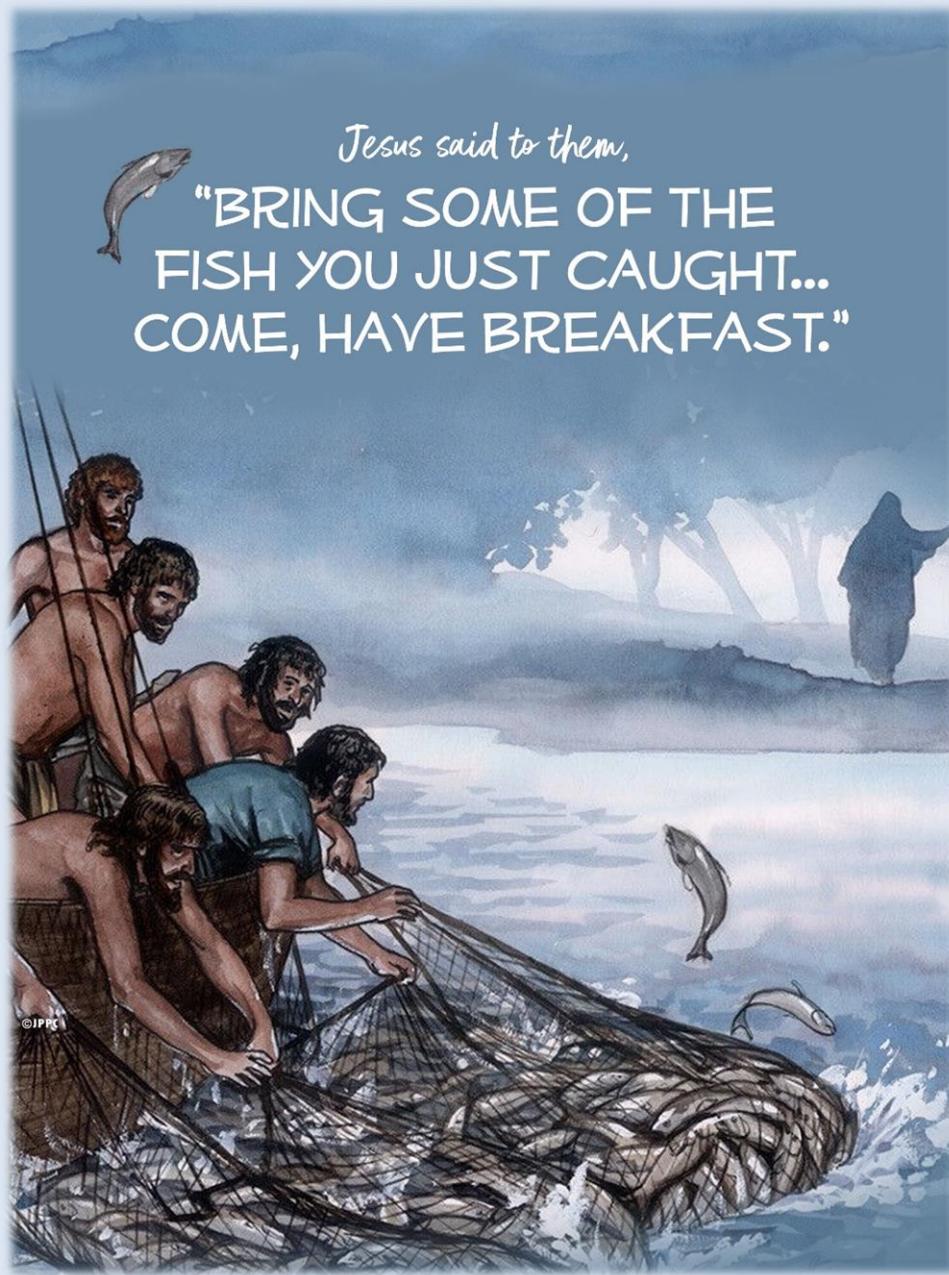


# Third Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2022



Saint Mary 14 Park Street + Sacred Heart 58 Church Street + Saint Mark 105 Stanley Street  
North Attleborough, Massachusetts

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### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saint Mary Church • Saturday 3:00 pm

### Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are scheduled on Saturday afternoons at 1:00 pm, with a limit of four families at each baptism. Please contact Monica Forte in the office at [stmaryna@noozi.com](mailto:stmaryna@noozi.com) for more information and available dates.

