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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it,
who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.

Matthew 13:23





From the Desk of Deacon Alan Doty

Venerable Fulton J. Sheen: A Saint for Our Times

Many Catholics today may not know much about Venerable Fulton J. Sheen. His radio and TV shows were hugely popular in the 1950s and 60s, but that was long before the digital age. Thankfully, many of his lectures and old television episodes have been preserved, and you can find them on YouTube today. Even decades later, his teaching still feels fresh, clear, and surprisingly relevant.

As the Church prepares for his beatification on September 24 in St. Louis, take a moment to rediscover who he was and why his witness still matters.

Growing Up and Finding His Calling

Fulton Sheen was born in 1895 in El Paso, Illinois, into a hard-working farming family. When he was eight, he broke a cruet while serving Mass for Bishop John Spalding. Instead of scolding him, the bishop made two bold predictions: Sheen would one day study in Louvain, Belgium, and he would become a bishop. Amazingly, both came true.

Sheen was gifted academically. After seminary, he studied philosophy and theology at the Catholic University of Louvain, earning advanced degrees. He later taught at The Catholic University of America for more than 20 years. His classes were so popular that people packed the room just to hear him speak.

Reaching Millions Through Media

Sheen's preaching soon reached far beyond the classroom. In 1930, he began giving weekly talks on *The Catholic Hour* radio program, drawing millions of listeners. In 1951, he moved to television with his show *Life Is Worth Living*. Every week, around 30 million people tuned in—Catholics, Protestants, Jews, and even people with no religious background at all.

When he won an Emmy Award for Most Outstanding Television Personality, he delivered one of the most memorable acceptance lines in TV history: **"I feel it is time I pay tribute to my four writers — Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John."**

That moment captured his whole approach: using modern tools to share ancient truth.

A Heart for Mission

Sheen didn't just preach; he poured himself into missionary work. In 1950, he became the national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. For 16 years, he helped raise millions of dollars to support young churches around the world. Pope Leo XIV recently praised him as "a light of faith, hope, and love," noting how his media work inspired enormous support for missionary efforts.

Teaching Truth in a Changing World

Sheen lived during a time of major cultural change. He spoke clearly about Communism, the dignity of the human person, and the challenges facing families and society. He wasn't afraid to preach truths that were unpopular, but he always did so with kindness, humor, and a deep understanding of the human heart.

His "indirect approach" made him especially effective. He often began with everyday stories or simple observations and then gently led people to deeper spiritual truths. This helped break down anti-Catholic bias and opened doors for real dialogue.

Sheen participated in all sessions of the Second Vatican Council and worked to apply its teachings faithfully when he later served as bishop of Rochester.

The Secret Behind His Strength

People often wondered how Sheen stayed humble and focused despite his fame. The answer was simple: prayer. From the day he was ordained until the day he died, Sheen made a daily Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament. He never missed it. Friends said this hour was the source of his peace, clarity, and courage.

He also had a deep love for Mary. His mother consecrated him to her at his baptism, and he renewed that devotion throughout his life. His book *The World's First Love* remains one of the most beautiful modern reflections on Our Lady.

Sheen died in 1979, in prayer before the Eucharist. Shortly before his death, Pope John Paul II embraced him and said, "You have written and spoken well of the Lord Jesus. You are a loyal son of the Church."

Why He Matters Today

Our world today is full of division, confusion, and noise. Pope Leo XIV recently reminded the Church that Sheen's example is especially needed now. He showed us that evangelization begins with holiness, not strategy; with prayer, not popularity; with hope, not fear.

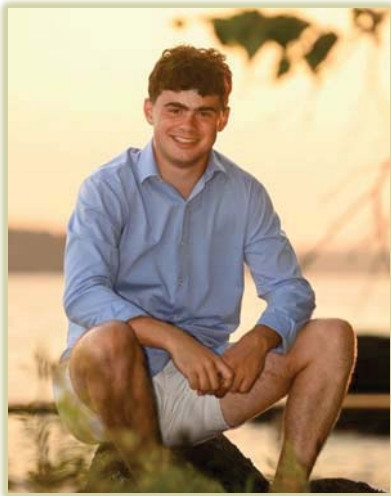
Venerable Fulton J. Sheen, you lived the Gospel with courage, joy, and deep love for Jesus in the Eucharist. You preached Christ with clarity in a confusing world, and you showed that true evangelization begins in prayer. As the Church prepares for your beatification, we ask for your intercession.

Venerable Fulton Sheen, guide us to love the Eucharist as you did, to speak the truth with charity, and to live our faith with joy. Pray for our parishes and for the whole Church, that we become lights of faith, hope, and love in a divided world.

