

SAINT ANNE PARISH

20 Boston Road Southborough, MA 01772

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.

Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year A March 19, 2023 *Laetare Sunday*

Lord's Day Mass Schedule:

Saturday ~ 5:00 p.m.
Sunday ~ 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., & 5:30 p.m.

Daily Mass Schedule:

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m.
Fridays during Lent: 9:00 a.m.

Healing Mass:

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

Confessions:

Saturday ~ 4:15 p.m., between Sunday morning Masses, weekdays at 9:30 a.m., 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 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sundays 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. during Lent

Sacrament of Baptism

Call the Parish Office to schedule a Baptism. Baptisms are celebrated 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.

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart."

(1 Samuel 16:7)

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God?

We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction.

But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God.

Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.

Office Hours:

Monday ~ Thursday
9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Friday ~ 9:30 a.m. to noon
Telephone 508-485-0141
Fax 508-460-0181

E-mail: stanne403@stannesouthborough.org
Web: www.stannesouthborough.org

Pastor: Fr. Albert Irudayasamy
fralbert@stannesouthborough.org

Parish Council: Nancy Denardo ~ Chair

Finance Committee: Rich Flathers ~ Chair

Director of Religious Education: Rachelle Carmony
rachelle@stannesouthborough.org

• Office hours available, by appointment

Parish Office Manager: George Stagno
stanne403@stannesouthborough.org

Bookkeeper: Nancy Denardo
nancy@stannesouthborough.org

Music Ministry

Choir Director: Paul Crivello 508-366-0821
pcrivello04@gmail.com

• Saturday 5:00: John Arnold
• Sunday 8:30 and 10:30: Paul Crivello
• Sunday 5:30: Kathy & Matt Bernier

Maintenance: Matt Bernier
mbern@stannesouthborough.org

Webmaster: Amy Buttiglieri
webmaster@stannesouthborough.org

PARISH
CONTACT
INFORMATION

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.



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

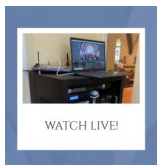
PARISH MASS INFORMATION AND MINISTRIES

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. and 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 Friday during Lent.



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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

with MASS INTENTIONS (March 18 through 26)

SATURDAY 18	5:00 pm	For St. Anne parishioners
SUNDAY 19	8:30 am	For Bill Yetman (5 th Anniversary) by Elaine Yetman
	10:30 am	For Terience Montanari by family
	5:30 pm	For Tom Livingstone by Connie and Paul Leduc
MONDAY 20	9:00 am	For St. Anne parishioners who are sick
TUESDAY 21	9:00 am	For Alfredo Saenz Zamara, Jr. by Maria Martin
WEDNESDAY 22	9:00 am	For the deceased parishioners of St. Anne Parish
THURSDAY 23	9:00 am	For St. Anne parishioners
FRIDAY 24	9:00 am	For St. Anne parishioners receiving medical treatment
SATURDAY 25	5:00 pm	For St. Anne parishioners celebrating a March birthday
SUNDAY 26	8:30 am	For St. Anne parishioners
	10:30 am	For Elizabeth and Alfred Connell by family
	5:30 pm	For St. Anne parishioners

March 11 & 12, 2023

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.	61	Mass Attendance
Sunday - 8:30 a.m.	48	
Sunday - 10:30 a.m.	71	
Sunday - 5:30 p.m.	25	
Saturday - 5:00 p.m. Streamed	7	
Sunday - 8:30 a.m. Streamed	8	
Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Streamed	11	
Sunday - 5:30 p.m. Streamed	3	

Liturgical Minister Schedule

To be trained, please call the Parish Office

March 18 & 19 - Fourth Sunday of Lent, A

Sat 5:00 pm	Lector	Roger Jolicoeur
	Communion Minister	Debbie Simon
Sun 8:30 am	Lector	Ellen Kluge
	Communion Minister	Nancy Denardo
Sun 10:30 am	Lector	Pat Draper
	Communion Minister	Joe Cruciani
Sun 5:30 pm	Lector	Beth McGonagle
	Communion Minister	MaryBeth Philbin
	Collection Counting	Draper/Raymond

March 25 & 26 - Fifth Sunday of Lent, A

Sat 5:00 pm	Lector	Deborah Sanford
	Communion Minister	MaryBeth Philbin
Sun 8:30 am	Lector	Nick Paganella
	Communion Minister	Fran Schiebe
Sun 10:30 am	Lector	Joe Cruciani
	Communion Minister	Joanne Flathers
Sun 5:30 pm	Lector	RE Students
	Communion Minister	RE Students
	Collection Counting	Draper/Raymond

St. Patrick's Day Party Thank You

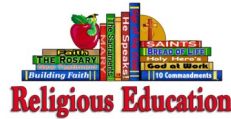
Thank you to all those who made the St. Patrick's Day Party so successful!

