



Catholic Parishes OF ARLINGTON

FEBRUARY 22, 2026

ST. CAMILLUS AND ST. AGNES

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

ADORATION

Monday – Saturday

6:00 AM | St. Agnes

Thursday

4:00 PM – 8:00 PM | St.
Agnes/Lower Church

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday – Saturday

7:00 AM | St. Agnes

(followed by Rosary)

9:00 AM | St. Camillus

*5:30 PM | St. Agnes/
Lower Church

*CONFESSION—THURSDAYS

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM | St.
Agnes/Lower Church

CONFESSION—SATURDAYS

9:30 AM | St. Camillus

3:00 PM – 3:45 PM | St.
Agnes/Lower Church

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil Masses

4:00 PM | St. Agnes

4:30 PM | St. Camillus

5:30 PM | St. Agnes

Sunday Masses

7:00 AM | St. Agnes

8:00 AM | St. Camillus

9:00 AM | St. Agnes

10:00 AM | St. Camillus

12:00 PM | St. Agnes

1st
Sunday of Lent

*One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes forth
from the mouth of God.*

Matthew 4:4



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MESSAGE OF THE HOLY FATHER LEO XIV FOR LENT 2026

Lent is a time in which the Church, guided by a sense of maternal care, invites us to place the mystery of God back in the center of our lives, in order to find renewal in our faith and keep our hearts from being consumed by the anxieties and distractions of daily life.

Every path towards conversion begins by allowing the word of God to touch our hearts and welcoming it with a docile spirit. There is a relationship between the word, our acceptance of it and the transformation it brings about. For this reason, the Lenten journey is a welcome opportunity to heed the voice of the Lord and renew our commitment to following Christ, accompanying him on the road to Jerusalem, where the mystery of his passion, death and resurrection will be fulfilled.

Listening: This year, I would first like to consider the importance of making room for the word through listening. The willingness to listen is the first way we demonstrate our desire to enter into relationship with someone.

In revealing himself to Moses in the burning bush, God himself teaches us that listening is one of his defining characteristics: “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry” (Ex 3:7). Hearing the cry of the oppressed is the beginning of a story of liberation in which the Lord calls Moses, sending him to open a path of salvation for his children who have been reduced to slavery.

Our God is one who seeks to involve us. Even today he shares with us what is in his heart. Because of this, listening to the word in the liturgy teaches us to listen to the truth of reality. In the midst of the many voices present in our personal lives and in society, Sacred Scripture helps us to recognize and respond to the cry of those who are anguished and suffering. In order to foster this inner openness to listening, we must allow God to teach us how to listen as he does. We must recognize that “the condition of the poor is a cry that, throughout human history, constantly challenges our lives, societies, political and economic systems, and, not least, the Church.”[1]

Fasting: If Lent is a time for listening, fasting is a concrete way to prepare ourselves to receive the word of God. Abstaining from food is an ancient ascetic practice that is essential on the path of conversion. Precisely because it involves the body, fasting makes it easier to recognize what we “hunger” for and what we deem necessary for our sustenance. Moreover, it helps us to identify and order our “appetites,” keeping our hunger and thirst for justice alive and freeing us from complacency. Thus, it teaches us to pray and act responsibly towards our neighbor.

With spiritual insight, Saint Augustine helps us to understand the tension between the present moment and the future fulfilment that characterizes this custody of the heart. He observes that: “In the course of earthly life, it is incumbent upon men and women to hunger and thirst for justice, but to be satisfied belongs to the next life. Angels are satisfied with this bread, this food.

The human race, on the other hand, hungers for it; we are all drawn to it in our desire. This reaching out in desire expands the soul and increases its capacity.”[2] Understood in this way, fasting not only permits us to govern our desire, purifying it and making it freer, but also to expand it, so that it is directed towards God and doing good.

