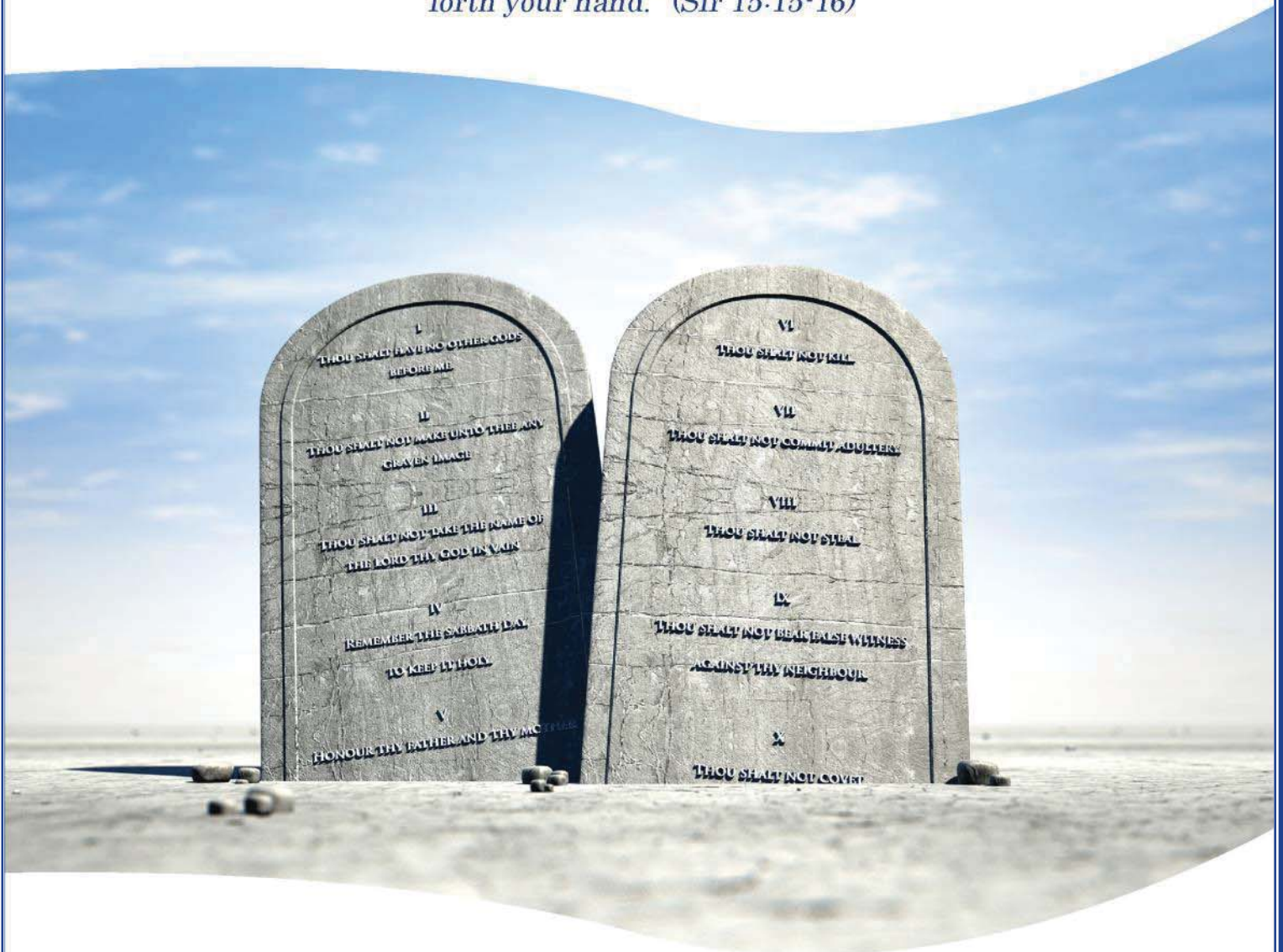


# 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in Ordinary Time

*"If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you; if you trust in God, you too shall live; he has set before you fire and water to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand." (Sir 15:15-16)*



