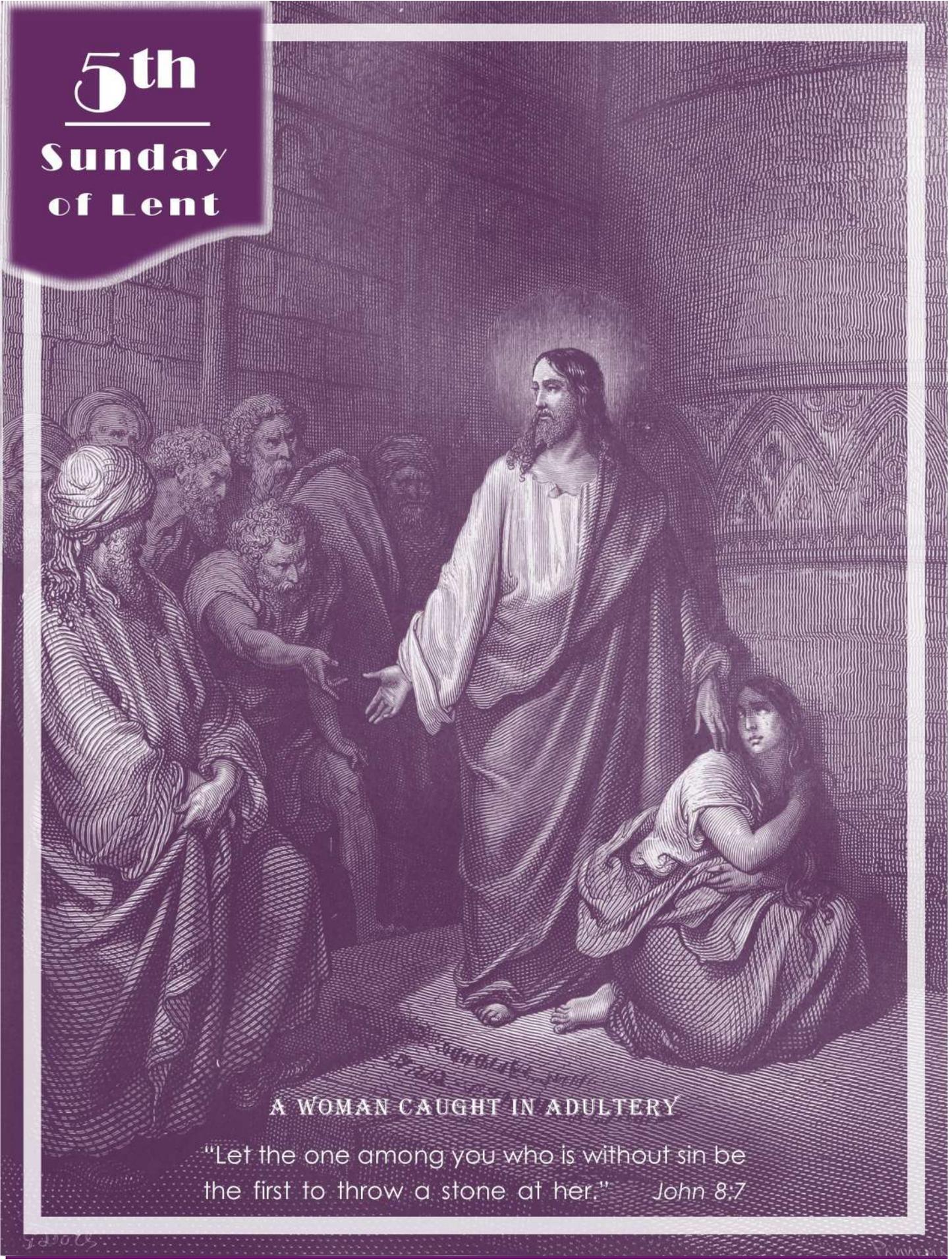


**5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Sunday**  
**of Lent**



**A WOMAN CAUGHT IN ADULTERY**

"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." *John 8:7*



**OUR MISSION**

As a warm and welcoming community, we strive to live out our Catholic faith and share Christ's loving message of salvation.

