

September 17, 2023

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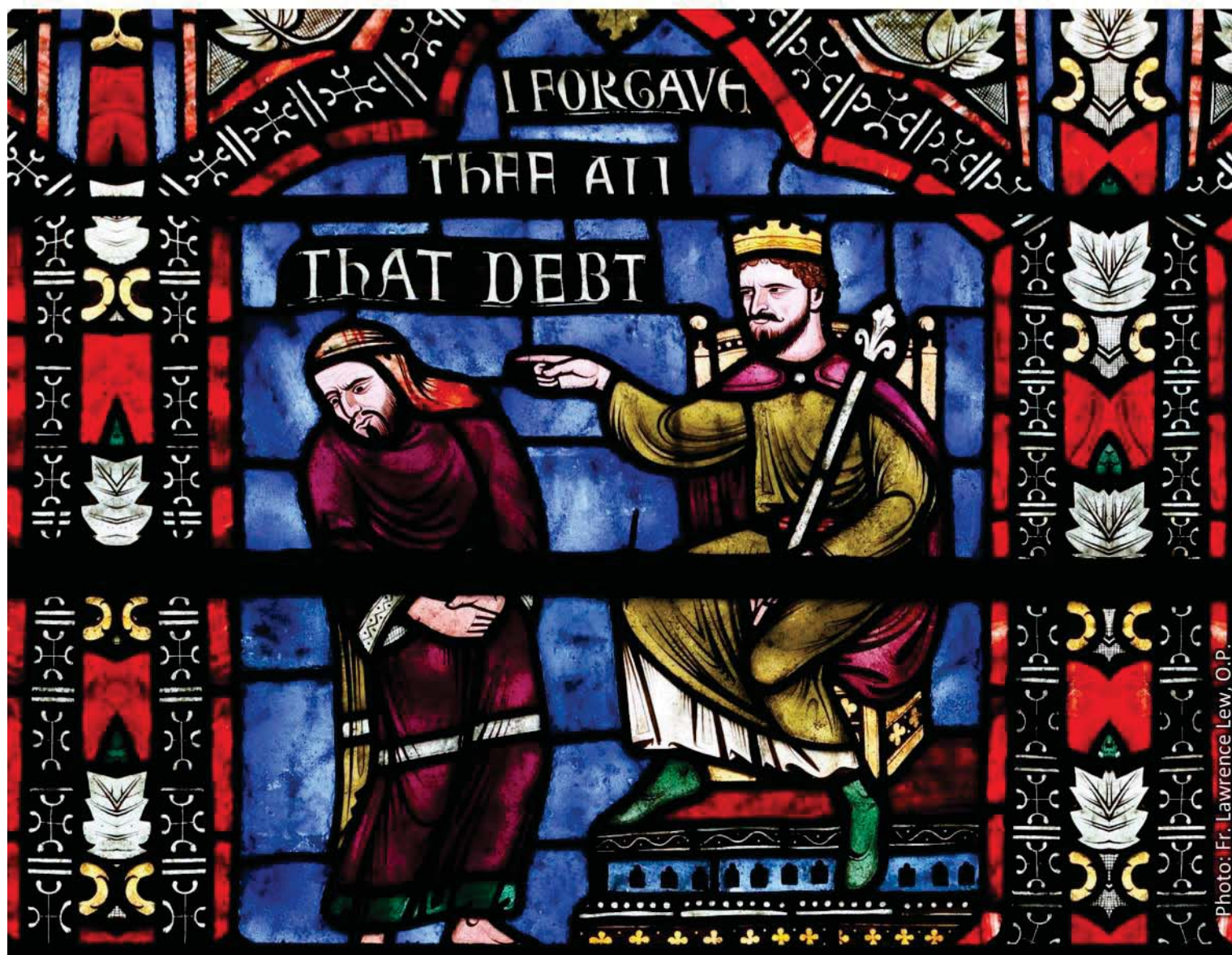


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## 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME THE PARABLE OF THE UNFORGIVING SERVANT

'I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to.  
Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?'

Matthew 18:32-33

## TODAY'S REFLECTION: FORGIVENESS

**Understanding Forgiveness** - The parable of the Unforgiving Servant in today's Gospel conveys a significant lesson about forgiveness. Though the details of slavery and debt bondage may seem distant, the core message resonates with contemporary readers: God's mercy is abundant, and we must pass that mercy on to others. Just as the king forgives the servant's debt, we too have been forgiven by God, and we are called to extend that same grace to others.

