

# FATHER SCOTT'S THOUGHTS

## CHRIST BY THE SEA COLLABORATIVE



**St. Anthony Of Padua Parish**  
10 Summer Street, Cohasset



**St. Mary of the Assumption Parish/St. Ann Church**  
208 Samoset Avenue, Hull

### Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Cardinal Seán has appointed Father William ("Will") Sexton as Parochial Vicar for Saint Anthony of Padua Parish in Cohasset and Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish in Hull effective July 1, 2020. Father Will, who grew up in Dedham, was ordained a priest in 2017 and has served as Parochial Vicar for Immaculate Conception Parish and Saint James Parish, both in Stoughton, since his priesthood ordination. It will be a blessing to serve with Father Will and I look forward to welcoming him to Cohasset and Hull. Please continue reading below for an introductory letter from Father Will.

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Scott

Rev. Scott A. Euvrard

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*"Hold fast to the rudder of faith, that you may not be shaken by the heavy storms of this world." St. Ambrose*

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Dear Parishioners,



I am deeply grateful to His Eminence for assigning me to St. Mary and St. Anthony and am very excited to be joining you all beginning this July.

While I hope to get to know you over the next several years, please allow me the opportunity to briefly introduce myself.

I was born in Calcutta, India in May of 1986 and adopted by my mother, Ellen, in September of that same year. I was raised in

Dedham and grew up in the very home where my mother grew up and where she still resides with her older sister, my aunt, Mary Lou.

My love for the Mass and the Liturgy began at a very young age. I first began to feel called to the priesthood at the same time. I remember being in the first or second grade the first time I said that I was going to be a priest, though I wouldn't fully understand the gravity of what that meant for years. I began Altar serving in the 5th grade (a ministry which I oversaw from ninth grade through my senior year of high school). When I entered high school, I reluctantly became involved in the parish's Life Teen Youth Ministry program. And while I was hesitant to be involved at first, I went on to graduate having been a very active member.

During my time in Life Teen, I was blessed with the opportunity to attend World Youth Day 2000 in Rome and World Youth Day 2002 in Toronto. It was my time in Life Teen where I began to understand what a vocation was and was finally given both the vocabulary and means to begin to make sense of that calling I had felt back in elementary school (I was honored to be asked to be the principal celebrant for the 20th Anniversary Mass for Dedham's Life Teen, and as I said in my remarks before the final blessing, "I wouldn't be sitting here in the Presider's Chair tonight if I hadn't first sat in those pews for the Life Teen Mass during my four years in High School.").

After graduating Dedham High School, I attended The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., where I quickly became involved with Campus Ministry as well as Altar serving at the nearby Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Beginning to think about the priesthood again, in November of my freshman year of college, I applied to study for the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Boston as a college seminarian and was accepted later that year. In August of 2005, I began my studies for the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Boston at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia, PA.

In December of 2006, I discerned out of the seminary and returned to Boston. During the next few months I began working part-time for Buildings & Grounds at Noble and Greenough School in Dedham. I was assigned to the hockey rink and would occasionally drive the Zamboni (yes, it is as much fun as it looks!). Concurrently, I began substitute teaching at the Dedham Middle and High Schools. I returned to undergraduate studies the following Fall at UMass Boston, while continuing to substitute tech and work at the hockey rink.

When I left the seminary, I did not want to think about ever going back. I began dating and thought that I was called to the Vocation of marriage and family life. In 2008 I was asked by the parochial vicar at St. Mary's to help teach Confirmation Class and to assist on the RCIA team. It was my involvement in these two ministries that God used to get me to continue thinking about my Vocation to the priesthood, and while I was nowhere near ready to go back to the seminary, many days I wasn't even ready to think about thinking about going back, it made me think about what was I going to do with the rest of my life? Working at the hockey rink and teaching Confirmation class, I was able to form meaningful relationships with many

of the students, particularly those I'd see in school and then again at the hockey rink or at Confirmation class.

I graduated UMass Boston in 2010 with a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and my Massachusetts teaching license for Secondary Education in History, and, was hired for a Special Education classroom in Dedham. That Fall I also joined the St. Mary's Life Teen Core Team, and it was ultimately joining the Core team where the call to return to studying for the priesthood became so loud that I could no longer drown them out or ignore them.

In the Fall of 2011, I applied to study for the priesthood for Boston, and was accepted. I finished that school year at Dedham Middle School and entered St. John's Seminary in Brighton in August of 2012. I completed my studies for the priesthood in May of 2017 earning a Master's of Divinity from St. John's and a Bachelor of Sacred Theology from the Angelicum University in Rome. I was ordained to the Priesthood by Cardinal Sean on May 20, 2017.

I have been blessed to have had the opportunity to minister to and serve the people of Stoughton for the past three years, and I am grateful to Cardinal Sean for that assignment. As exciting as it is to get a "new" priest, it is never easy to lose a priest. I would humbly ask you to please pray for the people of Stoughton as I begin my time here and as Fr. Joe, your former pastor in Hull, prepares to start his new ministry to the people of Hyde Park and Milton and please know that I have been praying for you daily since I learned of the possibility of being assigned here. I am excited to begin my ministry and service to you and I am looking very forward to getting to know you!

In Christ,

Fr. Will