

St. Charles Borromeo Parish Collaborative

April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

English— upper church

<i>Palm Sunday</i>	<i>Holy Thursday</i>	<i>Good Friday</i>	<i>Easter</i>
April 12 4:00pm Vigil April 13 8:00am & 10:00am	Mass of the Lord's Supper April 17 7:00pm	The Passion of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ April 18 3:00pm	The Great Easter Vigil April 19 7:30pm Easter Sunday April 20 8:00am & 10:00am
			

Spanish & Portuguese— Lower church

Iglesia Planta Baja Horario Domingo de Ramos y Semana Santa/ Agenda da Domingo de Ramos y Semana Santa Igreja Baixonesa de Baixo

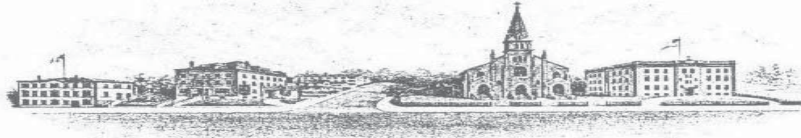
El Domingo de Ramos Santa Missa Abril 13 9:00 am em Português 12:00pm en Español	Jueves Santo Ultima Cena/ Santa Missa da Ceia do Senhor Abril 17 as 7:00pm Misa Bilingue Español y Português	Viernes Santo La Pasion Del Señor/Sexta Feira Santa Paixão do Senhor Abril 18 as 7:00pm Misa Bilingue Español y Português	Sábado Santo Misa de Vigilia/ Vigilia Pascal Abril 19 as 7:00pm Misa Bilingue Español y Português Domingo de Pascua Abril 20 9:00am Misa em Português Domingo de Resurrección 12:00pm Misa en Español
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As we prepare to enter into Holy Week's Sacred Triduum, we gather as a people redeemed By Jesus' saving act.

Come live the moments of our redemption more mindfully and prayerfully by participating in all of the elements of the Paschal Mysteries of this Sacred Week and this event.

As a reminder, Palms are a blessed object given to the faithful for the Palm Sunday liturgies. To dispose of them, they may be burned , buried where they wouldn't be trampled on; they are not to be thrown in the trash.





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WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

The Annual Catholic Appeal which is asked by the Archdiocese will be taken this weekend March 23rd. Please consider your gift to support the Archdiocese and their ministries and put our envelope in any collection basket.

Financials for the week of 03/30/25

Offertory at Mass	\$ 6519
Mailed Offertory	\$ 1248
Total Offertory	\$ 7767
Brazilian Dizimo	\$ 1280

This year St. Charles has been a goal of \$69,600 to the Annual Catholic Appeal asked by the Archdiocese of Boston. \$ 15,135 has been pledged thus far by 54 donors which is 22% of our goal.

We ask you to please support us in meeting our goal of \$ 69,600 to the Appeal on any Sunday you may turn in your envelope in any collection. Please fill in an envelope even if you've given already. This helps us achieve our goal of donors.

Thank you.

Upcoming Second Collections

04/13 Monthly Maintenance
04/20 Clergy Benefit Trust
04/27 Education Fund

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Worship

MASSES

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	4:00pm, English, upper church (in the lower church in the Summer)
Sunday	8:00am, English, upper church 9:00am, Portuguese, lower church 10:00am, English, upper church 12:00pm, Spanish, lower church

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday - Friday: 11:30am in the lower church

MASSES LIVESTREAMING LINKS

- 10:00am English: on our website: sccwoburn.org
- 9:00am Portuguese: [Facebook.com comunidade-catolicawoburn](https://www.facebook.com/comunidade-catolicawoburn)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	04/12
4:00pm	Lawton families, Duffet families
Sunday	04/13
8:00 am	Jean Mernin
10:00 am	April Neergaard 4th anniversary, Elaine Stampa, Disa Berrett 1st anniversary
Monday	04/14 No DailyMass
Tuesday	04/15 No Daily Mass
Wednesday	04/16
11:30am	Clara & Livia Corsetti, Hugo & Georgina LaFauci
Thursday	04/17 Holy Thursday
No daily Mass	
7:00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday	04/18 Good Friday
No daily Mass	
3:00pm	Good Friday Prayer Service
Saturday	04/19 Holy Saturday
7:30pm	The Great Easter Vigil
Sunday	04/20 Easter
8:00 am	For the People
10:00 am	For the People

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Celebrated on the 3rd Sunday each month. To schedule, please contact the parish office.

