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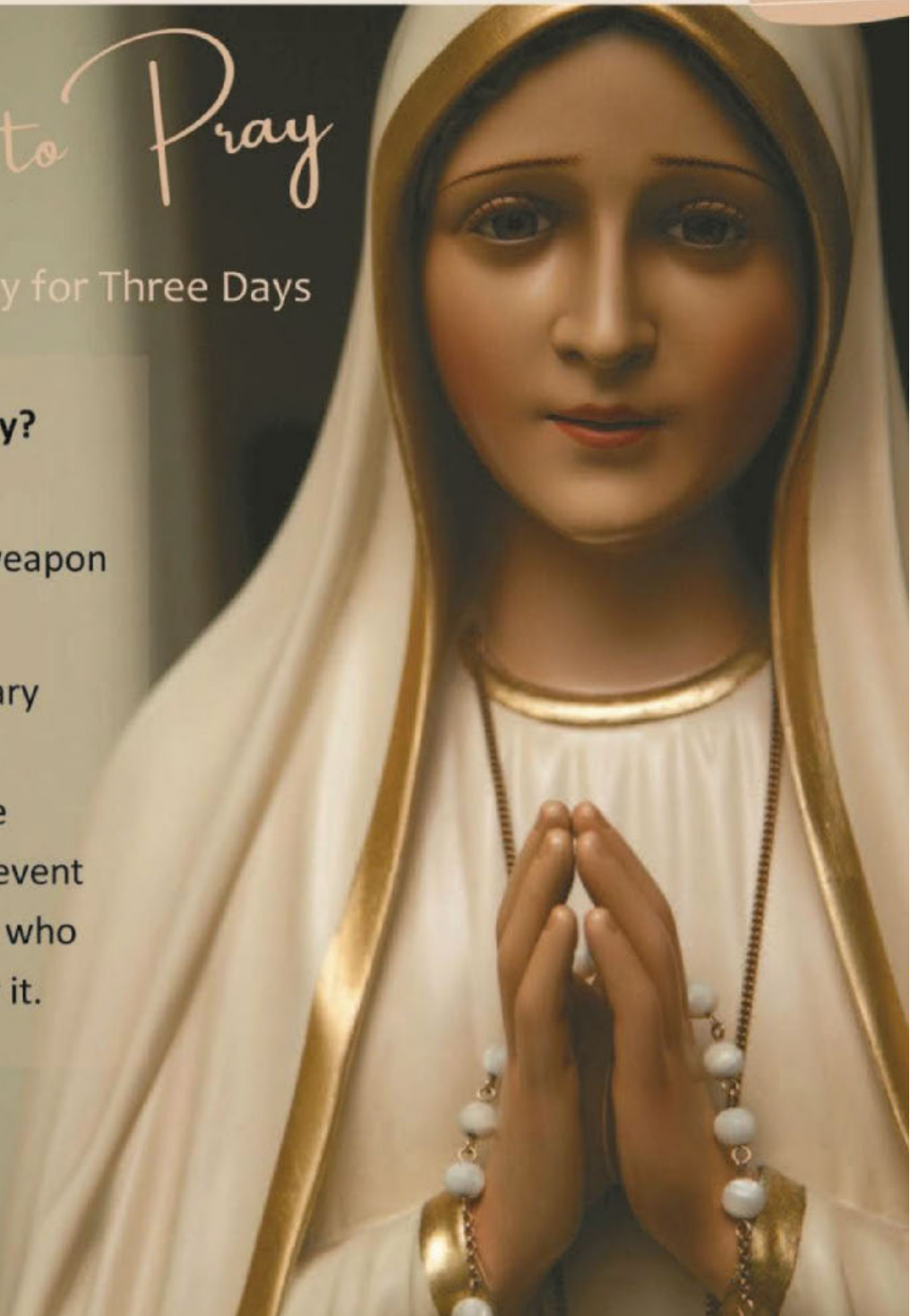
Pledge to Pray

A Rosary Each Day for Three Days

Why Pray the Rosary?

