



Mary, Queen of Martyrs Parish
Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Peter,
and Saint Kateri Tekakwitha
Third Sunday of Advent

Our parish website: maryqueenofmartyrs.org
Sunday December 14, 2025



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication;
with divine recompense he comes to save you.

Isaiah 35:4

Mary, Queen of Martyrs Parish

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Monthly Income for Mary, Queen of Martyrs Parish Weekly and Online Donations:

Every month we will only be posting the combined weekly envelopes and online donations on a monthly basis. The next income posting will be in the December 14th bulletin.



Parishioners and Friends of Mary, Queen of Martyrs Parish can now make a one-time or recurring gifts directly on our parish website. Stop worrying about weekly envelopes or

mailing in special donations or ministry program fees. Instead, give a gift at any time (from any device that connects to the internet) using a current email and checking account/credit card. It's simple and secure. You can even turn your tithe into an automatic gift that gives when and how often you'd like with your own online donor account. Visit <https://maryqueenofmartyrs.org/online-giving> to see how easy it is.



WEEKLY PRIEST SCHEDULE

Monday, December 15, 2025

Saint Kateri – 9:00 a.m. – Fr. Paul

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

Our Lady of Lourdes - 9:00 a.m. - Fr. Paul

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

St. Peter - 9:00 a.m. - Fr. Joe

Thursday, December 18, 2025

Saint Kateri - 9:00 a.m. – Fr. Joe

Friday, December 19, 2025

Our Lady of Lourdes - 9:00 a.m. - Fr. Joe

Saturday, December 20, 2025

St. Peter - 9:00 a.m. - Fr. Paul

St. Peter - 4:00 p.m. - Fr. Paul

Saint Kateri - 4:00 p.m. - Fr. Don

Our Lady of Lourdes - 5:00 p.m. - Fr. Joe

Sunday, December 21, 2025

St. Peter - 9:30 a.m. - Fr. Harkins

Saint Kateri – 10:00 a.m. – Fr. Joe

Our Lady of Lourdes – 10:00 a.m. – Fr. Paul

St. Peter – 11:30 a.m. - Fr. Roy

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH 130 Main Street ~ Carver, MA 02330

Office Hours: Tuesday and Friday 8:00—12:00 p.m.
Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday: 5:00 p.m. ~ Sunday: 10:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4:15-4:45 p.m.

Weekday Masses: Tuesday and Friday: 9:00 a.m.

SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA CHURCH 126 South Meadow Road, Plymouth, MA 02360

Office Hours: Monday and Thursday 8:00—12:00 p.m.
Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday: 4:00 p.m. ~ Sunday: 10:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday; 3:00—3:45 p.m.

Weekday Masses: Monday and Thursday: 9:00 a.m.

SAINT PETER CHURCH 10 Memorial Drive, Plymouth, MA 02360

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 10:00-3:00 pm
Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday: 4:00 p.m. ~ Sunday: 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tuesday (with Exposition):

6:00—7:00 pm & Saturday; 3:00—3:45 p.m.

Weekday Masses: Wednesday and Saturday: 9:00 a.m.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 13	St. Peter's	9:00 a.m.	Lucia Calisto (D)
	St. Peter's	4:00 p.m.	William E. Coyle (D)
	Saint Kateri	4:00 p.m.	Brenda Dolan (Living)
	Our Lady of Lourdes	5:00 p.m.	Lester Haslett (D)
Sunday, December 14	St. Peter's	9:30 a.m.	Delores DeSimone (D)
	Saint Kateri	10:00 a.m.	Michael Morris (D)
	Our Lady of Lourdes	10:00 a.m.	George Cook (11th Anniv) (D) & Kevin Cook (7th Anniv) (D)
Monday, December 15	St. Peter's	11:30 a.m.	Donald Kane (1st Anniv) (D)
	Saint Kateri	9:00 a.m.	Pasqualina Rossetti (D)
Tuesday, December 16	Our Lady of Lourdes	9:00 a.m.	Charles Boulay (D)
Wednesday, December 17	St. Peter	9:00 a.m.	Elaine Kelley (Birthday) (D)
Thursday, December 18	Saint Kateri	9:00 a.m.	Joe Sinclair (D)
Friday, December 19	Our Lady of Lourdes	9:00 a.m.	Joseph McDonnell (Living)
Next Week			
Saturday, December 20	St. Peter's	9:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory
	St. Peter's	4:00 p.m.	Pro Populo
	Saint Kateri	4:00 p.m.	Edward Salvas (D)
	Our Lady of Lourdes	5:00 p.m.	Nancy Brummerloh (D)
Sunday, December 21	St. Peter's	9:30 a.m.	Arlene Mammone (D)
	Saint Kateri	10:00 a.m.	Kenneth A. Rose (D)
	Our Lady of Lourdes	10:00 a.m.	Ryan Duarte (13th Anniv)
	St. Peter's	11:30 a.m.	Sarah & Bernard F. Yetman, Jr. (D)

All Are Welcome!