Marriage: Please contact the parish office at least a year in advance.

Reconciliation: contact a priest.

Sacrament of the Sick/Care of the Sick & Elderly: Call the office to arrange a home or hospital visit or for the sacrament of the sick.

PRAYER AND DEVOTIONS

Eucharistic Adoration:

Thursdays 7:30pm in the lower church.

Prayers for Peace in all hearts:

Thursdays at 6:30pm in the upper church

Rosary Group: Tuesdays at 6:30pm in the upper church, at the Parish Center grotto in good weather. during the months of May & October M-F at 6:30pm

Prayer line: 781-933-0300 x 228

Novena Prayer for Those Returning to or entering the Church this Season

Lord Jesus, the Light of the World, as we celebrate your
Passion, Death, and Resurrection
may we begin to see the world in the light of the
understanding You give us.

As you chose the lowly,
the outcasts, and the poor to receive the greatest news the
world had ever known, so may we worship
You in meekness of heart.

May the gracious blessings and the brilliance of your
true light bestowed upon us in your Sacraments
shine forth in our souls that we may radiate your light to
those returning to the Church this season.

Grant us grateful hearts, joyful demeanors, charitable
dispositions and constancy in prayer for all those we
encounter.
Amen

A New Opportunity

Fr Capuci would like to begin a **prayer corner** in the bulletin in which we collect your prayer intentions. We welcome your intentions and participation if you would like to send in your intentions by e-mail or by phone. Office@sccwoburn.com, or 781-933-0300 x 228.
Thank you !

St. Charles School

The St. Charles School Michael J. Mulrenan Golf Tournament will be here before we know it! The Tournament is on Monday, May 19, at the Ferncroft Country Club in Danvers. Register by April 30 before the registration fees increase!

Golfer Registration link - https://secure.lglforms.com/form_engine/s/

Golf Sponsorship Opportunities - https://secure.lglforms.com/form_engine/s/yIhLEL08BWtu5Ft1HJVhw

Golfer Registration QR code



Golf Sponsorship QR code



St. Charles School is in need of a building caretaker for gymnasium rentals. Candidates need to have evening and weekend availability, and flexibility during the school year and summer. In addition, candidates must be able to lift 25 pounds and climb stairs easily. Candidates must comply with required background checks. Please contact Mrs. Cargill with any questions. principal@scswoburn.com

St Charles Alumnae Banquet celebrating 50th anniversary of classes 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974

Tuesday May 13th

At the Woburn Country Club

\$55.00pp

Social hour begins at 4:30pm

Dinner at 5:30pm

**Checks can be sent to St Charles School attn: Alumnae Banquet 8 Myrtle Street
Woburn, MA. 01801: RSVP by May 1st**

CCD/ Religious Education

- . [Return First Communion Request Forms to Joanne Campbell, faithformation@sccwoburn.com](mailto:faithformation@sccwoburn.com) **by April 1**, email them or drop them off at the rectory.
- . **Rehearsal for First Holy Communion – Friday, May 2 from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**, all First Communion candidates and at least one adult must attend
- . **First Holy Communion – Saturday, May 3 at 1 p.m. in the upper church** – please come at least ½ hour early. Each family will have a bench with their name on it. We will meet in the lower church.

Sponsor/Student Meeting – Monday, April 14, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Parish Center

Confirmation Rehearsal – Wednesday, April 30, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the upper church

Sacrament of Confirmation – Sunday, May 4, 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. services. There are two Confirmation services. Designated times for each service have been given to students.

A **Women's Bible study** will be offered on Mondays at 4:00pm in the rectory **beginning on March 17th.**

We will be using the *Walking With Purpose* Women's Bible studies. Would you like to join a group of like minded women as we study Sacred Scripture this Lenten season?



Please join in this journey through scripture aimed at your own walk with the Lord. Workbooks are provided. Please register 781-933-0300



Who loves to garden?

Fr Capuci wants to invite anyone who is interested in gardening to join in. He would like to make a small garden outside the back of the rectory.

Tomatoes, cucumbers, herbs, squash, and flowers, anyone?

Can you help us? Give the rectory a call please.