St. Padre Pio said,
"The Rosary is the weapon
for these times."

Please pray the Rosary
once a day from
April 28-30 for those
participating at the event
in Boston and those who
may be impacted by it.



MASS Intentions

Saturday, April 29

Wally LaRosee

Sunday, April 30

Angela Virgona, Birthday Remembrance

Tuesday, May 2

Charles Dann, Birthday Memorial

Thursday, May 4

John C. Pollen

Mary Csencsits

Saturday, May 6

Mary Jane Pereira, Birthday Memorial

Magdalena Porras, 7th Anniversary

Nancy Rodriguez-Tey, 2 Month Remembrance

Doris Hasting, 6th Anniversary**Sunday, May 7**

Paschal McCafferty

Sunday, April 30John H. Gilboy, 20th Anniversary

Mark Downing, Memorial

Andrew Tien Ba Tran, Memorial

Monday, May 1

Margaret Dennett, Anniversary

Mary Anne Brett, 43rd AnniversaryKevin McCobb, 3rd Anniversary**Wednesday, May 3**Frances Burke, 10th Anniversary**Friday, May 5**

Mr. and Mrs. William Pollard

Robert Leyden, 12th Anniversary**Sunday, May 7**Francis E. Sheppard, 31st AnniversaryAnne Keenan 21st Anniversary

John and Diane Keenan, Memorial

Vincent and Joanne Anderson, Memorial

James Malloy, 30th Anniversary

Offertory - April 23, 2023

Immaculate Conception: \$5,365 Online \$536

Saint Jerome: \$4,650 Online \$1,514

Second Collection Next week Parish Maintenance

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The words from today's Gospel are both comforting and challenging! Jesus likens himself to a Shepherd. He calls his own sheep by name, leads them out and they recognize his voice. Imagine in your prayer, Jesus calling you by your name, inviting you to follow him. Do you recognize his voice? Will you confidently follow him where he leads? In case your confidence is weak, the first and second readings today remind you that you are given grace and the Holy Spirit to follow where Christ leads us. This week pray for openness to the voice of the Good Shepherd and ask for the grace to be responsive to His call.



Memorial Gifts for the Week

April 30, 2023

*The Hosts and the Altar Wine have been donated
in loving remembrance of*

Mark Downing

*the Sanctuary Light has been donated
in loving remembrance of*

Mary Gabriel, 19th Anniversary



To all of our First Communicants
who received Jesus for the very first time
on Saturday, April 30.

JOHN 10:1-10 JESUS, THE SHEPHERD AND DADS



“They will not follow a stranger, they will run away from him because they do not recognize the voice of strangers.” St. John’s gospel recounts the relationship between the shepherd and his sheep; it is a heartfelt bond where both recognize each other, the sheep hearing the sound of the voice of their leader calling them to safety and the Shepherd’s voice being known above all other voices. Our Blessed Lord’s voice calls us to freedom, hope, joy and courage.

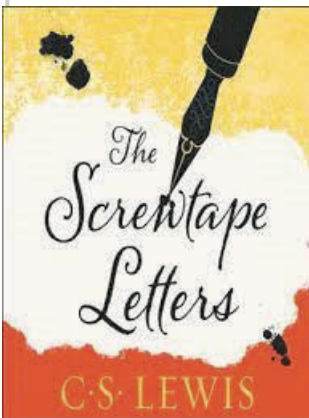
As I was praying with this gospel a memory of a moment with of my Dad, who passed away in January 2022, came powerfully to me; it was a vivid memory of him being a Shepherd bringing me to safety.

