: _____

Three scholarships awarded each worth: \$500

*Choose and answer one of the following questions in a **double spaced, one page** response. Please note which question you chose at the top of your essay.*

1. How has your involvement with the Catholic Church changed the lives of yourself and others?
2. Who in your life inspires you to put your Catholic faith into practice and what examples can you provide?
3. How do you plan to serve God and the Catholic Church both in college and beyond?

In addition to the application and essay, please also submit the following:

- One letter of recommendation from an adult regarding the applicant's character.

To receive this award the student must:

1. Be an active member of St. Matthew or St. Anne Parish in Southborough, MA.
2. Be accepted at and plan to attend an institution of higher learning in the Fall of 2022.
3. Submit a completed application form with essay and letter of recommendation by the deadline below.

*Completed application must be received by **Saturday, April 30th 2022.***

Please mail to: Knights of Columbus Scholarship Committee
1 Main Street Southborough, MA 01772

Or email a scanned copy to: SouthboroughKofC@gmail.com



***Please join the St. Cecilia Parish
Lenten Mission with
Fr. Dan O'Connell from CatholicTV
March 21, 22 and 23, 7pm
Listening with Love
Responding with Confidence:
Living in Christ***

Our God is constantly working, laboring for us. He is always surprising us with His presence and promise. His presence gives us strength; His promise gives us hope. In moments of grace, the truth and light of His message shine into whatever fear or darkness might be vying for our attention. Our Lenten retreat will assist us in hearing His voice and discerning the activity of the Spirit in our lives. In inviting us to be part of His community of Faith, Christ draws all of us to times of listening and nurturing so that our hearts may beat with His. Through our faith and actions, prompted by love, the Lord constantly reveals Himself and His love. In, through and with us, His mission continues. The mission of our parish continues! He is always speaking; all we need to do is notice.

READINGS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, C

READING I Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

A reading from the Book of Genesis

The Lord God took Abram outside and said,
“Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can.
Just so,” he added, “shall your descendants be.”
Abram put his faith in the LORD,
who credited it to him as an act of righteousness.

He then said to him,
“I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the
Chaldeans
to give you this land as a possession.”
“O Lord GOD,” he asked,
“how am I to know that I shall possess it?”
He answered him,
“Bring me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old
she-goat,
a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young
pigeon.”

Abram brought him all these, split them in two,
and placed each half opposite the other;
but the birds he did not cut up.

Birds of prey swooped down on the carcasses,
but Abram stayed with them.

As the sun was about to set, a trance fell upon
Abram,
and a deep, terrifying darkness enveloped him.

When the sun had set and it was dark,
there appeared a smoking fire pot and a flaming
torch,

which passed between those pieces.

It was on that occasion that the LORD made a
covenant with Abram,
saying: “To your descendants I give this land,
from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the
Euphrates.”

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?

The LORD is my life's refuge;
of whom should I be afraid?

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Hear, O LORD, the sound of my call;
have pity on me, and answer me.

Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks.

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Your presence, O LORD, I seek.

Hide not your face from me;
do not in anger repel your servant.

You are my helper: cast me not off.

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD
in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD with courage;

be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

READING II Philippians 3:17-4:1

From the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

Join with others in being imitators of me, brothers and
sisters,

and observe those who thus conduct themselves
according to the model you have in us.

For many, as I have often told you

and now tell you even in tears,

conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ.

Their end is destruction.

Their God is their stomach;

their glory is in their “shame.”

Their minds are occupied with earthly things.

But our citizenship is in heaven,

and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

He will change our lowly body

to conform with his glorified body

by the power that enables him also

to bring all things into subjection to himself.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters,

whom I love and long for, my joy and crown,

in this way stand firm in the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

"Anger makes you smaller,
while forgiveness
forces you to grow
beyond what you were."

~ Cherie Carter-Scott, *inspirational writer*

Matthew 17:5

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
This is my beloved Son, hear him.

