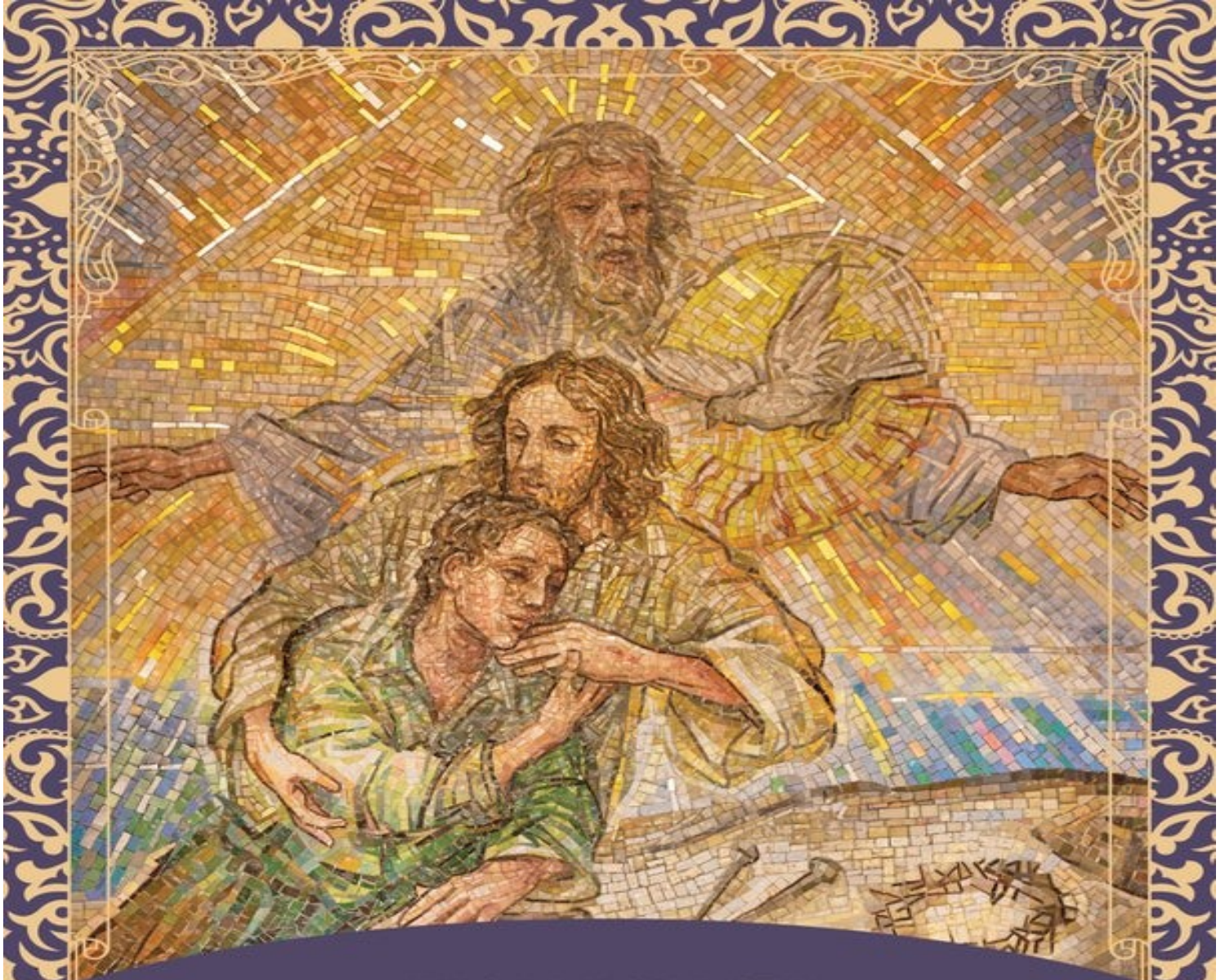


ST. ANTHONY — ST. RITA PARISH

May 3, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Easter



• 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER •

**WHOEVER HAS
SEEN ME HAS SEEN
THE FATHER.**

Saturday May 2nd
 9:00AM **For the triumph of the immaculate Heart of Mary**
 4:30PM **Roger Oullette ✕**

Sunday May 3rd
 8:00AM **For Our Parish Family ✕**
 9:30AM **Joseph Goslin ✕**
 11:30AM **Margaret Anne McCarthy ✕**
(1 Yr. Anniv)