The parable takes a serious turn when the forgiven servant fails to show mercy to another. This harsh act is met with severe consequences, reflecting a spiritual truth: If we do not forgive others, we risk losing the grace we have received. The Gospel calls Catholics to be mindful of how we treat others, recognizing that our actions reflect our relationship with God. Forgiveness is not optional but a necessary expression of our faith.

Lastly, the Gospel challenges the tendency to quantify or limit forgiveness. Peter's question about how many times to forgive is answered by Jesus with a call to unlimited mercy. God's forgiveness is not constrained by numbers or conditions; it's a boundless grace that transforms us. For Catholics, this is a reminder to approach others with the same unlimited compassion and forgiveness, reflecting God's own boundless love in our daily lives.

**The Essence of Forgiveness** - Forgiveness is central to today's readings. Both readings convey that forgiveness is not merely a personal virtue but a spiritual principle deeply intertwined with our relationship with God. It's depicted as a path towards healing and grace, rather than a sign of weakness or concession. As we forgive others, we reflect God's infinite mercy and open ourselves to His healing love.

The readings highlight the reciprocal nature of forgiveness: our willingness to forgive others is connected to the forgiveness we receive from God. In Sirach, we are urged to forgive others if we wish to be forgiven by the Lord. Similarly, in Matthew's Gospel, the king's forgiveness of the servant's debt is conditioned on the servant's willingness to forgive others. This theme calls on us as Catholics to recognize forgiveness as a two-way street, a mutual exchange that reflects our understanding of God's mercy.

The readings collectively summon us to embrace forgiveness as a way of life. Whether it's overcoming anger and vengeance as in Sirach or learning from the parable's harsh lesson about the consequences of withholding mercy, the message is clear: we must be as merciful as God is. For Catholics, this is not just a moral guideline but a profound spiritual calling to live our lives in a way that mirrors the very nature of God. This embodiment of forgiveness fosters compassion, empathy, and a deeper connection with our divine Creator.

### Reflection Questions

Reflect on a time when anger or vengeance controlled your actions. How did this affect your relationship with others and with God? How can you work to overcome these emotions in the future?

How do you practice empathy and compassion in your daily life? How can recognizing the innate human dignity in others help you to be more forgiving and understanding?

Consider the parable of the Unforgiving Servant. How does your own forgiveness (or lack thereof) towards others reflect your relationship with God? What might you change in your approach to others?

How do you relate to Jesus' call for unlimited mercy? How can you strive to reflect God's boundless forgiveness in your daily interactions?

SOURCE: <https://young-catholics.com/2920/>

## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Again this year we are renewing our commitment to the Grateful Discipleship Initiative. Our team has been hard at work the last few months planning this year's launch which will take place the weekend of September 23/24.

The intention of this initiative is to look within our hearts and find what place discipleship plays in our lives. It challenges ourselves to do even more to advance the work of Jesus Christ in our community and in our world.

At Mass the last few months we have had presentations from individuals witnessing to the life they have received from their service in our Parish. These are just a few stories, the "Tip of the Iceberg" of ministry opportunities in our parish. There is a ministry for everyone.

The Grateful Discipleship Planning Team, as well as the Faith & Fellowship Small Groups are looking forward to reading a book by Julianne Stanz titled, ***START WITH JESUS, "How everyday disciples will renew the Church"***. This book speaks directly about what discipleship is. With this in mind, our hope and dream is to build for the future and grow into a parish of Disciples on fire with Jesus. At a recent Faith & Fellowship Small Groups planning meeting, one of our team leaders said that they had always thought they were a Disciple but now realize that they have just been one of the sheep.

In the coming weeks all of us will be asked to consider how we prioritize our time, talent, and treasure. It is our hope that you will evaluate your blessings and prayerfully consider setting aside the first fruits of your labors by making a commitment to our parish. It is only when all commit to sharing the blessings God has bestowed upon us that will be able to assist our parish in our mission to teach, serve, worship, and reach out to establish a fair and just world.