We nurture the gifts and talents of all, to serve our local and global community joyfully.

**ST BARTHOLOMEW PARISH**

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**Website:** [www.stbartholomew-needham.org](http://www.stbartholomew-needham.org)

**Office Hours:** M-F 9:30am-3:30pm

**Mass Intentions**

Sunday, April 07

8:00am Pro Populo  
9:45am Paul J. O'Leary  
11:30am Robert Maughn (1st. Anniversary)

Monday, April 08

9:00am Bob Kearns

Tuesday, April 09

9:00am Rebecca Slavin

Wednesday, April 10

9:00am Michael Olisky

Thursday, April 11

9:00am Mark Kelley

Friday, April 12

9:00am Mary Nuccio

Saturday, April 13

9:00am Richard Burns  
4:00pm Mary Jane Wickman

Sunday, April 14

8:00am Joseph Carter  
9:45am Pro Populo  
11:30am Theresa & Anthony Cintolo, Frank Cintolo, Tracey Cintolo, Margaret & Camille Montalto, Rita & Alfred Ponte, James Congleton

Prayer Line

This is a network of people who pray for special intentions. Call the parish office and leave a message regarding for whom you would like prayers said.

Parish Staff

**Fr. Derek Borek**, Administrator

**Gisele Byda**, Business Manager

**Antonia Nedder**, Music Director,  
Youth Choir Director

**Charles Kanelos**, Adult Choir Director

**Jennifer Foster** Director of Religious Education

**Maryellen Jennings**, Religious Ed. Coordinator, Grades K-6

**Reyna Mendoza**, Office Assistant

Please, make your donation checks payable to **ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISH**, with your note in the memo line.

<b>WEEKLY OFFERTORY</b>	
March 25 - 31, 2019	
Regular Offertory	
<b>TOTALS →</b>	<b>\$ 5,875</b>
Envelopes →	3,628
Other →	1,794
WeShare →	453

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm  
Sunday: 8:00am, 9:45am, 11:30am  
Daily Mass: Mon-Sat, 9:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:00pm - 3:45pm or by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

First Sunday of each month at 12:30pm.  
Please call a month in advance to schedule baptisms.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Arrangements must be made with the pastor at least 6 months prior to the wedding.

Eucharistic Adoration

The St. Bartholomew/ St. Joseph's cluster gathers every Friday from 9:30am-5:00pm in St. Joseph's Lower Church.

First Saturday Devotion

After the 9:00am Mass the first Sat. of each month

Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Prayed immediately following weekday Mass (except when there is a 10am funeral)



Sign up for your online giving, through **WeShare...**  
<https://stbartholomew-needham.churchgiving.com/>

**A NOTE FROM FR. DEREK**

There is a lot going on in the parish these days with Confirmations and Easter preparations and the like. Just last weekend you may have noticed that some new signs were installed outside the church, at the corner of Greendale and Great Plain, as well as at the entrance to the parking lot and in front of the rectory. Hopefully these new signs will help people to find our church and offices and help them to see that St. Bart's is alive and well. As of the date of my writing this, we are also expecting the new speakers for the carillon system to be installed today (the day of my writing this). Hopefully by the time you read this, the bells of St. Bart's will be up and running again. Shortly after Easter, we also hope to have new doors to the church installed. The ones that we have are very old and have been repaired beyond the point of repair.



I also want to bring to your attention that I recently became aware of **some people receiving fraudulent emails appearing to be from me.** I think the distribution of these was minimal and I think I have figured out how the sender chose to whom to send them. At any rate, the emails have my name in the "From" heading, but the email address associated with it is 'parishpastor878@gmail.com'. The subject line says, "Many blessings," and the email says that I need a favor from you and asks you to email me. I'm aware that something similar happened recently to Fr. David Michael over at St. Joseph's as well. Please be aware of any suspicious emails such as this. I would never send such an email to you.

**PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION**

Weather permitting, we will try to have a procession at the 9:45 Mass with the Youth Choir on Palm Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. If the weather cooperates, the procession will begin near the statue of St. Sebastian. All are welcome to join the Youth Choir as we sing praises to the Son of David on our way into the church!



