

# Saint Susanna Parish

## April 27, 2025

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### Mass Schedule

*April 27 – 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 **Catherine Newton** whose Funeral was this past week also for those who have asked for our prayers, especially for **PJ Boardman, Cecilia Dohrmann, Joe & Pat Ferrone, Barbara Brandt, Richard Donovan, Deborah Mongeon, Ed & Eleanor Murray, Marie Walsh, Elizabeth Paquette, Anthony, Matt and Zach Lomnitz.**

### Mass Intentions

**Saturday** April 26  
 4:00 PM John Kostrick  
 Mary Bailey

**Sunday** April 27  
 10:00 AM Sheila Kathryn Wilson

**Saturday** May 3  
 4:00 PM Margie Griffin  
 Karen Rapuano

**Sunday** May 4  
 10:00 AM All the Deceased of the Parish

### Thank You for your Support

*Week of April 20*

**Easter Collection: \$4,541**

**Good Friday: \$613**

**Parish Donations: \$1,325**

**Recent Refugee Donations: \$25,932**

### Dedham Food Pantry

Drop off for the Dedham Food Pantry will continue to be the first weekend of each month. Our next date will be next weekend, **May 3-4**. The Pantry is continuing to request **Raisin Bran cereal** for the month of April. Thank you!

### Upcoming Events

Sat: Apr. 26 **Mass at 4:00 PM**

Sun. Apr. 27 **Mass at 10:00 AM**

Mon. Apr. 28 **Prison Ministry 12:30 and 1:30 PM**

Tues. Apr. 29 **Dimensions of Faith 7 PM (Zoom)**

Fri. May 2 **Scripture: Form & Artistry 7:30 AM (Zoom)**  
**Ponder 7 PM (Zoom)**

Sat. May 3 **Gardening Angels 9 AM**  
**Mass at 4:00 PM**

Sun. May 4 **Mass at 10:00 AM**

### Easter Flower Memorials

We thank you all for your Flower memorials for Easter Sunday.

Unfortunately two names were omitted. They were **Alice & Gordon Kendall** from **The Carboni Family**.



**2025**

There have been **85** mass shootings in the U.S. as of April 25, 2025.....

### Catholic Appeal

One of the more tangible ways that we deepen the impact of our Archdiocese's schools, parishes, and ministries is by supporting the Catholic Appeal. The Appeal is a primary means by which we carry Christ's light into darkness and deepen the impact of our Church's ministries. Your partnership and participation carry Christ's love into our communities in numerous ways. Thank you for your continued support.

## ***Pope Francis—A Light that Continues to Shine***

I recall thinking when Francis was first elected Pope that he would bring light into the dark corners of the world. His simple gestures of carrying his own luggage, paying his hotel tab, taking the bus with the Cardinals, and living in the Vatican Guest House rather than the Apostolic Palace seemed to suggest that he would not be apart from the rest of us mere mortals.

Recently it has come to light that Pope Francis has called a Catholic parish in Gaza every morning at 8:00 AM since October of 2023 to check on their well being and offer support. It has also been revealed that he has chosen to be buried outside the Vatican in Santa Maria Maggiore basilica which is in a sketchy neighborhood of Rome two and a half miles from the Vatican known for people living on the margins. Indeed, it was his wish that the poor greet his body when it arrives for burial in an old closet between confessionals that used to store candelabras where his body will be laid to rest.

Pope Francis had previously met with all those who will be greeting him and laying a white rose at his place of burial. Among those are six prisoners who received permission to attend along with the poor, gypsy, transgender, formerly prostituted women, all known to Francis. His will expressed his desire to be buried in the naked soil in a single wooden coffin with the one Latin word: “Franciscus”.

While some will for sure celebrate this “exile” from the center of power, I am sure that the poor and marginalized will continue in pilgrimage to this former storage closet of candelabras to bear witness to a light that will continue to burn brightly. May it be a flicker that continues to light our path in the years ahead.

Peace,

*Father Steve*

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### ***Adult Faith Formation***

#### ***Book Discussion***

***“Cherished Belonging: The Healing Power of Love in Divided Times”***

***(By Gregory Boyle)***

***Monday, May 12 @ 7:00 PM***

***Parish Hall***

Our book for ending our season this year is written by a favorite author of ours’ - Gregory Boyle S.J.

A timely work written particularly for this moment in which we live. Father Boyle draws from his decades long ministry with gang members following their time of re-entry from prison back into mainstream society and the many challenges they face and the seemingly miraculous opportunities and transformation they encounter with Homeboy Industries and the Beloved Community which welcomes them where hope and new life are realized. If it can happen here, it can happen anywhere, even in this time of our national divide and uncertain future. Father Boyle will certainly give us a challenging and inspirational read with his conviction that we are all unshakably good—no exception, and we all belong to one another—no exception.

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### ***First Communion Preparation***

This information is for parents of children in Grade 2 who will be receiving their First Communion this year. Once again Sarah Burton and Maureen Blazejewski will be coordinating the final preparation for both children and parents on Sunday, ***April 27***, at 11:00 AM in the church hall.

Both parents and children should plan on attending this final session. Rehearsal will be on Friday, ***May 2*** at 5:00 PM and First Communion will be on Sunday, ***May 4*** at our 10:00 AM Mass.

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