We have several key goals we hope to address through the commitments made in this program:

- Increasing attendance at Mass and increasing membership in all our ministries
- Growing the number of volunteers and Ministry leaders
- Establishing an offertory pledging program that will allow our parish to accurately budget for the coming year

Our parish is doing some wonderful things but I would ask you to use your imagination and dream about the incredible things we could bring about with more people becoming true disciples of Jesus and not just the sheep.

I would ask all of us to prayerfully consider Increasing our involvement in all aspects of the parish.

Thank you for all you are doing to make Christ The King Parish a great parish.

God bless,

Fr. Steve Rock



Grateful Discipleship is an opportunity for all of us to be an active part of our faith community, and for each parishioner to practice the principles of stewardship: giving back a portion of our blessings to God, in the form of our time, our talents, or our

treasures. In the next two weeks, we are asked to consider how we prioritize our time, talent, and treasure.

Next weekend, September 23/24, is our Parish's annual Grateful Discipleship kick-off. On this weekend information packets will be on hand at both churches, containing information on Grateful Discipleship and the 2023 Annual Grateful Discipleship Commitment form. After you discuss your current situation with your family, we ask that you indicate how you might be able to help the parish in the coming year and return the Commitment form by Discipleship Weekend which is October 7th and 8th. All parishioners will be asked to make their decisions by that day.



## FAITH FORMATION - 2023/2024 YEAR - CLASSES BEGIN OCTOBER 2023

Classes for the 2023/2024 Faith Formation year will begin in October. Specific class dates for each grade are currently being finalized. Please check the webpage for updates to class dates: <https://christthekingreading.org/fall-program>

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR:

- Tuesday, September 26, 6:30PM - 8:30PM, St. Agnes Parish Center - **Catechist Mtg grade 1-8**
- Saturday, September 30, 9:30AM - 11:30AM, St. Agnes Parish Center - **Catechist Mtg grade 1-8**
- Sunday, October 1, 10:00 AM, St. Agnes Parish Center - **New Family Parent Open House**
- Sunday, October 1, 7:00 PM - **Confirmation Prep Parent Meeting**
- Tuesday, October 10, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM - **Grade 2 Parent Meeting**

Specific sacramental information for First Reconciliation/First Communion:

[ChristTheKingReading.org/first-holy-communion](http://ChristTheKingReading.org/first-holy-communion)

Specific sacramental information for Confirmation: [ChristTheKingReading.org/confirmation-preparation](http://ChristTheKingReading.org/confirmation-preparation)

### CATECHIST INFORMATION

- Catechists, NEW and RETURNING: Please plan to attend one of the two scheduled meetings:  
Tuesday, September 26, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM - or -  
Saturday, September 30, 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM  
LOCATION: St. Agnes Parish Center (both dates)
- **Seeking Catechists! Please contact Paula Colpitts or the Parish Office**
- Catechists need to attend **Protecting God's Children** - register today - see page 2 for registration procedure.

### FAMILY INFORMATION

- **Family/Parent Open House** - join us on Sunday, October 1 following the 9:00 AM Mass. On this "First Sunday" we traditionally host "Welcoming Sunday" - inviting all parish members to the St. Agnes Parish Center for coffee/donuts/sweets, following the 9:00 AM Mass. On October 1st, we especially invite New Families to tour the 3rd floor and visit your child's classroom - meet Volunteer catechists
- **Confirmation Prep Parent Meeting** - Sunday, October 1, 7:00 PM at St. Agnes Parish Center
- **Grade 2 Parents** - meeting to go over Sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion



Sheila, our fifth grade teacher's 8-year old daughter, wanted a puppy and she was begging at every opportunity and promising to take care of it. Knowing full well it would end up being her responsibility, the teacher made arrangements with her brother to dog-sit for a week while he was on vacation. The first few days went pretty well, but by the fourth day 'doggy fatigue' was setting in. It seems that the young dog enthusiast failed to account for multiple daily walks, feedings, bathing, playtime and 'cleaning up'. At the end of the week, Sheila informed her mom that she had changed her mind and would prefer a goldfish instead.

Faith is a commitment to a way of life, not just a set of intellectual beliefs. More than just accepting the idea that Jesus is the Savior, faith means that we continue to forgive so that we live by God's standards, even when it is demanding, inconvenient or difficult. Forgiveness and reconciliation are the basis of the Christian life and if we compromise them, we compromise our life, both temporal and eternal.