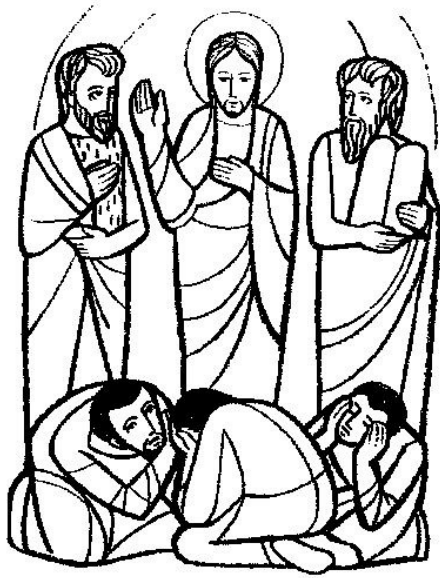


GOSPEL Luke 9:28b-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus took Peter, John, and James
and went up the mountain to pray.
While he was praying his face changed in appearance
and his clothing became dazzling white.
And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah,
who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus
that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem.
Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep,
but becoming fully awake,
they saw his glory and the two men standing with him.
As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus,
“Master, it is good that we are here;
let us make three tents,
one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”
But he did not know what he was saying.
While he was still speaking,
a cloud came and cast a shadow over them,
and they became frightened when they entered the cloud.
Then from the cloud came a voice that said,
“This is my chosen Son; listen to him.”
After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone.
They fell silent and did not at that time
tell anyone what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Listen, Even if You Don't Understand

Second Sunday of Lent, C

March 13, 2022

Ann Naffziger

Reading I: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14

Reading II: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

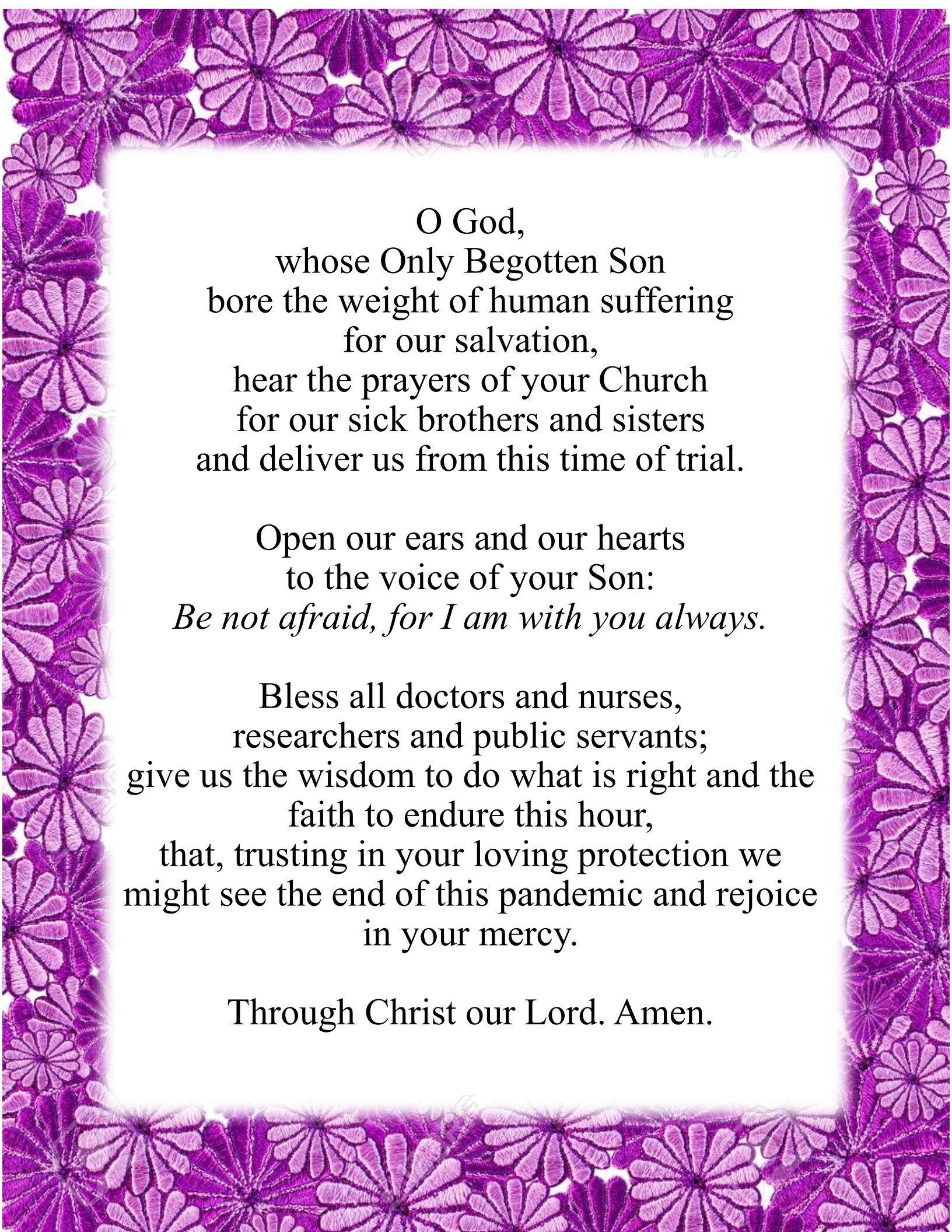
As the apostles followed Jesus around the land of Galilee, they would have had plenty of ordinary moments with a seemingly average human: hiking from town to town, looking for places to camp or sleep, meeting all sorts of different people and sharing meals and wine with them, praying in synagogues on the Sabbath, etc. Then there were the incredible experiences that would have convinced them Jesus was more than an ordinary human: feeding crowds of thousands, healing the sick and crippled, speaking words of forgiveness that Jews thought only God could speak. Then, one day, three of the apostles witnessed this mysterious transfiguration of their friend on a mountaintop as two people from their history books appeared with him.