Knight of Columbus, Parish Council, Evelyn Walton, Pat Russell, Pat Richard, Elaine Yetman, Doris Campero, Laura Schroeder, Joe Cruciani, those who brought a dessert, ...



PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND STEWARDSHIP

St. Anne Parish Pre-K through Grade 10+ Religious Education Classes March/April RE Classes



Pre-K through Grade 5

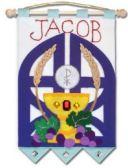
March 26, April 2* & 30 in the Parish Hall
9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

*First Communion Retreat - April 2, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Grades 6 through Confirmation (Grades 9-10)

March 26, April 2 & 30 in the Parish Hall
4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

First Communion Retreat



There will be a retreat for First Communion students and their parents on **Sunday, April 2** from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall.



Confirmation Mass

St. Anne Confirmandi will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Thursday, March 30** at St. Paul's Cathedral at 7:00 p.m.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be offered at the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Masses.

For more information, please contact
rachelle@stannesouthborough.org



Youth Stations of the Cross

St. Anne's Parish will host a youth Stations of the Cross on **Good Friday, April 7**, at 3:00 p.m. in the church, featuring youth-oriented reflections at each station.

All are welcome to attend.

For more information, please contact:
rachelle@stannesouthborough.org



2023 St. Anne Parish High School Graduate Award

St. Anne Parish will be awarding two (2) scholarships for \$750 each. Parishioners who will be graduating high school or an equivalent program in Spring 2023 are eligible to apply to receive one of these scholarships.

The 2023 St Anne Parish Scholarship Application Form is now available in the church foyers, in the digital bulletin, or on our Parish website.

Completed forms must be returned via mail (20 Boston Road, Southborough, MA 01772) or email (stanne403@stannesouthborough.org) by **Sunday, April 30**.



Applications will be reviewed by a Parish Council subcommittee and then approved by the whole Parish Council.



Charles Michael Plank

received the
Sacrament of Baptism
on Sunday, March 12.

God bless Charles and
his family!



Capital Campaign Update

Phase One



Total Goal:	\$2,000,000.00
Total Pledges to Date:	\$2,045,601.95
Payments Received to Date:	\$ 978,595.59
Number of Families Pledging:	162 families (35%)

Thank you again for your ongoing support!

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORTS FOR Through March 12, 2023

Regular Weekly Offering:	\$2,787.00
Capital Improvement:	\$ 75.00
Fuel & Maintenance:	\$ 25.00
Church in Latin America:	\$ 40.00
Catholic Relief:	\$ 45.00
Our Father's Table:	\$ 40.00
Blue Pay: Regular thru 3/12:	\$ 340.00
WeShare: Regular thru 3/12:	\$ 415.61

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 generous support!

Partners in Charity Appeal 2023-2024

2023-24 Parish Goal: \$76,000.00

Amount Raised As of 3/16/23: \$5,350.00

(7.04% of amount goal - 9 donors)

*Can we reach the goal of 100 donors?
No gift too big or too small...*



Bishop McManus' Dispensation for Friday, March 17

The Liturgical Commemoration of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, March 17, is observed this year, 2023 on a Friday of Lent that the Church prescribes as a Day of Abstinence from meat. In light of the importance of this feast day for many in the

Diocese of Worcester, I am granting a dispensation from the rule of abstinence on Friday, March 17, 2023. I ask that those who take advantage of this dispensation perform another act of penance in its place on that day.



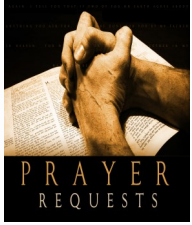
PARISH RELIGIOUS NEWS AND EVENTS



Our Father's Table - March Meal

St. Anne parishioners are invited to help provide a hot meal to the patrons of Our Father's Table on **Thursday, March 23** by sponsoring a ready-to-go meal, the contributing a dessert, or volunteering to distribute the meals to patrons on that date at the Marlborough site.

