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April 30, 2023



*Congratulations to this year's First Holy Communiquants
~ Masses celebrated on April 15 and April 22, 2023 ~*





*Our Churches' were beautifully decorated for
Easter Sunday and continuing throughout
the Easter Season.*

*The Easter Flower Memorial honors departed loved
ones, in loving memory and prayers for
their eternal rest in God's Kingdom.*

Peggy & Ray Gagnon; Jane & Tom Keily
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Leo, Lucy, and Bob Bertocini;
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DeLacy Family
Charles Hunter
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Ellen Desmond
Arthur Pastore
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Ferguson and Macklin Families
The Gould and Heithaus Families
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Philip and Daniel Kearns
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John Oglee, and Mary & Freddie Frazier
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Ann Van Name; Helen Murphy;
Francis Murphy
Pat and Anne Vartola
Marge and Bob Erwin
Donna Silva
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Lupi and Gowell Families
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Guy Beninati; the Grande and Beninati
Families

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Richard Golding ; Gertrude and
Edward Harkins
Harold & Katherine O'Brien;
George O'Brien
John and Marion Flaherty
Edward and Thecla Ambrose
Frank Caruso and Family
The Penitano and Quinn Families
Peter Doherty
Ferrari and Parziale Families
Albert L. Stewart
Gerald and Frances Colford
Mary Strangie
Curran and Petrone Families
Frank Caruso and Family
Ferrari and Parziale Families
Phyllis and Romeo Fortier
Heather Tuffs
Rezendes, Mendonca and
Doherty Families
Fr. Paul Galvin
Dr. Gerald Bernstein
David, Nancy and Louis Roffi
Peters and Benjamin Families
Jean and Alfred Perry
Joseph Kimari
John Rigione
Nick and Sue Vultaggio
Nick Vultaggio, Jr.
For Deceased Families
Rubbico Family
Florence Finocchio
John Barretto
Carmella and Arthur Montuori
Florence and Bernard O'Rourke

Daniel O'Rourke
Dorothy and John Dio Guardi
Mary and Daniel Tobin
Eugene Leahy
MaryAnn Kleye
Paul Condon; Mary, Frank, and
Paul Robbins
The O'Brien Family
The MacQuarrie & Croteau Families
Robert T. Shaunessy; Coulter Family
and Elaine Shaunessy
David E. and David L. Finnegan
Steve Hyta
Gerald Maloney and Harris Curtis
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and Marotta Families
The Catanzano and Driscoll Families
John and Mary Jakul
Robert and Gertrude Baynes
Finigan and Mueller Families
Edward , Patricia, and Robert Flynn
Tom and Marie O'Connell
Charles Pietrello, Andrew Garofalo
D'Attorre and Izzo Families



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

We have just completed the First Communions of 78 Second Graders and we congratulate them and their families for this milestone. Next month our Sophomores will receive Confirmation. I would ask all of you to keep these students and their families in their prayers. Our Faith Formation Program wouldn't exist without volunteers so we congratulate them for a job well done.

As you know, the Easter Season doesn't end until Pentecost, when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. Throughout this time we read from the Acts of the Apostles and the spreading of the Church all over the Roman Empire. This happened not only because of the preaching of the Apostles but also because all Christians lived and shared their faith in the Risen Lord. We are called to do the same in our parish. In recognition of the need to evangelize, the Church has called upon all of us to become involved in Evangelization, a job for all and not just the clergy. Cardinal O'Malley instituted the Disciples of Mission Program for the Archdiocese of Boston, and from that every parish is to implement a Pastoral Plan.

We have had a very dedicated team who have developed our Pastoral Plan. I encourage you all to get involved in this so that our major concern will not be just maintaining our campuses but to the Mission of the Church.

St. Agnes Ceiling – The Facilities Department of the Archdiocese is working closely with structural engineers and a ceiling repair company to make a plan for the repair of the ceiling which I hope is sooner than later. For safety reasons, some of the benches will continue to be roped off.

I am pleased to share that our parish has raised \$63,735 toward our 2023 Catholic Appeal goal of \$87,800. Our heartfelt thanks to all who have helped get us closer to our goal. If you have not had the opportunity to support the Appeal yet, I invite you to make your gift today to help us reach our goal. Pick up an envelope at the back of the church or make an on-line donation at www.bostoncatholicappeal.org. Your participation in our Appeal is appreciated by our parish and all those who are served by the ministries funded by the Appeal that put faith into action to support all of our parishes, schools, and communities. Thank you.

Let's continue to pray for each other.