However, in order to practice fasting in accordance with its evangelical character and avoid the temptation that leads to pride, it must be lived in faith and humility. It must be grounded in communion with the Lord, because “those who are unable to nourish themselves with the word of God do not fast properly.”[3] As a visible sign of our inner commitment to turn away from sin and evil with the help of grace, fasting must also include other forms of self-denial aimed at helping us to acquire a more sober lifestyle, since “austerity alone makes the Christian life strong and authentic.”[4]

In this regard, I would like to invite you to a very practical and frequently unappreciated form of abstinence: that of refraining from words that offend and hurt our neighbor. Let us begin by disarming our language, avoiding harsh words and rash judgement, refraining from slander and speaking ill of those who are not present and cannot defend themselves. Instead, let us strive to measure our words and cultivate kindness and respect in our families, among our friends, at work, on social media, in political debates, in the media and in Christian communities. In this way, words of hatred will give way to words of hope and peace.

Together: Finally, Lent emphasizes the communal aspect of listening to the word and fasting. The Bible itself underlines this dimension in multiple ways. For example, the Book of Nehemiah recounts how the people gathered to listen to the public reading of the Law, preparing to profess their faith and worship through fasting, so as to renew the covenant with God (cf. 9:1-3).

Likewise, our parishes, families, ecclesial groups and religious communities are called to undertake a shared journey during Lent, in which listening to the word of God, as well as to the cry of the poor and of the earth, becomes part of our community life, and fasting a foundation for sincere repentance. In this context, conversion refers not only to one’s conscience, but also to the quality of our relationships and dialogue. It means allowing ourselves to be challenged by reality and recognizing what truly guides our desires – both within our ecclesial communities and as regards humanity’s thirst for justice and reconciliation.

Dear friends, let us ask for the grace of a Lent that leads us to greater attentiveness to God and to the least among us. Let us ask for the strength that comes from the type of fasting that also extends to our use of language, so that hurtful words may diminish and give way to a greater space for the voice of others. Let us strive to make our communities places where the cry of those who suffer finds welcome, and listening opens paths towards liberation, making us ready and eager to contribute to building a civilization of love.

I impart my heartfelt blessing upon all of you and your Lenten journey.



Source & Summit Hymns for The First Sunday of Lent

Processional	#97	“Again We Keep This Solemn Fast”
Offertory	#228	“In Prayer Together Let Us Fall”
Communion	#128	“Attend to Us, O Lord”
Recessional	#132	“Ave Regina Caelorum”

Readings and Mass Settings for The First Sunday of Lent

First Sunday of Lent Readings ~ *Source & Summit Missal*, page 186

Mass Setting ~ *Missa Primitiva (English)* ~ page 35

Music Notes

As we begin our Lenten journey, our liturgies will take on a different sound and feel, one of a more prayerful and penitential spirit. All of the music will be quieter and perhaps seem more peaceful as we focus and reflect on our own individual pathway throughout this Lenten season. As always in Lent, the Gloria is omitted. We will sing the *Missa Primitiva* Mass setting for the Ordinary of the Mass. We know this as the Chant Mass. It can be found in the front of the Source and Summit Missal beginning on page 35. Also, we will use the Memorial Acclamation “*Save us, Savior of the World, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.*” All of this will be sung *a cappella*, - without any accompaniment.

At the beginning of the Mass, the cantor will sing the Entrance Antiphon as a call to worship prior to the opening hymn. At the end of Mass we will sing the *Ave Regina Caelorum* chant, which will help us prayerfully leave the sacred space and carry the mission into the world. It is our hope that these changes will signal a different intent in our worship as we pray and examine our hearts and minds.

