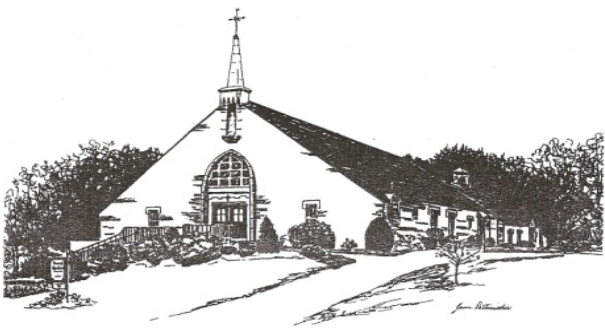




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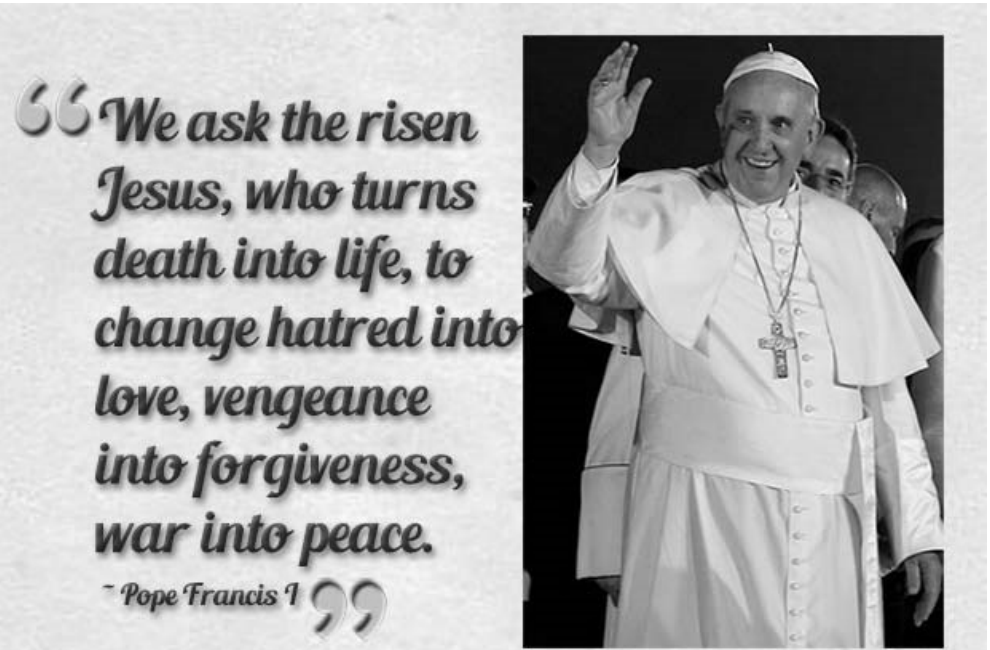
*Key words and phrases:* stood in their midst, Why are you troubled? Touch me and see; ate it in front of them

*To the point:* In face of Thomas's obstinate unbelief, Jesus is remarkably serene and understanding when he returns a week later and meets Thomas where he is. Jesus incarnates the Peace with which he greets the disciples and manifests forgiveness in his encounter with Thomas. He sends disciples forth with firsthand experience of the ministry with which he entrusts them: granting forgiveness and spreading peace.

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*... to the First Reading:* Peter is able to witness to the reality of Jesus' resurrection and call his hearers to repentance because he himself has experienced repentance and forgiveness, and the new life this brings.

*... to experience:* In our judicial system the most credible witnesses are eyewitnesses close to the event. We are eyewitnesses to the resurrection of Jesus—even though we are far removed from the historical event—when we recognize the risen Lord among and within us, forgive and seek forgiveness of one another, and faithfully feast at his table. He is alive!





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**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** (Confession)  
Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. or by appointment.

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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday  
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**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

SATURDAY VIGIL 4:00 PM  
SUNDAY 8:00 & 10:30 AM

**DAILY MASS SCHEDULE**

MON. 6:30 PM, TUES. & WED. 9:00 AM

**PARISH CALENDAR** is located in the parish office. Anyone who wishes to use the church hall or the church for any reason **must** call the parish office first before using or scheduling events.