To sign up, please click [here](#) or call the Parish Office.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Sr. Yvette, Fr. Thirburs F. Millot, Bob Seariac, Thomas Chemmanur, Janet Mattioli, Tim and Diane Higgins, Dave Lemoine, Laval "Val" Provencher; Father Conrad Pecevich, Stephen Gelman, Kate Geisinger, Laura Salinas, Nancy Durkin, Dolores Champion, John Patrick, Lupita Estrada, Michael Philbin-Pelland, Jamie Farley, Jim Garden, Brookie Sullivan, Beth Stephens, Susane Crioppa, Peter Bradstreet, Rob Germeroth, Michael, Steve Buttiglieri

To have a name placed on or removed from the prayer list, contact the Parish Office.

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

Food Items

- Coffee (regular & decaf - unflavored)
- Tea
- Olive oil
- Pasta sauce in jars
- Tomato paste
- Relish

- Chunky peanut butter

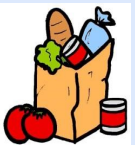
- Snacks

Health and Household Items

- Cleaning products
- Sponges
- Feminine care products
- ZipLock bags (all sizes)

A big THANK YOU for all Food Pantry donations.

As most food items are date sensitive, please be sure that your donation is not out of date. Donations may be left in the foyer of the parish hall. If you know of anyone who could benefit from the Food Pantry, please encourage them to come. Pantry hours (located at Pilgrim Church) are Thursdays from 6:00-7:00 p.m. and Fridays from 9:00-10:00 a.m.



Holy Week 2023

April 2: Palm Sunday

April 4 Chrism Mass at 10:30 a.m., St. Paul's Cathedral, Worcester. Everyone is welcome to attend.

April 6: Holy Thursday Mass at 7:30 p.m.: The Washing of the Feet

Twelve (12) people are needed for the washing of the feet during the Holy Thursday Mass. A wide representation of our parish is sought. Participants are called up together, are seated facing the assembly, remove one shoe and sock/stocking, have their foot washed and dried by Father Albert before returning to their pew. All are invited to participate.

If you are interested, please call the Parish Office at 508-485-0141.

April 7 Good Friday

3:00 p.m.: Stations of the Cross (youth especially invited)

7:30 p.m.: Veneration of the Cross

April 8 Easter Vigil at 7:30 p.m.

April 9 Easter Day (Regular Masses: 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.) *No evening Mass at 5:30 p.m.*



Fasting and Abstinence Guidelines

- * Abstinence from meat is to be observed by Catholics fourteen (14) years of age and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Lenten Fridays.
- Fasting is to be observed by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 years of age on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- Those who fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.



Soup and Stations: Soup and Stations will be held every Wednesday during Lent. Stations of the Cross will be prayed in the church at noon followed by soup in the Parish Hall. All are welcome. If able, please sign up to contribute a soup or a dessert on signup sheets located in the Parish Hall foyer. (Stations of the Cross (without shared meal) will also be prayed at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings.

Mass on Fridays at 9:00 a.m. throughout Lent

Confessions: Confessions will be heard between Sunday Masses (9:30 to 10:15 a.m.), Saturday at 4:15 p.m. and by appointment from Monday to Thursday.

Please Note Date Correction for Lenten Penance Service!

Communal Confessions: There will be a Communal Penance Service on **Tuesday, April 4** at 7:00 p.m.

Adoration: Adoration will also be held on **Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** As of now, we have the Blessed Sacrament exposed on Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Adoration will be live streamed on our website page for all those parishioners who are unable to be in person.



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



Thank You from First Concern Pregnancy Center

"The entire staff at First Concern Pregnancy Resource Center would like to thank everyone at St. Anne's who made the creation of our new baby boutique possible. It is through your generous giving that we are able to support our mothers in such a special way. Our moms are moved to tears when they walk into this space.

Thank you for partnering with us in supporting pregnant women and their families, we are grateful for you all."

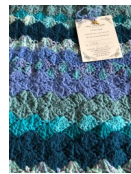


For information about FCPC, click [here](#)



Procedural Changes for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

A FlockNote email was sent to all lectors and Eucharistic ministers detailing procedural changes beginning this Lenten season. Please check your email or click [here](#) to read about the changes.



Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting

Prayer Shawl meets Mondays from 10:00 to noon in the **Parish Hall** to knit/crochet/weave 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 during office hours to select a shawl.

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



New Local Catholic Magazine

A beautiful new monthly color Catholic magazine for local Southborough parishioners called **Marlborough & Southborough Parish Neighbors** is available for free home delivery.

It includes St. Anne Parish news, local events, Gospel readings, pastor letters, and more.

If you would like to be on the mailing list or would like your local business to become a sponsor, please call Cindy R. Dorsey at 774-222-2566 or email cdorsey@decidedexcellence.com.

Weekly Adult Discussion Group

A weekly Discussion Group meets on Wednesdays from 6:05 to 7:00 p.m. in the St. Anne Parish Hall. Discussion is on ***The Catechism in a Year (with Father Mike Schmitz)***

[Spotify](#) [Amazon Music](#) [YouTube](#) [Apple Podcasts](#) [Google Podcasts](#)

Attend any Wednesday you are available.

The discussion group will be facilitated by the following members of the *Three Hearts Apostolate* who are available to answer any questions about this group:

Gerry Levins, gerard@levinstaxlaw.com

MaryBeth Philbin-Hannigan, mbphilbin@gmail.com

Debbie Simon, dsimoninc@gmail.com



Altar Servers Need

Both students (Grade 4 and higher) and adults are welcome to serve.

If you are interested in being an altar server, please call the Parish Office.

Training is provided and scheduling of service is determined by server based on their availability.



Collection Counting Ministry

Collection Counting follows the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass.

If interested in participating in this ministry, please contact the Parish Office at 508-485-0141.



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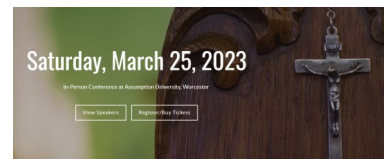
A huge thank you goes out to the Hostage family of HB Printing in Framingham and Northborough for their support in printing the parish bulletin for us every week at no cost.

Annual Worcester Men's Conference

The Annual Worcester Men's Conference will be on **Saturday, March 25** this year at Assumption University. This is the 22nd year of this popular conference, the first of its kind in America. Please join a thousand men and enjoy: inspiring talks from outstanding dynamic and Catholic leaders, about 50 relevant exhibitors with free material, important sponsors, beautiful music, old friends, lunch, optional Rosary, Confession, Adoration and Mass by Bishop McManus at 4:00 p.m.

This year's Keynote Speaker at 2:30 p.m. will be **Father Chris Alar**, MIC, the Provincial Superior of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy Province of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception at the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, MA. He serves as the Director of the Association of Marian Helpers, and is the head of the Marian Press. He is also host of the EWTN show *Living Divine Mercy*, Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. and has written several best selling books.

Please see <https://catholicmenworc.com/> for more information, speaker details and to register.



Visiting the Sick

Please call the Parish Office if you wish to have the sacraments of Confession, Anointing of the Sick and Communion. Fr. Albert is willing to visit every week if you wish.

Also please send us your names to place in the prayer list so that the whole parish family can pray with and for you.





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

March 16, 2023

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In these days of continuing turmoil in the Ukraine, natural disasters in Turkey and Syria, and conflicts and starvation in parts of Africa, to name a few, we are being challenged to be “Jesus in disguise” by supporting the national **Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Collection on the weekend of March 26**. Through your generosity, you can help ease the burdens of our brothers and sisters in some of the most marginalized communities in the world.

Persecution of Christians and other religious minorities by extremist groups such as ISIS in the Middle East has forced families to flee their homes with few possessions or resources. Through generous contributions to CRS, as well as the efforts of bishops to engage policy makers to protect vulnerable families, we are providing badly-needed material and spiritual support to refugees here and abroad. For example, a family from Iraq fled this persecution, and after living in a refugee camp in Indonesia they eventually were resettled in Massachusetts. Through support of the collection, volunteers welcomed the family, donated household items and furniture, and arranged reduced-rent housing during their transition. With ongoing support, refugees like this family find employment, learn English, and build new homes, far from the religious and political violence they faced overseas.

Through the various Catholic agencies assisted by CRS, you are promoting the dignity of the human person in so many ways.

- Food assistance is provided in emergency field kitchens that provide hot meals and snacks.
- Reception services are offered at Caritas offices, train stations and other locations for displaced people with clothing, information, referrals, food, water, hygiene items, and counseling.
- Transportation is arranged for displaced families to friends, families, and local social services.