### Sacrament of Marriage

Marriage is usually celebrated on Saturday morning and afternoon. Please contact the Parish Office at least nine months in advance to begin preparation.

### Sacrament of the Sick

Pastoral care to those in need of the sacrament of the sick is arranged with Father Rodney. Please call the parish office to arrange a visit.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration is offered on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month in Saint Mary Church, beginning at 9:00 am with Morning Prayer and ending at 6:00 pm with Evening Prayer and Benediction.

### Parish Offering

If you are attending in person, you may drop your contribution in the collection basket. You are welcome to mail your budget envelope to the parish office, at 14 Park Street, North Attleborough, MA 02760. You may also leave your envelope in the drop box located outside the parish office door, to the right on the landing. Or you can use this link for on line giving:

<https://app.gabrielsoft.com/guest/mafrdiocese/31>

Thank you for your ongoing support!

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00 pm Saint Mary Church

Sunday 8:00 am Saint Mark Church

Sunday 9:30 am Saint Mary Church

Sunday 11:00 am Sacred Heart Church

### Weekday Masses

Monday 4:30 pm Saint Mary Church

Tuesday 8:00 am Saint Mark Church

Wednesday 4:30 pm Saint Mary Church

Thursday 8:00 am Communion Service  
Saint Mark Church

*Links to:* Transfiguration of the Lord Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/Transfiguration-of-the-Lord-Parish-North-Attleborough-106529317647894/>

YouTube at <https://tinyurl.com/ysfaxaty>

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# MASS Intentions

## May 1 - Third Sunday of Easter

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>April 30</u>
4:00 pm	Jack & Kate McNamara George & Mary Walsmley
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>May 1</u>
8:00 am	William D'Abate
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>May 1</u>
9:30 am	Francine L. Leary
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>May 1</u>
11:00 am	Harry Belham
<u>Monday</u>	<u>May 2</u>
4:30 pm	Gene Pion
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>May 3</u>
8:00 am	Lynn Hawes
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>May 4</u>
4:30 pm	Grace Resendes
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>May 5</u>
8:00 am	

## From Father Rodney

Father's columns for the weekend of April 24 and May 1 were switched by accident.  
Please see Father's reflections below from last week, April 24.

On Holy Saturday, three men and women were received into the Church after they gave their consent and each stated, "I believe and profess all that the holy Catholic Church believes, teaches, and proclaims to be revealed by God." I then received them into communion full communion with over 1 billion Catholics world-wide as I addressed them with the following words:

*(Name), the Lord receives you into the Catholic Church. His loving kindness has led you here, so that in the unity of the Holy Spirit you may have full communion with us in the faith that you have professed in the presence of his family.*

During the Easter Season, the first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles. One of the most fascinating things about Acts is that it is a chronicle of the early Church and one of the things that we learn about the early Church is that it quickly grew, and it grew because of the persistence of the Apostles. Leading up to the Ascension of Jesus and the coming of the Promised Spirit at Pentecost, we read that the Church was constantly adding new members. For example, last weekend, we heard how boldly the Apostles preached Christ crucified and Risen from the dead. It was with great faith in the Resurrection of Jesus that gave the Apostles the unfailing conviction to speak the Name. For your convenience, I have reprinted the short selection from last weekend's Mass as an example of the bold faith and increase the early Church experienced.

Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles. They were all together in Solomon's portico. None of the others dared to join them, but the people esteemed them. Yet more than ever, believers in the Lord, great numbers of men and women, were added to them. Thus they even carried the sick out into the streets and laid them on cots and mats so that when Peter came by, at least his shadow might fall on one or another of them. A large number of people from the towns in the vicinity of Jerusalem also gathered, bringing the sick and those disturbed by unclean spirits, and they were all cured. (Acts 5:12-16)

May we do our part to continue the growth of the Church in the 21<sup>st</sup> by spreading the Good News. Perhaps an Easter challenge: invite one friend or family member to join you at church on a Sunday morning. An invitation can go a long way. Look at what it did for the early Church. Happy Easter!