**GRATITUDE FROM A WOMAN'S CONCERN**

Many thanks to all of you who participated in the baby bottle drive to assist **A Woman's Concern / Your Options Medical** in their outreach to expectant women in need. St. Bartholomew's raised more than \$4,435.00 to assist them through our baby bottle drive. This money will help provide free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds and counseling. Thank you all for your generosity.



**SAVE THE DATE FOR TENEBRAE!**

On Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM, St. Bartholomew Parish will present a Tenebrae Service in the chapel at St. Sebastian's. Tenebrae is a wonderful Lenten service that uses spoken reflections, a cappella music, candlelight, and darkness to explore the significance of the Passion of our Lord. It is a spiritual and meaningful experience, and is a unique way to reflect upon the meaning of Christ's sacrifice for us. Please make plans to join us for Tenebrae on April 12<sup>th</sup>!



**ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN CATHOLIC APPEAL**

As of March 29<sup>th</sup>, the Annual Catholic Appeal had received \$37,770 in gifts and pledges from St. Bartholomew Parish toward our assessment of \$32,172 and our goal of \$104,350. Thank you to all who have given or pledged so far. This total is updated weekly.

For more information on this appeal or to donate, please go to [www.bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org).

**Thank you!**

**EASTER COLLECTION**

The only collection that is taken up on Easter Sunday, at all the Masses at all the churches in the Archdiocese of Boston, is for the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust. This trust sees to the health needs of all the active and retired priests in good standing of the Archdiocese of Boston. For more information about this trust log on to [www.clergytrust.org](http://www.clergytrust.org).

**DONATE**

**YOUTH CHOIR**

The next Youth Choir rehearsal is this Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 5-6 PM in the church. New members are welcome.



**Religious Education Registration Open!**



Please go to our website to register your child for classes. Register **before June 1st** for a \$10 per child discount!

[stbartholomew-needham.org/re-registration/](http://stbartholomew-needham.org/re-registration/)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## SACRED TRIDUUM AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 18	9:00 AM	<b><u>Morning Prayer</u></b>
	7:00 PM	<b><u>Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:</u></b> We celebrate the institution of two sacraments: the Eucharist and Holy Orders. At the conclusion of the Mass we process through the church with the Blessed Sacrament and repose it in the tabernacle. Like the disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane with Jesus, we are invited to stay for a period of time in prayer with him. The church will be open for silent prayer until 10:00 PM.
Friday, April 19	9:00 AM	<b><u>Morning Prayer</u></b>
	10:00 AM	<b><u>Stations of the Cross for Children</u></b>
	3:00 PM & 7:00 PM	<b><u>Commemoration of the Lord's Passion:</u></b> The Church's observance of Jesus' handing himself over to be crucified for our sins. We read the Passion according to St. John, reverence the cross of Christ and receive Communion that was consecrated on Thursday evening.
Saturday, April 20	9:00 AM	<b><u>Morning Prayer</u></b>
	8:30 PM	<b><u>The Easter Vigil:</u></b> The "mother" of all vigils, this is the high point of the Church's liturgical life. We begin with the blessing of the Easter fire and the darkness of the night is pierced by the flame of the Paschal (Easter) Candle. The readings cover the scope of Salvation History. When there are adults to be received into the Church, this happens at this Liturgy as well. If you have never been, you should plan to be there.
Sunday, April 21	8:00 AM	<b><u>Easter Sunday Masses</u></b>
	9:45 AM	
	11:30 AM	

### LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: GOSPEL OF LUKE



Please join us this Lent in looking at the depths of God's Mercy through our Lenten Bible Study. Guided by Loyola Press' *Luke: The Good News of God's Mercy*, we will learn about the Gospel, discuss its significance in our lives and share our faith with one another. We will meet at **10 am, Thursdays from March 7- April 11 in the O'Brien room** of the rectory. Please feel free to come over after Mass for a cup of coffee and some fellowship before the Bible Study begins. Books will be provided; please RSVP to Jen Foster so that she can make sure we have enough books:

[jfoster@stbartholomew-needham.org](mailto:jfoster@stbartholomew-needham.org).

### THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU



On Wednesdays of Lent (with the exception of Ash Wednesday), the Sacrament of Confession (Penance & Reconciliation) will be available in the church from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. During Lent we prepare to renew our baptismal promises at Easter, and so it is a perfect season to examine our hearts, minds and lives and recognize those ways in which we may have distanced ourselves from the Lord. In this Sacrament, we receive the healing mercy of Jesus who draws us closer to himself and to his Father. More information about the Sacrament, as well as how to prepare for it, is available at [www.thelightisonforyou.org](http://www.thelightisonforyou.org), as well as at our own website.

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

God always waits for us with open, loving arms. Let God be the strength of your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are **Apr 13-14, 2019 in Brewster, MA and Jun 8-9, 2019 in Medway, MA**. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmem.org/>.



### Parent Speaker Series

**Raising Catholic Kids: Struggles & Strategies** by Sue Muldoon, **Tuesday April 23 at 7:00pm**

**Kids Healthy Minds Initiative** by Patricia Coffey, MSW, LICSW, **Tuesday May 7 at 7:00pm**

Contact Jen Foster with any questions:  
[jfoster@stbartholomew-needham.org](mailto:jfoster@stbartholomew-needham.org)

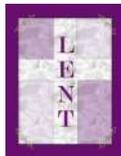
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## STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE

Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

## "ARE WE THERE YET?"

No person who has ever ridden in a car with a child has not heard this phrase whether the journey is for one hour or one whole day. Often we, adults, might think the same but we usually don't say it out loud. And the following thought to contemplate is how fast the ride home is in comparison. Why? Hopefully, all the good trip memories are keeping us occupied and so time passes quickly.



Is our Lenten journey just the opposite? Are we there yet? Easter is 2 weeks away. Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. Has this journey toward something passed too quickly for us to do what we had planned in advance? So instead of wanting the end (Easter) to come more quickly, we want time to slow down so we can catch up with our good intentions from many weeks ago. And the good memories that usually follow a journey might not be so this time. Will we be left with regrets or even some 'guilt' because we should have done more?

Life gets in the way! God does not, by all accounts, have a big black book in which He checks off your good and not so good moments in life. There is probably not a column --good intentions- in which you get completed check marks or not. Life is made up of more spontaneous moments that occur as opposed to the fulfilling of all our perfectly planned moments. How we deal with our every day moments is what our life is all about--impatience, generosity, smiling, helping another when you want to go in another direction, speaking and acting lovingly, etc. Has your Lenten period been different from your usual every day life? Have you thought of or talked to God more frequently? Have you said I'm sorry when it is needed to be said? Have you hugged more and muttered to yourself and overheard by God how grateful you are for your blessings? If you have invited Jesus into your life during this period, your journey is a good one. A little more prayer, a little abstinence, more sharing of your blessings, are still available to you before the end of this journey. Slow down and notice the signs. Then the memories on the way home will be the best. TIME, TALENT, TREASURE makes you the good steward He wants you to be. It is a way of life, not just a 40 day endurance test.

by Kathy Reilly

Stewardship Questions: Kathy Reilly (781) 444-0862 email: [kreilly15@yahoo.com](mailto:kreilly15@yahoo.com)

If anyone would like a ride to a church service or wishes a home or Communion visit, please contact me.

### AMY'S BOOK CLUB

Our Book Club meeting this month (March) was very informative as we read the one suggested book, THE BIGGEST LIE IN THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY by Matthew Kelly. Discussion followed with a variety of view points. Mr. Kelly's observations include the idea that this is not the only time in history that Christianity is in trouble. And we Christians have to believe the truth that we can do something about it by 'becoming the best person that we are created to be.' We are under the human obligation 'to leave this world better than we found it.' We are capable of collaborating with God to create 'Holy Moments'; should never lose hope; and the truth is that we are all capable of 'holiness.' The how to was beautifully explained in this book.