For more than 75 years, CRS has been providing expertise and compassion to the very poorest of our brothers and sisters in more than 100 countries. But we can't do this lifesaving work without your help.

I ask that you prayerfully consider how you can support the Catholic Relief Services Collection this year. If you want to learn more about the collection and the people who are assisted, please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Robert J. McManus*

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester



**THE UNITED PARISHES OF SOUTHBOROUGH
EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE***

Easter Morning
April 9, 2023
6:30 AM
Hopkinton State Park
Marina Area

You are invited
to join with other members of the Southborough Christian Community
In a Celebration of the Resurrection.

*In the event of inclement weather, the service will be held at
The First Community Church
137 Southville Road*

**** This service does not fulfill Sunday Mass obligation.***

**Application Form for the
ST. ANNE PARISH OF SOUTHBOROUGH, MA
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE AWARD 2023**

Awarded to high school seniors (or equivalent) who are members of St. Anne Parish graduating Spring of 2023. Please include this form with your submission.

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Two scholarships awarded each worth: \$750

*Choose and answer at least one of the following questions in a **one page double spaced** response. Please note which question(s) 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 beyond school?

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

- **REQUIRED:** One letter of recommendation from an adult regarding the applicant's character.
- **OPTIONAL:** Provide a summary of any volunteer activities you are or have been involved with, especially Church related activities.

To receive this award the applicant must:

1. Be a registered member of St. Anne Parish in Southborough, MA.
2. Plan to graduate high school or equivalent program in the Spring of 2023.
3. Submit completed application by the deadline below.

*Completed application must be received by **Sunday, April 30th 2023.***

Please mail to: St. Anne Parish Scholarship Committee
20 Boston Rd. Southborough, MA 01772

Or email a scanned copy to: stanne403@stannesouthborough.org

READINGS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A

READING I 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

A reading from the First Book of Samuel

The LORD said to Samuel:

"Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way.
I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem,
for I have chosen my king from among his sons."

As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice,
Samuel looked at Eliab and thought,
"Surely the LORD's anointed is here before him."
But the LORD said to Samuel:

"Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty
stature,
because I have rejected him.

Not as man sees does God see,
because man sees the appearance
but the LORD looks into the heart."

In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before
Samuel,

but Samuel said to Jesse,
"The LORD has not chosen any one of these."

Then Samuel asked Jesse,
"Are these all the sons you have?"

Jesse replied,
"There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep."

Samuel said to Jesse,
"Send for him;

we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he
arrives here."

Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them.
He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold
and making a splendid appearance.

The LORD said,
"There—anoint him, for this is the one!"
Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand,
anointed David in the presence of his brothers;
and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed
upon David.

The Word of the Lord.

READING II Ephesians 5:8-14

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

Brothers and sisters:

You were once darkness,
but now you are light in the Lord.

Live as children of light,
for light produces every kind of goodness
and righteousness and truth.

Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.

Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness;
rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention
the things done by them in secret;
but everything exposed by the light becomes visible,
for everything that becomes visible is light.

Therefore, it says:

"Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will give you light."

The Word of the Lord.

Verse before the Gospel

John 8:12

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

He guides me in right paths
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side
With your rod and your staff
that give me courage.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
for years to come.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**For the Lord sees
not as man sees:
man looks on the
outward
appearance, but
the Lord looks on
the heart.**

GOSPEL FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT, YEAR A

GOSPEL John 9:1-41

A reading from the Gospel according to John

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth.

His disciples asked him,

"Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

Jesus answered,

"Neither he nor his parents sinned;

it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him.

We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day.

Night is coming when no one can work.

While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

When he had said this, he spat on the ground

and made clay with the saliva,

and smeared the clay on his eyes,

and said to him,

"Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" —which means Sent—.

So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said,

"Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?"

Some said, "It is, "

but others said, "No, he just looks like him."

He said, "I am."

So they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?"

He replied,

"The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes

and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.'

So I went there and washed and was able to see."

And they said to him, "Where is he?"

He said, "I don't know."

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees.

Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath.

So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see.

He said to them,

"He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see."

So some of the Pharisees said,

"This man is not from God,

because he does not keep the sabbath."

But others said,

"How can a sinful man do such signs?"

And there was a division among them.

So they said to the blind man again,

"What do you have to say about him,

since he opened your eyes?"

