

Dedham Refugee Resettlement Collaborative

As the Collaborative prepares to welcome a family to a new life here in our community, there are many ways for parishioners and friends to assist in this life-changing process.

In the rear alcove of the church there is a display of our endeavor with opportunities to volunteer and contribute.

First: there are sign up sheets with specific tasks where volunteers are needed. **Even if you have previously done so**, please fill one out and return it to St. Susanna's. We are in the process of combining all three communities into one entity so that our Collaborative Team will run smoothly in the weeks/months ahead. Many folk are needed for many tasks, these sheets will help us identify who is able to do what as we move forward.

Second: If you are able, please take one of the index cards on the table and obtain the item listed there which will be used to furnish the house for our family. Please return the card along with the item to this alcove area no later than the week-end of March 17-18. Be sure to fill in the card with the information requested on the inside.

Third: If you would like to make a financial contribution to this effort, please make your check payable to: **"St Susanna Parish"**, and include "Refugee Family" on the memo line of the check and your donation will be placed in that fund.

It is exciting to be working with Allin Congregational Church and St. Paul Episcopal Church on this project. There is already much excitement and interest from all three faith communities as we walk this way of "faith in action" together. Thank you for all you have done thus far. Our road ahead seems bright!

Pax Christi

We reel in sadness and outrage as news of another mass shooting fills the pages of our newspapers - 17 dead and at least 15 wounded at the hands of a young 19 year old man using an AR15 assault rifle. This event marks the 18th school shooting since January, 2018. The Florida town of Parkland is in acute grief, and we, too, are pummeled by the recurring horror of young children and teachers, mowed down. A parent of a daughter who survived, addressed the lack of more restrictive legislation on weapons by saying, politicians should "grow a spine," and "stop accepting blood money from the NRA." A newscaster raised the question we all need to answer, "Why are there so many murderous hearts," in our country. And Senator Chris Murphy of CT insists that an "epidemic of mass slaughter exists as a consequence of our inaction."

Continuing our Advent focus on mass shootings with our manger display, we will use the cross of Lent as a reminder of our need to confront the disease of violence that runs through our country, and is killing our children and loved ones. Perhaps we who identify with the nonviolence of Jesus need to ask why we own weapons at all, since he calls us to disarmament of heart and mind. Those of us who currently own guns for recreational purposes might examine the possibility of declaring Conscientious Objector status and give up our weapons. Maybe we ought to think of the sale of guns in our community as a public health issue. At the same time, until we all come to our senses, we need to insist on stronger legislation, and greater restrictions on the type of weapons available for sale. An online blog by Jeffrey Sachs, a syndicated columnist and professor, called "Overcoming Delusions About the Second Amendment" is enlightening, and worth reading. Citing the opinion of former Justice Antonin Scalia, known for his conservative pro-gun perspectives, he writes: "There is no constitutional protection whatsoever for the semiautomatic rifle that killed the kids in Newtown." Scalia is explicit on that point, stating that "M-16 rifles and the like have no second amendment rights and may be banned."

As a community of love, we have the energy of the Spirit to guide us as we seek our particular way of responding to the violence around us. Please, let's talk to one another, even if we differ in our opinions and approaches.

Saint Susanna Parish

February 18, 2018



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Parish Center Hours
Monday – Friday: 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Sunday Masses
Saturday: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 AM (Family Mass)

Weekday Liturgies
Monday-Tuesday-Friday: 9:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesday: 1:00 – 2:00 PM

Holydays
Mass schedule as announced

Baptisms
1st Sunday of month at 10:00 AM Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday: 3:00-3:30 PM

Marriage
Please contact the rectory one year in advance

Peace and Justice
Pat Ferrone 781-449-3890
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Saint Vincent de Paul Society
For assistance please call: 781-329-9575

Pastoral Staff

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Welcome!

A warm welcome to all! If you are new to the parish, please introduce yourself after mass or at the rectory. We'd love to meet you!

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Mass Intentions

Saturday 4:00 PM	February 17 Gordon & Alice Kendall
Sunday 8:00 AM 10:00 AM	February 18 All the Deceased of the Parish Kathleen O'Shea
Saturday 4:00 PM	February 24 Anthony Ricci
Sunday 8:00 AM 10:00 AM	February 25 Sean Quinn, Sr. Frank Smith

We pray for ...

We pray for all the deceased of our Parish, all our sick, and for all who have asked for our prayers.

Parish Giving - February 11

Offertory: \$1,946
Parish: \$1,520

Special Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend there will be a special diocesan collection (**Church in Africa, Central & Eastern Europe**)).

For those who do not use parish envelopes, please use the special collection box at the back of the church. Thank you.

Little Black Books

Our Little Black Lenten Books have arrived and are at the back of the church. Please take one per family for daily reflections during Lent.

Please feel free to take one for a neighbor to enjoy as well.