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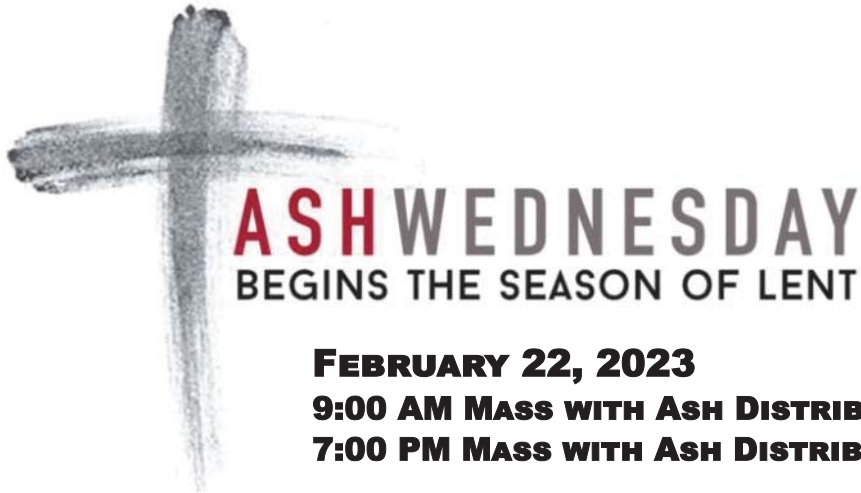
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**FEBRUARY 22, 2023**

**9:00 AM MASS WITH ASH DISTRIBUTION AT ST. ATHANASIUS CHURCH**

**7:00 PM MASS WITH ASH DISTRIBUTION AT ST. AGNES CHURCH**

**2:00 PM TO 4:00 PM - IN-CAR ASH DISTRIBUTION AT ST. ATHANASIUS**

## **VIRTUE IN A MODERN WORLD**

Meet Andrew Whitmore, a theology professor, husband, father, and author of *Ascension's Sainly Habits: Aquinas' 7 Simple Strategies You Can Use to Grow in Virtue*. In this article below, Andrew shares thoughts on virtue, why living a virtuous life is worth pursuing, and how to be virtuous in today's world.

***What is virtue and why is virtue worthwhile to pursue?*** Virtue is a perfection of our character, a human excellence, that we attain by doing what we were made for. Who doesn't want to be excellent? Virtues are character traits that enable us to act with ease, promptness, creativity, and joy. Virtues are deliberately cultivated habits of choosing what is best for us which ultimately transform us into better people.

When we practice being good and push ourselves to be good more perfectly, the virtues become second nature. Rather than fretting over what to do, we will quickly intuit it and make choices with ease. Rather than appearing boring and predictable, we will be creative and bring true life to our activities and encounters. Rather than begrudgingly carrying out our responsibilities, we will be filled with a sense of fulfillment and contentment.

***Why is virtue relevant to us today?*** While virtue isn't a popular topic today, the virtues are always relevant because all of us seek happiness. The human excellence that comes with virtue is that which helps us to live satisfied lives. Whereas sin causes us to act against our purpose, become frustrated, and feel empty, virtue helps us to become what God planned for us to be from eternity. As St. Augustine says, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in you, O Lord." Virtue is the most direct path to attaining true happiness.

***Do we need virtue in a modern world? Is virtue passé?*** Virtue is timeless because human nature has not changed. As the saying goes, "The more things change, the more they stay the same." Certainly, much is new in our world: new technologies, new challenges, and new opportunities. But what made people excellent a thousand years ago makes us excellent today—and will continue to make us excellent in another thousand years. So, virtue is always relevant.

***Virtue is hard, so why bother?*** As Theodore Roosevelt once said, "Nothing in the world is worth having or worth doing unless it means effort, pain, and difficulty." How true this is today when seeking to raise responsible children, maintain good health, pursue higher education, and serve the impoverished. Pursuing virtue can be added to this list!

***Is it even possible to be virtuous in a sinful world?*** Absolutely. With God, all things are possible (see Matthew 19:26). Fortunately, virtue is not an all-or-nothing proposition but admits of degree. What does this mean? It means that we can make incremental progress in growing in virtue through daily prayer, studying the Bible, receiving the sacraments, participating in Mass, and reading stories of the saints who are role models and teachers for our own pursuit of virtue. Virtue is possible. It is a process of self-discovery that is fun and exciting. You will be amazed at the progress you have already made!