The 3rd Scrutiny was given to members of our Brazilian worshipping community who are preparing to enter the Church this year on Easter.



During this season of Lent the Pope has granted the faithful extra opportunities to attain plenary indulgences during this Jubilee year. What a great gift! A plenary indulgence is complete remission of sin and the punishment due to them.

Here are the spiritual works to gain 2 indulgences a day

- 1) Pious meditation or making the way of the Stations of the Cross.
- 2) Recitation of the rosary in a church or oratory, in a family or gathering.
- 3) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for at least a half hour.
- 4) Reading or listening to Sacred Scripture for a half hour.

There are 3 necessary conditions: Sacramentally confessing your sins, receiving holy Communion, and having the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin. Always required are praying for the Holy Father.

Think about it– what a wonderful Lenten practice to try to gain as many plenary indulgence as possible for those in need in purgatory (the only living person you can apply a plenary indulgence to is only yourself). Start with your closest relatives and friends. Relatives of those you know. The most abandoned soul there. The most abandoned priest, nun, husband, wife, teenager. Someone from your parish who you did not know personally. Not sure who to apply it to? Then let Our Blessed Mother make the choice, letting her pick out the soul. The possibilities are countless.

Plenary Indulgences for Lent and Triduum

Every Friday of Lent – recite O Good and Sweet Jesus after reception of the Eucharist before a crucifix or image of Jesus crucified.

Holy Thursday– Praying the Tantum Ergo after the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

Good Friday– Participating in the Veneration of the Cross.

Holy Saturday—Renewing your baptismal vows at the Easter Vigil Mass.

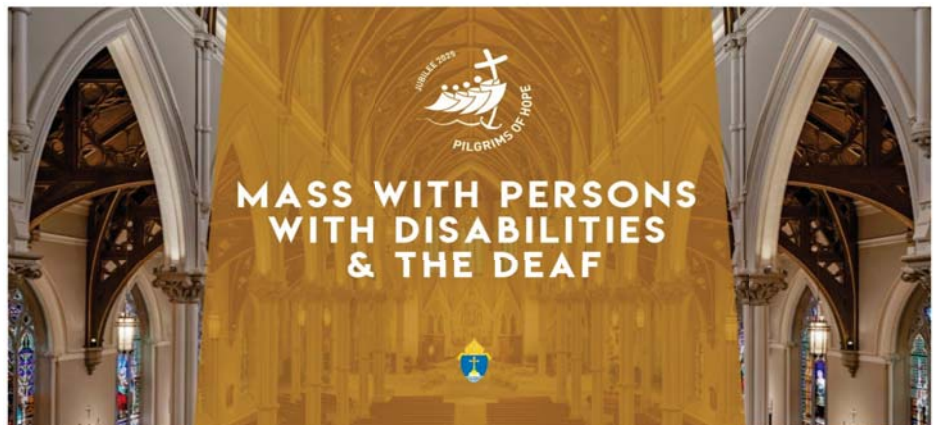
Stations of the Cross– Making the way of the Cross erected in a Church with 14 Stations with devout meditation.



April is Autism Awareness month.

The website

<https://www.spedchildmass.com/> has listings for many regional offerings.



In celebration of Jubilee Year 2025, the Archdiocese of Boston invites you to join us for a **Mass honoring persons with disabilities and the Deaf community**. The Mass will be **celebrated by Archbishop Richard Henning** at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston on **Sunday, April 27 @ 1:30 PM**. Participants and their families have an opportunity to volunteer to serve at the liturgy. This Mass will be accessible for all and include a sensory-friendly space, ASL interpreters, Braille and large print worship aide before the Mass. We encourage you to register [HERE](#) so we can plan accordingly or contact Emily_Elliott@rcab.org., 617-746-5756.

Sometimes I Just Don't Answer

by Sharon Jaynes

“Then Samuel said, ‘Speak, for your servant is listening.’” 1 Samuel 3:10b

I was helping a friend take care of her two little girls one night. As I combed tangles out of the freshly shampooed hair of one of my favorite 6-year-olds, we chatted about our favorite song in *Frozen*, whether dogs go to heaven, and whether pink or purple is the prettiest color. Then her mother called to her from another room.

She didn't answer. “Your mom's calling you,” I nudged.

“That's OK,” she shrugged. “Sometimes I just don't answer.”