Venerable Fulton J. Sheen, pray for us.



2026 REV. DONALD DELAY SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARD WINNERS



Thomas Kowalsky

I am writing to thoroughly thank everybody who made it possible for me to be granted this award!

I genuinely thank the clergy, each committee member, and the parishioners of both Blessed Sacrament Church and St. Mary's Church in Walpole.

When I was given this award, the emotions I felt were true waves of happiness and thankfulness. It is an honor that I cannot express more gratitude for. The church is somewhere I feel welcomed, and everybody else should be as well. We all have a common goal of thanking the Lord and living our lives in the name of Jesus.

This fall, I have the privilege of attending The Penn State University. There, I will be studying Professional Golf Management and Business. I will be sure to spread what I have learned about the church here in Walpole during my four years there.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TO THE REV. DONALD DELAY SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARD PROGRAM TO INSURE THAT WE CAN CONTINUE GRANTING MONEY TO THESE AMAZING YOUNG PEOPLE FROM BOTH OUR PARISHES, YOU CAN SEND A CHECK PAYABLE TO ST. MARY PARISH, WITH SERV. RECOG. AWARD IN THE MEMO SECTION AND MAIL IT TO ST. MARY PARISH, 176 WASHINGTON STREET, EAST WALPOLE, 02032 OR DROP OFF AT EITHER PARISH OFFICE.

IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE A 2ND COLLECTION AT BOTH PARISHES ON THE WEEKEND OF JULY 18 & 19.

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Nestled in the heart of Walpole, St. Francis Catholic Cemetery offers a serene and sacred resting place for loved ones, rooted in the traditions of our Catholic faith. As part of the Walpole Catholic Collaborative, we are committed to honoring life, preserving legacy, and providing comfort to families in times of need.

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Location: 1629 Washington Street Walpole, MA 02081

Contact Us: 508-668-4700 x111

Learn More: www.walpolecatholic.net

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4



KNIGHTS' BOOK STANDS

The Knights of Columbus has set up a book stand in the vestibule of St. Mary's and Blessed Sacrament Churches, which contain books about our Catholic faith. These information booklets are FREE to all parishioners. Please take one.

JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Please consider joining the Knights of Columbus Walpole Council. If you would like to join or have questions, please contact Mat Dorment at mdorment@comcast.net or (617) 312-3809.





Confirmation 2026-2027 **Register Today**

Parish youth in grades 7-9 from public, private or Catholic schools are eligible to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Visit our website for full program and registration details.

<https://walpolecatholic.net/confirmation-program>

Sessions start on 9-13

SPECIAL COLLECTION -VENEZUELA

As you have likely seen, the people of Venezuela are suffering enormously from devastating earthquakes. As of today, nearly 1,000 people have lost their lives, and more than 3,000 have been injured. Some media reports note that more than 40,000 people are missing. These numbers will only grow over the hours and days ahead. The Catholic Church, through Catholic Relief Services (CRS), is working through Caritas Venezuela and the local Church to quickly deliver emergency shelter, food, safe water, medical care and other critical relief to those affected.

To help meet this expanding need, Archbishop Henning has asked the parishes of the Archdiocese to consider a special collection to support our brothers and sisters in need in Venezuela.

The special collection will take place July 25/26. Please address your checks to your Parish name, with "Venezuela Relief" in the memo. The parish will forward the collection to the Archdiocese where the funds raised will be sent to CRS.

Your generosity has been essential during previous natural disasters. Any consideration you can give is greatly appreciated. God bless.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to pray for all the sick, grieving, and suffering. Through our parish prayer lines, we also remember all our shut-ins, our unemployed, our sick, our grieving, and our own parish dead. If you wish to add a name, contact Louise at Lffahey@gmail.com for St. Mary or Claire at blessedsacramentprayers@gmail.com for Blessed Sacrament.



COR MEN'S PRAYER & DISCUSSION GROUP

Please join us for prayer, formation, and fraternity on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall. For more information, please contact Mike Lopez at mjlopez12@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP

The Wednesday Morning Prayer Group has resumed in person at Blessed Sacrament Community Room on Wednesdays at 9:30am. All are welcome! Contact Peg (508-668-5455) if interested.

CLOTHING FOR THE HOMELESS

Please help us by donating clothing, especially gently-used t-shirts, sweatpants, and socks and new underwear so that we can continue their mission. We are currently **ONLY accepting summer clothes**. We are also collecting new or gently-used, clean blankets & sheets. Boxes are at both churches. God Bless.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Do you know of someone who is homebound or unable to attend Mass and who would appreciate the Eucharist being brought to them? If you would like to arrange a home visit or nursing home visit for a member of our Walpole Catholic Community, please contact the Parish Office at 508/668-4700 x119. Such visits can include regular weekly visits to receive the Eucharist or with parish priest for the Sacrament of Healing.

