



First Communion - Rooms 1-4
Saturday, April 26th – 10:00am
Rehearsal - Wednesday, April 23rd @4:30pm

First Communion - Rooms 5-8
Saturday, April 26th – 1:00pm
Rehearsal - Wednesday, April 23rd @6:30pm

First Communion - Rooms 9-12
Saturday, May 3rd – 10:00am
Rehearsal - Wednesday, May 3rd @4:30pm

First Communion - Rooms 13-16
Saturday, May 3rd – 1:00pm
Rehearsal – Wednesday, May 3rd @6:30pm



Kids' Club is a children's bereavement program designed to help children ages 5-13, deal with the loss of a parent, sibling, grandparent or another significant person in their life. Children participate in crafts, creating memory books and sharing in a supportive understanding atmosphere. Registrations are being accepted for the next session, May 3rd from 9:30-noon at the Community VNA in Attleboro. To register or for more information call 508-222-0118, ext. 1369.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Confirmation Parent-Student Meeting
Sunday, June 1st @12:15pm – Church hall
We will discuss fall retreat and ceremony details, collect candidate information.

WEDDING BANNES

III Leah Gibson and James Sherlock



Dear Friends:

I was overwhelmed by your generous support to the struggling Catholic Church in China last weekend, which raised over ten thousand dollars. No single word can express my deep gratitude for your kindness and friendship throughout the last six years. No matter where I am, you are always in my thoughts and prayers because St. Mary's is home to me. Whenever you have an opportunity to visit China please let me know so that I could have the chance to express my thanks to you. Here is my contact information in China, please be sure use my Chinese name:

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Father Joseph

UPCOMING EVENTS!!

The Ahern Middle School students proudly present "*Seussical, Jr.*", a wonderful musical based on the works of Dr. Seuss. Performances are: Friday, May 16th @7:30pm; Saturday, May 17th @2:00pm & 7:30pm and Sunday, May 18th @2:00pm. Tickets: \$5/person. Ticket information - Foxboro Reporter or contact Caroline Clark through the Rectory.

We welcome to our parish community the following newly baptized members of Saint Mary's: Thomas Paul Gormley, Benjamin Everett Andrade, Declan Burke Bailey, Elizabeth Evelyn Brancato, Julia Leandro DeGiorgio, Lacey Teresa DeSantis, Shea Elizabeth Dorney, Michael James McCabe, Cathryn Patricia Noone, Caroline Grace O'Toole, Kathleen Marie Staruski, Riley Ann Staruski and Evan James Vieira.

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY FATHER

*Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to your shepherd,
Pope Benedict, a spirit of courage and right judgment,
a spirit of knowledge and love.*

*Be governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care,
May he, as a successor to the apostle Peter
and Vicar of Christ builds your church into
a sacrament of unity, love and peace for the world.*

*We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever
Amen*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Literacy Center of Attleboro is seeking volunteers to work with those who want to learn to read, improve writing skills, prepare for GED, learn English as a second language or obtain US citizenship. Spring Tutor Training classes begin Tuesday, May 6 – June 10 from 6:30-9pm or on Thursday mornings from 9:30am-noon beginning May 8-June 12th. For more information call the Literacy Center @508-226-3603.



Please keep in your prayers the three thousand Catholics from throughout the Archdiocese including about 50 parishioners from St. Mary's, who will join Cardinal O'Malley in a pilgrimage to New York. They will participate in a Mass celebrated by Pope Benedict XVI at Yankee Stadium today, April 20th for the five dioceses observing their Bicentennial.

CATHOLIC TELEVISION

Watch Catholic TV for full coverage and commentary of Pope Benedict's XVI visit to the United States. Each of the liturgies and papal appearances will be preceded by at least one-half hour of lead-in coverage and commentary. Catholic TV is available in most areas on Comcast, RCN and Verizon FIOS or on the web www.PopeInAmerica.com.



LIFETEEN MASS: Sunday @6:00pm

LIFENIGHTS: Immediately following the Lifeteen Mass and ending @8:45pm at the K of C Hall.