SOURCE: <https://media.ascensionpress.com/2023/01/20/virtue-in-a-modern-world>

**MASS SCHEDULE** St. Athanasius: Vigil 4:00PM, 10:00AM | St. Agnes: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM  
 9:00AM Weekday: St. Agnes - Monday, Wednesday, Friday | St. Athanasius - Tuesday, Thursday  
 (Livestream Mass: 4:00PM Vigil, 11:00AM)

**CONFESSION** St. Athanasius: Saturday, 2:45PM - 3:45PM; or by appointment

**ADORATION** St. Agnes: Tuesday, 7:00 PM & Friday, 9:30AM | St. Athanasius: Thursday, 7:00 PM

## WORLD DAY OF THE SICK - FEBRUARY 11

February 11 is World Day of the Sick, an observation introduced by Pope John Paul II. He points out the need for everyone to act as the Good Samaritan did (Luke 10:25-37).

Pope John Paul II writes:

"Illness is part of our human condition. Yet, if illness is experienced in isolation and abandonment, unaccompanied by care and compassion, it can become inhumane.

When we go on a journey with others, it is not unusual for someone to feel sick, to have to stop because of fatigue or of some mishap along the way. It is precisely in such moments that we see how we are walking together: whether we are truly companions on the journey, or merely individuals on the same path, looking after our own interests and leaving others to "make do". For this reason, on the thirty-first World Day of the Sick, as the whole Church journeys along the synodal path, I invite all of us to reflect on the fact that it is especially through the experience of vulnerability and illness that we can learn to walk together according to the style of God, which is closeness, compassion, and tenderness."

## BLESSING OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 4:00 PM MASS, ST. ATHANASIUS CHURCH

In concert with the World Day of the Sick, we will have a blessing of Prayer Shawls, at the 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday, February 11. Our parishes have many ministries that bring compassion and care - the outpouring visible sign of our Faith. During the liturgy, prayer shawls created by the **Prayer Shawl Ministry** will be blessed and distributed to anyone in need of healing. They are woven, as are knitted items made by those in the **Golden Threads Ministry**, with prayer in each stitch. Another Ministry that reaches out to the infirmed is **Our Lady of Comfort** who visit and bring the Eucharist to the homebound, those in the hospital, and those in elder care facilities. Another group is **Lotsa Helping Hands** who bring fresh baked goods to Sawtelle Hospice House sharing love and support for the staff and the family visitors. Each of these Ministries in their own unique way evangelizes - bringing God's love to those distanced by illness, as well as their caretakers, and attempts to bring them reassurance that God's love is ever present. Should you find yourself in need or are drawn to share your time and gifts in these ministries you are encouraged to contact the Collaborative Office by email at [Contact@ReadingCatholic.org](mailto:Contact@ReadingCatholic.org) or by calling 781-944-0490.

## ARE YOU IN THE GRAPHIC DESIGN INDUSTRY?

Are you in the Graphic Design field? If so, we are looking for ideas for the new Christ the King Parish logo. If you are interested in volunteering your talents, please call the Collaborative Office to explore how you might be involved or send us an email to:

[Contact@ReadingCatholic.org](mailto:Contact@ReadingCatholic.org)

## PASTORAL PLAN IMPLEMENTATION TEAM: JOIN US!

Thanks to all those who signed up this past weekend to help bring our pastoral plan to life! If you would like to volunteer to work with us, contact the team at [pastoralplanning@readingcatholic.org](mailto:pastoralplanning@readingcatholic.org), with questions, or to sign up. Remember, you can review the plan any time on our website at [readingcatholic.org/pastoral-plan](http://readingcatholic.org/pastoral-plan).