We live our faith when we follow the teaching and example of Jesus, when we reach out to those who have hurt us and offer forgiveness over and over and over. We have the Church, the sacraments and the example of the saints—all of which are part of our community of faith that strengthens and supports our baptismal commitment to follow the Lord. There can be no 'faith fatigue'. Our God sets the example; our faith is renewed and strengthened when we put it into practice.

~James Gaffney © Pilot Bulletins

## From the Parochial Vicar

Dear Parishioners and Extended Family Members,

Praised be Jesus Christ!

This past Sunday, I experienced my first Reading Street Faire!! I was happy to find out that our parish had a booth. Thanks to Janet Davidson-Dee, Bob and Diane Finigan, and Jessica Garrity for being present in the name of our parish community. I was able to visit the Reading Community Singers, RMHS Girls Volleyball Team, Boys Swimming Team, and Marching Band booths. At one point, I was expecting Noah to come and rescue us in his ark. A thank you shout out to Swiss Bakers for providing us with pretzels and helping us take down our booth in the absolute pouring rain!

Today is Catechetical Sunday. It is meant to focus our Parish on its responsibility of Faith Formation and be a source of encouragement for our Faith Formation staff and volunteers as they head into the new school year. Catechetical Sunday is also a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

"Come to me all you who labor and are burdened" is the national theme of Catechetical Sunday this year. It reminds us of the invitation we receive from the Lord Jesus to follow Him and the promise that He doesn't want to add to our burdens; he wants to lighten them. It is the responsibility of our parish to teach the love, mercy, and the compassion of Jesus. As we do, we do not teach that Jesus makes life's difficulties go away and all problems disappear. We do teach that God is with us every step of our pilgrimage, but it is up to each of us to invite Jesus into our lives so that he may walk with each of us, thereby allowing him to help each of us with our burdens along the way.

When we are offered the opportunity to learn, it is hoped that a "love of learning" develops so that the student eagerly returns to class to find out more. We pray that our Faith Formation staff and volunteers may convey their love of Jesus and knowing about him to their students. We also pray that the parents / guardians of the students participate in their learning about just how important and wonderful Jesus is.

Finally, we are in need of volunteers to teach in Faith Formation. I ask you to pray about volunteering so the children of your parish may know more about their Lord and Savior. Please call the Faith Formation Office for more information.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Fr. Z

### This Week in Church Signs:

**"The Ten Commandments are not multiple choice."**

### SATURDAY NIGHT SOCIAL

Saturday Night Social began the new season with a well attended Game Night and Dessert Buffet last Saturday evening. Be sure to mark your calendar for the next event which will be on Saturday, October 14. More information will follow in upcoming weeks.

Saturday Night Social events take place on the 2nd Saturdays of the month. With fun events/topics on the "agenda", it is an opportunity to spend some time in a fun, relaxed environment. Remember, ALL ARE WELCOME: come join October's fun, bring a friend or two along!



*September's Saturday Night Social focused on games and sweet desserts!*

## PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN FOR ADULTS (For All Parish Volunteers)

Protecting God's Children for Adults is an awareness and prevention training for *all parish volunteers involved in any Parish Ministry, aged 18 and older*. This is a 3-hour, one-time only training.

If you have not taken this training, please register for this session.

**DATE: Tuesday, September 19, 6:00PM to 9:00PM**

**LOCATION: St. Agnes Parish Center 2nd Floor**

### TO REGISTER FOR Protecting God's Children:

Go to <https://www.virtusonline.org/>

Click on "First-Time Registrant"

Click on "Begin the registration Process"

From the pull-down menu, choose "Boston, MA (Archdiocese)," ONLY

Follow the rest of the prompts

Choose date

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

A Children's Liturgy of the Word is a time to hear God's Word at an appropriate level. Children's Liturgy of the Word is not "school", but rather a celebration of the Word proclaimed at Mass in the reading of the Gospel.

**We will have Children's Liturgy of the Word on the First Sunday of each month, at the 9:00 AM Mass, beginning Sunday, October 1st.**

Please scan the QR-Code for more details, and how you can volunteer to be a part of this.



## FAITH & FELLOWSHIP SMALL GROUPS - OPENING KICK-OFF IS WEDNESDAY, SEPT 27TH

Faith and Fellowship Small Groups is kicking off it's fall season!

This is your invitation to join or rejoin!

