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CONTRIBUTIONS: April 4-5, 2026

Weekend Collection	\$	170.40
Special Collection	\$	123.00
Initial Offering	\$	500.00
Good Friday	\$	195.00
Easter	\$	6,772.25

CONTRIBUTIONS: April 11-12, 2026

Weekend Collection	\$	3,021.00
Special Collection	\$	165.00

OSV ONLINE GIVING: March, 2026

RSC	\$	3,705.20
Easter	\$	20.20
Capital	\$	130.00

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS:

4/20:	Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29
4/21:	Acts 7:51-8:1a; Jn 6:30-35
4/22:	Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40
4/23:	Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51
4/24:	Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59
4/25:	1 Pet 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20
4/26:	Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Pet 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

3rd Sunday of Easter

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Simon Peter plays prominently in our Scriptures on this Third Sunday of Easter. On the day of Pentecost, Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, speaks to the Jews of Jerusalem concerning Christ's Resurrection as the fulfillment of God's promise to King David. In the Second Reading from the First Letter of St. Peter, he speaks of conducting ourselves reverently in light of Christ's redeeming death. In the Gospel, The Disciples on the road to Emmaus meet The Risen Lord Jesus made known to them through the opening of the Scriptures and the breaking of the bread. As these disciples turn back toward Jerusalem, they encounter the other Apostles and hear about Jesus being raised and appearing to Simon Peter.

When we hear about Jesus being made known to The Disciples on the journey to Emmaus, we should immediately think of what takes place at every Mass. Like these disciples, we are on a journey when we gather to meet the Lord at Mass. Our hearts "burn within us" as the Lord opens the Scriptures to us, and we encounter Jesus in the Eucharist with the "breaking of the bread." This encounter with Jesus sends us back from where we came, but in a transformed way. Having received His Word and Eucharist, we are made one with Christ and get to testify to our relationship with Him and hear from others united with Christ in the Church about their encounter with Him.

I also find it interesting that the place where The Disciples were traveling was called Emmaus, which directly translates to "hot spring." That's right. These disciples were leaving Jerusalem for a spa day! Jesus shows up on the way and redirects them back to Jerusalem with The Apostles where He needs them. Coming to Mass every Sunday helps us know where the Lord needs us. Participating regularly at Mass will inevitably interfere with some of our own plans and journeys like it did for these two disciples traveling to Emmaus. But a real encounter with Jesus in His Word and Eucharist absolutely trumps anything else we might otherwise prioritize, even a spa day!

Jesus names Simon as the Rock ("Petrus") of the Church. Our Scriptures today focus on this great unifying role of Simon Peter for the Early Church in his testimony and teaching on The Resurrection and the moral implications of living in Christ's Resurrection. The faith of Christ handed down to us through the Church will always challenge us to deeper participation and communion in Christ, so that our hearts may burn within us, and so that we may recognize Jesus in the Eucharist and share the fruits of the Church's liturgy with those we encounter on our journey of life.

We are accepting nominations for Parish and Finance Council, and applications for our School Advisory Council! These are consultative and advisory Councils.

- The Parish Council assists the Pastor in discerning the pastoral direction of the parish in light of the vision of both the Bishop and the larger Church for parish life, providing the Pastor with insights, perspective, and guidance on matters affecting the pastoral life of the parish.
- The Finance Council provides assistance and counsel to the Pastor in the administration of the temporal goods of the parish and capital projects.
- The School Advisory Council helps the Pastor and Principal to formulate, develop, and promote visions and policies that facilitate the operation and consistent growth of St. Mary School.

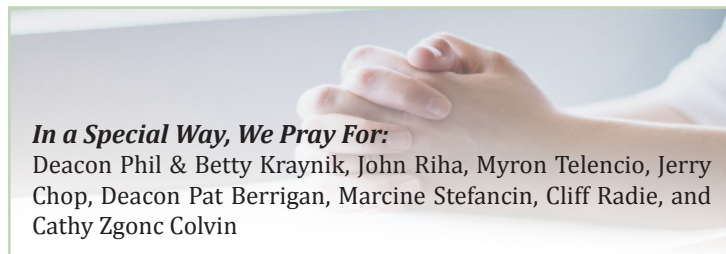
Nominees should be practicing Catholics actively involved in the life and ministries of the parish. Additionally, nominees for Finance Council should have professional skills in the areas of finance, legal, human resources, engineering, construction, or business management. Applicants for the School Advisory Council should either be parents of children at St. Mary School or be parishioners with a genuine interest or requisite skills in the advancement of Catholic School education.

Council term lengths are 3 years. New members selected for Council representation will begin this fall. Parish Council and Finance Council meet quarterly on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. The School Advisory Council meets quarterly on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Forms to apply for a Council position are available in the back of the church. Forms are due by Sunday, May 31. Selections will occur over summer and terms begin in the fall.