Fr. Steve Rock

PASTORAL PLAN – VOCATIONS



One of the four priorities identified in our Parish Pastoral Plan is to promote a culture of vocations within our faith community, with special emphasis on priestly vocations. Good Shepherd Sunday offers a perfect opportunity to call attention to the Vocations Implementation Team's efforts to lead our parish in the promotion of the Priesthood. Today's Prayer of the Faithful will be your first opportunity to join us in Intentional Prayer for vocations as we celebrate Mass. We ask that you add priestly vocations to your personal prayer intentions and keep the Vocations Implementation Team in

your prayers as we continue our work to support discernment of vocations of Religious Life, the Diaconate, expanding to include the Lay vocations of Family Life, Married Life and Single Life.

From the Parochial Vicar

Dear Parishioners and Extended Family Members,

Praised be Jesus Christ! He has risen! Truly, He has risen!

What wonderful celebrations of First Holy Communion we had the last two weekends! Congratulations to our Parish's Communicants who received for the first time. A heart-felt thank you to the Faith Formation Team catechists! Thank you to the students who gave so many wonderful answers during the Masses, keeping their parents on their toes as they did so! Finally, thank you to Ms. Paula Colpitts, Ms. Janet Davidson-Dee, and Ms. Jacqueline Steele for coordinating the celebrations and for guiding this portion of our parish's Faith Formation Program all of the past year. How wonderful it is that so many more members of the Body of Christ can now encounter Jesus in the most personal manner he left us before his Ascension to heaven: His Body and Blood.

Talking about living in "in-between" time! We have now celebrated two First Communion Masses in our Parish, and we are now on to celebrate two Confirmation Masses in May. I am sure glad God enjoys making Himself present in the Sacraments since we sure are celebrating a lot of them this month!! Seriously, please pray for the children and youth of our parish, that they may know, love, and serve God through their new relationship that the sacraments of Confession, Holy Communion, and Confirmation give them the opportunity to have.

If you are looking for a thought to meditate on, think of how much humility God voluntarily takes on each time we choose to receive a sacrament. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God has already decided to forgive you of your sins through the priest hearing them before you even confess them! Before you receive Holy Communion, God has already decided to once again become part of the very Creation that he himself made, by becoming a piece of bread, so that you may not only receive God, but ingest God in order for God to nourish you and become a greater part of you. In Confirmation, God once again decides to be active in our lives by his dwelling as the Holy Spirit in each of our bodies in order to guide us and give us what we need to make good decisions in life. God so much wants to be a part of our lives, if we only give God the permission to do so!!! If we consider the amount of humility God undertakes for each person in order to become a greater part of his or her life, it is truly awe-inspiring!!

Sincerely yours in the Risen Christ,

Father Z

From This Week In Church Signs:

"What Happens In Vegas . . . Is Forgiven Here."



THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

This May, 92 Confirmation II candidates will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Joining in with these candidates will be 6 additional Candidates who have been preparing these past few months in our Adult Confirmation Program. In total, 98 candidates will be received into the Catholic Church as fully initiated, fully participating members of the Body of Christ!

**Christ the King Parish's Confirmation Masses will be celebrated on
May 13th and on May 14th**

Please keep in prayer all who will be Confirmed. At both church entrances, you will find Prayer Cards, with a Candidate's first name on reverse. Please take a card (or two) - to keep this Candidate in prayer.

May this Candidate with:

the gift of wisdom, see the world through your eyes;

the gift of counsel, make difficult decisions;

the gifts of knowledge and understanding, use their mind to know You and to love You;

the gift of fortitude, have the courage to live in the faith despite the difficulties and disappointments;

the gift of piety, be able to express special love and commitment to You;

and the right kind of awe that makes them pause to wonder and revere God's Love. Amen.

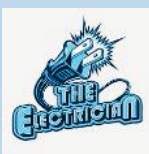
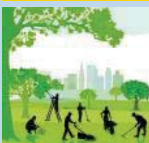
CALLING ALL CONTRACTORS!

Members of Christ the King Parish who are builders, plumbers, electricians, landscapers, painters, or contractors of any kind are invited to join our Facilities Management Committee. We invite your participation as parishioners to assess the short, medium, and long-term needs of both of our Worship Sites and their related buildings and grounds. The



commitment will likely involve 1-2 meetings over the next 90 days to agree on strategy, facilities walkthroughs to perform our assessment, and quarterly reviews to

monitor progress. We are seeking your input and expertise as members of the Parish Community. To join the group, please email or call Jim Fitzgerald, jfitzgerald@readingcatholic.org or (339) 222-8377



PARENT PLANNING MEETING FOR THE CLASS OF 2023 BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

PARENT PLANNING MEETING - BY ZOOM

Monday, May 1st, 7:00 PM

Email to PColpitts@ReadingCatholic.org to express your intent to help with the planning and to get the ZOOM Parent Planning Link

Seeking parents and/or grandparents of graduating seniors to help plan for this year's Baccalaureate Service, to be hosted by Christ the King Parish. Join the Team!