**OPENING CELEBRATION FOR THE NEW SEASON: Wednesday, September 27, 7:00 PM Mass at St. Agnes Fellowship at the Parish Center following Mass**

This session's discussion book, *"Start with Jesus"* by Julianne Stanz - aims to help regular people be transformed from the inside out by growing in relationship with Jesus Christ - and each other - through individual and group experiences, thus transforming our parish communities. The book's true strength lies in its value for the countless Catholics longing for peace, healing, and hope in the context of our parish communities. It will be an inspiration to Catholics who come to Mass each week, parents trying to instill the faith in their children, leaders searching for an effective and sustainable approach to parish renewal, and to all who are curious about developing a relationship with Jesus.

Join a Faith & Fellowship group; it is never too late to *Start With Jesus!*

Drop off

Wednesdays

4:30 PM to 6:30 PM  
at the back door.

*A project of the Entire Reading Community, housed at Old South Church, on Reading Common, 6 Salem Street, Reading*



### ITEMS IN NEED ARE:

- Laundry Detergent
- Decaf Coffee (reg. & instant)
- Crackers
- Granola Bars
- Cake Mix



**ARCHDIOCESE  
SPECIAL  
COLLECTION:  
CLERGY TRUST,  
SEPTEMBER 16/17**

This week's second collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests in good standing throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. These priests have given their lives to faithfully serve Christ, the Church, and you. Please be generous to this important collection. For more information, please visit [www.clergytrust.org](http://www.clergytrust.org)

**42ND ANNUAL  
LAWN PARTY  
TO BENEFIT  
SEMINARIANS**



Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary in Weston is hosting its Annual Lawn Party on Wednesday, September 27th, at 6:00 P.M, on the grounds of the seminary. This premiere fundraising event is hosted by His Eminence, Seán Cardinal O'Malley, OFM Cap. The evening will include a cocktail reception and dinner with music. Located on Route 30 in Weston, the Seminary prepares second career candidates, men over the age of 30, for priesthood. The proceeds from the Lawn Party help to keep tuition costs affordable. For ticket information, please call the Pope St. John XXIII Development Office at 781-899-5500, or visit their website <https://www.psjns.edu/lawn-party>. You can make a difference and encourage the vocations of these men through your support of the Lawn Party.

**What lesson does Jesus teach through the parable of the unforgiving servant in today's Gospel (Matthew 18:21-35)?**

- Jesus warns against hypocrisy in forgiveness, teaching that we must forgive others wholeheartedly, just as we are forgiven by God.

**ST. AGNES CEILING UPDATE**

We finally had a good meeting with the Archdiocesan Engineer and the engineers from Structures North and we are finally ready to fix the problem. Everyone agreed that the epoxy repair from 4 years ago has nothing to do with the present issue. The engineers have been all over the attic looking at the roof trusses which seem strong enough to carry the roof, but they feel the dome of the ceiling was poorly constructed with 1x5" boards making the shape. The dome of the ceiling has shifted and that is what is causing the "sag" above the Presider's Chair. If unchecked this will only get worse. We discussed various solutions, and the most practical solution is using ¾" tie-rods to hold the ceiling together and prevent further shifting. We plan on painting the rods the same color as the ceiling and over time they will hardly be noticeable. We hope to have the finished design and construction bids within a couple of weeks. Stay tuned!

**PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS**

Give them courage and strength to follow God's holy will. Guide their uncertain steps, strengthen their resolutions, shield their chastity, fashion their minds, conquer their hearts, and lead them to the vineyards where they will labor in God's holy service. Amen.

	Priests	Seminarians/Deacons
17-Sep	Fr. Robert Kennedy	Deacon Marvelo Ferrari
18-Sep	Fr. Joseph Robinson	Deacon Matthew Harrington
19-Sep	Fr. Mark Storey	Deacon David Joanis
20-Sep	Fr. Stephen Madden	Deacon Chris Letizia
21-Sep	Fr. Matthew Norwood	Deacon Matthew Baltier
22-Sep	Msgr. John Abruzzese	Deacon Neil Sumner
23-Sep	Fr. Thomas Reilly	Deacon Bill Reidy



