

Cardinal Seán has appointed Fr. Chip Hines as pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Sharon, Blessed Sacrament Parish in Walpole, and Saint Mary Parish in East Walpole, effective June 3.



Fr. Chip currently serves as the pastor of Saint Joseph Parish in Medford (www.stjoesmedford.org). His previous assignments were as pastor of Saint Mary Parish in Wrentham and Saint Martha Parish in Plainville and parochial vicar at Immaculate Conception Parish in Malden.

Fr. Chip grew up in Reading. The oldest of three boys, he graduated from Reading Memorial High School and from Ithaca College. At Ithaca College he studied radio and television but ended up getting his Bachelor of Arts in Politics. After college Fr. Chip worked at several real estate/property management companies until he entered Saint John's Seminary in 1998. In 2004 Fr. Chip was ordained a priest by then-Archbishop Seán O'Malley. Fr. Chip co-hosts a movie review program on CatholicTV called "Spotlight" with Fr. Bill Kelly.

I spoke with Fr. Chip on Tuesday afternoon. He is very excited and pleased to be coming to the parishes in Sharon and Walpole.

Cardinal Seán has appointed Fr. Scott as pastor of Holy Family Parish in Amesbury and Star of the Sea Parish in Salisbury, effective June 3.



Holy Family Parish in Amesbury (www.hfamesbury.com) was created 16 years ago when Sacred Heart Parish and Saint Joseph Parish merged to create one new parish. Star of the Sea Parish in Salisbury (www.hfamesbury.com/Star) includes a main church as well as a chapel near Salisbury Beach.

I have enjoyed my 9+ years serving as pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish. My experience here has helped me to grow as a person, a disciple of Jesus Christ, a priest, and a pastor. Though I am sad to be leaving Our Lady of Sorrows Parish and the town of Sharon, I look forward to embracing the people of Amesbury and Salisbury and all who choose either Holy Family Parish or Star of the Sea Parish as their parish community. I anticipate moving forward in faith and building on the great traditions of these parishes and the work of the laity, staff, and clergy of the parishes.

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Having just celebrated the Feast of the Holy Family two weeks ago, I look forward to going to Holy Family Parish to work together in Christ for the greater glory of God. (from their parish website) I look forward to moving from one Marian parish, Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, to another, Star of the Sea Parish, whose web site quotes St. Thomas Aquinas, "As sailors are guided by a star to the port, so Christians are guided to heaven by Mary."

During the week of January 13, I will be visiting the Merrimack Valley Region of the Archdiocese of Boston in preparation for my new assignment. On Monday, January 13, I will travel to Saint Rita Parish in Lowell for lunch with Fr. John Mulloy, the Interim Episcopal Vicar for the Merrimack Valley, 5 other Disciples in Mission Phase Two pastors in the Merrimack Valley, and 2 Disciples in Mission Phase One pastors (Fr. Shawn Allen and Msgr. Bill Fay). Fr. Mulloy organized the lunch so that those who will begin to be a multi-parish pastor in the Merrimack Valley on June 3 can learn from the initial experience of those who began a multi-parish pastorate in the Merrimack Valley in June 2013. On Wednesday, January 15, I will spend most of the day in Amesbury and Salisbury meeting with Fr. Lou, Fr. Michael, and the parish staffs.

It will be my privilege and honor to continue to serve as pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish until June 2, 2014, even as I spend some time during these 5 months preparing for my new assignment. These five months will give us the opportunity to reflect on the past 9+ years and transition to a new pastor and officially becoming a collaborative with Blessed Sacrament Parish in Walpole and Saint Mary Parish in East Walpole.

The complete list of Phase Two pastors will be available on Monday, January 13, on the Archdiocese of Boston's Office of Pastoral Planning website, www.disciplesinmission.com. This is also a good way to stay up-to-date on all of the news concerning the implementation of Disciples in Mission.

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