I stopped mid-comb. It seemed we had some knots of a different nature to address. After we discussed listening to and obeying parents, she skipped off and left me to untangle a few thoughts in my own heart.

When it comes to listening to my heavenly Father, do I sometimes ignore His gentle nudges? Do I act like I didn't hear Him and skip off to go about my business?

Sometimes I just don't answer.

When the prophet Samuel was a young boy, he learned about answering when God called his name. Samuel was serving in the temple with Eli the priest, who had gone to sleep when the Lord called out to Samuel — twice.

Both times, Samuel thought Eli was calling and woke him up to ask why, but the third time it happened, Eli realized it was God speaking to the boy.

“So Eli told Samuel, ‘Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, “Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.”’ So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ Then Samuel said, ‘Speak, for your servant is listening.’” 1 Samuel 3:9-10

I haven't heard God speak to me audibly, but He does speak to me through Scripture, prayer, creation, circumstances and godly people. The Bible says, *“For God does speak—now one way, now another—though no one perceives it”* Job 33:14

The question is not: Does God speak? The question is: **Do I listen? Do I answer when He calls?**

The Hebrew word often used to describe the public reading of Scripture is *miqra*, which can be translated as “something calling out.” God calls out to us from the pages of His Word. Not only that, but He calls out to us **by name**! Isaiah 43:1 says, *“I have called you by name, you are mine”*

God has always called His people. God called Samuel. And yes, God calls *you*! So today, when you and I feel the gentle nudge of His Spirit or sense His whisper in our hearts, let's say, *Speak, for your servant is listening. I hear You. I will do what You say.*

Heavenly Father, forgive me when I ignore You calling my name. Forgive me when I ignore the truths in Your Word, whether because they conflict with what culture is telling me or for any reason. Help me to listen to You quickly and obey You completely. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



Letting Go of Grudges During Holy Week

A young French schoolboy watched as two Englishmen disembarked from their ship at the port of Calais. Before they knew what hit them, the lad charged at them, pushing them off the pier into the water. Not too pleased at this inhospitable gesture, the men climbed out and accosted the boy. “Just what are you trying to do? Is that any way to greet visitors to your country? A good spanking might teach you some manners. Why did you do such a thing?” The boy spat back, “That’s for burning Joan of Arc at the stake!” “But that happened five hundred years ago,” was the astonished response. “Yeah, but I just learned about it this morning,” he replied.

Nationality jokes are banned at my house. As instruction in a certain dangerous human weakness, however, such humor does have redeeming value. Like the boy in the anecdote, people tend to hold grudges against one another for a long time. Individuals may nurse bitter memories of past rivalries for years. Nations may do it for centuries. In any case, resentment is an unhealthy practice and detrimental to all involved.

Nursing grudges is a serious stumbling block in the Christian life. Constantly recalling people’s offenses and thinking of ways to pay them back creates a steady drain on our spiritual energy. Bitterness prevents us from receiving the Lord’s power. It blocks our release from the problems that afflict us.

Only rarely do we succeed in damaging an offender more than we damage ourselves. The harder we try to get back at someone, the more we get hurt. As our mind reaches out in search of revenge, bitterness reaches into us, plunging its massive, expanding tentacle deep within us. Daydreams of getting even devour our time during the day. At night we lose sleep to our hurt feelings. Resentment is a spiritual tapeworm that nourishes itself at our expense. Too often we are willing to feed this parasite.

God calls us to show mercy to others. Although this approach makes sense on one level, it can be fatal to us on another. If it’s reasonable to hold others to a standard of strict justice, it’s equally reasonable to hold ourselves to the same standard. Had the Lord demanded payment for the debt we piled up because of our sins, it would have cost each of us our lives. Death would have been only fair punishment for us. What else could we expect? The Lord, however, dealt with us according to a different standard, a standard of mercy. He was not put off by our sin. In the face of an endless inventory of wrong-doing and direct offenses against His Person, He sent His Son to an ignominious death to cancel our debt to Him.