If you are interested in serving as a pastoral visitor, please reach out to Deacon Rey Spadoni at rey.spadoni@walpolecatholic.org

ST. MARY MASS VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for additional parishioners to serve as Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers at the weekend masses at St. Mary Church. It's a great way to get more involved with your church.

Please contact Kerry Pitman (kerry.pitman@walpolecatholic.org) if you have questions or would like to volunteer.





BAPTISM REGISTRATION

Baptism is the first sacrament of Christian initiation. It is the sacrament that frees a person from original sin and makes that person a member of Christ and His Church, thus being the way to a new and spiritual life. One must be baptized before sharing in any of the other sacraments. Infants can be baptized soon after birth. At the time of baptism, parents vow to practice their faith and provide a Catholic upbringing for the child.

Group baptisms take place on the second Sunday of the month at 1pm at St. Mary's and at Blessed Sacrament on the third Sunday of the month at 12:30pm.

To register, please contact our Baptism Coordinator, Pat Chitvanni, at 508-668-4974 ext. 115. Leave a message and your call will be returned.



PINE STREET INN COLLECTION

We recently held our final collection before summer. We collected 710 items!

We will resume collecting in the fall.

Thanks to all who donated these last few months for their generosity.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL

The Knights of Columbus Hall is now available to rent for your special occasion. Please call 508-668-9037 for more information and please leave a message.

If you are interested in scheduling a mass intention for a deceased loved one, you can call either Parish Office for availability and to schedule a mass in his/her honor.

SECOND COLLECTION—THIS WEEK

This week's second collection is to Balance the Budget.

We are grateful for your generosity.



WEDDINGS

If you're planning a wedding and wish to receive the Sacrament from Blessed Sacrament or St. Mary's church, please contact us at 508-668-4700.

Let us be part of your joyous celebration!



ADORATION - OPEN HOLY HOURS AT BLESSED SACRAMENT

Endless notifications-Busy schedules-Constant noise. Jesus offers something different: one quiet hour in His presence.

Adoration is an opportunity to step away from the demands of daily life and spend time in silence, prayer, and peace before the Blessed Sacrament. Many adorers find their holy hour becomes the best part of their week. Adoration hours are Monday-Friday, 7am-10pm, with overnight adoration on Monday nights and First Fridays.

This is an important update regarding **SUMMER HOURS** for the Blessed Sacrament Adoration Chapel. **Effective June 29th**, the new schedule will be the following:

Monday: 7AM - 12AM

Tuesday: 12AM - 7PM

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday: 7AM to 7PM

We will resume the normal adoration schedule effective September 8th.

Adorers needed to fill the following slots:

- Monday: 12 PM and 3 PM
- Tuesday: 5 PM and 6 PM
- Thursday: 10 AM
- Friday: 11 AM and 5 PM

To sign up for an hour, please email:

WalpoleAdorationChapel@gmail.com



BOTTLE & CAN COLLECTION

The Walpole Knights of Columbus is collecting bottles and cans at the Council Hall, 137 Stone St. in Walpole. You can leave cans and bottles at the back door of the Hall anytime, as they are retrieved daily. The proceeds will benefit the charity fund, which donates to needy families in our two parishes and other charity requests.

COLLABORATIVE OFFICE HOURS

Blessed Sacrament Parish House (10 Diamond St)

Monday-Friday 9am-1pm

St. Mary Parish Office (205 Washington St.)

Tuesday & Thursday 9am-1pm

CROSSWORD

(Most answers are in today's readings)