Translation of Ave Regina Caelorum

Ave Regina Caelorum
Ave Domina angelorum
Salve radix, salve porta
Ex qua mundo lux est orda
Ave virgo gloriosa
Super omnes speciosa
Vale o valde decora
Et pro nobis, Christum ex ora

Hail, queen of Heaven
Hail, Lady of the angels
Hail root and gate
From which the light of the world was born
Rejoice, glorious virgin
Fairest of all.
Fare thee well, most beautiful
And pray for us to Christ

St. Agnes

Organ Prelude:

Preludes on Gregorian Themes (op. 45) – M. Dupré

Communion Meditation: 12:00 Noon Mass:

Come, Bless the Lord – M. Ippolitov-Ivanov

St. Camillus

Choir Prelude:

On Eagle's Wings – M. Joncas

Communion Song: 10:00 AM Mass:

Bread of Life – B. Farrell
Take, Lord, Receive – J. Foley



ST. AGNES MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

4:00 PM Anthony, Christine & Philip Brillante and Emily Williams

5:30 PM Michael Keough

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND

7:00 AM People of our Collaborative

9:00 AM John Richard Lenger

12:00 PM Salvatore, Elena & James "Jim" Intravia

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD

7:00 AM A special intention

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH

7:00 AM The souls in purgatory

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

7:00 AM Mary Kilday

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

7:00 AM Donald Canniff

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

7:00 AM Rose & Angelo Polito

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

7:00 AM James & Mary McGrath

4:00 PM Jerome "Jerry" Crowley

5:30 PM Michael Keough

SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST

7:00 AM People of our Collaborative

9:00 AM Robert Sullivan (6th Anniversary)

12:00 PM Francis & Regina Lordan

ST. CAMILLUS MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

4:30 PM Gian Franco Pazzio

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND

8:00 AM People of our Collaborative

10:00 AM Regina & Francis Lordan

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD

9:00 AM Edward T. Bigham Jr.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH

9:00 AM John Jepsen (Health & Healing)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

9:00 AM Kelly Martin

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

9:00 AM Raymond Sweeney III

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

9:00 AM Frances Smith

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

9:00 AM Tina Fitzgerald (Month's Mind)

4:30 PM Frances A. Curley (Birthday Remembrance)

SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST

8:00 AM People of our Collaborative

10:00 AM Rita O'Connor Corkery

THE ST. CAMILLUS SANCTUARY LIGHT

The sanctuary light will burn the week of February 22nd, 2026 for **Kelly Martin**.

PLEASE PRAY

Please pray for **Rhona May D'Onofrio** and **MaryLou DeFreitas** who died recently.

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into a life of commitment God has prepared for you? If God is calling you, call the Vocation office. Please pray daily for an increase of vocation to the priesthood and religious life.

If your family has a Saturday vigil Mass or Sunday Mass intention, please inform an Usher or Welcome Minister if you would like to participate in the presentation of the gifts. Your involvement in this part of the Mass is a wonderful way to honor your intentions and contribute to the celebration of the Eucharist.

St. Agnes and St. Camillus Churches are open during the day for personal prayer.

SAINT AGNES PRESIDER SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 28th

4:00 PM Fr. Alwin

5:30 PM Fr. Dominic

Sunday, March 1st

7:00 AM Fr. Alwin

9:00 AM Fr. Dominic

12:00 PM Fr. Alwin

SAINT CAMILLUS PRESIDER SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 28th

4:30 PM Fr. Marc

Sunday, March 1st

8:00 AM Fr. Marc

10:00 AM Fr. Marc

SCHEDULE MAY CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

GENEROSITY



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

CONTACT US AT 781-648-0220 x 450



This Lent, Pope Leo XIV invites us to rediscover the Church's mission not through "hearsay," but through direct action and encounter. He reminds us that society "is healthy and truly progresses only when it safeguards the sanctity of human life and works actively to promote it."

In Arlington, this mission begins right outside our doors. Within walking distance of where we live and pray, there are neighbors facing the quiet hardships of hunger and financial crisis. When they reach out, they are reaching out to us as a family of faith.

If you know a neighbor who is struggling, please ask them to contact the Arlington Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 781-643-3132 ext. 450. Together we can answer Pope Leo's call to be "sowers of good words" and deeds in the heart of our community.