	First Sunday of Lent Readings: # 923		
	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Opening	392		
Offertory	386	399	399
Communion	611		797
Recessional	678	621	617

Scripture Study/Catholic Studies
"Fully Human: Understanding Christian Anthropology"

This course will begin on Tuesday, February 20, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM, in the parish hall, for six weeks. No previous experience is necessary. Course notes will be provided to help in following and absorbing the course content.

Let's explore the nature of humankind through the lens of Christian anthropology. In this series we will learn about the multifaceted Christian perspective on what it means to be human in light of Christ's revelation. We will ask the deep questions of meaning, our origins, purpose and destiny, our relationship with God; all through the lens of human experience. Together, we will examine how our encounter with God profoundly shapes our understanding of our place in the universe.

If you are interested, please contact Tim Sullivan at Timothy.Sullivan17842@gmail.com or 781-326-2834, or call the rectory (781-329-9575). There is no fee, but a free will offering for St. Susanna's will be solicited toward the end of the course to help with costs. Come and See!

Final Call

March Madness Talent Show
Saturday, March 10th / 7 to 10 PM
Saint Susanna Parish Hall

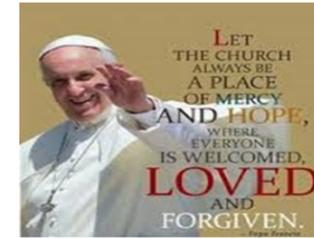


Presented by:
T. Max, musician and music producer.

We are looking for parishioners (or their friends, relatives, children) with a special talent who would like to participate that evening. It could be a singing, poetry, instrumental, magic, theatrical, sports, any talent you might have.

Anyone who is interested in sharing a talent that evening is invited to submit their request or idea to Brian Dwyer at bdwyer98@hotmail.com
Thank you.

Landings During Lent: Help Us Open The Doors to Those Who Have Left



"May the church be the place of God's mercy and love, where everyone can feel themselves welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live according to the good life of the Gospel. And in order to make others feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged, the church must have open doors so that all might enter. And we must go out of those doors and proclaim the Gospel."- **Pope Francis**

The "All Are Welcome" sign in front of our church reflects the spirit of Pope Francis' message. During Lent we will be offering a program (called Landings) that helps people who have left the Church explore whether returning to a parish community would be a life-giving experience for them. Landings is run by members of the parish and the focus is on sharing the stories of our faith journeys with people who are thinking about coming back to the Church, listening to their stories, and having an honest conversation about the continuing questions and struggles we all have with what we call God and what we call church. Our next session will held on February 18 and 25 and March 4 and 11 (tentatively at 1 PM). Please tell your family and friends who have left the Church about Landings and help us open our doors and our hearts to all those who are searching for community. You can share this bulletin with them or pick up a brochure with details on the Landings program at the back of the church. The brochure is also on our website (www.saintsusanna.org).

Anyone interested in Landings may contact Linda Bates by email at lindamariebates@comcast.net or by telephone at (508) 415-2535.

Racism: An Ongoing Dilemma

A Faith That Does Justice is holding a Community Meeting on "**Racism: An Ongoing Dilemma**". Our discussion will feature members of the Boston Globe Spotlight Team who, in a recent 7-part series, reported on Racism in Boston. We look forward to having you with us for what promises to be an enriching program. Tuesday, March 13 at 7:00 PM at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 138 Tremont St. Boston.
To register email: info@faith-justice.org

Upcoming Events in February

Tues.	Knitting Group 7 PM
Wed.	Prayer Group 1:00 PM AA Meeting 7:30 PM
Thurs.	SVDP Meeting 7 PM *****
Mar. 1	"Meet & Greet" Italy Trip 7 PM
Mar. 4	First Communion Parents Meeting 7 PM Middle School Faith Formation classes resumes at 6 PM Confirmation Classes 7 PM
Mar. 10	Good Art Series/Talent Show 7 PM
Mar. 16	Italy Trip

RCIA News

Lent originated as a time when the whole Christian community would surround those to be fully initiated at Easter (receiving Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation), with prayer. Let us pray for all those preparing for Sacraments at St. Susanna Church.

We especially pray for **Elizabeth Howell**, who will be receiving First Eucharist and Confirmation, we pray also for **Karen Hinman** who will be receiving Confirmation at the Easter Vigil

Easter Flower Memorials

Easter flower memorials can be obtained at the rectory. Suggested donation is \$10 and a listing of all those remembered will be published at Easter.

Members Needed For Adult Faith Formation

Are you familiar with the parish adult faith formation program, which runs the Monday evening Lecture Series, the Tuesday evening Scripture and Catholic Studies programs, and the Parish Library? Have you ever had the urge to help in providing these services to the parish? The ministry ranges from getting lecturers to washing the coffee mugs, putting on video series, or typing up and posting our publicity. You name your skill, we could use it. If you have any interest, drop an email to Deacon Larry (dcnlarry@gmail.com), or leave a message at the rectory (781-329-9575). We are already starting to put together the programs for the Fall of 2018 and beyond! Join us!