Do you know you are loved by God?

You belong to Jesus Christ and you belong with us.

Regardless of:

Your present status in the Catholic Church, Your current family or marital situation, or personal history, Your age, ability, income, or background,

Your gender, race, sexual orientation, ethnicity or spirituality,

Your own self-image of holiness or virtue. You are invited, accepted, and respected here at Mary, Queen of Martyrs Parish. We want to share our Roman Catholic way of faith and life in Christ with you.

OUR PARISH VISION

Our parish is a welcoming community of prayer, growing in our love of God. We desire to share that love with all we meet in our daily encounters. We invite all who wish to join in celebrating the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and in seeking a vibrant relationship with Jesus through prayer, scripture, and the Sacraments.



For those parishioners who use our online giving system for their collections and feel like they need to put something in the collection baskets, we now have laminated cards available that you can put into the basket. These will be available at the front of all our churches each week.

FAITH FORMATION

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

December 14	Class for Gr K-5 St. Peter	8:15 am
	Class for Gr 1-5 OLOL	8:45 am
	Edge Gr 6-9 St. Peter	4:30 pm
December 15	Class for Gr 1-5 St. Peter	4:45 pm
December 16	Youth Bible Study OLOL	6:00 - 7:30 pm

JESSE TREE

The tradition of the Jesse Tree is rooted in the scripture passage from Isaiah 11:1: "A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots." Jesse was the father of King David, and Jesus is a descendent from the line of King David. Decorating a Jesse Tree is a great way to prepare for Advent by focusing on Jesus' family tree events. Each day during Advent, an ornament hung on the tree that depicts a story from Jesus' family tree leading up to His birth.

Check out thecatholickid.com for a free template of the ornaments or use the QR Code. <https://www.thecatholickid.com/jesse-tree-ornaments-printable-coloring-page-cnt-mls/>



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SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY NEWS

We are people of faith, called to live the Gospel!

MARY, QUEEN OF MARTYRS DIAPER PANTRY

Diapers are a basic need of all babies, essential to their health and well-being. Keeping infants and toddlers clean, dry, and healthy helps build the strong foundation all children require to reach their full potential. However, 1 in 2 U.S. families with young children struggles to afford clean diapers for their baby, according to the National Diaper Pantry Network. **Our mission is to provide supplemental support to families in need of baby diapers...thank you for your support!**



To make a monetary donation...

- use one of the 'Diaper Pantry' envelopes, found at the church entrances, and place either in the offering basket, the St. Vincent de Paul donation box, or drop off at one of the church offices;
- New! You may donate online by visiting maryqueenofmartyrs.org/donations-for-diaper-pantry or scan the QR code.



If you'd rather donate diapers directly...

- they can be dropped off at the entrances of our three churches before or after Mass or at the church offices during open hours. (St. Kateri: Monday and Thursday 8:30 – 12:30, Our Lady of Lourdes: Tuesday and Friday 8:30 – 12:30, St Peter: Monday through Friday 9:00 – 12:30.

THANK YOU!

Diaper Pantry Hours

The 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the Month

9:30 – 11:00 at St. Kateri Church

For more information call Jeanne@ 508-591-3510 or email PCCDiaperPantry@yahoo.com

Diaper size needed this week: 6

DO YOU KNIT OR CROCHET?



We have another fun, easy, and fulfilling knit or crochet project for our parish yarn enthusiasts: creating 'prayer squares' for the sick, homebound, and nursing home residents. The squares are approximately 4" x 5", accompanied by a lovely message, and will be blessed by our priests and

deacons. We hope to have them available for our pastoral visitors to distribute in just a few months. This is a great way to use up that extra yarn, and most importantly to spread the love of Jesus by using your talents. To learn more, please email us at mqomsjm@gmail.com.