If you would like to make a gift, please either scan the QR code, visit:

<https://www.svdpcparl.org/donate/donate-money/>

or please place your donation in the St. Vincent de



Paul donation boxes located inside St. Agnes and St. Camillus. Thank you for helping our neighbors in need!

LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT

We will hold a community-wide project to prepare "busy bags" for children in pediatric care. Donation bins will be placed in the vestibules of each church on the weekend of February 28th/March 1st. Suggested items include:

- stickers
- crayons
- coloring books
- mini Play-Doh
- kinetic sand
- fidget toys

JOIN ONLINE GIVING



Online giving makes it easy to give from any -where. Set up a one-time or recurring gift with your bank account, debit, or credit card, and update your preferences anytime. Just scan the QR code to get started. If you have any questions about online giving, please contact Fabiola Aguilera or Cate Gallagher at 781-648-0220.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: THIS WEEKEND

February 22nd: Support the Church Around the World



This collection supports the Church in under-developed areas of the world where there are insufficient resources for evangelization and formation: Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the Church in Africa and in Central and Eastern Europe, the Military Archdiocese, Home Missions, and the Black and Indian Missions. Your generosity to this collection will help fund the spiritual, educational, and humanitarian needs of the Church around the world. Scan the QR code above to make a gift.

CHURCH IN ZAMBIA PROJECT



For the fifth year, we are uniting during Lent to support St. Theresa Parish in Chainda, Zambia. Despite limited resources, their faith continues to inspire us. Last year they completed the church roof and celebrated Confirmation in the unfinished building, encouraged by Archbishop Alick Banda to begin using the space as work continues toward a Consecration in May 2027. The next phase includes windows and doors, electrical work, and interior finishing. This Lent, your generosity can help complete this sacred space where generations will gather to pray and celebrate the sacraments. Scan the QR code to donate.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

SAINT AGNES

February 14 & February 15:	
Offertory	\$ 13,504
FY26 YTD Offertory:	\$ 450,113
FY26 YTD Offertory Budget:	<u>\$ 495,000</u>
Variance:	\$ (44,886)

SAINT CAMILLUS

February 14 & February 15:	
Offertory:	\$ 4,935
FY26 YTD Offertory:	\$ 172,321
FY26 YTD Offertory Budget:	<u>\$ 168,300</u>
Variance:	\$ 4,021

OUR FAITH FAMILY



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Paddy, who was baptized last weekend. We wish God's blessings on him, his parents, and his godparents as he begins his journey of faith in Christ and life in the Church.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SOCIETY

4 Hours of Adoration each week at St. Agnes

ADORATION EVERY THURSDAY EVENING*
ST. AGNES/MERCY CHAPEL (LOWER CHURCH)
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

PLEASE NOTE THAT ON THE THIRD THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH, ADORATION WILL BE HELD IN THE UPPER CHURCH FROM 4:00 PM—7:00 PM.

LENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Thursdays: 6:00 PM—7:00 PM

St. Agnes/Mercy Chapel (Lower Church)

First Friday (March 6th): 4:00 PM—5:00 PM

St. Agnes/Mercy Chapel

Saturdays:

9:30 AM | St. Camillus/Upper Church

3:00 PM—3:45 PM | St. Agnes/Mercy Chapel

WOMEN'S MINISTRY MONTHLY BRUNCH

All women are invited to our monthly Women's Ministry Brunch on **Saturday, March 14th at 10:00 AM in Hope Hall at St. Agnes**. During the brunch, we will make baby blankets to donate to Heartbeat Pregnancy Help Center in Burlington as well as collecting items for the Collaborative Lenten service project: creating "busy bags" for children in pediatric care, which will be donated to Winchester Hospital. Suggested donations items and more details are listed on the flyer below.