I was in graduate school at Northeastern in the late 70’s and I had a car (Toyota Corona Mark II) that was worse for the wear. One rainy evening on the expressway, in bumper to bumper traffic, the car died in the center lane. I was alone (pre cell phone days). The man behind me was so angry that he jumped from his car and told he was going to “push” me into the off ramp, where he left me. It was dark by now, so I walked from the ramp to a coffee shop to call home for advice. My Dad answered the phone and I said “Dad, I am alone here with a broken down car in an unfamiliar place.” He just said “I am coming.” I ordered a coffee, in a rather “sketchy coffee shop” and prepared to wait. I remember I received my coffee and I heard my Dad’s voice behind me, saying, Mary. To this day the relief was beyond imaginable. He had come so quickly; it seemed that the Lord had brought him on a 40 minute journey in seconds. I often recall this moment as a moment when the Shepherd knowing his sheep came out. I was a sheep in an unfamiliar place, alone and needed help. As the Lord does for us, my Dad came immediately and brought safety and courage.

My Dad helped me get the car towed and repaired. This sounds just like the Lord; when we hear his voice he helps us to put our own lives in order, to right what may be wrong, to make better what is already on the right path. The Good Shepherd leads us to the gate which is eternal life and he does this by a gentle touch respecting our freedom and encouraging us to know him through Word and sacrament, so that we always hear his voice. My Dad was the father of nine kids and it was a difficult task, but when I needed him for advice and a safe haven in “trouble” he was present. I can still hear his voice. We are invited in the gospel to hear the Lord’s voice as clear as we hear our loved ones for whoever listens and enters with the Shepherd will be saved, and will come in and go out and find joy, peace and eternal life.

*Mary Ellen Cassani
Director of Pastoral Ministries*

ADULT FORMATION - SCREWTAPE LETTERS COMING IN MAY



Please join us for another CS Lewis novel, *The Screwtape Letters*. The *Screwtape Letters* is based on the Devil, Screwtapes’ advice given to his nephew, Wormwood, as he is taught how to tempt humanity, the “patient,” into selfish gain and power which are seen as the only good.

Each letter is filled with detailed instructions from Screwtape to Wormwood on how best to enter the man’s thoughts and subtly influence his choices thereby guiding him closer to Hell. Like most adults, the “patient” is influenced by culture, materialistic friends and the media.

The 31 letters Screwtape writes to Wormwood give insights into the nature of temptation and resistance, suffering and triumph through the Love of God.

Please read the first ten Letters before class on May 9.

Join the discussion:

Tuesdays at 9:45am or 7pm at the Msgr. Hackett Parish Center May 9, 16 and 23

HISTORY OF THE HYMN - PART XXI

Be Not Afraid

Words adapted from Scripture, music by Robert J. Dufford (b. 1943)



At some point in our lives, we all are afraid. We fear physical harm, or emotional pain, such as the loss of a loved one or the challenges of a difficult personal relationship. We also fear the unknown, including the uncertainty of what the future holds. This was the case with songwriter Bob Dufford.

Dufford was studying to be a Jesuit priest at Saint Louis University in Missouri in 1972. As he prepared to be ordained, he had anxiety and concerns over his future role as priest, wondering if he could do his vocation well. It was suggested by his spiritual director that he pray while reflecting on the Annunciation; of Mary's invitation to serve the Lord by the angel Gabriel, and the doubts she must have had. Upon reading the words of that

scripture, he was struck by Gabriel's words, "Do not be afraid, which became the title of the song. Further words were inspired when he was told by a friend of her upcoming missionary trip to Ghana¹. Dufford thought of Matthew's gospel, where Jesus said, "I am with you always." This became "I go before you always."² Also from the Book of Matthew, "Come follow me, and I will make you fishers of men" became "Come, follow me"³. That completed the chorus, or refrain. After being ordained, he was inspired to write the verses of the song in 1973. Some changes were needed; friend and fellow Jesuit (also a songwriter) John Foley suggested altering a section to be more prayerful in nature – thus, "you shall cross the desert" became "You shall cross the barren desert."⁴

In 1975 the piece was published and distributed. Responses were gradual in coming but proved the piece was deeply meaningful to those who listened to it. One family prayed the Rosary and sang *Be Not Afraid* every day for an alcoholic father. Eventually he joined Alcoholics Anonymous. Others shared that they were comforted by it in times of grief.⁵ Other songs by Dufford are *Sing to the Mountains*, *Like a Shepherd* and *All the Ends of the Earth*.⁶

As you sing the words of this song, may you be comforted as a follower of Christ in whatever your fears and griefs: the Lord is with you!

