



DISTRIBUTION OF
HOLY COMMUNION
11:45 AM - 12:30 PM



IN LOVING MEMORY

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of:
*Marion L. Stetson, Erik K. Sullivan, Marie Frawley,
Anthony and Antonetta Amari, Alfreda Maldari and Paul Squarcia,
Douglas Pierce, Shirley Santangelo, Jake Regan, Peter Meredith,
Marianne Kipnes, Paul and Miriam Costello*



Saturday, May 16, 2026

4:00 PM Fr. M. Chmurski
The People of the Parish

Sunday, May 17, 2026

8:30 AM Fr. J. Prusaitis
Anthony and Antonetta Amari

10:30 AM Fr. E. Healey
Alfreda Maldari

5:30 PM Fr. E. Healey
Paul Squarcia

Monday, May 18, 2026

8:30 AM Fr. E. Healey
Douglas Pierce

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

8:30 AM Fr. E. Healey
Shirley Santangelo

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

8:30 AM Fr. T. Wyndham
Jake Regan

Thursday, May 21, 2026

8:30 AM Fr. M. Chmurski
Peter Meredith

Friday, May 22, 2026

8:30 AM Fr. M. Chmurski
Marianne Kipnes

Saturday, May 23, 2026

4:00 PM Fr. E. Healey
Paul and Mariam Costello

Sunday, May 24, 2026

7:00 AM Fr. E. Healey
The People of the Parish

8:30 AM Fr. E. Healey
All Veterans living and deceased

10:30 AM Fr. T. Wyndham
All Veterans living and deceased

5:30 PM Fr. J. Prusaitis
All Veterans living and deceased

Fr. M. Chmurski
All Veterans living and deceased



MARGOT SHIRLEY
CLEARY

The Pastor's Pen

THE WEEKLY COLUMN BY FR. EDWARD HEALEY



Thou Shalt Not Kill, Except: The Fifth Commandment is quite straightforward in prohibiting the taking of human life, and when it was first given to Moses on Mount Sinai, it did not contain any exception clauses. The idea is that all life, and especially human life, is the creation and gift of God, and so it is only God who has ultimate authority to both give and take it. Sadly, history and present-day experience reveal that human beings are still very much in rebellion against divinely set limits, no less than those that were our first parents in the Garden of Eden. Clearly, it is now widely regarded as a right for a mother to take the life of the child in her womb. States are accorded the right to take the lives of those judged guilty (rightly or wrongly) of certain serious crimes. In many places now, it is legal for an individual to actively end their own lives and to have a doctor assist them when they feel it is no longer worth living due to advanced age or illness. While all of this may be legal in various states or nations, clearly none of it can ever be declared moral in light of the Law of God. Yet reflecting upon real-life experience of unjust aggression and lethal violence, the Church has discerned through the ages two acceptable exceptions to the commandment that prohibits the taking of another human life: Self-Defense regarding individuals and Just War regarding states and nations. Indeed, if I see my neighbor with a loaded gun aiming it toward my family and me in my front yard, then I may fire first if there is no other reasonable way to escape his or her murderous intentions. However, if my neighbor and I have had a long history of contentious relations and I observe him or her taking a gun catalogue out of their mailbox, I am not then entitled to burn his or her house down with them in it to prevent the possibility of any future violence against me and mine! This also applies to states and nations; it is only acceptable I to engage in war when attacked first and then only after every other reasonable effort to resolve a conflict and prevent its escalation into a war has been exhausted. Preemptive strikes are not considered moral according to the Church's understanding of Just War as defined by St. Augustine in the early 5th Century and refined by St Thomas Aquinas in the 13th Century. Indeed, until the 4th century, there was a strong tendency toward pacifism among Christians, yet that became untenable in the face of the brutality of the barbarian invasions after the fall of the Roman Empire in the West. According to the principles of the Just War Theory, it is permissible to fight back when attacked if no diplomatic solution is possible, yet initiating aggressive warfare is condemned; only legitimate

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Collection

May 9th and 10th, 2026

First Collection	Second Collection
Offertory	Building & Maintenance
\$8646.00	\$2871.00