**BULLETIN INFORMATION** is required to be submitted to the parish office by **Monday** in order to be included in the bulletin for the upcoming weekend.

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Weekend April 8, 2018

Sunday Ordinary:	\$2,300.00
Easter:	5.00
Maintenance:	500.00
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THANK YOU!

**ATTN CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:**

Confirmation rehearsal **with sponsors** is on Sunday, April 22nd at St. Cecilia's Church in Leominster beginning at 6:30 PM. Be sure to arrive by 6:00 PM.

Confirmation is on Monday, April 23rd at 7:00 PM Please arrive by 6:00 PM on the night of confirmation.

**MASS INTENTION**

Sat	Apr 14	4pm	Jean Walters, by David DePasquale
Sun	Apr 15	10:30am	Edward Dubois, by the Barrows family
Sat	Apr 21	4pm	Cecilia Cuddy, by the family
Sun	Apr 22	8am	Joseph Bilotta, by the family
		10:30am	Theresa H. King, (6 <sup>th</sup> Anniv) by Dr. & Mrs. William O'Brien & family
Sun	Apr 29	8am	Howard & Ella May Crane, by the Laford family

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER: DISCUSSION  
QUESTIONS....**

**First Reading**

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

1. In the history of the Church can there have been human decisions that were made in ignorance? The present day Church has apologized for some decisions. What can we learn from this?
2. Is the point of this reading to lay blame for the suffering servant's death, or to tell us that sin can be erased and the offenders can be raised to new life by the same power that raised Jesus to life?

**Second Reading**

1 John 2:1-5a

1. John says in this reading that "(Christ) is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world." And Luke's gospel (Gospel), "... that repentance, forgiveness of sins, would be preached in (Christ's) name to all the nations." From these statements would you guess that Christ came to save forty-four thousand people? Most people? All people?
2. Discuss Pope Francis statement regarding today's Second Reading from St. John's letter:  
The Lord has redeemed all of us, all of us, with the Blood of Christ: all of us, not just Catholics.  
Everyone! 'Father, the atheists?' Even the atheists.

Luke 24:35-48

1. He appeared in their midst. But why did Jesus say, "Peace be with you" to his disciples? What was the emotional atmosphere in the group at that time? Are there times in your life when you are distraught and you need some peace? Does it help you that Jesus has experienced trials like yours? Did God take our flesh because he needed to do so, or because it was us who needed him to?
2. What was the disciples' task, having recognized the risen Lord, and seeing that he "opened their minds to understand the scripture"? Is our task now to preach the good news of God's forgiveness to all nations? How can we do that globally? What about locally or in our neighborhoods?

**REMINDER: COLLEGE INFORMATIONAL FORUM**

On Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00am – 12:00pm we will be holding our first College Informational Forum in the Parish Hall here at St. Boniface. The focus of the forum is to have current college students and recent college graduates share their personal college experience with High School students (9-12 grades). Anyone can attend who is in the process of contemplating attending college or a student who is unsure college is right for them, and would want to learn more. This forum will give high school students an opportunity to listen to some of the college student testimonies, sharing their personal experience and answering questions or concerns the high school student may have. The forum will be very informal and will give the high school students an opportunity to ask questions he or she may be reluctant to ask of parents or college admission councilors.

We have approximately 100 available spots which will be on first come first served basis, so sign up early. The forum will be open to high school students in Lunenburg and surrounding communities. Brunch will be served for the entire period. There are forms located in the back of the church for anyone to sign up. As we get closer to the event, we will also be asking for parent volunteers to help with the brunch.



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All novena nights begin at 7:00 pm on Tuesday evenings here at St. Anthony Church, 84 Salem Street, Fitchburg. Novena prayers, sermon and Benediction with veneration of the relic of St. Anthony of Padua. Spread the word! Come and bring a friend. Preacher list found on our website [www.stanthonyfitchburg.net](http://www.stanthonyfitchburg.net) under the "Bulletin" tab.