## Parish Contributions

Collection figures from April 16/17:

Weekly collection – \$18,041.79

For Retired & Infirmed Priests: \$3,755.00

Good Friday (*Church in East & Central Europe and Holy Land*): \$1,424.00

## Father Rodney away

Father Rodney is away and will return 6 May. We are grateful to Father Jay Maddock who will take care of our parish while Father Rodney is away. Fr. Maddock is a newly retired priest of the Diocese of Fall River. His last pastorate was Holy Name Church located in Fall River. Please be sure to thank Fr. Maddock for his willingness to cover while Fr. Rodney is away.

## *From Father Rodney*

*Father's columns for the weekend of April 24 and May 1 were switched by accident.  
In case you missed it last weekend,  
this is the column intended for May 1*

As we journey through Easter, we will read from Acts of the Apostles. This account of the early Church is remarkable. As I stated last week in my column, the infant Church experienced immense growth and strength. Today, we encounter Saint Peter who has really changed his tune. It has not been all that long since we heard Jesus predict that Peter would deny him three times before the cock crowed and now Peter is boldly proclaiming Jesus to be the Savior. It must be remembered that the Eleven were scared for their lives. The Jewish leaders did not want the news of Jesus's Resurrection to spread yet the more that they attempted to suppress the Eleven the more boldly they were desirous to spread the Good News. I guess that is the utterly amazing thing about speaking the truth: the more we speak it, the more we feel emboldened to speak the truth. This can manifest itself in so many facets of our lives. When challenged because of our beliefs, we can sometimes feel compelled to remain silent, thereby compromising who we are. Think about it for a minute: you are with co-workers or friends or relatives and a discussion regarding faith and morals ensues, and you are seemingly outnumbered. In an effort to not muddy the waters, you suddenly decide that you'd much rather keep the peace, if you will, and choose to remain silent allowing those who disagree with you to silence your voice. If they Eleven had done that, who knows how the Church might have evolved. Jesus once said that "the truth will set you free" and yes indeed it will. Never be ashamed to boldly proclaim your view and who you are. Never compromise your beliefs because they might be not popular. The Eleven were preaching a message that the Elders of the people did not want spoken however they persisted and were victorious. You can be as well! He is Risen from the dead just as He said! Happy Easter!

## Welcome!

We are happy to have you join us today. If you are visiting our area with family and friends, we welcome you to our parish. We hope you will enjoy your stay. If you are new to the area, we invite you to consider registering as member of our parish community. You may follow the link below to access the registration form. Please call the office if you have any questions. We are here to help!

<https://www.saintmaryna.com/wp-content/uploads/Transfiguration-of-the-Lord-Parish-registration-form.pdf>



## Monthly Adoration

Monthly Adoration is offered the *first Tuesday of every month (May 3 is next)*. You are invited to join us in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Saint Mary church, beginning at 9 a.m. with Morning Prayer and ending at 6 p.m. with Evening Prayer and Benediction. You can drop in at any time for as long as you like or, if you would like a specific time slot, please call Joanne Regali 508-643-3821 and leave a message.

## Transfiguration of the Lord Parish

### Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul.

If you need assistance, please call the help line for our parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society. They can offer information about the types of assistance available. Please call 508-212-4755 for help or more information.

## FAITH FORMATION

*Director of Religious Education  
Mrs. Elaine Corvese  
508-695-3823*

**Please note new email address:**  
[TransfigurationRelEd@gmail.com](mailto:TransfigurationRelEd@gmail.com)

First Communion will be held on  
**Saturday, May 14, 2022, at Saint Mary Church,**  
groups as follows:

10:00 am for students with the last name A-J  
1:00 pm for students with the last name K-Z.