"Love and charity, are service, helping others, serving others. There are many people who spend their lives in this way, in the service of others. ... When you forget yourself and think of others, this is love!" – Pope Francis

HOLY HOUR – SUNDAY, December 21

Please join us at a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration on **Sunday, December 21, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.** at St. Peter's Church

"I have a burning thirst to be honored by men in the Blessed Sacrament."

(Jesus speaking to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque)

Prayer Initiative Corner

Prayer Requests

There is NOW a link on our Mary, Queen of Martyrs website available for prayer requests. Please click on the link and you may write out your request.



(<https://www.maryqueenofmartyrs.org/prayer-requests>)

There is also a Book of Intentions available at each of our churches. You may write your prayer intention directly in the book.

There are prayer angels in our parish community praying for all the intentions and ALL intentions are remembered at all the Masses in our parish community!



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL @ ST. PETER'S

The SVdP Food Pantry is held every Friday from 2:30—4:00 PM at the St. Peter Parish Center, 10 Memorial Drive. Thank you to our friends and parishioners who have so kindly remembered the Society, and those we serve, through your generous private gifts, and donations left in the church donation boxes, located at each door of the church. Your kindness helps many.

We are currently in need of: **Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Napkins.** Donations may be dropped off at the Parish Center or at the church.

If you are in need, please call the office at 508-746-0663 Ext. 307 and leave a message. We can help with resources and aid. You may also call us at this number if you are interested in volunteering for SVdP.

Gifts are due back by December 21st and will be distributed out of the gym at St. Peter's on December 22nd.

Mary, Queen of Martyrs Parish Classes and Programs

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve:
 4:00 pm @ St. Peter's
 4:00 pm @ Saint Kateri
 5:00 pm @ Our Lady of Lourdes
 7:00 pm @ Saint Kateri

Christmas Day:
 9:30 am @ St. Peter's
 10:00 am @ Saint Kateri
 10:00 am @ Our Lady of Lourdes
 11:30 am @ St Peter's



THANK YOU TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERS AND A SPECIAL VISIT FROM SANTA & MRS. CLAUS FOR A WONDERFUL BREAKFAST. EVERYONE HAD AN AMAZING TIME. MANY THANKS TO D'S OMELET SHOPPE FOR DONATING THE SCRAMBLED EGGS AND BACON. THEY WERE DELICIOUS.



The Saint Kateri Food Pantry

Tuesdays from 9:00 to 11:00 AM

The Food Pantry is always in need of any non perishable food items such as canned soups, pasta and sauce products, baking goods, cereals, canned tuna or chicken, boxed meals such as Hamburger & Tuna Helpers, canned vegetables and canned fruit and fruit juice. As always, we appreciate any donations you can give to help support our Food Pantry.

Mary, Queen of Martyrs Parishioners, we need your help!

On the 3rd Tuesday of each month, we receive a large order of food delivered from the Boston Food Bank. This delivery is generally about 3,000 lbs. Our staff is older and unloading this amount of products is difficult for the small group of people who usually help.

PLEASE consider taking an hour of your time to come by the church around 8:30 AM that day to help unload. We meet every third Tuesday of the month!

**Dave Noyes gave a beautiful witness talk at
The Parish Mission:**

It is not an original description but, to me, the Holy Eucharist is both the **source** and **summit** of my entire Catholic faith. I am in awe of the deserved reverence with which, when prepared, I am called to this most holy spiritual nourishment. Simply, I see it as a true miracle offered through God's grace to me, and to each of us.

I believe the offering of the Eucharist is both an intimate individual and a shared gift, given freely for which I am not worthy, but offered anyway through God's amazing grace. The miraculous power of the Eucharist for me is in two critical connections and in the emotions they inspire.

First, every time that I am able to receive Holy Communion, I am reminded that Jesus freely accepted the path of the Cross that *my* sins might be forgiven. This gives me a tremendous sense of gratitude for the personal sacrifice Jesus made for me. The forgiving power of the Eucharist for my lesser sins draws me nearer to God and allows me to more clearly see the path that He has chosen for me and encourages me to accept **His Will**.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church beautifully states. ***The receiving of Christ through the one broken bread, enters us into communion with Him and forms but one body in Him.***

Second, I feel honored that as imperfect as I am, Jesus has chosen me for the same intimate and personal connection that He had with each of his Disciples at their Last Supper together. I attempt to receive the gift of the Eucharist as His closest friends did.