~ Monika Brodsky, Music Director

1 & 5 Found in article "*Be Not Afraid*": the song that eases the biggest transitions in - and out - of life by Colleen Dulle Found on <https://www.americamagazine.org/arts-culture/2018/06/14/be-not-afraid-song-eases-biggest-transitions-and-out-life> from June 14, 2018. Accessed April 25, 2023.

2, 3 & 4 Lyrics reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE, License #A-720657. All Rights Reserved.

5 Found on https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bob_Dufford. Accessed April 25, 2023.

POPE ST. JOHN XXIII NATIONAL SEMINARY GOLF TOURNAMENT



The 31st Annual Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary Golf Tournament is scheduled for **Monday, May 15th**, at The Weston Golf Club. This premier charity event is held to benefit the educational program for the seminarians. Tuition covers only half the cost of educating a seminarian and the proceeds from this tournament will help bridge the gap and keep the cost of educating them affordable. The \$250 player entry includes lunch at Weston Golf Club, 18 holes of golf with cart, and door prizes; followed by a social hour, silent auction and dinner for each golfer and a guest at the seminary. To register, email kfolan@psjs.edu, call Kate Folan 781-899-5500, or visit www.psj.edu.

Collaborative News and Events...

CATHOLIC WEYMOUTH OFFERS SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR YOUTH

DANCE ACADEMY SUMMER CLINIC

For Girls and Boys ages 6-11

Monday, July 31—Thursday, August 3 - 4-6pm

Skill level - Beginner/Intermediate Cost \$50

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BASKETBALL ACADEMY SUMMER CLINIC

For Girls and Boys ages 7-13

Monday, July 10—Thursday, July 13 - 9am - 12noon

All skill levels Cost \$125

Rich Fazzi will lead the program. They will drill, do Stations, Contest of the day and 5 on 5 Scrimmages. Space limited to first 50.



Registration for both programs can be found on our website www.catholicweymouth.org
Click on **New Programs**

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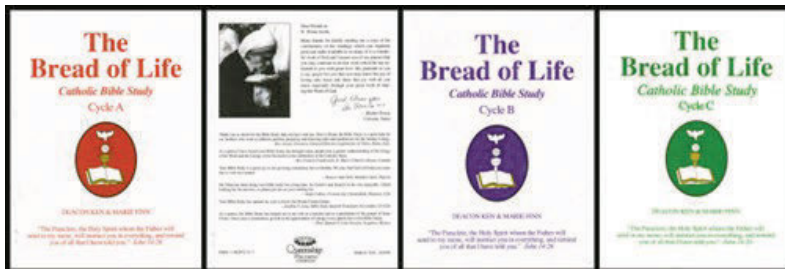
Upcoming Meetings - Tuesdays 1-3pm

May 2 - Schedule not received



Thursday, May 4

BREAD OF LIFE BIBLE STUDY



The Bread of Life Catholic Bible Study, written by Deacon Ken and Marie Finn, follows the liturgical calendar of the church and helps you prepare for the upcoming Sunday Mass readings. It was written and distributed to Mother Teresa and her sisters for feedback and was completed in 1992 with the blessing of Pope Saint John Paul. Co-author Marie Finn grew up in Saint Jerome Parish.

Noreen Caveney will lead the group which will meet every Wednesday from 10-11:30am

beginning April 26 in the downstairs library at Saint Jerome Church. All are welcome!

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