Online Giving

Week of May 4, 2026

- First Collection: \$1,539.00
- Second Collection: \$735.00
- Annual Collection: \$175.00
- Matthew 25: \$331.00
- CTK Pantry Project: \$270.00
- Building/Grounds: \$340.00

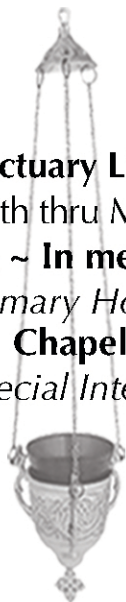
Total: \$3,390.00

Thank You for Your Continued Support! Consider using online giving to donate to the Weekly Collections, Scan the QR Code to donate.



Sanctuary Lights

May 17th thru May 23rd Church ~ In memory of Rosemary Holland Chapel A Special Intention



SAVE THE DATE



TWELVE Eucharistic MIRACLES

Sunday, June 7, 2026 Following the 10:30 Mass



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 13388 CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 2026

BLOOD DRIVE

9:40 AM – 4:00 PM – BLOOD MOBILE

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY CALL

508-862-5378

“COME JOIN US”

CONTACT GRAND KNIGHT

JOE MOONEY

610-283-1983

WELCOME

to our parish Family



Connor, Kalyn, Sawyer and Isla Borah

Vincent and Joan Bresnahan

Robyn Burns

Stephanus, Hanny and Jacinta Busono

Stephen and Nancy Ferreira

Nicholas and Susan Fornaro

Matthew, McKenna,

Maya and Alanna Hall

George and Judith Killeen

Lynne, Michel and Michael Mangalo

Peter C., Bridget, Emma,

and Peter T. Noyes

Richard and Jo-Ann Sabatini

Brittany, Andrew and Preston Shear

Miriam Talanian

Terrance Ward



GOOD MORNING COFFEE and TEA

Please join us after 8:30 AM Mass every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday in Classroom D

All are welcome!



WHAT'S MISSING?

Do you have questions about your Catholic faith? Do you know why you are Catholic? Religion and faith may at times be confusing. Of course, God is mystery, and not all questions have an answer.

However, the idea is to explore that area between black and white, to find the spiritual rainbow who is our Lord, Jesus Christ. Please join us for discussion and prayer.

This process is for those who want to bridge the gaps in their journey of faith.

May 28th, 9:30 AM Classroom A



THE JERICO GROUP

A Men's Ministry at Christ the King Parish

The Jericho Group allows men to deepen their faith and further their relationships with Jesus Christ, while discerning the greater purpose in their lives in the context of other men of the community.

To learn more go to christthekingparish.com/the-jericho-group

ADULT faith FORMATION

The Pivotal Players

...is a multi-part film series that illuminates a handful of saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the church but changed the course of civilization.

Join in on Wednesdays at 6:30pm for video and discussion. Classroom B



Participants from our Faith Formation First Communion Class Crown Mary on Mother's Day



Prayer Opportunity

Join us for a meaningful time of prayer and service on Wednesday, May 20th, from 1:00–3:00 PM in Classroom A to pray the Rosary and make rosaries together.

The rosaries created will be donated to Build the Faith, a nonprofit founded by 9-year-old Christina Dangond and her parents during Christina's battle with cancer. Build the Faith uses proceeds from the sale of rosaries to help build churches in impoverished areas around the world.

All are welcome! Come for prayer, fellowship, and the opportunity to give alms in a hands-on way. Contact Deb Egan at: egand555@gmail.com for more information.



BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Parish Nurses are resuming our monthly Blood Pressure Screenings on **Sunday, May 24th** following the 10:30 Mass. Screenings are held in the Msgr. Tosti Conference Room.

All are welcome.



St John of the Cross Lay Carmelites meet at 11:30 every third Sunday.