We are also looking for volunteers to help prepare for the blanket project in advance. We will be meeting on Saturday, February 28th at 10:00 AM in Hope Hall. Please contact cparlwomen@gmail.com if you are able to help. Thank you!

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Women's Ministry

Women's Ministry Monthly Brunch - March 14th

Saturday, March 14th | 10:00 AM | St. Agnes / Hope Hall

Please join us for our March Women's Ministry Brunch as we come together for a special service project benefiting Heartbeat Pregnancy Center (Burlington)!

Making Baby Blankets & Collecting Donations for Lenten Service Project

Requested Donations: Stickers, Crayons, Mini Coloring Books, Play-Doh, Fidget Toys & More!

Please bring your donations to the brunch. Your support will make a difference for families in need!

Volunteers Needed!

Help us prepare blankets in advance!

Saturday, February 28th | 10:00 AM | St. Agnes / Hope Hall



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND

God at Brunch

1:00 PM | Donut Villa

319 Broadway, Arlington MA 02474

Sancta Maria Visit

2:00 PM | Sancta Maria Nursing Facility

799 Concord Ave, Cambridge, MA 02138

Zeal for Teens

6:00 PM | St. Camillus/Sullivan Center

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD

Cribbage Club

6:30 PM | St. Agnes/Hope Hall

Adult Faith Formation

7:30 PM | Zoom (contact the office for the link)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH

Walking with Purpose

12:00 PM and 7:00 PM | St. Agnes/Hope Hall

Rosary

7:00 PM | St. Agnes/Upper Church

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

Eucharistic Adoration Society

4:00 PM–8:00 PM | St. Agnes/Mercy Chapel

Confessions

6:00 PM–7:00 PM | St. Agnes/Mercy Chapel

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

Stations of the Cross

3:00 PM | St. Camillus/Upper Church

6:15 PM | St. Agnes/Upper Church

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

Confessions

9:30 AM | St. Camillus/Upper Church

3:00 PM | St. Agnes/Lower Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST

Coffee and Donuts

9:00 AM and 11:00 AM | St. Camillus/Lower Hall

10:00 AM | St. Agnes/Hope Hall

Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:00 AM | St. Camillus/Lower Hall

Family Lenten Gathering

1:00 PM–2:30 PM | St. Agnes/Hope Hall

SAVE THE DATE

STATIONS AND SOUP: MARCH 6TH

Join us to pray the Stations of the Cross at St. Agnes on Friday, March 6th at 6:15 PM. Following the Stations, join fellow parishioners for a simple Lenten soup supper in Hope Hall.

WOMEN'S BRUNCH: MARCH 14TH

Join your sisters in Christ for a potluck brunch on Saturday, March 14th in Hope Hall at St. Agnes Church. We will be making blankets to donate to Heartbeat Pregnancy Help Center.

10:00 AM | St. Agnes/Hope Hall

LENT FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: MARCH 22ND



Join us on Sunday, March 22nd at 4:30 PM for a showing of King of Kings, a family-friendly retelling of Jesus' life – from His birth to His Resurrection – seen through a child's eyes and filled with faith, hope, and love.

Popcorn and pizza will be served. To help us plan for food, please complete the registration form which can be found by scanning the QR code.

4:30 PM | St. Camillus/Lower Hall

CPARL LENTEN MISSION MARCH 23RD-MARCH 25TH



Join us for this year's Lenten Mission on Augustinian spirituality, featuring presenter Dr. Joseph T. Kelley. A renowned scholar of Saint Augustine, Dr. Kelley is Pro-

fessor Emeritus at Merrimack College and currently serves as Augustinian Scholar in Residence at Austin Preparatory School. An accomplished author and Affiliate of the Order of Saint Augustine, he brings deep insight and lived experience to this rich spiritual tradition. More information will be provided in coming weeks.



Try It, You'll Like It!

A CONFESSION ABOUT CONFESSION

We can take a look into our spiritual mirror, and if we don't like what we see, we have the chance to change it, all while accepting God's gift of forgiveness. Confession is always an affirmation of faith and not just a proclamation of sinfulness.