The experience was something the apostles couldn't have understood with their minds, yet they were asked by the voice from the cloud to listen to Jesus. They were asked to trust in him, to listen to him, and to follow him, even though he was such a mystery to them.

The transfiguration may not have cleared up any of the apostles' questions about Jesus' identity, but they were still asked to trust in this person who was bringing healing, freedom, and new life to so many people. It's as if God was giving them a gift in saying "You don't have to understand how this is happening, how Jesus' clothes look whiter than white, or how two dead men are alive here. What I do want you to do is to listen to him." Only that. Don't worry about understanding with your head. Follow with your heart.

Questions of the Week

1. Have you had any experience of being asked to trust Jesus/God even though you couldn't understand something with your mind?
2. In what ways is God inviting you to give up trying to understand his workings so that you can more freely follow Jesus' call to you?



O God,
whose Only Begotten Son
bore the weight of human suffering
for our salvation,
hear the prayers of your Church
for our sick brothers and sisters
and deliver us from this time of trial.

Open our ears and our hearts
to the voice of your Son:
Be not afraid, for I am with you always.

Bless all doctors and nurses,
researchers and public servants;
give us the wisdom to do what is right and the
faith to endure this hour,
that, trusting in your loving protection we
might see the end of this pandemic and rejoice
in your mercy.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



It was always an awesome experience when the glory of Jesus was displayed.

A voice came from a cloud. Find what it said.
Put the words in order from 1 through 11, according to the answers to the math problems.



- I
 $2 \times 3 =$
- Whom
 $3 + 2 =$
- chosen.
 $17 - 9 =$
- have
 $11 - 4 =$
- is
 $6 - 4 =$
- My
 $12 - 9 =$
- This
 $19 - 18 =$
- Son
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- listen
 $3 \times 3 =$

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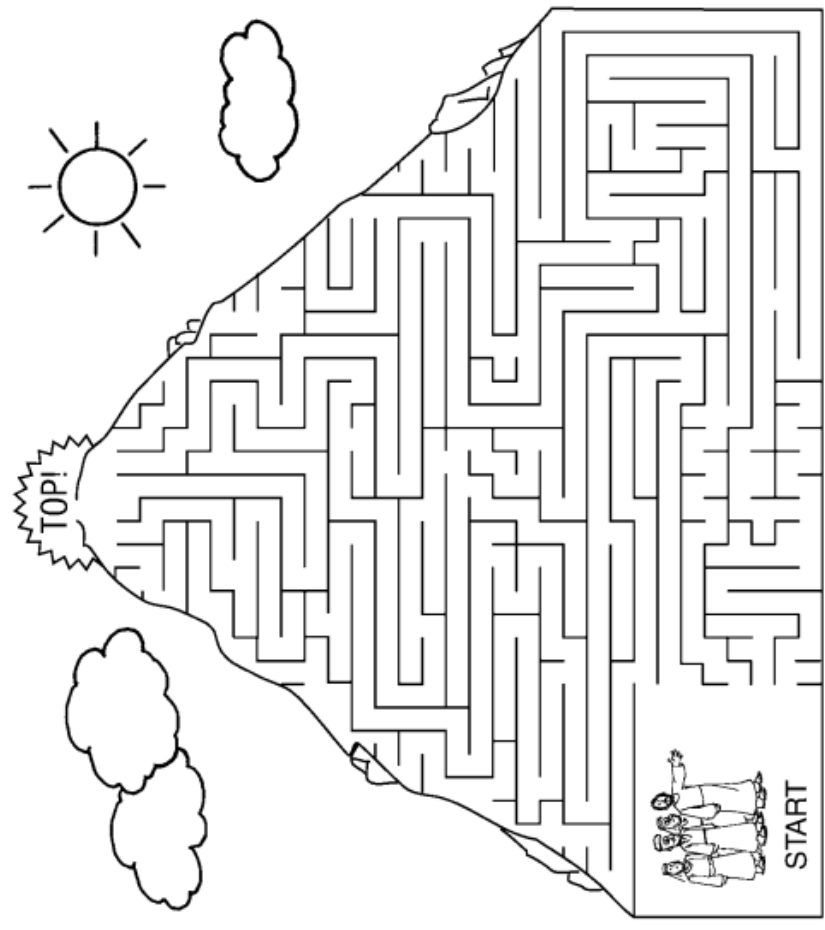
Ages 7+