When we hold a grudge, we are holding a claim against someone. We write out spiritual IOUs. We keep strict accounts, planning to exact the very last penny. In our ledger, we hold IOUs against our parents (for quarreling between themselves and manipulating us); against brothers and sisters (for belittling us and getting more parental attention, or so it seemed); against spouses (for some petty fault or slip of the tongue); against children (for lack of respect and for turning out different than we had planned). We hold IOUs against friends, neighbors, coworkers, acquaintances, and so on. If we are to experience freedom ourselves, we must cancel all these debts. We must deal with our IOUs the way God dealt with ours: He “canceled the bond which stood against us with its legal demands; this He set aside, nailing it to the Cross.”

TEARING UP SPIRITUAL IOUS HELPS RID US OF RESENTMENT

There is a practical way to get rid of resentment. Make a list of all those people toward whom you have resentments. Begin with the people closest to you — parents, spouses, brothers, sisters, and children — and move outward from there. You might want to list each on a separate slip of paper. Then tear up the IOUs one by one. Forgive each of them, no matter what they have done to offend you. We must put aside all resentment, bitterness, and grudges. These are obstacles to our spiritual freedom that prevent us from experiencing the power of the Lord in our lives.

The 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal

Last year through your generosity St. Charles pledged \$69,654 to the Annual Catholic Appeal asked by the Archdiocese of Boston. \$13,924 has been returned to us as a rebate for last year. We have some very creative parishioners, and Fr Raphael, along with these gifted people, made a video for the launch of last year's campaign. You may [check out this video when you go online](#) and hear the message from our Archbishop.

We prepare for this year's Appeal on March 22 & 23. Please fill in an envelope even if you've given already.

\$40,365 is our assessment this year and \$ 5,995 has been donated so far by 30 donors..

YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK

Funds raised through the Catholic Appeal provide approximately 50% of the budget for Archdiocesan Central Ministries. These ministries make programs and services possible both within and beyond the walls of our parishes.

Below is a list of allocated priorities you made possible in 2023.

\$7,937,000 VIBRANT PARISHES

Services needed to ensure parishes have the resources and expertise to assist with issues of HR, IT, benefits, as well as pastoral planning; parish emergency services including risk management and property management.

\$2,467,000 FAITH AND FORMATION

Support for youth, young adult and adult faith formation programs; respect life, college campus, CYO ministries, permanent diaconate program.

\$2,269,000 HELP FOR THOSE IN NEED

Chaplaincy programs in hospitals and prisons; bereavement support; palliative care; healing ministries; spiritual care for those touched by addiction.

\$2,017,000 SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION

Central office support for the 93 Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Boston. Formation for our Archdiocesan priests. Encouraging and fostering vocations to the priesthood, and religious life; clergy personnel; support for seminaries.

\$1,500,000 REBATES

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THOSE in NEED**



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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.

“It was like walking on sharp river rocks. I barely left my recliner.” shares David, whose experience is not uncommon for those diagnosed with peripheral neuropathy.

That is until he found Min Jeon of AWC|Acupuncture & Wellness Clinic of Burlington Massachusetts. Min and her staff have pioneered a cutting edge, medical solution to treat neuropathy, eliminate or greatly reduce its symptoms and give people their lives back. And they’re doing it without the use of prescription medications and invasive surgeries.

“Acupuncture is incredible at restoring blood flow and stimulating damaged nerves, preventing them from dying off,” tells Min Jeon. “We take our treatments a step further by integrating ATP Resonance BioTherapy® which targets specific nerves in the body using microcurrent. ATP therapy is like watering a plant. This treatment will stimulate the blood vessels to grow back around the peripheral nerves and provide them with the proper nutrients to heal and repair.”

Three months later David is thrilled with his progress, “I can walk barefoot on the beach again!”

Success stories like David’s are not atypical for the staff at AWC. “We have a 90% success rate in treating neuropathy,” shares Min.

The number of treatments needed to allow the nerves to fully recover will vary from person to person and can only be determined after a detailed neurological and vascular evaluation. So long as you have not sustained more than 85% nerve damage AWC offers hope where there once was none.

While David’s peripheral neuropathy was idiopathic, meaning the cause is unknown, Min’s treatments can also help people whose neuropathy is caused by diabetes or chemotherapy.

“We have seen tremendous success in treating neuropathy of all types through very personalized treatments, specifically tailored to treat each individual case.”

To schedule a consultation and complete evaluation call (781)221-0162 but do so quickly because AWC is taking a limited number of new neuropathy patients. For more information and to take advantage of their new patient offer visit AWClinic.com.

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