Bless me, reader, for I have sinned: I am not the best role model when it comes to confession.

Of course, I know how important it is. I know that there is great peace in the forgiveness offered by God, that it strengthens our relationship with him and it reminds us of our duty to live our lives in a more Christ-like way.

Like exercise, confession – or the sacrament of reconciliation, as we now call it – always makes me feel better after I go – separated from my sinful habits and inspired to adhere more closely to my spiritual path.

But convincing my children of its myriad benefits is one of the wonderful challenges of parenting, akin to making sure they've got enough spiritual veggies on their plate of faith.

Me: "Try it, you'll like it!"

Them: "Uh, huh," as they hide their peas under the mound of mashed potatoes.

Like plenty of adults I know, my children have no problem coming up with reasons why they don't need to make a list of their less-than-stellar moments and, worse, tell someone about it.

"I haven't done anything wrong," spits out my younger daughter at my suggestion of a Saturday afternoon family trip to the confessional. (This, of course, comes right after a

morning fight with her younger brother.)

I deftly point out that while we aren't a family of murderers, it would behoove all of us to take a moment and think of the times we were less than kind to each other, when we perhaps spoke too hastily or took pleasure in another person's misfortune.

We can confess those sinful moments and receive God's forgiveness, I say. I try to explain it in different ways: It's like wiping down the dry erase board – chalkboards are so 20th century – and making a fresh start.

I say to the kids: "Try it, you'll like it!"

Kid No. 2 says: "We've got (insert random sports activity, birthday party, semiannual family ritual) coming up."

Sure, in a family of five, there is always something going on in our lives. I joke that we don't have excuses, we have exceptions – reasons why we are somehow above the rules. Except, that's not the case.

Sometimes, the day-to-day struggles are precisely why we need to make the time for a trip to the confessional. Those moments spent in the pew clicking off our list of sins – the gossip, the profanity, the desiring of what belongs to someone else – may be the reality check we need to bring us back on course.

We can take a look into our spiritual mirror, and if we don't like what we see, we have the chance to change it, all while accepting God's gift of forgiveness.

Me: "Try it, you'll like it!"

"You've been saying we need to go, and then we don't," my older one says to me.

Zing – the shot to the heart. She's right. Oh, I talk a good game about confession, but in the end, I make all the same excuses they do. I can't tell you how many times I've walked into church on a Sunday morning and chastised myself for missing the Saturday confession window. And then I slide into the pew, the thought discarded like a wadded-up tissue.

So what am I teaching my kids?

During Lent, I took the time to teach them that confession is something we do – as a family. It doesn't matter if our sins are big or small, if we are busy or lazy. I realized the one I'm convincing is myself, that it's time for me to look into the mirror and decide if this is the reflection of God I want the world to see. Only then can I hope my children will follow my example.

"Try it, you'll like it!"

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PROJECT RACHEL HEALING RETREATS



Seeking peace after an abortion? Project Rachel healing retreats offer hope, healing, and peace with god.

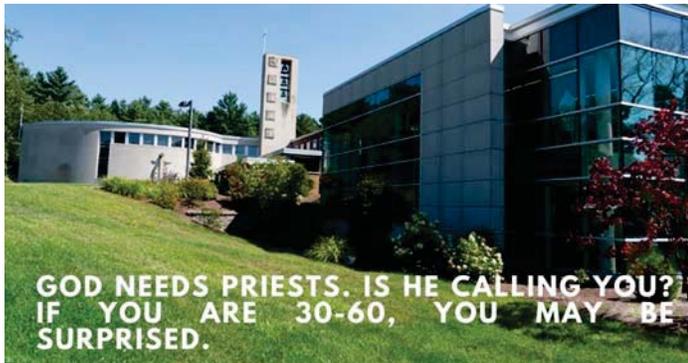
Upcoming 2026 dates:

- Saturday, February 28 Greater Boston
- Saturday, April 11 Merrimack Valley
- Saturday, May 16 Boston/South

Locations are confidential. Call 508-651-3100 for more details.