Monday May 4th
 8:00AM **Mary Bourbeau ✕ (Birthday)**

Tuesday May 5th
 8:00 AM **Maria & Toinho Maciel ✕**

Wednesday May 6th
 8:00 AM **Preciosa Larouco ✕**

Thursday May 7th
 8:00 AM **Joseph Goslin ✕**

Friday May 8th
 8:00 AM **Lawrence Oliveira ✕**

Saturday May 9th
 4:30 PM **Gary Ramos ✕ (1 Yr. Anniv)**

Sunday May 10th
 8:00 AM **For All Mothers Living & Deceased**
 9:30 AM **Catherine Andrews ✕ (17 Yr. Anniv)**
 11:30 AM **For All Mothers Living & Deceased**
✕ Deceased
Mass Intentions Anyone may request that a Mass be said for a special intention; in thanksgiving; in honor of another person (such as a birthday); or as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died.



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Please remember in prayer: Heather Bradley, Peggy Kelley, Lillian Zhang, Beverly Donlon, Sarah Hayes, Robert Dupont, Catherine B. Perry, Ella DiCarli, Bobby Knight, Ethel Savery, John R. Dolan, Dean Learned, Paulette Lake, Erin Smith, Andrew Sienkiewicz, Lexie Williams, Linda Matos, Janice DeMello, Mary Ann Motta, Jeanette Bousquet, Leo Pudim, Kaidin Young, Joanne Nye, Patricia Aleks Aiello, Callen James Pellerin, Mickey Flynn, Maureen McCarthy, Jason Caffelle, Joseph Elison, Henry Gardyna, Patricia McPartland, Terry Carrier, Ilona Langhoff, Mary Jones, Christiane van de Kerckhof, Tammie DeCroteau, Carl Hubbard, Sharon and Pete Desnoyer, Cecelia Mary Wedge, Jackie and Jack McGraw, Sue Sullivan, Mark Tucker, Chela Short, Delia Nestler

AND Nichole Nye, Jennifer Nye, James H. Henry, Ben Lyons, Jason Gracia, Elizabeth Verni, Faith Lomba, Douglas Nye, Cynthia Roberts, Kathy Gillis, Susan Alexander, Ann Sweeney Reed, Joseph Napoli, Aaron Souza, Mary Ann Mazzola Looney, Art Lyons, Jack Fearons, Sarah Danforth, Chris Beauchamp, Manuel Rodrigues, Jonathan Parsons, Barbara Puglisi, Fred DeCastro, Eileen Hallett, Chris Turner, Lucas Payette, Dennis Roddey, Hannah Strom, Patricia Parker, Joan Marathas, Jacqueline Cote and Mary Verni, Jason Ryan Kathleen Flaherty Sites and Matthew Rogers & Family, Theresa Randall, Tim Smith, Charlie Smith, Christiane Van de Kerckhof and Paul Guilbeault.

Please call the office to add or remove a name from the list or to ask for visits to the sick or homebound.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE HOSPITALLER SISTERS OF THE GOOD NEWS & THE O'CONNELL HOUSE

This is the first 13-room residence in MA which provides comprehensive services to women who have been sex trafficked. These women may be pregnant and/or have a small child. It is a place where dignity will be restored and healing can occur. The unique 24/7 "Sister Care Model" delivers trauma-informed care which supports their complex needs with compassion, while being the loving nurturing presence the women so desperately need. Visit their website: <http://theoconnellhouse.org> or follow them on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TheOConnellHouseMA> Checks can be made out to *The O'Connell House, Inc.* and mail to: The O'Connell House, P.O. Box 9568, Lowell, MA. 01853.



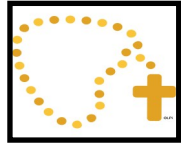
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For Our Parishioners
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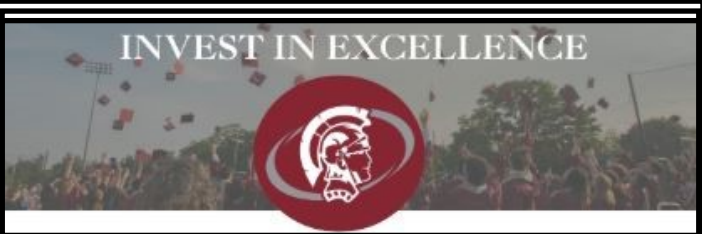
If you would like to have a Memorial devoted to a loved one for the week, please call the office and we will be glad to assist you in this special remembrance.

The Memorials available are Tabernacle Lamp, Offertory Wine, Altar Bread. Cost is \$25 per week, except for the Tabernacle Lamp (\$15 per week.)

The Rosary

The Rosary will be prayed on Thursdays after 8 AM Mass. Please consider joining us.