PIZZA & PRAYER: Mondays @7pm - Sacristy.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: A group of teens have started meeting every Monday from 6-7:00pm in the main church to knit – never knit?? They are willing to teach you. Come check out this new ministry!!

NEW LIFETEEN WEBSITE: Check out our new and improved website, new pictures and updated events at stmaryslifeteen.

STEUBENVILLE EAST: July 11-13th - High School Teens sign up for this awesome weekend today!! Limited spots (20) available on first-come-first-serve basis. Incoming freshmen and graduating seniors are welcome. Please take a brochure at the back of the church or contact Katy @508-560-0841.

SMA FATHERS ANNUAL SPRING DANCE

Friday, May 16th @7:30pm

Irish Social Club – West Roxbury

All proceeds from the dance and raffles go to building schools, clinics and churches in Africa where their mission work is done. For more information or tickets contact Father Ulick Bourke @781-326-3286.

ST. MARY'S PRAYER LINE

We believe in the power of prayer. If you have a prayer request or are interested in joining our Prayer Line please call the Rectory.

APRIL 20, 2008

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

I want to express my profound gratitude to all of you for your warm and enthusiastic welcome during the past few weeks. Your kind words of support for me and your expressions of a positive future to our parish are greatly appreciated. "I think I am going to like it here!"

During the past two weeks I have had the pleasure of seeing and being a part of some wonderful faith and community building experiences around the parish and the town of Foxboro itself. I would like to share some of those observations with you in this writing. This is not a complete list but rather a glimpse of life around St. Mary's.

When Pope Benedict celebrates Mass at Yankee Stadium in New York, St. Mary's and Foxboro will be well represented at that Liturgy with 53 people from town there as well as a "few others." Two buses from Foxboro will carry the largest group from any parish in the Archdiocese of Boston. That is great! Speaking of great, Father Jay has been invited to be a con-celebrant of the Mass with the Pope. To get such an invite is an honor and for Father Jay, a well deserved one.

Your generosity to the collection for the Church in China last weekend is clearly an expression of your love and admiration for Father Joe. The parish will miss him for sure. Thank you Father Joe!!

Last Sunday night during Edge and Lifeteen the teens wrote letters to the residents of the Doolittle Home. Their simple "thinking of you" means the world to the residents. Witnessing our young adults praying and *enthusiastically* celebrating Mass was a grace for me.

Our second graders participated in their First Communion Retreats and are very excited to receive the Lord next weekend.

The Religious Education Staff is already working on improving the program for next year. Spring clean-up has the grounds looking good. Our Liturgies on the weekend are very well attended and celebrated with reverence and excitement. Father Jay is a joy to live with and a good priest. I am being well fed and I get a good night sleep every night.

"I think I am going to like it here."

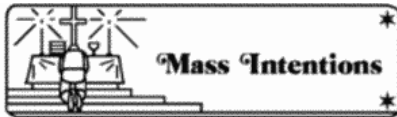
God bless you all,

Father Steve

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*"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am, you also may be."
- Jn 14:1-3*



SATURDAY, APRIL 19

4:00 Philomena Briggs Memorial

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

7:00 Thelma St. Laurent 3rd Ann

9:00 The Roche Family Memorial

Ed & Julia VanDenBerghe

Edwin VanDenBerghe, Jr

MONDAY, APRIL 21

9:00 Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

9:00 Delores LaPointe Memorial

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

4:00 Phyllis Thorne Birthday Remembrance

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

9:00 George & Stephanie Saegh Memorial

11:00 Dominic Fontana Memorial

Rosina Fontana 30th Ann

Please remember in your prayers the above intentions, the ill and infirmed of the parish, members of our Benefactor Society and all our beloved deceased.



The sanctuary candle is lit in loving memory of The Kelleher Family. If you wish to remember a beloved loved one by lighting the sanctuary candle in their memory please call the Rectory. An offering of \$25 is appreciated.

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