The Pastoral Plan Implementation Team is: Pastoral Plan Coordinator, Janet Davidson-Dee; Vocations, Rosemarie DeLacy; Accompaniment, Paula Colpitts; The Sunday Experience, Tom O'Rourke; Community, Dan Oliphant



## FAITH FORMATION - SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

### First Holy Communion Parent Meeting

**DATE:** Monday, February 13, 7:00 PM

**LOCATION:** ST. AGNES PARISH CENTER

### First Holy Communion Retreat - Sunday Classes

**DATE:** Sunday, March 12

**TIME/LOCATION:** During regularly scheduled class time

### First Holy Communion Retreat - Wednesday Classes

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 8

**TIME/LOCATION:** During regularly scheduled class time

### First Holy Communion Masses

- Saturday, April 15, 10:00 AM - St. Athanasius Church  
Rehearsal - Wednesday, April 12, 4:30 PM

- Saturday, April 22, 10:00 AM - St. Agnes Church  
Rehearsal - Wednesday, April 19, 4:30 PM

Please call the Collaborative Office if you have questions about the First Communion Mass to which your child is assigned.

## CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

### Confirmation Retreats

Confirmation II - Group A - March 12, 4:30PM-8:30PM

Confirmation II - Group B - March 26, 4:30PM-8:30PM

LOCATION: St. Agnes Parish Center

GROUP ASSIGNMENTS TBA

Confirmation I - Group A - March 5, 4:30PM-8:30PM

Confirmation I - Group B - March 19, 4:30PM-8:30PM

LOCATION: St. Athanasius PAC

GROUP ASSIGNMENTS TBA

### Confirmation Masses

- Saturday, May 13, 6:00 PM - St. Athanasius Church  
Rehearsal - Wednesday, May 10, 7:00 PM

- Sunday, May 14, 2:00 PM - St. Agnes Church  
Rehearsal - Thursday, May 11, 7:00 PM

Have you signed up for your Confirmation Mass? Find the Confirmation Mass Sign Up Genius here:

<https://readingcatholic.org/confirmation-preparation>

### CONFIRMATION NAME AND SPONSOR FORM

Confirmation II Candidates only - submit online at:

<https://readingcatholic.org/sponsor-form>

### SERVICE DOCUMENTATION FORM

Confirmation I & II Candidates - Submit online at:

<https://readingcatholic.org/confirmation-preparation>

## READING FOOD PANTRY COULD USE YOUR HELP!

Items in need are: Crackers, Facial tissues, Chunk White Tuna, Hot chocolate, Pasta Sauce

Drop off time is Wednesdays, 4:30-6:00 pm at the back door.

We also need volunteer shoppers for Tuesday or Wednesday mornings, contact [tinatorman@gmail.com](mailto:tinatorman@gmail.com)

## SATURDAY NIGHT CLUB: CHOCOLATE BUFFET

**DATE:** Saturday, February 11, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

**LOCATION:** St. Athanasius PAC

All are welcome to attend THE CHOCOLATE BUFFET on February 11, 6:30-8:30 at the St. Athanasius PAC. We will also be playing Scattergories for anyone interested, as well as having a Cribbage Tournament. Join us for a fun evening of socializing and indulging. Invite a friend.

For more information, contact Jody Roffi, 781-710-3393 or email to [tulipfrog@comcast.net](mailto:tulipfrog@comcast.net)

**Prioritize: What is more important, your busy life or God?**

**Put God first and everything else will fall into place.**

## SEEKING HOMES FOR WHITE POINSETTIAS

In preparation for the upcoming season of Lent the Arts & Environment Ministry are offering the remaining white poinsettias on St. Athanasius's altar to our parishioners and visitors. Please come and take them after the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday, February 12. They are resilient plants and after cutting them back now and cared for in the winter months can be enjoyed in or outside throughout the summer.



Instruct me, O LORD, in the way of your statutes,  
that I may exactly observe them.  
Give me discernment, that I may observe your law  
and keep it with all my heart.

*Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!*

Psalm 119:33-34, 1



## THE CHOSEN - SEASON 3



**DATES:** Saturdays, following the 4:00 Mass

**LOCATION:** St. Athanasius Parish Activity Center

Saturday, February 11 - The Chosen - Season 3, Episode 2

Saturday, February 18 - The Chosen - Season 3, Episode 3

Season 3 Episode 3 explores some significant themes: The Incarnation & Human Limitations of Jesus ; The Humility of Jesus; The Divine Nature & Messianic Calling of Jesus

The Chosen series allows viewers to see the life of Jesus through the eyes of those that knew Him. It's hope is to take you deeper into gospel stories by retelling and expounding on the character and intentions of Jesus and those who knew Him. Follow the transformations of His followers through the ministry of Jesus as He journeys to change the world.

## CONGRATS TO "FREE THROW" CONTEST WINNERS!

The Reading Knights of Columbus sponsored a Free Throw Contest for Boys and Girls Ages 9-14 at Burbank YMCA on Sunday, February 5. Thirty kids participated. The winners will go on to compete at the District competition with a chance to go on to the Regionals and State competition.



Winners pictured  
at right:  
Congratulations!



Thirty participants in the Free Throw Contest had a fun time!

## PARISH COUNCIL NOMINEES - ELECTIONS:



### **Bob Baynes**

I am grateful to be nominated to serve on Parish Council. My wife and I have been active members of the Reading Catholic Community since 1991. We raised our three children here in Reading. Over the years I have served at St. Agnes as a lector, on the Adult Education Committee and as a Confirmation Teacher. I have been active in the Reading Knights of Columbus having served 3 years as Grand Knight. I retired in late 2021 after a 38 year career in the insurance industry working primarily in claims and litigation management. If chosen I would be delighted to share my skills and experiences and to serve our Reading Catholic Community.



### **Joanne Fitzpatrick**

I am proud to be Catholic and live my faith. My husband, Ed, and I have been active parishioners for more than 35 years supporting St. Athanasius and any town-wide, volunteer efforts in Reading. We've raised our three, now-adult children in the parish who have also done volunteer work in the parish and town. As one of the chairpeople of our annual Christmas Faire I have thoroughly enjoyed supporting this special, 40+ year tradition. The Faire's first objective is as a fundraiser. As importantly, the Faire creates strong fellowship for St Athanasius, St Agnes, and the town. By serving on Parish Council, I wish to collaborate in strengthening our Reading Catholic community in its new era. I am recently retired as a researcher and teacher. I hope to use the gifts God has given me to do His work in our Catholic community.



### **Kristen Gohr**

Our family has been faithful members of St. Agnes Parish since 1999. A native of the Merrimack Valley, I graduated from North Andover High School, attended Boston College, did post graduate work at the University of Massachusetts Lowell, and pursued a career as a middle school educator. I left teaching to raise our three now-adult children, Jack, Hannah, and Kiki, who all went through faith formation at St. Agnes. I continued to pursue my love of teaching by becoming a fitness and yoga instructor. I lived my cursillo in 2019 and have enjoyed becoming more involved in Parish life including singing in the RCC choir. My experiences have taught me the value of communication, listening and planning. I believe I have the experience, the faith, and the spiritual gifts to work with our Pastor to represent your interest on the Parish Pastoral Council as a humble and productive member who will listen to your concerns and interests.



### **Michelle Goldner**

I am both excited and terrified at the potential opportunity to serve on the Parish Council. If given this opportunity in 2002 when I began my journey at St. Agnes, I would have said a firm "No." However, in the last 21 years, I've learned that God's plan does not always line up with my plan. I've gone from volunteering with my family for programs like Night in Bethlehem, VBS, and the Christmas Eve Mass, to being a member of the Engaged Couples Planning Team and the coordinator of the Altar Server Ministry. My husband and I have encouraged and supported our children to be active participants as well, for they are the future of the Catholic Church. Lastly, I have a unique lens as a school-based occupational therapist and look forward to sharing ideas and perspectives that target the youngest members of our community and their families. If Parish Council is in God's plan for me, I will welcome this next step in my journey.



## FEBRUARY 18 THROUGH FEBRUARY 24

### PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Get to know a little bit about the nominees for Parish Council on page 6 and page 7!

Parish Council elections will take place, beginning Saturday, February 18, and run until Friday, February 24.

Information about each Nominee is found on the following pages.

