

Parish Council - Nomination Time

Nominations are being sought for people to serve on our Parish Council.

Each year, three members are selected for a three year term. The Council has a total of nine members; rotating membership with three beginning and three leaving each year.

Instead of an "election" which some shy away from due to the "win-lose" aspect of it, we simply put names into a hat and select three people from those who indicate an interest in serving. We have found over the years this helps keep interest alive and well as well as provide for a wide ranging pool of those interested in serving. Our Council is amazingly reflective of the make-up of the parish.

The Council seeks to keep our future growing in life-giving directions by being aware of the needs of the community and the available resources we have to meet those needs. The Council also seeks to keep open lines of communication with the various groups and committees within the parish so each can sense being part of a larger parish community.

The Council usually meets following the 10 AM liturgy on the first Sunday of the month from September through June.

If you would like to nominate someone for this role, please check with the person first to be sure they would be willing to serve if selected. If so, send in their name and contact information to the parish rectory as soon as possible. People are also encouraged to nominate themselves if they wish to serve.

Names will be drawn at the ten o'clock mass next Sunday (Pentecost Sunday) and those selected will be invited to the first meeting following the selection.

Adult Faith Formation

Saint Susanna's Adult Faith Formation Monday evening series has come the end of its 2016-2017 season with the close of Father Steve's Book Group on May 15. But don't imagine that the Commission has gone to take a nap. We are hard at work building a new schedule for the 2017-2018 season, and we have already put in place what we believe will be excellent presentations. If things go as planned, we will have the Season Schedule ready for publication in August. All of those on our email list will receive an advance copy of the schedule as soon as it is prepared, and the entire schedule will also be posted on our web page: www.saintsusanna.org Under Faith Formation click on Adult Faith Formation.

If you would like to receive an advance copy of the Season Schedule as well as updates during the season, and have not signed up as yet, feel free to sign up for our email list by following the instructions on the web page.

Graduations tend to overflow in the month of May. Whether it is a six year old hearing "Pomp and Circumstance" for the first time or graduate students at university doing the commencement shuffle for the last time, the month of May provides the context that life will never quite be the same. The same might be true for couples walking down the aisle to celebrate their wedding this month as well. Families gather and watch with Kleenex in hand as they attempt to absorb the change unfolding before them.

When Jesus left his disciples there must have been an equal or greater amount of tears, though he did not leave them any Kleenex as something to help them deal with the transition. He left them the promise that the Spirit would be with them always.

At graveside, Kleenex make their reappearance as families try to absorb another type of transition, to no avail.

If only his Spirit were as readily available as a bunch of those soft white tissues.

Perhaps it is. Closer than we might think. After all, wasn't that his promise?

Happy Memorial Day

Saint Susanna Parish

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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 patferrone@rcn.com

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 May 27
8:00 PM James Rohan

Sunday May 28
8:00 AM All the Deceased of the Parish
10:00 AM Paul, Mary & Daniel Toomey

Saturday June 3
4:00 PM Mary & Patrick Broderick & Patrick Cuthbert

Sunday June 4
8:00 AM Eva Morian
10:00 AM John Shine

Please pray for ...

All the deceased of our parish, especially for **Gertrude Carroll** whose Funeral Mass will be on Friday, at 9:00 AM, all our sick and all who have asked for our prayers.

Parish Giving - May 21

Offertory: \$1,562
Parish Only: \$1,411

Capital Appeal: \$63,782
Capital Appeal: (Last Year to Date): \$53,611

.Special Collection Next Weekend

This weekend there will be a special diocesan collection (**Communications**). For those who do not use parish envelopes, please use the special collection box at the back of the church. Thank You!



Seventh Sunday of Easter
Readings: # 986

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Opening	558	682	
Offertory	386		
Communion	842	849	
Recessional	731		731

A New Chapter for our Parish

In the past weeks, our Pax Christi Committee has been in conversation with the Parish Council as to how we can best respond to the unfolding immigration situation in our country where undocumented individuals and families suddenly find their safety and security at risk. Currently the Globe reports there are 210,000 in Massachusetts alone. It is estimate that there are 11 million people in the US who are potentially affected by Pres. Trump's executive order.

