

Dear Sisters & Brothers in Christ,

Thankfully the virus status in Wrentham has improved from “red” to “yellow”, and Plainville jumped down to “white”! This makes Check-in at Mass easier as parishioners will not be required to have temperatures taken at the door. (Staff and volunteers will continue to have temperature checks, per usual.) As part of loving one another during this pandemic, it should go without saying that **when any of us does not feel well we should stay away from public Mass** - participating instead through www.pwc.church, CatholicTV, etc.

New Faith Formation Year Begins for Children, Youth, and Adults

Click to read our [Pastoral Column](#) this week, the first in a two-part reflection on the importance of Catholics of *all* ages continuing to learn and grow in the faith, and the spectacular work being done to continue this part of our mission safely during the pandemic.

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- Special Noon Mass *This Weekend Only* (unless we get more volunteers...)
- A Serious Moral Concern Before the MA Legislature
- *Reminder*: Senior-Friendly Mass for Our Collaborative has Begun

Flu Shot Clinics at Church: St. Martha This Weekend and St. Mary Oct. 10-11

The CVS Mansfield Team is holding flu clinics at St. Martha's and St. Mary's again this year. They vaccinate ages 9 and up, offering the quadrivalent vaccines as well as the high dose vaccine for those age 65 and over. Many pharmacies are already experiencing a shortage of vaccines due to the high demand from CDC recommendation that everyone gets a flu shot this year.

St. Martha will be holding the clinic on Sunday, October 4th between the 8am and 10am Masses.

St. Mary will be holding the clinic on Saturday, October 10th after the 4pm Mass and Sunday, October 11th after the 9:30am Mass.

CVS is now offering optional online signup beforehand. For more information and instructions, please visit our www.pwc.church website.

This Sunday Only: Special Collaborative Mass at Noon

All are welcome to attend a special Noon Mass on Sunday, October 4 at St. Mary, being celebrated for our Confirmation youth and their families as they begin their second year preparing for this important sacrament. It will be a regular Sunday Mass, but Fr. Lambert will focus on the Holy Spirit inspiring and strengthening them and all of us.

NOTE: Mass attendance is slowly growing at both parishes, but we cannot resume the Noon Mass *weekly* without *more* Greeters and Ushers at various Masses. Please speak with these volunteers at Mass this weekend or contact either parish office to learn how easy it is!

A Serious Concern Is Before Our State Legislature

Amidst the many complex issues our Commonwealth is facing, pro-abortion advocates are making one issue increasingly urgent. The complex issue of the conception of unwanted babies will not be solved even if the US Supreme Court reverses Roe v. Wade - the matter would most likely be left to each state to address the legal and social concerns involved. Cardinal Seán is asking us ([full statement here](#)) to learn about the concerning problems with expansion of abortion as proposed in the “ROE Legislation” presently before both houses in our Massachusetts Legislature. These bills would *remove*:

- the requirement that young girls obtain consent (parental or court) before an abortion
- the requirement that efforts be made to save a living baby who survives abortion
- the requirement that late term abortions be performed in hospitals
- and the bills would allow abortion on demand for all nine months of pregnancy

Please call the Joint Committee on Judiciary at 617-722-2396 and let them know you are opposed to the expansion of abortion in Massachusetts, and specifically to H3320 and S1209. *Every telephone call helps!* For more information about how the ROE legislation would expand abortion in Massachusetts visit www.macatholic.org .

If you have concerns about the role of church authorities during elections, please read our [recent column](#) which uses an earlier statement by Cardinal Seán to help explain the *difference* between moral advocacy and political interference in one's freedom to vote.

Reminder: Senior-Friendly 8am Mass for our Collaborative

With increased attendance, and the help of parishioners as Hospitality Volunteers and Lectors, our collaborative has added a regular 8am Sunday Mass at St. Martha church.

To help *all* to feel safe worshipping with us, **we are trying to promote this as a Mass for seniors** (much like some grocery stores reserve their first open hour for them). **For now, we ask all parishioners to respect this as a Mass for seniors and those with health vulnerabilities.** If younger people in good health do attend at 8am, ushers will ask them to sit toward the back of the church.

May God bless and keep you always,
Fr. Joe