Parishioners may cast their vote in one of three ways:

1. Electronic Vote - the link to submit your electronic vote is posted on the home page of the website:  
[ReadingCatholic.org](http://ReadingCatholic.org)
2. Paper ballots on Usher tables - paper ballots will be placed at both churches on Saturday, February 18. Please return your ballot to the labeled collection box or to the Collaborative Office.
3. Paper ballot in bulletin - paper ballot will be printed in the February 19 bulletin. Please cut out and return to the labeled collection box at church, or return to the Collaborative Office.



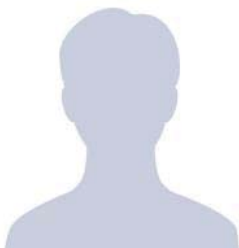
#### Liz McCarron

My husband and I joined the parish in 2016. We are “regulars” at the 7:30am mass where I serve in the music ministry as a cantor. I taught information technology courses at the college level for many years and have been able to volunteer my skills to help out in the parish office. I have experience working on non-profit organization Boards, most recently a two-year term as External Vice President of the Massachusetts Master Gardeners Association. Professionally I am a certified ADHD Life Coach and run my own coaching business. My research and writing focuses on accessibility; the student/faculty relationship; and self-advocacy in students with ADHD and learning disabilities. I would love to serve on the Parish Council to help Fr. Rock with pastoral planning and development as we combine our two churches into one new parish. I think I have a diverse set of skills and talents to share.



#### David Nugent

Thank you in advance for the opportunity to serve on the parish council. As a lifelong resident of Reading, 1983 RMHS graduate (athletic HOF member) and 1987 graduate from Boston College it would be my privilege. In the past, I've been called upon help with several select St Athanasius Parish fundraising efforts directly related to specific to improvement projects. In addition, in my 20's and until my early 30's I served the Reading as elected Town Meeting member, elected member of the board of assessors for 8 years, and lead the committee to reposition the town dump now commonly known as Walkers Brook Crossing. My wife, Michelle of 24 years and I raised 3 children here in Reading which were all baptized and confirmed here at St Athanasius.



#### Gerry Centrella

Bio and photograph unavailable at time of printing.

#### Lisa Centrella

Bio and photograph unavailable at time of printing.

#### John Greeley

Bio and photograph unavailable at time of printing.

## MASS INTENTIONS

One way we pray for people in need, both the living and dead (canon 945 §1), is through having a Mass said for that intention. Pope Paul VI said, "The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer," and is said in communion with the entire Universal Church. Mass intentions are a great treasure of the Church and have a spiritual weight that is incalculable. An offering is given freely, by the faithful, primarily out of their concern for the Church and their desire to support its material needs. The Christian faithful who give an offering to apply the Mass for their intention contribute to the good of the Church, and by that offering share its concern to support its ministers and works (Can. 946).

**REQUESTING A MASS INTENTION** - Due to the high requests for Intentions at certain Masses - as a rule, there is only one Mass intention per Mass. Multiple names from the same person are acceptable and are considered one Intention. If the requested Mass is not available, we will advise you of other available dates.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN IN MILITARY SERVICE

*God of compassion, we pray for our loved ones in the military, who offer themselves for the sake of others and who are separated from family and loved ones. Grant them courage, compassion, strength, and all they need for the living of these days. Sustain them through their every trial. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray.*  
*Amen*

**Please pray for all service members, especially for:**

Capt. Jared Peledge (US Army),  
LT Jeff Peledge (US Army),  
Spc. William T. Fisher (US Army),  
LCPL Dean Lepore, Timothy Thomas (US Army),  
Cpl. Daniel Gonzales (US Marine Corps),  
Capt. Nicholas Staffier (US Army),  
Capt. Luke Beaulieu (US Army), Cpl. Brenden Amico,  
Justin Whitmarsh, Chaplain Tom Whiteman,  
USMC Major Zachary Johnson,  
1st Lts. Ryan & Nolan Johnson (US Army)  
PFC Christopher Lewis, USMC Capt. Katie Sliwoski,  
Frank J. Pendergast (USMC),  
Sgt. Brian A. Hartman (USMC), LT Kevin Plumer (Navy),  
Jackson Nicolo (US Army Rangers),  
Stephen Campo 1LT (USMC),  
PV2 Mikey Woods (US Army)  
Spc4 Zachary Thomas, US Army