The Baccalaureate is one of many exciting events leading up to Graduation - to acknowledge these students' hard work and hopes for the future. In an especial way, the Baccalaureate Service is a worship service for the graduating class and their families and friends. It offers a quiet, intimate opportunity to pause and reflect on this rite of passage, hear a keynote speaker, a faculty member and student speakers.

CHRIST THE KING MINISTRY OF BEREAVEMENT

... supporting those who have suffered the death of a family member or friend

"If one member suffers in the body of Christ which is the Church, all the members suffer with that member."

1 Corinthians 12:26

Seeking volunteers for our Ministry

Christ the King Parish believes that no one should grieve alone. In service and support of our parishioners and community, the Ministry of Bereavement (MoB) assists our pastor and clergy in providing bereavement and spiritual support for parishioners who have experienced the death of a family member or friend.

Our prayers and actions for the deceased and family and friends reveal Jesus in our acts of care, comfort, compassion, and accompaniment - always a gift from God.

Volunteers are needed to:

- Attend Funerals
- Send notes and cards to bereaved parishioners.

This may be done from the comfort of your home.

Please consider sharing your time to support this Ministry, one of which carries on Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

For more information please contact Maggie Coolican at 860-682-4156 or bereavement@readingcatholic.com

WHERE DID APRIL GO?

Before it slips away the Sanctity of Life Ministry wishes to note that April is Post-Abortion Awareness Month.

Our friends at Your Options Medical have extended their ministry to offer post-abortive women a safe place to share about their experiences and offer lasting Hope and Healing. They want every woman to know that healing is possible after an abortion. When we tell our stories in an open and authentic way-shame has no place left to hide. Visit Hope Rising at [Hope Rising](http://HopeRising.org) (hoperisingma.org) to learn more.



A SIMPLE WEDDING GIFT?

Wedding season will be soon upon us and perhaps you have accepted an invitation to attend a ceremony? Looking for something extra to place on the gift table? Did you know that God has a plan for love and marriage? At the rear of the church in The Building the Domestic Church Kiosk we Knights offer free inspirational literature. We call attention to the God's Plan For Love And Marriage booklet. Kindly take a copy. We simply wish to encourage all to better understand and appreciate the sacramental gift of Marriage.



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FORMED.org is excited to present curated content to help the Church journey through the Easter season. Check out these resources to help you deepen your understanding of Christ. You can find resources on prayer, the lives of the saints, and great spiritual content to help guide you and your family through the season. We pray that all these resources draw you deeper into the mystery of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday, and Pentecost.

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LADIES' PRIZE BINGO IS BACK!

DATE: Sunday, April 30th, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

LOCATION: St. Athanasius PAC

This is a \$25, Potluck event

Contact: Cindy.canavan@comcast.net or 703-216-6103

Join us for what is sure to be a fun time filled with friends, laughter, and PRIZES!!

LET'S CELEBRATE CHRIST THE KING PARISH!**"A Little Night Music"****DATE: Saturday, May 6, 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM****LOCATION: St. Agnes Parish Center**

RESERVE YOUR SPOT BY CALLING or stopping in at the PARISH OFFICE

GET YOUR TICKET AFTER ANY SUNDAY MASS



Tribute singer, George Lyons, sings tunes from Frank, Dean, Sammy, Neil Diamond, Engelbert & Elvis - singing their best loved songs in their style and voices!



Our own parishioners performing Beatles, Beatles, Beatles!



Easy listening piano tunes featuring : songs on request, Show Tunes, and "Name That tune"

An evening of music, laughs, breaking bread, good Spirit and good company!

A light buffet with refreshments will be served. If you would like to complement the buffet with a food contribution please scan the QR-code at right to see food suggestions. Thank You!

This is one of what we hope will be many other community events. We are looking for persons with creative ideas who would like to see them happen here in our community. If this is you, please reach out to clergy or the Parish Office to share your ideas for the next event!

**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN FACILITATOR TRAINING**

Have you been thinking about ways that you can be more involved with your Parish, what type of volunteer needs the Parish has? Have you heard about the volunteer need for facilitators of the "Protecting God's Children (for Adults)" program? This program is required of parish volunteers, as our part for making churches safe for all people—especially children.

A key component of "Protecting God's Children (PGC)" is having trained facilitators for our Parish. We typically offer PGC in the Fall, and - as needed - at the beginning of the Summer. Your commitment would be facilitating one or two sessions per year, maybe less if we grow a Team of facilitators!

Upcoming Facilitator training:

May 6, 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM, Mass to follow - St Augustine Parish 43 Essex Street, Andover, MA

June 10, 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM, Mass to follow - St Joseph Parish 173 Albion Street, Wakefield, MA

To register: Log into your account on virtusonline.org

In the box entitled "Current Training," click the "Register for Training" link.