Jesus looked into his apostles eyes and offered **HIS ACTUAL BODY** and instructed them to **Share It in His memory**. That direction, to **Do this and remember Me**, provided the disciples, and by connection provides me, a commission, to honor His sacrifice by attempting to emulate His life. Jesus' closest friends, though devoted followers, at times took an indirect path to discipleship. At different times they argued about who was the greatest, denied being His followers, and refused to believe He had risen without physical proof. This is no different than my imperfect life and the times that I am less than who I know that I am called to be. In that way, the spiritual nourishment of Eucharist provides amazing healing power and motivation.

Through the grace of receiving the most Blessed Eucharist I am called to Communion with hundreds of millions of other Catholics committed to a truer and more devoted relationship with the risen Christ. I try to always remember that something that many of our Catholic brothers and sisters have to travel miles on foot to receive monthly, we are blessed to be offered daily. Some of the moments of greatest gratitude in my life were the first Holy Communion of my children and grandchildren. I am unable to imagine a more amazing gift.

COME JOIN OUR BIBLE Study Bible Study Anyone?
Fr. Joe's Next Monthly Bible Session will be on Thursday, December 18th from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. (lunch is included). If you would like to join this wonderful group, please call Kathy at the parish office (508-746-0663 ext 401) to register.



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**THE POPE VIDEO FOR
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For Christians in areas of conflict
"Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope."



Visit thepopevideo.org for more information and to view the Pope's December message.

SAVE THE DATE!
Wednesday, December 17
Mike and Carla Tirrell will speak **promptly** at 6:30pm!
****NEW LOCATION****
DIRTY WATER DISTILLERY
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Plymouth
Walking the Walk
Becoming a Person after God's Own Heart
COME to hear this great talk!
*ThreeV Restaurant now offers delivery to Dirty Water Distillery!
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Orders are called in once per hour at 5:30 and 6:30. Food arrives a half hour later*
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Parish Mission Talk on: *GUILT*

"I can't take the guilt," says a person in an adulterous relationship. "I must do something about it because it is killing me."

We have all met or heard of people who will say, "I can't take the guilt." Many 9/11 firefighters feel guilty for being alive after 343 of their comrades died. People who grow up in situations of alcohol, abuse, and divorce say, "I am responsible," even when they have done nothing wrong.

Sometimes we read about terrible criminals who commit horrific crimes and they sleep like babies. A person who can do evil things and feel no guilt is a sociopath and there have been many in history.

The torture of scruples is a great burden. It is a form of compulsivity akin to hand washing or checking the stove over and over. Some people do it with what they think are sins. Nationalities seem prone to guilt. People say they can't help feeling guilty because they are Irish or Jewish or Italian, but no nationality has the corner on guilt.

Others say, "My mother...my children...make me feel so guilty. I have to do everything for everybody and when I take a moment for myself, I feel guilty. People will visit their older relatives and hear, "You never come to visit me" and guilt is the result.

Guilt is a feeling of discomfort, unease, mental pain, an ache from the soul. There are two types of guilt; good guilt and bad guilt. Some guilt is healthy and some guilt is destructive and not what God wants of us. Good guilt is rational and healthy whereas bad guilt is unhealthy, irrational, and destructive.

As children, we learn rules and laws from parents, church, society, and school. When we break these rules we feel bad. As we grow up, we reflect on these rules. We think about them and eventually, we develop principles, a conscience. Conscience is not a little voice. It is not even a feeling we have. It is a judgment of what is right or wrong. If we go against our conscience, if we do something that we have come to believe is wrong, we feel bad. That's good! We should feel bad when we go against our consciences.

Some psychologists and modern experts have promised a guilt-free life. They blame religion for making us feel guilty. I think this is a dangerous idea. A key sign of adult formation is the ability to recognize when we have done wrong. Good guilt tells us we must change behaviors that are harmful to ourselves or others. Just as we bleed when we are cut, just as pain is a symptom of something wrong in our body, good guilt tells us we have hurt others or ourselves by our sinful choices. We feel remorse. We should do something about his feeling. We should ask God for forgiveness. Seek a reconciliation if it involves others. Make restitution if possible. And, most of all, change our behavior.

What I have said about good guilt is obvious and most of us do not have a problem with it. On the contrary, many of us feel guilty when we should not and it is not what the Lord wishes for us. Jesus said, "I have come to set you free."