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Jesus Is Transfigured

Jesus took Peter, James and John with Him to pray at the top of a mountain.

Find the path that leads to the top of the mountain.

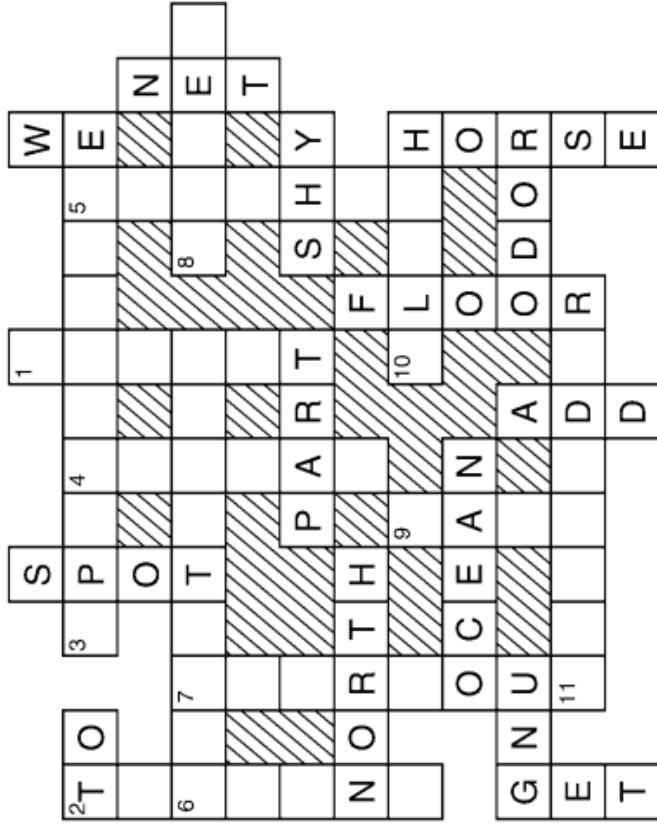


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2.

As Jesus was praying, something wonderful happened.

Think of words to complete the story and place them in the crossword puzzle. Some words unrelated to the story are given as clues for spelling the words. If you can't think of the words, use the list at the bottom of the page.



The _____ of His _____ changed

and His _____ became as _____ as

a _____ of _____

and _____ appeared in _____

_____ with Jesus.

appearance, bright, clothes, Elijah, face,
flash, glorious, lightning, Moses, splendor, talking

3.

Peter was so excited that he wanted to build 3 special shelters at that spot.

Starting with the M, write every other letter on the blanks below until all the letters have been used.



