

Earth Day—2024

Since 1970, the 22nd of April has been designated “*Earth Day*” to raise awareness of the need to protect earth’s natural resources for future generations, and to honor the achievement of the environmental movement. Community projects are often scheduled in conjunction with this time as tens of millions of people across the globe come together to work together to make our common home more sustainable, habitable, and beautiful for ourselves and future generations. Pope Francis has endeavored throughout his pontificate to advocate for care for our common home through his encyclical “*Laudato Si*” which was addressed to all peoples of the world. It is an endeavor that invites and challenges each of us.

While we have made small steps here at St. Susanna’s there are many decisions, choices, and work that remain. One goal is to bring about a “Creation Care” team to actively explore our path forward.

In the meantime, there is a budding project that I hope can be completed as we commemorate Earth Day this year. On Sunday, April 28, I am hoping to gather a team of 8-10 volunteers who can travel to Worcester to help Sister Patty and Sister Paula establish their vegetable garden on the grounds of their residence which will be used to help those affected by food insecurity in Worcester—specifically the Mustard Seed House and the St. Francis and Therese Catholic Worker House. Our group will be assembling six raised beds, installing the cattle panel arches for trellising, filling the beds with compost and securing the area with fencing to protect from deer which are known to visit the area. If all goes well the garden will be ready for planting by Memorial Day.

Anyone interested in being part of this one afternoon effort, please contact the rectory.

(We will be leaving following the 10 AM mass and be returning by late afternoon)

Peace,

Father Steve

Any Old Suitcases ?

We are looking for any old and no longer used suitcases—of the “*carry on size*” to donate to the Brazilian Center in Brighton as they assist newly arrived people to the area. This particular population is moved almost daily from one center during the day to a different shelter in the evening and they are basically carrying all their earthly possessions (mostly a few clothes) in plastic garbage bags and paper shopping bags.

If anyone has a suitcase or two from their basement or garage that they are no longer using we promise to recycle and send it to a person who would be most grateful.

Please note: Suitcases should be of the carry-on size, (think the size with the two wheels) and not the larger ones that would be difficult to be lugging around.

Please leave them at the back of the church and they will be delivered to the Brazilian Center. *Thank You!*

First Communion Preparation
Sunday, April 21
11:00 AM

Our second session for those children preparing to receive First Communion will be taking place this Sunday, April 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. For more information, please contact the rectory.

Saint Susanna Parish
April 21, 2024

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Mass Schedule

April 21 - Fourth 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 Hapenny, Richard Donovan, Susanne Palacino, Ed & Eleanor Murray, Marie Walsh, Anthony, and Matt.**

Mass Intentions

Saturday April 20
For the People of the Parish

Sunday April 21
10:00 AM Barbara and Stan Josoma

Saturday April 27
4:00 PM Pat & Neil Cronin
Al, Mary, Cathy & Joseph Hathaway

Sunday April 28
10:00 AM Gerald Ridge



Thank You for your Donations!

Week of April 7

Offertory: \$856
Parish Donations: \$1,855

Upcoming Events for April

- Sat: Apr. 20 **Mass at 4:00 PM**
- Sun. Apr. 21 **Mass at 10:00 AM**
First Communion Preparation Class
at 11 AM in hall.
- Mon. Apr. 22 **Prison Ministry 12 and 1 PM**
- Fri. Apr. 26 **Doggett Circle Communion Service**
At 10:30 AM
- Sat. Apr. 27 **Mass at 4:00 PM**
- Sun. Apr. 28 **Mass at 10:00 AM**



2024

There have been **117** mass shootings in the U.S. from January 1 through April 17, 2024.....

Diaper Drive for Haitians

We are continuing our Diaper Drive during the month of April. 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!