The Faith Formation program has ended for all grades for the 2021-2022 year. I would like to thank the parents/guardian for their endless support and patience. Also, thank you to the catechists. I am truly blessed to work with such a wonderful team!

The students in all grades will be promoted to the next grade and emails regarding the program will be sent during the month of August.

If you have a son/daughter entering first grade in the fall, you will need to register him/her to the Faith Formation program. First grade is the first year of the two-year program in preparation for First Communion which is held in the spring of the second year. Contact the Faith Formation office at [transfigurationreled@gmail.com](mailto:transfigurationreled@gmail.com) to register.

### Pope Francis

  
“How beautiful is a Church that can run through the streets of our world with the desire to bear the joy of the Gospel to everyone. That is what we are called to do: to roll away the stone from the tomb where we have often enclosed the Lord, in order to spread his joy in the world.”

~April 22, 2022

### In Home Care Assistance

Recently retired RN seeking home care employment caring for person in need of assistance in their home. Please call Colleen at 1-401-633-2783.



## 2022 Catholic Appeal

### “Journeying Together in Faith and Love”

The 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Catholic Appeal begins this weekend, May 1. Since 1942, the Appeal has helped people in all phases of life- from children, to youth, to parents, to the elderly. Your support sustains the numerous agencies, programs, and ministries providing food and shelter, educating young and adults, and meeting the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of thousands. We encourage you to support the Appeal as generously as you can. You can make a one-time gift or a pledge with convenient payments throughout the year. You can give by mail, use a contribution card located in the church, or make your gift or pledge online at : [www.GiveFRDiocese.org](http://www.GiveFRDiocese.org)

**PLEASE NOTE: ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE DIRECTLY TO “CATHOLIC APPEAL”.**

**Please do not make the check out to the parish. Please indicate “Transfiguration of the Lord Parish” on the donation card on the line “please credit the following parish with my gift”.** This will enable your donation to be counted as a donation from our Parish. Donation cards and envelopes are available at the entrances of the churches. If you did not receive a mailing you can also email the parish office with your request and address at [stmaryna@noozi.com](mailto:stmaryna@noozi.com) and one will be mailed to you.

**The Catholic Appeal Office will handle all contributions, and you are asked to mail your contribution directly to: The Catholic Appeal – Diocese of Fall River P.O. BOX 237, Kensington, CT 06037-0237.**

Any contributions that come to the office are required to be sent **unopened** to the address above.

## **Women's Guild Meeting**

The Transfiguration of the Lord Parish Women's Guild will be meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 2022. All women of the parish are invited to join us at Morin's Restaurant, 16 South Main Street, Attleboro for our Closing Banquet starting with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. A buffet dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m., the menu includes: Fresh Bread & Newport Mixed Green Salad, Baked Stuffed Chicken with Apple Cornbread Stuffing and Cider Glaze, Seafood Newburgh, Sirloin Steak Tips with Mushroom Sauté, Oven Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes, & Grilled Seasonal Vegetables, Coffee, Tea and Dessert. Fr. Rodney will be our guest speaker. The cost is \$25 per person, please RSVP to Karen Smith (508) 212-7377 [ksmith715@comcast.net](mailto:ksmith715@comcast.net) or Diana Gray (508) 695-1143 [dgraysix@yahoo.com](mailto:dgraysix@yahoo.com) on or before Friday, May 6, 2022. Hope to see you there!

## **Scheduling Baptisms**

Parents requesting the baptism of their child should be registered members of the parish who attend weekend Mass on a weekly basis. Baptisms are celebrated on Saturdays at 1:00 pm at 14 Park Street with a maximum of four families. Please contact Monica in the office via email ([stmaryna@noozi.com](mailto:stmaryna@noozi.com)) for more information and visit the parish website [www.saintmaryna.com](http://www.saintmaryna.com) and click on the "Sacraments" tab for more detailed information.