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G U O P O T D H F R
O E R E U S S H T E
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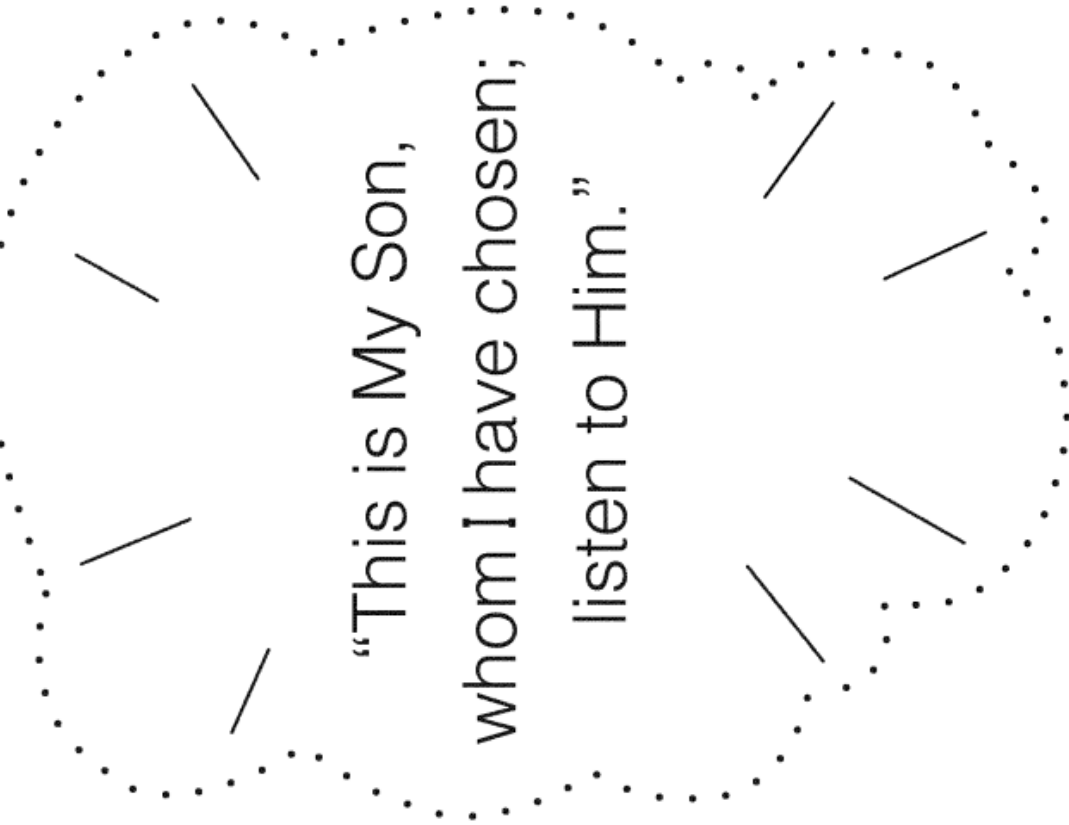
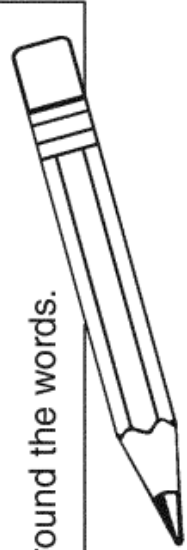
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4.

A voice came from a cloud.
What did it say?

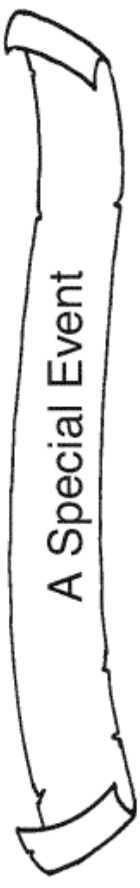
Draw the cloud around the words.



1.

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Jesus took 3 disciples with Him
up onto a mountain to pray.

Circle these letters in the picture:

J E S U S P R A Y



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2.

As Jesus was praying, His face changed and became very bright.

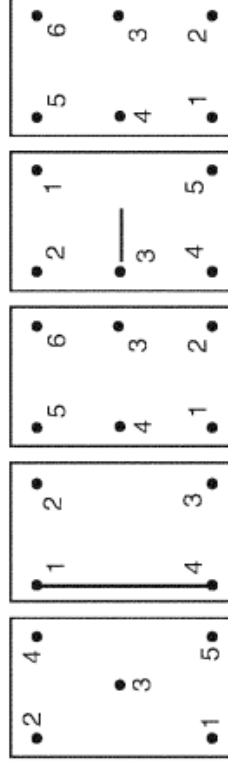
Circle 9 differences in the 2nd picture.



3.

Two men appeared and talked with Jesus. Who were they?

In each box, connect the dots.



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