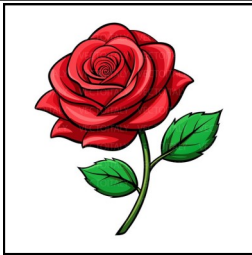


Bishop Stang High School is offering a special opportunity to enjoy a campus tour during the school day, where you'll gain an authentic glimpse into daily life of the school and engage with school leadership to learn more about what makes the Bishop Stang community unique.

Dates: May 4 or May 15

Times: 8:30 AM or 1:30 PM

This visit is designed to be both informative for middle school families just beginning to explore high school options, as well as rising 9th-12th graders still discerning their choice for 2026-2027, as there is limited space still available in those grades. Visit Admissions Events at bishopstang.org to RSVP.



Roses For Life

The Respect Life Committee will be selling roses after all the Masses on Mather's Day Weekend, May 9 & 10. Donations will support the work of the Hospitaller Sisters at the O'Connell House and pregnancy resource centers. Thank you for your support and generosity!

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who led to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspire with this confidence, I fly to you, O virgin of virgins, my Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

-CREDO pg. 67



Coffee and Community

Please join us for **our last Coffee and Community** of the season on **Sunday, May 3rd after 9:30 AM Mass.**

If you'd like to help please reach out to annerob@comcast.net. We will return to Coffee and Community in September. Thanks to all who support this mission of fellowship!

Heaven

What is heaven?

Heaven is a supernatural place and condition where the angels and saints enjoy perfect and everlasting happiness, freedom from all evil, and blissful possession of all good, consisting primarily in the Beatific Vision and union with God.

What is the Beatific Vision enjoyed by the just?

They "see the divine essence with an intuitive vision and even face-to-face, without the mediation of any creature by way of object of vision; rather the divine essence immediately manifests itself to them, plainly, clearly, and openly, and in this vision they enjoy the divine essence," and "by this vision and enjoyment the souls of those who have already died are truly blessed."

Do rational creatures need a special divine grace called *lumen gloriae*, to be elevated to the Beatific Vision?

Yes. The Church has solemnly condemned the error that "any intellectual nature in its own self is naturally blessed, and the soul does not need the light of glory raising it to see God and to enjoy Him beatifically."

How is the existence of heaven proved?

By: 1. Scripture, which often speaks of the happiness of heaven; 2. The Church, which affirms this truth in all her creeds and liturgy; 3. Reason itself, which shows the necessity of a life in which virtue will be perfectly rewarded; 4. The unanimous desire of all men for some infinite good, unattainable on earth.

Does man have a right to the Beatific Vision in heaven?

No. The Beatific Vision is not due to man's nature as such, but remains a divine gift. Pope Pius V condemned the heresy of Michael Baius, that "the exaltation of human nature into the partnership of the divine nature was due to the integrity of the first condition, and hence it must be called nature, and not super-nature." Pope Pius XII likewise taught: "Others destroy the gratuity of the supernatural order, since God, they say, cannot create intellectual beings without ordering and calling them to the Beatific Vision."

-The Essential Catholic Hnadbook pg. 117-118

Gift of Treasure: St. Anthony-St. Rita Parish

April 26, 2026

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LITURGIES

at St. Anthony

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM;
Sunday Morning: 8:00, 9:30 AM
Daily Mass: M-F 8:00 AM

at St. Rita

Sunday Morning: 11:30 AM
Holy days as announced
Additional Saturday Mass from
weekend before July 4 through
Labor Day at 5:00 PM .



Please remember the Parish in your estate plan. The online giving feature on the parish website is available at anthonyandrita.com/online-giving.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Friday 8 AM & 7 PM Mass

After the **First Friday Mass from 8:30-9 AM** we will be offering Adoration & confession
Adoration is also offered from **7-8 PM at night**

First Saturday Mass

We will be celebrating *First Saturday Mass* each month. Mass will be at **9:00AM. Adoration and Confessions to follow until 10:00AM.**

Eucharistic Ministers Needed

If there are any Eucharistic Ministers able to bring communion to the homebound in Marion, please contact Father Paul

Family Contribution Report \$

If you would like your contribution report for **2025 for tax purposes, please call the office.**

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at St. Anthony 3:30-4:20 PM. **Sundays** before Masses at St. Anthony's. **Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays** Immediately following the daily Mass until 9:00AM. or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the Rectory to make an appointment for Baptism. **Baptisms happen after Mass on the 4th Sunday of the month.**

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

please call the Parish Office *at least 6 months* in advance of your wedding or for more information.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Friday of the month, 7 to 8 pm at St. Anthony. Announced if time changes.

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