*What Are The Requirements To Be a Godparent or Sponsor?* If you have been asked to be a godparent, requirements set by the Roman Catholic Church are as follows: You must be a confirmed Catholic, at least 16 years old, registered in a parish and practicing your faith by regular participation at Mass. If you are married, your marriage must be recognized as valid by the Church. If you are currently a member of Transfiguration of the Lord Parish and have been asked to be a godparent, please see Father Rodney after Mass. You may contact the office for more information.

## **Pray for Ukraine**

Please join together in praying a decade (or more) of the Rosary daily for the people of Ukraine and Russia and for the end of the war. At the back of each of the churches in the Parish there is a blue binder with the Ukrainian colors on the front.



If you feel led by the Holy Spirit to do so, please sign your name as a simple commitment to pray daily until the end of this crisis.

Sometimes even as a people of God we can feel overwhelmed or powerless when we see the images coming out of Ukraine and hear about demonstrators in Russia being beaten and any independent news sources being shut down. We can lose heart. We often forget that we have the most powerful weapon of all... prayer and when we come together as a community there is real power. Thank you for taking a few moments out of your day to unite with the larger Catholic/Christian community to pray for an end to this crisis.

## **Prayer Vigil for Peace**

The peace advocacy group Pax Christi at LaSalette Shrine plans a prayer vigil for peace in Ukraine and other conflict areas in coordination with the Lay Associates at LaSalette Shrine details below:

**When:** Saturday May 7, approximately 5:15pm (immediately following 4:30pm Mass at the Shrine)

**Where:** National Shrine of Our Lady of LaSalette, 947 Park Street, Attleboro; outside weather permitting. We will process from the Shrine church to the Garden of St. Francis on the grounds.

*All are welcome!*

Pax Christi strives to create a world that reflects the Peace of Christ by exploring, articulating, and witnessing to the call of Christian nonviolence. Pax Christi at LaSalette Shrine meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm. For more information contact Linda Taylor at [fraucoach@icloud.com](mailto:fraucoach@icloud.com).



As is recommended in the rubrics, during the Easter season we will be using the Apostles' Creed in lieu of the Nicene Creed. This briefer, earlier Creed is a good way for us to keep an ancient practice alive. The Apostles' Creed can be found on page 10 in the missalette. We will also use the Penitential Act found on page 4 and below.

### **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God,  
the Father Almighty,  
Creator of Heaven and earth;  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the  
right hand of God, the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living  
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body  
and life everlasting.

Amen

### **Knights of Columbus**

The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith in a busy and changing world. *The Thomas P McDonough Council #330, serving the Transfiguration of the Lord Parish will be holding a membership drive after all Masses on the weekend of April 30th/May 1st.* The Knights of Columbus brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. Stop and chat with a member after Mass this weekend, April 30th/May 1st or go to KofC.org/joinus and enter our council # 00330.

We will also be available to answer questions prior to our regular meeting at 7PM on Wednesday, May 11th, in the St Mary's Church Parish Center.

### **Eastertime**

#### *A Sense of the Season*

First, we kept the forty days, with praying, fasting and giving alms. Then we celebrated the three days of Christ's passion, dying and rising. Now we delight in the fifty days, with rejoicing, feasting and giving witness! The season of Easter is fifty days long. It is a time of unbridled joy, of exuberant rejoicing. The church tells us, "The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better as one 'great Sunday.' These above all others are days for the singing of the Alleluia." (*General Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar*, #22)

Why is Eastertime fifty days? The ancient cultures that gave us the Bible had great respect for numbers. They believed that numbers contained hints about God and the meaning of life. The number seven was thought to contain fullness: There are seven days in the week, according to God's original way of ordering time, creating all that there is and resting. So if you multiply 7 times 7, you have "fullness times fullness."

But wait! 727 is 49! With God, there is always more—more than we can ever imagine. So our holy season of Easter is even more than "fullness times fullness." It's "fullness times fullness" and then some: 727+1. That's what love is like: more than we can ever imagine. That's what heaven is going to be like: more than we can ever imagine. The fifty days are days for looking for the risen Lord among us, for hearing in each other's stories of rising from the big and small deaths, days when we experience something of Christ's triumphs. That's why we look to the newly baptized, robed in bright new clothes and oily with gladness: At Easter, they died and rose with Christ! Now they take their places with us. Together, like the apostles who were so full of the Spirit that people thought they were drunk, we rush about with good and giddy news: Death is not the last word! Life and love are forever! And slowly, painstakingly, we work together, together with Christ, to change this world into the world to come. Sing Alleluia!