#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

4:00 PM - Rose McLaughlin

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12 - SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM - No Mass Intention

9:00 AM - No Mass Intention

10:00 AM - Thomas Holland

11:00 AM - Marie and Richard Cavicchi

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

9:00 AM - No Mass Intention

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

9:00 AM - Giuseppe DelGreco

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

9:00 AM - No Mass Intention

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

9:00 AM - Louise Resca - 8th Anniversary

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

9:00 AM - No Mass Intention

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

4:00 PM - Trevor Kyle

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19 - SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM - No Mass Intention

9:00 AM - Ann Teixeira - Birthday Memorial

10:00 AM - Francis Walsh

11:00 AM - Gerda Litchfield - Anniversary

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE** - is lit to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. It is a mark of honor to remind the faithful of the presence of Christ, and is a profession of their love and affection. If you wish to have the Sanctuary Lamp burning in memory of a loved one, to honor a special occasion, or a special intention make arrangements with the Collaborative Office. The Candle will burn for one week.



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Worldwide organization of lay Catholics, following Christ's call to serve the poor, the suffering, and the deprived.

## SACRAMENTS:

† **BAPTISM:** Maximum of 6 babies at each service

† **BAPTISM PARENT MEETING:** *Parents must attend a baptism meeting prior to the baptism. Meetings are held on the 1st Friday of every month at 7:00PM, at the St. Athanasius PAC*

### 1:00 PM Baptism Service on:

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at St. Agnes  
 2nd Sunday of the month at St. Athanasius

**Schedule a baptism:** <https://readingcatholic.org/baptism>  
 Or call the Collaborative Office

### † MARRIAGE:

Arrangements are made with a priest at least six months in advance.

### † RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays, 2:45PM - 3:45PM at St. Athanasius  
 or by appointment with Clergy

† **ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Call the Parish Office to request. Extraordinary Ministers are also available to bring the Eucharist to the homebound.

† **FUNERALS:** visit <https://readingcatholic.org/funerals>  
 or call the Collaborative Office, 781-944-0490

**WINCHESTER HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN 781.756.2295**, Mary Beth Moran

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Interested in becoming Catholic? Baptized but not Confirmed?  
 Call us, we are here to answer your questions!

### ALTAR SERVERS

Contact: Michelle Goldner, 508-942-9788  
 email: chelle1127@msn.com  
<https://ReadingCatholic.org/altar-server>

**GLUTEN ISSUES** - Please see a Priest or Deacon before Mass.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday, 7PM-8PM at St. Agnes Church - with Rosary and Confessions available  
 Thursday 7:00pm at St. Athanasius Church with Rosary  
 Friday 9:30am-12Noon at St. Agnes Church

### MASS AND SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS, MASS CARDS

Call the Parish Office to schedule

**PRAYER REQUESTS** - Call the Collaborative Office or submit online at: <https://readingcatholic.org/prayer-request>

**PARISH REGISTRATION** - [ReadingCatholic.org/register-with-parish](https://readingcatholic.org/register-with-parish)

### BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Deadline: Monday 12Noon; for print in the upcoming weekend's bulletin. Email to: [Bulletin@ReadingCatholic.org](mailto:Bulletin@ReadingCatholic.org)



# “ SHE GAVE ME MY LIFE BACK

Local clinic has a modern, medical solution to  
treat your **Peripheral Neuropathy**  
and is seeing incredible results!

**“It started out as a normal outing. My wife and I had to run to the grocery store. We were driving down the road casually going over our shopping list when the car ahead of me started to slow down anticipating the yellow light. I started to move my foot from the gas to the brake as any normal person would do when they see brake lights in front of them but I couldn’t. I couldn’t feel my foot. The car kept moving forward and I just couldn’t get my foot on the brake. And CRUNCH! I finally came to a stop when I hit the car in front of me.”**

This tragic story was shared with us by Dan S. a Burlington resident who has peripheral neuropathy. And while no one was hurt in this accident, Dan S. had suffered almost everyday of his life with tingling and burning in his feet until numbness set in and he could no longer feel even the brake pedal beneath his foot.