**MASS SCHEDULE** St. Athanasius: Vigil 4:00PM, 10:00AM | St. Agnes: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM  
 9:00 AM Weekdays: Mon, Wed, Fri at St. Agnes | Tues, Thurs at St. Athanasius  
 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),  
 Capt. Jeffrey 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), LT Kevin Plumer (Navy),  
 Jackson Nicolo (US Army Rangers),  
 Capt. Stephen Campo (USMC),  
 Spc4 Zachary Thomas, US Army,  
 2nd LT Keegan Coulter, US Army

**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.

## Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

4:00 PM - Rose Feudo

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 - TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:30 AM - Gloria McNerney

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

9:00 AM - Joan and Richard Corradino

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

9:00 AM - Lois Murphy

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

9:00 AM - Denis McKeown - Birthday Memorial

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

4:00 PM - Jean and Al Perry; Amelia D'Attorre

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 - TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:00 AM - Robert D'Ambrosio - 6th Anniversary

11:00 AM - Anne Marie Pedneault - Anniversary

**MASS INTENTIONS** - In light of the limited Masses at our Parish, and the volume of requested Mass Intentions at any given Mass, we are taking Mass Intention requests only up to four months out (in August can schedule up until Dec 2023; in September can schedule up until Jan 2024, etc). In this effort, we hope to afford more people the opportunity to have a Mass said for a loved one, and we thank all our parishioners for your patience, understanding, and prayers.



*St. Agnes  
Sanctuary Candle*

In loving memory of  
Beatrice and Emery Brodeur



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### HOW DO I BECOME A LECTOR? HOW DO I BECOME A EUCHARISTIC MINISTER?

If you would like to join this ministry:  
website: [ChristTheKingReading.org/serve](http://ChristTheKingReading.org/serve)  
email: [Contact@ChristTheKingReading.org](mailto:Contact@ChristTheKingReading.org)  
Call the Parish Office for more information; talk to clergy

### HOW DO I BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER?

If you would like to join this ministry:  
website: [ChristTheKingReading.org/altar-server](http://ChristTheKingReading.org/altar-server)  
email: [chelle1127@msn.com](mailto:chelle1127@msn.com)  
Call Michelle Goldner, 508-942-9788

### MUSIC MINISTRY, DAVID COLPITTS, DIRECTOR

Email inquiry to: [DColpitts@ChristTheKingreading.org](mailto:DColpitts@ChristTheKingreading.org)

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

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

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

### 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:

[ChristTheKingReading.org/prayer-request](http://ChristTheKingReading.org/prayer-request)

### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 781-258-8767

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

### WINCHESTER HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN 781.756.2295, Mary Beth Moran

**PARISH REGISTRATION:** [ChristTheKingReading.org/register-with-parish](http://ChristTheKingReading.org/register-with-parish)

### BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

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

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## SACRAMENTS

† **BAPTISM:** Maximum of 6 babies at each service  
We hold a Baptism Service twice a month on Sunday at 1:00 PM. Submit your request for baptism at: [ChristTheKingReading.org/baptism](http://ChristTheKingReading.org/baptism)  
The Parish Office will contact you to schedule the baptism date. Please call Office if you wish to have child baptized at Mass.

† **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*

### † 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:** [ChristTheKingReading.org/funerals](http://ChristTheKingReading.org/funerals) or call the Parish Office, 781-944-0490



# “ I CAN WALK BAREFOOT ON THE BEACH AGAIN!

Local acupuncture clinic is treating the untreatable,  
peripheral neuropathy with incredible results!

Pain comes in many shapes and sizes. One of the most debilitating being the burning and tingling that comes with peripheral neuropathy. A disease that comes with years of shooting, stabbing pain that gradually ends in numbness, balance problems, and on occasion, amputations. A disease that was once classified as irreparable.

David R. of Waltham, MA was facing such a fate.

**“I stopped golfing. I wasn’t taking walks on the beach with my wife. I was living on gabapentin and antidepressants and everywhere I went; my doctor, the specialists, the pain institute, told me there was no cure. How are you supposed to live your life knowing that everyday brings pain and suffering?”**

Peripheral neuropathy is a result of damage to the nerves, commonly caused by a lack of blood flow to the nerves in the hands and feet. This causes the nerves to begin to degenerate due to lack of nutrient flow. Most peripheral neuropathy sufferers experience a heightened sensitivity to touch making it almost impossible for those diagnosed to even wear shoes, much less enjoy life.

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