Irrational or bad guilt is when we feel bad about things for which we are not responsible. It is when we think we have done things wrong. Somehow, we have a vague sense floating around inside us that we are bad, guilty, sinful. We feel this almost all the time. Bad guilt focuses on the doer rather than the deed. If we correct a child, we correct the action, not the child. A child breaks a lamp, for example. It was wrong to break the lamp, but the child is not bad. Shame is akin to guilt. Shame is a feeling of worthlessness and feeling ashamed for who we are. Guilt is feeling bad for what we think we did wrong.

Some of us are more guilt prone than others. I'm not sure why. It has something to do with how we grew up and what we learned and self-image. An example of unhealthy guilt is missing Mass. We feel wrong even though we have two broken legs, were in the hospital, and a hurricane was about to hit the island. We have done nothing wrong, but we fell better telling a priest about it. It is not a big deal, but it is a sign of feeling guilty even when we have done nothing wrong.

Parents and their adult children is another major area. "My kids don't go to church. Where did I go wrong? We brought them to church. We sent them to Catholic schools (or to CCD or religious ed). It's my fault." No, it is not your fault. They are adults. We can feel sad they do not practice their faith because we love it, but guilt is not appropriate.

Sexuality and marriage is another area. Sometimes people feel guilty about their sexual feelings. Sex in marriage is a sacrament. It is holy and not something to be guilty about.

Heroic care of a sick spouse or parents. It is difficult. We feel guilty about losing patience or feeling the burden and unhealthy guilt is the result. We fail to see how loving we are trying to be and the good we are doing.

Death of a loved one is another. "If I had only been there." "If I had seen things sooner." "If I had taken them to a different hospital." Every decision is replayed. We are not God. We can't prevent death. Would our beloved dead want us to feel bad for the rest of our lives?

If guilt is severe, go to a counselor or to a priest or religious sister or brother. With less severe guilt, the ordinary dose, recognize that I am not God. I cannot take responsibility for the whole world. I am human. I do fail. If you are a perfectionist, give yourself a break. Remember that Jesus died to save sinners. He loves sinners. It is the righteous that God challenged the most.

Some special areas of guilt are past sins that are replayed over and over. Failures of our youth. Something that cannot be undone. Our past sins haunt us. We keep saying, "How could I have done that?" It is really pride. I choose to be judge and jury rather than let God.

Guilt puts the stress on how bad I am. Contrition puts the focus on how forgiving God is. It is unfair to judge the past by the present. Sometimes the effect of sin afflicts us. It has a temporal effect like creaky joints affected by the weather. In the case of abortion, love the children around you. Stole something? Give to charity. Vicious gossip? Say kind things.

Our Jewish ancestors had a ritual of using a goat - called a scapegoat - to whisper their sins to and then it was driven out into the desert. This ritual was seeking to unburden people from their sins. Catholics do not have a goat, but we do have the Lamb of God. And God's love is stronger than the power of sin. God invites us into forgiveness. At Mass, we pray, "Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world." This is a time to give to Jesus all the guilt we carry and cannot resolve. Let it go. Give it to Jesus. He comes to set us free.

Peter and Judas both did bad things. Both feel great guilt and remorse. One can believe in mercy and one cannot. Let it go. Believe in mercy.

Blessings, Fr. Kevin MacDonald, C.Ss.R.

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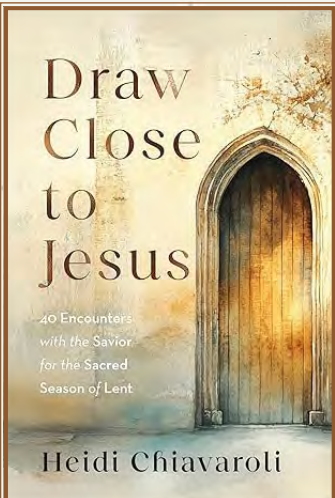
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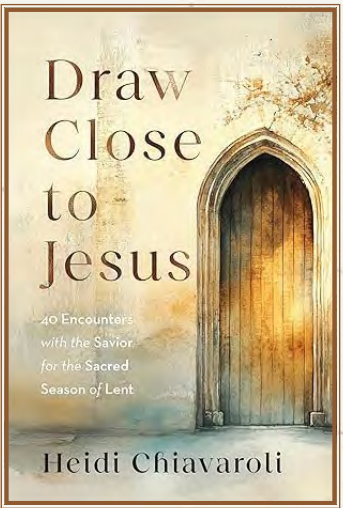
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