The second suggested reading was personal choice and should have some spiritual relationship to the Lenten season. Not everyone read a book. Short pamphlets, booklets, the Popes' writings, etc. can also provide thoughts that need meditation. (ON THE CALL TO HOLINESS IN TODAY'S WORLD BY Pope Francis; WHEN YOUR ADULT CHILDREN DON'T GO TO MASS BY Sallie Latkovich, CSJ; MINUTE MEDITATION FOR LENT BY Kathryn J. Hermes, FSP. etc.) Books included TO BIND UP WOUNDS; BAD ASS SAINTS; 247 DAYS (THE STORY OF FATHER KENNEDY'S NUMBERED DAYS AS A PRIEST. HE WAS A NEEDHAM MA); EUNICE KENNEDY SHIVER'S STORY BY EILEEN MACNAMARA. (She wanted to enter the convent and her father prevented it. She went on to create great charity organizations (Special Olympics, etc.) Yet she never forgot her deep religious beliefs.) THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON by Henri J.M. Nouwen. Each offering was of great interest and offered different approaches to spiritual experiences.

Our next meeting is on **Monday, April 29, 2019 at 12:30** in the O'Brien room in the Rectory. (No stairs required. Come in through the garage.) The chosen book is EDUCATED by Tara Westover. The only hint comes from many who have read it, who say 'I was so sorry it ended as it was one of the best book that I have ever read.'





**April 19, 4:30pm- April 20, 5:30pm at St. Brigid, Lexington & area service sites**

All High School teens are invited to join us in praying, fasting & serving this Holy Week with area parishes with the annual abide 24 hours of service!

Students are asked to collect sponsorships, with a goal of \$250 per student. After the costs of the event, all proceeds will benefit Cor Unum in Lawrence.

**ATTENTION EGG STUFFERS!**

Its that time again! Anyone interested in helping to stuff eggs for the Palm Path Egg Hunt, please contact Dorothea at (781) 449-4110 to volunteer.



**OPEN HOUSE**

**Montrose School Open House: Thursday, May 2, 6:30 PM, 29 North Street, Medfield.** At Montrose, we believe that girls are called to greatness. Inspired by the teachings of the Catholic Church, Montrose is an independent day school for girls in grades 6-12. To pre-register, email [Admissions@MontroseSchool.org](mailto:Admissions@MontroseSchool.org). (Walk-ins also welcome!)

**DOCTOR-PRESCRIBED SUICIDE PRESENTATION- ST. JOSEPH PARISH**

Please Join us on **Monday, April 8th, at 7:30pm, at Msgr. Haddad Middle School Dining Hall** for a Doctor-Prescribed Suicide presentation and discussion. The Speaker will be Kris Correira, Chair of Witness for Life, which is working against DSP. DPS is a threat to us all! Please enter by parking lot next to Rectory.



If you have experienced, or if you know anyone who has experienced any kind of abuse in the Church, please contact the Archdiocese's Office of Pastoral Support and Outreach (OPSO). Information can be found at [www.bostoncatholic.org](http://www.bostoncatholic.org) or by calling Vivian Soper at (617) 746-5995

**OFFICE CLOSED**

The Parish offices will be closed on Monday, April 15th and Good Friday, April 19th.

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**PARISH CALENDAR  
 April 07 - April 13, 2019**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>07</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Community Sunday</b> 8:00am Mass 9:45am Youth Choir Mass-CLW 11:30am Mass 5:00pm Youth choir- Church 7:00pm RE 7-10	9:00am Mass 4:00pm RE K-6 7:00pm RE 7-10	8:45am Morning Prayer 9:00am Mass 4:00pm Social Club Board Meeting- O'Brien room	9:00am Mass 10:00am G.I.F.T.- O' Brien room 6:30—8:00pm The Light is on for you (Confessions)	9:00am Mass 10:00am Lenten Bible Study- "Gospel of Luke"- O'Brien room 6:30pm Adult Choir	9:00am Mass Stations of the Cross after 9:00am mass 7:30pm Tenebrae- St. Sebastian's Chapel	9:00am Mass 3:00pm Confessions 4:00pm Mass