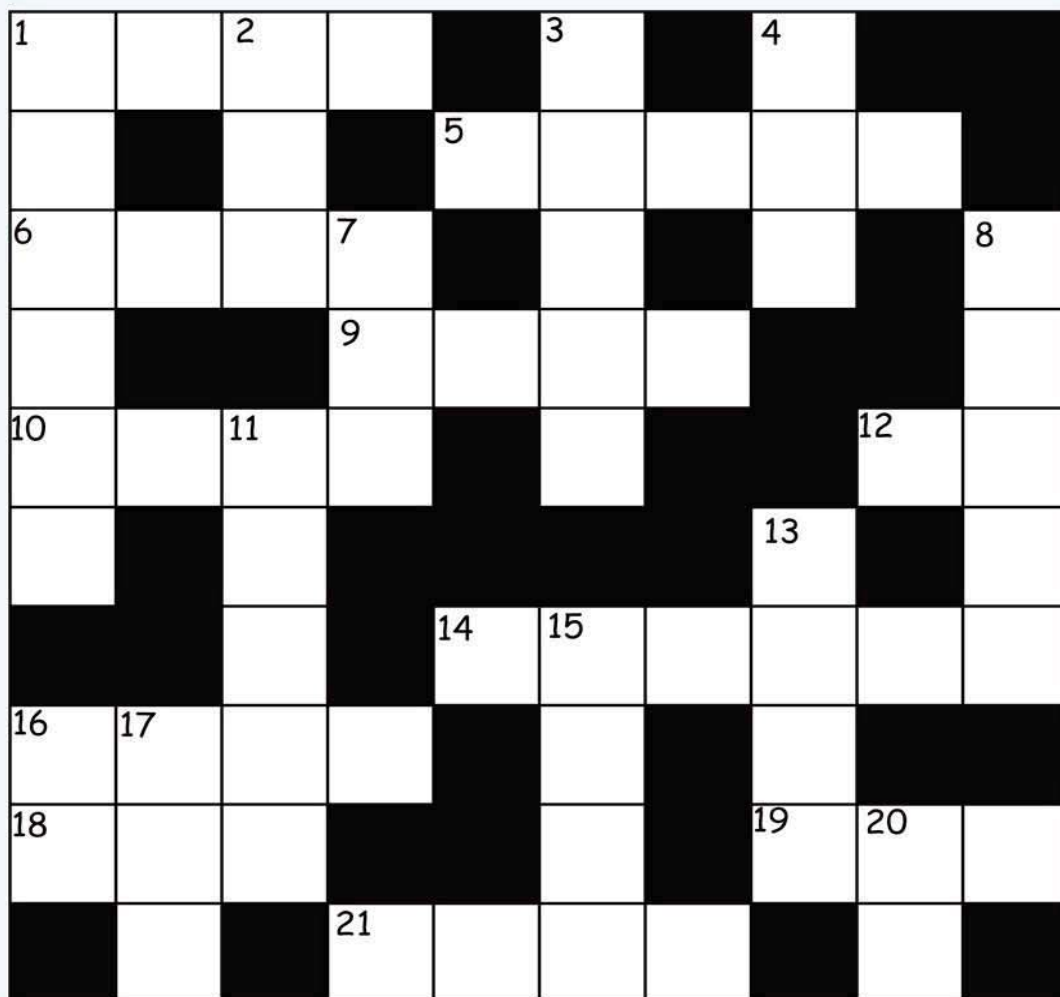
CLUES ACROSS

1. Carries people across water
5. It is ground into flour
6. Ceased to live 9. Not close, distant; far _____
10. Not hard
12. A refusal 14. A reward; also a ship famous for mutiny
16. Care, notice. Take _____
18. The finish 19. _____ are you?
21. It is sown

Last week's wordsearch

S	C	A	F	L	E	S	H	D	B	M	C
E	A	S	S	S	F	E	A	R	T	H	L
G	B	V	H	I	P	J	N	L	M	K	E
B	A	K	I	N	G	I	H	I	J	H	V
E	N	N	M	O	L	H	R	L	K	U	E
L	I	O	P	Q	R	E	R	I	S	M	R
O	S	L	K	V	Z	A	U	V	T	B	T
N	H	O	R	S	E	V	Z	E	X	L	Y
G	M	A	O	D	C	E	B	L	Q	E	J
M	O	R	T	A	L	N	T	R	U	E	P

CLUES DOWN



1. Our physical parts
2. Consumed food
3. Made from flour
4. Disobedience to God
7. Follows night
8. Intense pain
11. Put into the soil
13. White, cold, falls from the sky
15. One time only
17. Same as 18 across.
20. Masculine of she



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

READING 1.....ISAIAH 55:10-11 READING 2ROMANS 8:18-23

Thus says the LORD:

Just as from the heavens
the rain and snow come down
and do not return there
till they have watered the earth,
making it fertile and fruitful,
giving seed to the one who sows
and bread to the one who eats,
so shall my word be
that goes forth from my mouth;
my word shall not return to me void,
but shall do my will,
achieving the end for which I sent it.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. (Lk 8:8) **The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

You have visited the land and watered it;
greatly have you enriched it.
God's watercourses are filled;
you have prepared the grain.

R. **The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

Thus have you prepared the land: drenching its furrows,
breaking up its clods,
Softening it with showers,
blessing its yield.

R. **The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

You have crowned the year with your bounty,
and your paths overflow with a rich harvest;
The untilled meadows overflow with it,
and rejoicing clothes the hills.

