

Earthquakes and Omens in the Sky...

Today’s earthquake in New Jersey and the soon to be solar eclipse with darkening of the skies seem more tailored to the sensibilities of Good Friday than of Easter Friday! With all that is happening in the world, is there a message here for us? One conservative member of congress announced the earthquake is a sign from God that we need to repent. I was wondering what she thought might need repenting. I have my own ideas, as I suspect we all do. (Before I share my ideas, just to be clear, I have to state that I do not share the belief that God sends earthquakes as a sign of anything.) Our collective blindness to the suffering of the Palestinian people living in Gaza would likely top my list. This week, following the death of seven aid relief workers, Israel announced it would temporarily open a border to allow food supplies through as well as discipline two officers. This following worldwide outrage at the death of the seven volunteers. It appears the deaths of well over 30,000 Palestinians (mostly and children) could not have the same effect as the death of the seven international aid workers. The deliberate targeting of civilians and closing off food supply lines amount to an all out genocide, yet we remain blind to the death and ongoing destruction of an entire population. Perhaps it is our perspective that is in need of adjusting.

Peace,
Father Steve

Help Needed

A woman incarcerated at MCI Framingham has been granted medical parole. She can be discharged to a long-term medical facility, but she must have a legal guardian. A guardian makes decisions about routine matters, but the court deals with major decisions. The only required contact is a visit once a year, but more frequent contact would be welcomed. To be a guardian is a life-changing gift that does not take a lot of time or effort. For more information, please contact Peg Newman at 617 943-6511 or peg3newman@gmail.com

*First Communion Preparation
Sunday, April 7 and 21
11:00 AM*

Our April sessions for those children preparing to receive First Communion will be taking place on two Sundays, April 7 and 21, following the 10 AM mass in the church hall.

All children preparing to receive this year must participate. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend as well. Mrs. Sarah Burton and Mrs. Maureen Blazejewski will once again facilitate this proximate preparation. The sessions will begin shortly after the end of mass and continue until 12:00 noon.

All parents whose children are attending must have submitted their registration form and child’s baptism certificate prior to the start of these sessions. This information must be returned to the rectory before the start of our sessions. (I believe we have most already completed.) For more information , please contact the rectory.

Young Adult Group

Zen Meditation: Established by Trappist monk, Fr. Kevin Hunt, Day Star Zendo is a community of mixed-faith practitioners of Zen meditation. They have once a month in-person meditation and daily online sessions. Zen practice is a great way to learn to quiet your mind in this chaotic world and deepen your spiritual practice with an effective form of meditation. The community is currently led by Zen teacher and Dominican Sister, Sr. Madeleine Tacy, OP. Join us for a moment of tranquility and reflection amidst the busyness of daily life.

We will meet at the *McMahon Retreat House, 1061 Upper Union Street, Franklin, MA* on April 20 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 (noon). (If you are new to Zen meditation, it is recommended you come for orientation at 8:30 AM. Email Jorge at jfinke296@gmail.com to RSVP

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Mass Schedule

April 7 - Second Sunday of Easter

*4:00 PM Saturday: Church
10:00 AM Sunday: (Church and Online)
9:00 AM: Monday, Tuesday and Friday:
(Sharing the Word– Online)*

Intentions for the Week

We pray for all who have asked for our prayers, especially for *Mary Hapenney, Richard Donovan, Susanne Palacino, Ed & Eleanor Murray, Marie Walsh, Anthony, and Matt.*

Mass Intentions

Saturday 4:00 PM	April 6 Morian & Lewand Families
Sunday 10:00 AM	April 7 Bill Hubert
Saturday 7:30 PM	April 13 John Morian
Sunday 10:00 AM	April 14 All the Deceased of the Parish

Baptism

We welcome *Braddley Mildort* to our Saint Susanna Family. Braddley is being Baptized this weekend. Congratulations!

Thank You for your Donations!
Week of March 31

*Easter Collection: \$3,451
Parish Donations: \$2,340
Good Friday: \$626*

Upcoming Events for April

Sat: Apr. 6 *Mass at 4:00 PM*
Sun. Apr. 7 *Mass at 10:00 AM
First Communion Preparation Class
at 11:00 AM
Parish Council 11:15 AM*
Mon. Apr. 8 *Prison Ministry 12:00 and 1:00 PM*
Sat. Apr. 13 *Mass at 4:00 PM
Pax Christi 7 PM*
Sun. Apr. 14 *Mass at 10:00 AM*



2024

There have been *100* mass shootings in the U.S. from January 1 through April 5, 2024.....

Diaper Drive for Haitians

We are continuing our Diaper Drive during the month of March. We no longer need Newborn diapers or Baby wipes at this time. We are in now requesting the larger size diapers (**sizes: 2T, 3T, 4T and 5T**). Drop off will be at the rear of the Church. Thank you to all who have participated to date! Thank you to all for considering this appeal.

Dedham Food Pantry

A big thank you to Saint Susanna parishioners for your generous contributions for the Dedham Food Pantry! Thanks for your continual response to our neighbors' need! This weekend is our monthly drop off at the Pantry.