More information and assistance in registering, please contact Deacon Stephen May, RCAB, Safe Environment Coordinator, smay@rcab.org

READING FOOD PANTRY

The Reading Food Pantry is a project of the entire Reading community, housed at Old South Church, 6 Salem Street, Reading. Drop off time is Wednesdays, 4:30-6:00 pm at the back door.

Items in need are:

Laundry Detergent, Dinty Moore Beef Stew, Instant Coffee (Reg & Decaf), Canned Pasta (Beefaroni, Ravioli - Spaghetti O's, Spaghetti & meatballs)

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“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.

“They’re in constant pain from neuropathy and it prevents them from not only living their lives but more importantly, it prevents them from enjoying it. Depending on the severity of their nerve damage, we typically see tremendous progress in 3-4 months of treatment. I like to say we’re in the business of making your golden years golden.”

“I can’t lie,” confides Dan.

“I was skeptical at first. The folks down at MassGeneral told me there was nothing that could be done and then there’s an Acupuncturist right here in Burlington who tells me she can help. Turns out she was right! About three months after treatment I was able to confidently drive myself to my appointments! My wife and I celebrated by buying ourselves a new car! It’s hard to put into words how incredible this is, quite frankly Acupuncturist Min Jeon gave me my life back.”

While AWC specializes in acupuncture as part of their protocol in treating neuropathy, the real secret is in a more modern medical solution called ATP Resonance BioTherapy®. “This technology was originally developed by NASA to expedite healing and recovery” shares Maureen, a Senior Patient Care Technician at the clinic. “It’s like watering a plant. ATP Resonance BioTherapy® stimulates the blood vessels to grow back around the peripheral nerve and provide them the proper nutrients to heal and repair.”

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Fr. Tom Nestor has served as pastor
at the Collaborative Parishes of
Resurrection and Saint Paul in
Hingham for the past ten years, and
previously served at St. Eulalia's in
Winchester for 17 years. A Harvard
graduate and native of West Roxbury,
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 1st Saturday 9:00 AM Mass at St. Athanasius | Livestream Masses: 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

**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),
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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

4:00 PM - Anthony Zecchino - Birthday Memorial

SUNDAY, APRIL 30 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30 AM - Dorothy Prudente

9:00 AM - Mary Joyce

10:00 AM - Ann Carol Saviano

11:00 AM - Ed and Muriel Murphy

MONDAY, MAY 1

9:00 AM - No Mass Intention

TUESDAY, MAY 2

9:00 AM - No Mass Intention

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

9:00 AM - No Mass Intention

THURSDAY, MAY 4

9:00 AM - No Mass Intention

FRIDAY, MAY 5

9:00 AM - William VonEuw - 24th Anniversary

SATURDAY, MAY 6

9:00 AM - 1st Saturday Mass at St. Athanasius

4:00 PM - Frank DelGreco

SUNDAY, MAY 7 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30 AM - Emily Dee - 27th Birthday Memorial

9:00 AM - Salvatore Tammara

10:00 AM - Ann Marie Gillespie

11:00 AM Mary Strangie - 20th Anniversary

REQUESTING A MASS INTENTION - 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.

DID YOU KNOW?

Mass Cards are available at the Parish Office for the repose of the souls of deceased persons and for intentions of living persons (eg: For Healing). Mass Cards are a beautiful way to remember a loved one and to ask for God's blessing.

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday, 7PM-8PM at St. Agnes Church - with Rosary
 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 Parish Office or submit online at:

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

SACRAMENTS

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

† **BAPTISM PARENT MEETING:** *attend 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 or
 at Sunday Liturgy - call office to discuss

Schedule a baptism online, ReadingCatholic.org/baptism or call the Parish 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 Parish Office, 781-944-0490



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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.

“They’re in constant pain from neuropathy and it prevents them from not only living their lives but more importantly, it prevents them from enjoying it. Depending on the severity of their nerve damage, we typically see tremendous progress in 3-4 months of treatment. I like to say we’re in the business of making your golden years golden.”

“I can’t lie,” confides Dan. “I was skeptical at first. The folks down at MassGeneral told me there was nothing that could be done and then there’s an Acupuncturist right here in Burlington who tells me she can help. Turns out she was right! About three months after treatment I was able to confidently drive myself to my appointments! My wife and I celebrated by buying ourselves a new car! It’s hard to put into words how incredible this is, quite frankly Acupuncturist Min Jeon gave me my life back.”

While AWC specializes in acupuncture as part of their protocol in treating neuropathy, the real secret is in a more modern medical solution called ATP Resonance BioTherapy®. “This technology was originally developed by NASA to expedite healing and recovery” shares Maureen, a Senior Patient Care Technician at the clinic. “It’s like watering a plant. ATP Resonance BioTherapy® stimulates the blood vessels to grow back around the peripheral nerve and provide them the proper nutrients to heal and repair.”

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