Please call Pam for more info: 508-681-8299



THE 36th ANNUAL
CHRIST THE KING
Golf Classic

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 at Willowbend Country Club

SAVE THE DATE

CHRIST THE KING PARISH 36TH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026
WILLOWBEND COUNTRY CLUB

The Golf Classic committee thanks you for your ongoing support of and participation in our past tournaments. Through your efforts we will continue to support those with need in our community. Again, thanks, and hope to see you on September 14th!

defense is ever permissible. The purpose of fighting back can never be to exact revenge, but rather must be to protect and preserve innocent human life and reestablish peace. Therefore, for a war to be just, it must have that protection and peace as its primary purposes and have a reasonable hope of success. It also must obey the law of proportionality, in that the side that was first attacked is not permitted in turn to cause even greater destruction or evil than that to which it is responding. While accepting the tragedy of war as an inescapable reality at times, the Church is also adamant that non-combatants be respected and protected, and destruction of property be limited only to what is unavoidable. So, respecting the long and admirable moral tradition of the Church regarding these exceptions to the commandment not to kill, let us each subject what we know of the recent war in Gaza and now the one in Iran and Lebanon to these essential moral principles to discern whether God's side is likely that of a President and Prime Minister or is it rather that of the Pope? Let us continue to pray for an end to war in every form and place and for the dawn of a new day of peace that will last because it is established not by political power alone but primarily by principles of mercy and justice. Indeed, let us pray as Jesus has taught us, that God's kingdom of justice, love, and peace come in its final fullness on earth!

Early Risers and Golfers Take Note: Beginning next weekend, which is observed as Memorial Day Weekend this year, the **Sunday 7:00 AM Mass** will return and be scheduled each Sunday thereafter through the late Spring and Summer up until and including the Sunday of Labor Day Weekend, September. We are happy to provide this Mass for your convenience, but we also could use the help of some of those who prefer this early Mass to serve as sacristans, ushers, servers, lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers so as not to draw our ministers away from the Masses at which they customarily serve. If you have an interest in serving in any of these essential capacities, please contact the parish office and let us know!

National Eucharistic Procession Comes to Our Diocese: Processing under the banner of ONE NATION UNDER GOD, the National Eucharistic Procession will stop in our Diocese on its way to Washington DC for the celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the establishment of our independence as a nation. The procession will stop in Easton on June 29th for Adoration from 12 noon to 3:30PM. Then the procession will move to New Bedford later that day for Adoration between 6 PM and 9 PM. Then on Tuesday, June 30th, the procession will conclude its visit to the Fall River Diocese with adoration from 7 AM to 2 PM in the City of Fall River. Further details are available at www.fallriverdiocese.org If some would be interested in taking a bus to one of these sessions if it were available, please call the parish office by June 2nd to indicate your interest, and plans will be made to hire a bus (or not) according to the level of response

WEEKLY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 17, 2026

THOSE WHO ARE LED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD ARE CHILDREN OF GOD. (ROM 8: 14)

SUNDAY ACTS 1: 12-14/ PS 27/ 1PT 4: 13-16/ JN 17: 1-11A
MONDAY ACTS 19: 1-8/ PS 68/ JN 16: 29-33
TUESDAY ACTS 20: 17-27/ PS 68/ JN 17: 1-11A
WEDNESDAY ACTS 20: 28-38/ PS 68/ JN 17: 11B-19
THURSDAY ACTS 22: 30; 23: 6-11/ PS 16/ JN 17: 20-26
FRIDAY ACTS 25: 13B-21/ PS 103/ JN 21: 15-19
SATURDAY ACTS 28: 16-20, 30-31/ PS 11/ JN 21: 20-25
NEXT SUNDAY ACTS 2: 1-11/ PS 104/ 1COR 12: 3B-7, 12-13/ JN 20: 19-23



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Respect Life Ministry
respect love protect

“Our love and our deepest convictions need to be continually cultivated, and we do so through our concrete actions. Remaining in the realm of ideas and theories, while failing to give them expression through frequent and practical acts of charity, will eventually cause even our most cherished hopes and aspirations to weaken and fade away.”

Pope Leo XIV



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SHOP HOURS

Tues., Thurs. & Sat. 9AM-3PM
 Donations 9AM-12 Noon
 Phone 508-420-0949

Closed Saturday May 23rd for Memorial Day weekend.