He said, "He is a prophet."

Now the Jews did not believe

that he had been blind and gained his sight

until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight.

They asked them,

"Is this your son, who you say was born blind?"

How does he now see?"

His parents answered and said,

"We know that this is our son and that he was born blind.

We do not know how he sees now,

nor do we know who opened his eyes.

Ask him, he is of age;

he can speak for himself."

His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews,

for the Jews had already agreed

that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ,

he would be expelled from the synagogue.

For this reason his parents said,

"He is of age; question him."

So a second time they called the man who had been blind

and said to him, "Give God the praise!

We know that this man is a sinner."

He replied,

"If he is a sinner, I do not know.

One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see."

So they said to him,

"What did he do to you?"

How did he open your eyes?"

He answered them,

"I told you already and you did not listen.

Why do you want to hear it again?

Do you want to become his disciples, too?"

They ridiculed him and said,

"You are that man's disciple;

we are disciples of Moses!

We know that God spoke to Moses,

but we do not know where this one is from."

The man answered and said to them,

"This is what is so amazing,

that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes.

We know that God does not listen to sinners,

but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him.

It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind.

If this man were not from God,

he would not be able to do anything."

They answered and said to him,

"You were born totally in sin,

and are you trying to teach us?"

Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out,

he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

He answered and said,

"Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?"

Jesus said to him,

"You have seen him,

the one speaking with you is he."

He said,

"I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.

Then Jesus said,

"I came into this world for judgment,

so that those who do not see might see,

and those who do see might become blind."

Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this

and said to him, "Surely we are not also blind, are we?"

Jesus said to them,

"If you were blind, you would have no sin;

but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Then Jesus came to him and asked him if he believed in the Son of God.
What did the man say?

Put the words in alphabetical order.
Then place the boxed letters in order below.

queen	label	alive
bored	disco	pinch
	river	



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Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

Jesus met a man who had been blind from birth. What did Jesus say?

Add and subtract letters to find out.

1. - pencil = _____

2. - cera = _____

3. - oad + - ors = _____

4. - zard + - oat + - a = _____

5. - wl + - rog = _____

6. - imbl = _____

7. - hale + - ange + - amb + - og = _____

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What happened next?

Use the braille code to find out.

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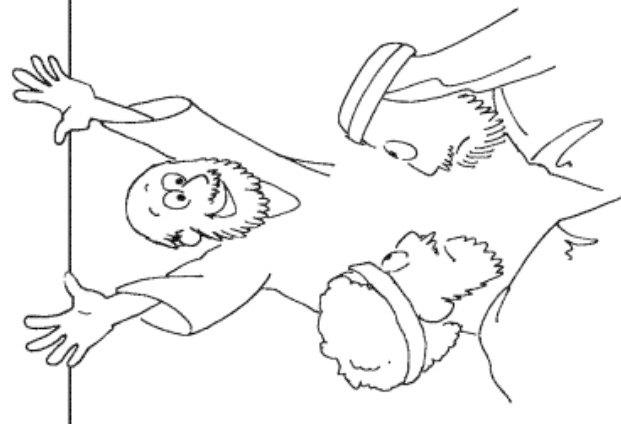
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The man's neighbors wondered how he was healed.
When he told them, they did not believe.
Find out what they said.

Find the missing half of the words in the box
and write them on the lines below



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_____ is Man is a _____ ner."

Then the man who was healed by

Jesus said, "Whe _____ He is a sinner

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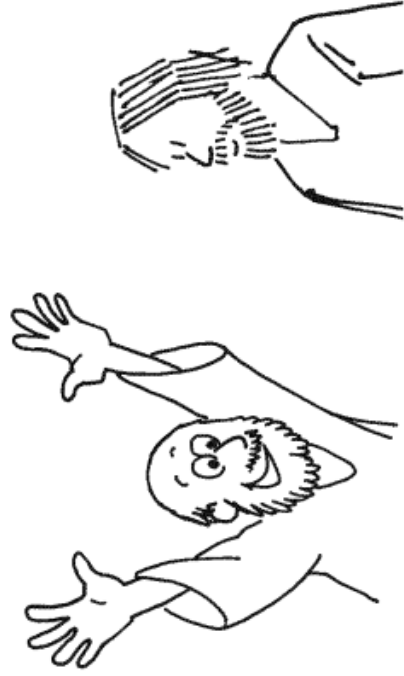
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bli _____ but _____ ow I s _____!"