R. **The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

The fields are garmented with flocks
and the valleys blanketed with grain.
They shout and sing for joy.

R. **The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

Brothers and sisters:

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.

We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

ALLELUIA

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower.
All who come to him will have life forever.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL.....MATTHEW 13:1-9

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea.

Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow.

And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up.

Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil.

It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots.

Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it.

But some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.

Whoever has ears ought to hear."



PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our defense against the wickedness and
snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen..

SANCTUARY CANDLES AT BLESSED SACRAMENT



Remember a friend or loved one with a sanctuary candle lit in his/her name. Your Candle Intention can be in the Chapel or the Main Church for a \$15 donation. The candle will burn from Sunday to Sunday for the week requested. All intentions will be noted in our bulletin. Call our Parish House at 508-668-4700 to request one.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 11

4pm STM Jean Creegan
4pm BSP Bernardina Capparella

Sunday, July 12

7:30am STM Joseph & Irene Breton
8am BSP Michael Anthony Vick (1 yr anniv)
9am STM George Cofsky
9:30am BSP John Beaudoin (8th yr anniv)
11am BSP Ruby Lwin
11:30am STM Katherine Young

Monday, July 13

9am STM John Beaudoin (8th anniv)

Tuesday, July 14

9am STM Dognazzi family and Mary Clancy

Wednesday, July 15

9am STM Frank Quinn

Friday, July 17

5:45am STM Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, July 18

4pm BSP Pauline DeMichele & Debbie Zahner
(10th anniv)

Sunday, July 19

7:30am STM Jeff Cananaugh
9am STM Virginia Todesca
9:30am BSP Douglas Wheeler
11am BSP James & Frances Amsler
11:30am STM Joanne Cintolo (2 yr anniv)

Sanctuary Lamp in the Chapel
is Lit for John Beaudoin



Sanctuary Lamp in the Main Church
is Lit for Dennis Kennedy

Our Mission Statement

We, the faith community of the Walpole Catholic Collaborative, welcome all people with our open hearts and joyful spirits. Rooted in the love of Christ and His Church, we seek to live a Catholic-centered life, nourished by the sacraments and guided by the Gospel. Through worship, service, and discipleship, we strive to grow in faith and share God's grace with the world.





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Contact Info: WalpoleCatholic.net/Staff

COLLABORATIVE MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil

4pm Blessed Sacrament & St. Mary

Sunday

7:30am St. Mary
8am Blessed Sacrament
9am St. Mary
9:30am Blessed Sacrament
11am Blessed Sacrament
11:30am St. Mary

Daily Mass

Monday-Wednesday 9am St. Mary
Wednesday-Friday 5:45am St. Mary
Thursday-Saturday 9am Blessed Sacrament

Confession Times

First Wed. of the month 7-8pm Blessed Sacrament
Wed-Fri, 5:15am; 6:15am St. Mary
Mon. & Wed. 9:30am St. Mary
Sat. 9:30am Blessed Sacrament
Sat. 2:45-3:50pm at both churches
-Or by arrangement with priest

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508-668-2336

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Facing Illness or Surgery? Benefit from the Lord's healing, comfort and strength. Contact the Parish Offices.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

Low gluten hosts are available at both Churches. Please contact a sacristan or priest before Mass.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

If you or someone you know are in need of temporary financial assistance, call 508-476-6003 and leave a message. Someone will return your call.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SERVICE MEMBERS

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Trevor MacDonald	James King	Timothy Donahue
Harry Clow III	Jack Sousa	Edward Dietel
Brett Ober	Gaelen Moore	Nolan Walsh
A.J. Servello	Joe Burgess	

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for their selfless service to us & our country. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

To add or remove a name, call Kerry Pitman at 508-668-4974 x125 or kerry.pitman@walpolecatholic.org



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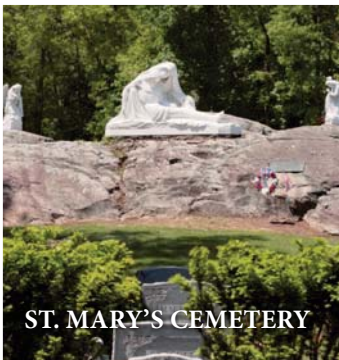
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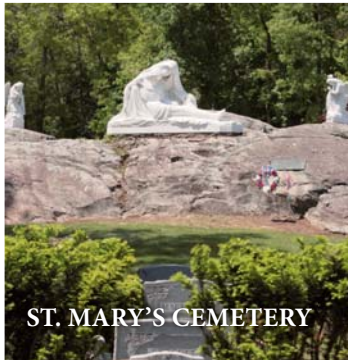


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