**“The first stage is pain.”** shares Acupuncturist Min Jeon of AWC| Acupuncture & Wellness Clinic. **“You feel burning, tingling, sharp pains, or you feel like you’re walking on tacks or marbles. This pain eventually subsides and the numbness sets in. Unfortunately, the numbness brings with it a whole other host of problems.”**

This was the case with Dan. **“I said I wasn’t going to drive again. What if that had been a pedestrian?”**

It is terribly common that peripheral neuropathy and its debilitating symptoms interfere with a person’s ability to live their life. Dan was now reliant on his wife to drive him around, even the simple pleasure of cruising down Route 1 or taking her out to dinner was outside of his capabilities. Even more common, Dan’s general practitioner and several specialists told him there was nothing they could do other than prescribe him pills that would ease the pain of his neuropathy.

**That’s where Acupuncturist Min and her staff at AWC come in. “About 75% of our current patients come to us suffering from the same condition as Mr. Dan,”** tells Min Jeon Lic.Ac.

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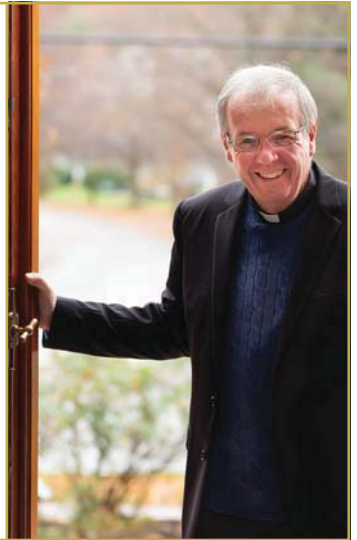
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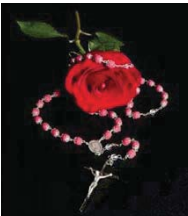
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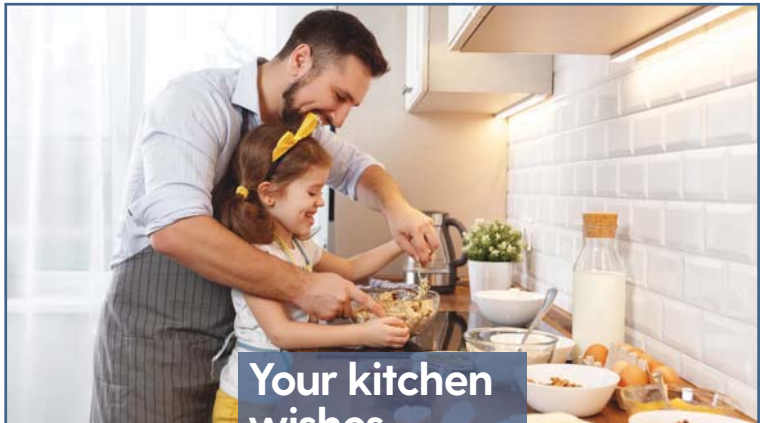
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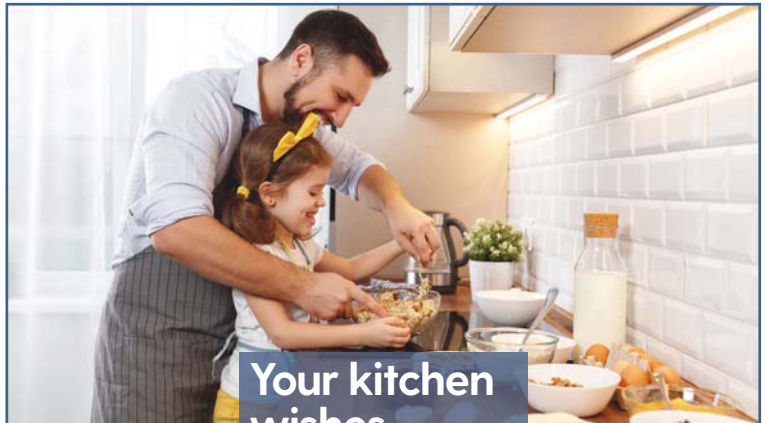


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