Then Jesus asked him if he believed in the Son of God. What did the man say?

Trace the letters.

“ Lord,
I
believe.”



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Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

Jesus came upon a man who had been born blind.

Find the hidden objects in the picture below.

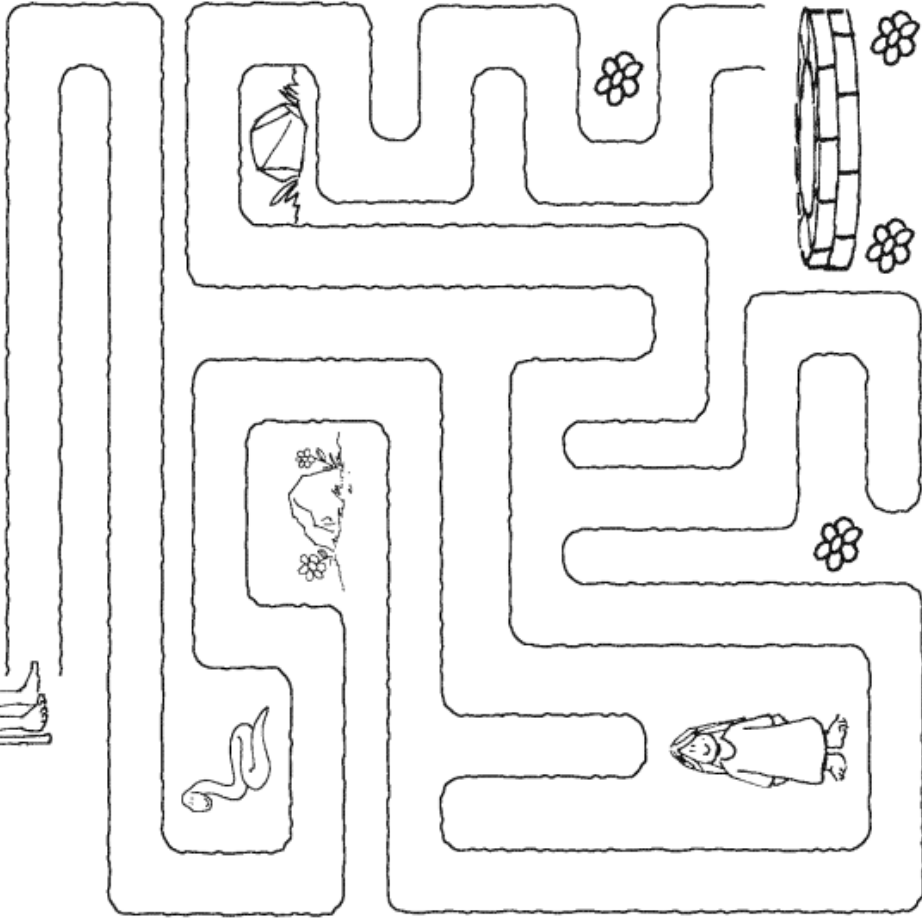
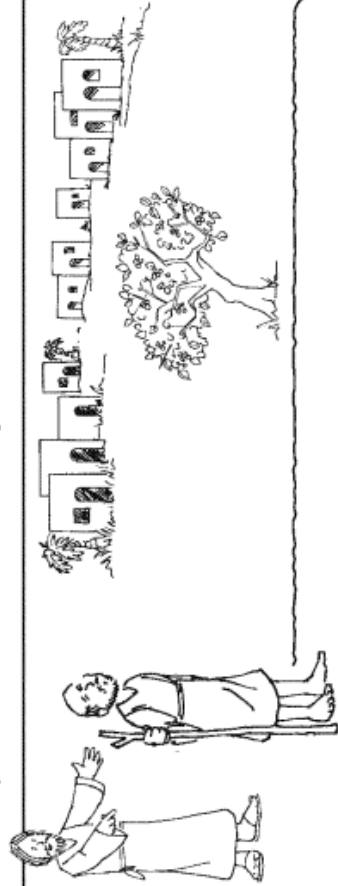


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2.

Jesus took some mud and put it on the man's eyes. Jesus told him to wash in the Pool of Siloam.

Help the man find his way to the Pool of Siloam.



3.

The man washed in the pool and came back seeing!

Circle 7 differences in the 2nd picture.