"The Project Rachel retreat gave me hope. I received back the grace of God within me and felt a true sense of peace and self-forgiveness."

POPE ST. JOHN XXIII FIRST FRIDAY VISITS MARCH 13TH



FIRST FRIDAY VISIT

March 13

5:00 PM EST

Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary

HOLY HOUR AND EVENING PRAYER

In-Person Visit: Includes Dinner with seminarians and tour of the Seminary

Register: Contact Msgr. William Fay
781-899-5500 ext. 134
firstfriday@psjs.edu

Virtual Visit: Live-stream Holy Hour followed by a Zoom visit
(Zoom link provided at registration)



POPE ST. JOHN XXIII NATIONAL SEMINARY | 558 SOUTH AVE, WESTON, MA | 781.899.5500

ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON SOCIAL JUSTICE RETREAT: MARCH 14TH

THE SPIRITUALITY OF PARENTING: MARCH 21ST



Calling all parents! Join us on March 21 for a workshop designed to help you grow closer to God through your experience

of parenthood. Presentations, guided reflection, and prayer will help participants explore how to cultivate a spirituality of parenting that is rooted in Sacred Scripture and the Church's tradition, yet easily relatable to the everyday realities of family life. By reflecting on their own parenting experiences, participants will grow in awareness of the perfect love that God, our Divine Parent, has for them and for all people.

Childcare will be provided, so parents are able to give this hour and a half to God. Light refreshments will be available.

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM | St. Rose of Lima Church
12 Park Street Topsfield, MA 01983

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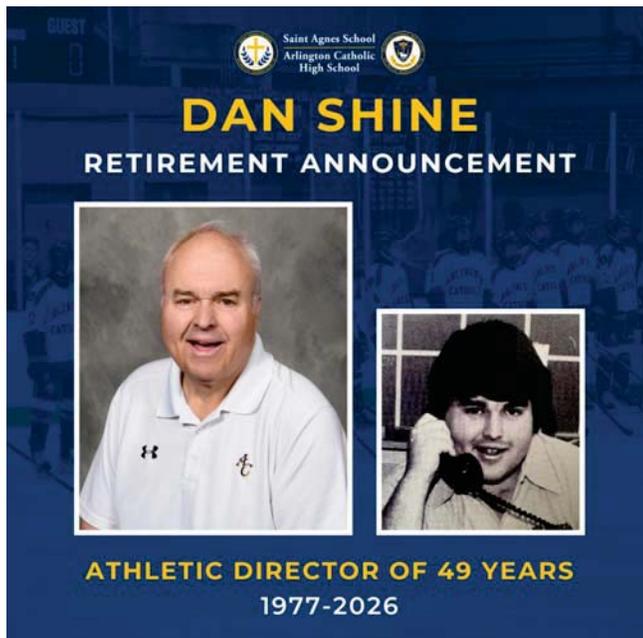


SAS/ACHS ANNOUNCES AN ATHLETIC LEADERSHIP TRANSITION

Saint Agnes School/Arlington Catholic High School announces the retirement of longtime Athletic Director Dan Shine, effective July 1st, 2026, following nearly five decades of exceptional service to our athletic program. For forty-nine years, Dan's leadership has shaped a strong, values-based program rooted in sportsmanship, teamwork, and excellence both on and off the field. From humble beginnings to becoming one of the most respected programs in the area, his dedication and genuine care for students have had an immeasurable, lasting impact on generations of Cougar athletes.

We are also pleased to share that Rob Sarmiento, currently Associate Athletic Director, has been selected to succeed Mr. Shine as our next Athletic Director.