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## *Readings for May 1*

### *Third Sunday of Easter*

#### **FIRST READING**

##### **A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

When the captain and the court officers had brought the apostles in and made them stand before the Sanhedrin, the high priest questioned them, "We gave you strict orders, did we not, to stop teaching in that name? Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and want to bring this man's blood upon us." But Peter and the apostles said in reply, "We must obey God rather than men. The God of our ancestors raised Jesus, though you had him killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as leader and savior to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins. We are witnesses of these things, as is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The Sanhedrin ordered the apostles to stop speaking in the name of Jesus, and dismissed them. So they left the presence of the Sanhedrin, rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

##### **R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**

I will extol you, O LORD, for you drew me clear and did not let my enemies rejoice over me.

O LORD, you brought me up from the netherworld; you preserved me from among those going down into the pit.

##### **R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**

Sing praise to the LORD, you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger lasts but a moment; a lifetime, his good will.

At nightfall, weeping enters in, but with the dawn, rejoicing.

##### **R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**

Hear, O LORD, and have pity on me; O LORD, be my helper.

You changed my mourning into dancing; O LORD, my God, forever will I give you thanks.

##### **R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**

#### **SECOND READING**

##### **A reading from the Book of Revelation**

I, John, looked and heard the voices of many angels who surrounded the throne and the living creatures and the elders. They were countless in number, and they cried out in a loud voice:

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing."

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, everything in the universe, cry out:

"To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might, forever and ever."

The four living creatures answered, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**



## GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

† A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time, Jesus revealed himself again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. He revealed himself in this way. Together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We also will come with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea. The other disciples

came in the boat, they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish. When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught." So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples after being raised from the dead.

[When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." He then said to Simon Peter a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Simon Peter answered him, Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." Jesus said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when he had said this, he said to him, "Follow me."]

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



## **Say NO to Physician Assisted Suicide in Massachusetts**

### **LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD NOW!**

The Massachusetts State Legislature is considering passing into law two deeply troubling bills this session which would legalize Physician Assisted Suicide. The bills, House 2381 and Senate 1384, are identical in text and titled “*An Act relative to end of life options*”.

*“The Catholic Bishops of Massachusetts stand united in our strong opposition to Physician Assisted Suicide. It is an affront to life and a dangerous precedent for determining end of life issues. Physicians are trained to care for the ill, not to hasten death.”*<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Boston Pilot - Statement of the four Roman Catholic Bishops of Boston, Fall River, Springfield, and Worcester (December 8, 2017)

Here are some troubling facts to consider before you act:

1) The bills would allow a physician to provide a deadly drug mixture to an individual diagnosed with less than 6 months to live that, when consumed, would cause death. **NOTE-** The diagnosis could be wrong. Countless individuals have outlived that 6-month diagnosis and enjoyed many more precious months and years with family and friends.

2) No Real Safeguards - A vulnerable individual who is physically disabled, depressed, or fears being a “burden” may be subject to undue influence by others to take the drug mixture, especially if there is a financial benefit as an incentive.

3) The primary focus of elected officials should be dedicated to legislation providing quality health care, mental health care and palliative care to the sick and dying – particularly in the underserved, poor and minority communities that suffer the most at the time of need.

#### **How can your voice be heard?**

Call or email your legislators, let them know you are a Massachusetts voter, and say NO to Physician Assisted Suicide!

Log on to [www.macatholic.org](http://www.macatholic.org) and follow the links to find contact information for:

- Members of the legislative Joint Committee on Health Care Finance who will be considering these bills.
- Your individual State Senator and Representative via address and zip code link.



**For individuals without internet access, please call the Massachusetts Catholic Conference at 617-746-5630 for legislative contact information.**