While changes to the immigration ban and deportation work their way through the courts, and "unjust and cruel policies" are enacted, communities of faith remind us that these are our brothers and sisters, deserving support. They need the opportunity for their stories to be heard, and their rights considered.

But because each community must discern the shape this response may take, an initial effort has been the formulation of a letter to Cardinal O'Malley in which we cited our concerns, and indicated our interest in becoming a "Sanctuary Church" hoping to welcome support those who find their lives and safety threatened. We also requested information about the position of the Catholic Church as a whole regarding these efforts.

Further, we are also considering the alternative option of sponsoring a refugee family already cleared for entry into the US, through Catholic Charities or the Eyes on Refugees organization, which helps to settle and support "one family at a time." Meetings with representatives of both groups and Parish Council, Pax Christi and St. Vincent DePaul are planned.

Silence is never an acceptable response when we are faced with such suffering and need. As we move forward and become informed, we will invite the larger Parish to become engaged in this process. We have strong hope that together we can navigate these unknown waters with faith, and bear witness to the Risen One who makes all things new. This, after all, is our life.

Fr. Steve

Road Trips!

Suggestions for day trips and outings now being accepted. Send us your favorite places and we will try to put together a fun day around your suggestions: Favorite beaches, restaurants, parks, towns, harbors, museums, theaters, social events, sporting events, amusement parks, and special places you like that we can open to others to enjoy.

Send your suggestions into the rectory.

Good Art Series
TALZTOP

Who: TALZTOP: The Acoustic Led Zeppelin Tribute Orchestra Project

When: June 10, 2017 at 8:00 PM

What: TALZTOP is back on stage for season four! Steve Marchena and his 22 member orchestra will be featuring full album acoustic performances of: "Houses of the Holy" and "Led Zeppelin IV."

This will be a performance you will not forget and to have this full orchestra on the Good Art Theater stage will be wonderful and amazing!

Website: <http://www.talztop.com/index.html>

Where: Saint Susanna Parish

Cost: Charitable Donations Accepted



Peonies at Pickity Place!

Bocce Anyone!

The Bocce Court in front of the rectory is open for the season. All are welcome to stop by and enjoy the fun and banter of Bocce.

Bocce set and rules are available inside the front door to anyone needing them. Enjoy!

Upcoming Events in May/June

Tues. Scripture Study 7 PM
Knitting Group 7 PM

Wed. Prayer Group 1 PM
AA Meeting 7:30 PM

Thurs. Faith Sharing Meeting 7 PM/ Library

June 10 Good Art Series/TALZTOP 7-10 PM

Faith Sharing

Our next Faith Sharing Meeting will be on Thursday, June 1 at 7 PM in the Library.

Day Trip to Pickity Place
Mason New Hampshire

Tuesday, June 6 \$50 per person

Join us for a whimsical day to Pickity Place which has been operating since 1876. This magical place was the inspiration for the illustrations for Little Red Riding Hood and offers seating for a five course luncheon each day with ingredients mainly from their extensive herbal gardens. We will also have time to explore their many English Country Gardens, herbal gardens and gift shop. Garden lovers will love the focus on lovingly tended gardens and food to table dining. Food lovers will be equally delighted. Bus will leave at 10AM and cost includes luncheon, taxes, and tip. Contact the rectory to reserve your place on the bus!

The June menu is presented for your consideration:

Dip - Thai Curry
Soup - Seven Onion Soup
Salad - Strawberry and Jicama
Bread - Olive Oil Oval

Entrée - Sweet and Spicy Plum Chicken over Napa Slaw

— or —
Entrée - Fresh Vegetable ala Vodka over Grilled Polenta

Side - Daily Best
Dessert - Triple Berry Crumb Pie