"We are confident that Rob will build upon the strong foundation Dan has established," said Father Marc. "His leadership, vision, and enthusiasm will serve our students and athletic community well." Our community extends its heartfelt gratitude to Dan for his extraordinary years of service and congratulates Rob as he steps into this important role. Cougar Nation proudly salutes you both!

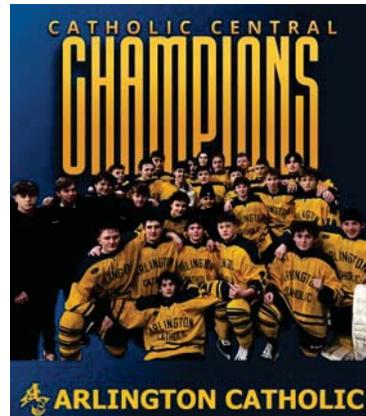


COUGAR COFFEE HOUSE



Arlington Catholic hosted its 2nd Annual Cougar Coffee House last week, celebrating the incredible talents of our students. Several gifted performers took the stage, showcasing their musical

abilities, performing songs, reciting poetry, and displaying beautiful visual art for an enthusiastic audience. The evening began simply, with a conversation between students and our music teacher, Ms. Vanessa Schukis. What started as opening her classroom for informal "Jam Sessions" grew into a vibrant club and a full Coffee House event. The Jam Session Club performed several songs together, much to the delight of the crowd. Thank you to Ms. Schukis for fostering creativity and community, and to all of our talented students who had the courage to share their gifts!



CCL CHAMPS

Our AC Varsity Boys Hockey Team is the 2025-2026 CCL Regular Season Champions! These young men have come together on and off the ice this season, demonstrating true loyalty, pride, and grit. The SAS/ACHS community is so proud of the perseverance and teamwork

they have shown throughout the season. Congratulations, Cougars!

VALENTINE'S DAY LOVE



SAS students celebrated Valentine's Day with a free Tag Day and festive classroom celebrations filled with arts and crafts, sweet treats, and the exchange of Valentine's cards among classmates. The day was a wonderful reminder of the love and friendship shared within our school community.



FIDELITY HOUSE OPEN HOUSE: FEBRUARY 28TH

Come to the **Fidelity House**
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Saturday, February 28, 1 - 3 p.m.

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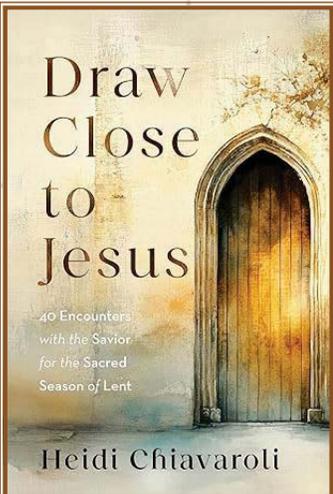
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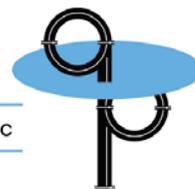
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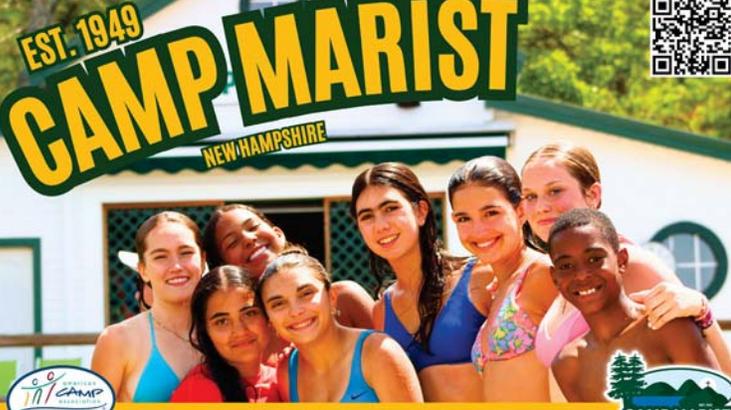
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