I am yours in Christ,
Fr. Scott Goodfellow

MASS INTENTIONS:**Saturday, April 18, 2026**4:00 p.m. Les Long – *Carol Geisman***Sunday, April 19, 2026**9:30 a.m. Mr. Z. Novak – *Joe Novak***Tuesday, April 21, 2026**8:45 a.m. Mr. Z. Novak – *Joe Novak***Thursday, April 23, 2026**

8:45 a.m. For the People of the Parish

Saturday, April 25, 20264:00 p.m. Living and Deceased Members of the
Stransky and Mallinger Families –
*Eric and Mitzi Stransky***Sunday, April 26, 2026**9:30 a.m. Lilly Bringheli – *Eric and Mitzi Stransky***PARISH NEWS****ATTENTION ALL GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!**

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation! Your parish community would like to celebrate this special milestone with you and keep you in our prayers as you continue on your journey.

Please join us for the **Noon Mass** on Sunday, **May 17th** at St. Mary Chardon, dressed in your cap and gown, as we honor your accomplishments and ask God's blessing upon your future.

A light lunch for you and your parents will follow Mass. Please RSVP to the Office of Faith Formation at PSRoffice@gmail.com by **May 5, 2026**.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

**DO YOU HAVE A WELCOMING SPIRIT?**

Are you looking to get involved in a ministry, but have limited time to commit?

If so, please consider joining our Welcome Ministry! Each year, we host a special event to greet parishioners who have joined the parish within the past year. This event takes place on the first weekend in June and includes a liturgical welcome at Mass, followed by a brunch held in conjunction with Donut Sunday.

Ministry team members assist with shopping and setup a few days in advance, and all gather that morning for a joyful time of fellowship—getting to know both new and current parishioners.

Throughout the year, team members also reach out to newly registered parishioners to offer a warm welcome and answer any questions they may have. We hold just one meeting annually, prior to Welcome Weekend, to finalize details.

We would love to have you join us! Please sign up on the sheet in the back of the church or call the parish office.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Last Life Nights until summer are on Sundays, April 19th, 26th, and May 3rd, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the ABC Room at St. Mary Chardon. Keep an eye on our social media for more updates!

Please contact Nicky at ngutierrez@stmarychardon.org for any questions.

COMMUNITY NEWS**FROM THE CATHOLIC COMMISSION**

April is National Alcohol Awareness Month – Psalm 104 mentions wine as a blessing from God, but like anything, alcohol can be abused. If you or a loved one suffers from excessive use of alcohol, it's time to get help. SAMHSA.gov is an excellent place to start. Also, you can search aaale.org for the closest Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, or call 866-338-2393. The A-A 12 Steps are tried and true help for reaching sobriety, with more than two million members worldwide. Catholic Social Teaching calls us to be in solidarity with those who struggle, and we can make a difference in someone's journey to recovery. If you are dealing with a family member who is an alcoholic and need some support for yourself, Al-Anon is there for you. Check out their website at clevelandal-anon.org. You are not alone.

SAINT ANSELM

Saint of the Day: April 21

Patron Saint of Theologians, Philosophers, and Benedictine Monks

Indifferent toward religion as a young man, Anselm became one of the Church's greatest theologians and leaders. He received the title "Father of Scholasticism" for his attempt to analyze and illumine the truths of faith through the aid of reason.

At 15, Saint Anselm wanted to enter a monastery, but was refused acceptance because of his father's opposition. Twelve years later, after careless disinterest in religion and years of worldly living, he finally fulfilled his desire to be a monk. He entered the monastery of Bec in Normandy, was elected prior three years later, and 15 years later, was unanimously chosen abbot.

Considered an original and independent thinker, Anselm was admired for his patience, gentleness, and teaching skill. Under his leadership, the Abbey of Bec became a monastic school, influential in philosophical and theological studies.

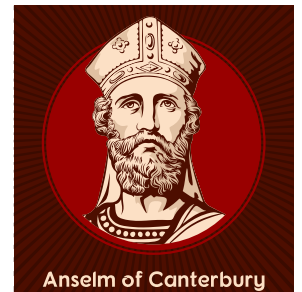
During these years, at the community's request, Anselm began publishing his theological works, comparable to those of Saint Augustine. His best-known work is the book *Cur Deus Homo* ("Why God Became Man").

Against his will, Anselm was appointed archbishop of Canterbury in 1093, at age 60. His appointment was opposed at first by England's King William Rufus and later accepted. Rufus persistently refused to cooperate with efforts to reform the Church.

Saint Anselm finally went into voluntary exile until Rufus died in 1100. He was then recalled to England by Rufus' brother and successor, Henry I. Disagreeing fearlessly with Henry over the king's insistence on investing England's bishops, Anselm spent another three years in exile in Rome.

His care and concern extended to the very poorest people. Opposing the slave trade, Anselm obtained from the national council at Westminster the passage of a resolution prohibiting the sale of human beings.

Read the full article: "Saint Anselm" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-anselem/> (Accessed April 3, 2026).



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