

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE 2008-2009

Grade 1: Thursday – 4:00-5:00pm – starting October
Our sacramental program for First Penance & First Eucharist is a two-year program. Students must complete our Grade 1 program in order to be registered for Grade 2.

Grade 2: Tuesday - 4:30-5:30pm

Grade 3: Wednesday – 4:00-5:00pm

Grade 4: Monday – 4:00-5:00pm

Grade 5: Monday – 5:30-6:30pm

Grade 6: Wednesday – 5:30-6:30pm

Grade 7: Tuesday -7:00-8:00pm

Grade 8: Thursday - 7:00-8:00pm

Grade 9: Sunday – ***3:15-5:45pm*** – once a month

Please note change of time



Teachers are needed at all grade levels. If you would like to teach, team-teach with a friend or be a hall monitor please call the Religious Education Office @ the Rectory.

Separation, Divorce and Beyond

Blessed Sacrament Parish in Walpole is offering an 8 week program designed to offer support and healing for those who have experienced a failed marriage and offer hope for the prospect of better tomorrows. The group meets on Sunday evenings 7:00 - 8:30pm in the Community Room. If interested please contact Jeanie Mattila or Mary Ellen Mercier through the Rectory.



PRAY
FOR
Our Members
in the
Military

Please remember in your prayers the men and women who are in the military today, especially William Albano, Michael

Burke, John Burke, Commander Karl Eimers, Louise Balduf, Chris Butler Graham P. Johnston, Father Bill Devine, Corporal Brendan Kelly, USMC Phillip Giardino, Jr., Daniel Sheehan and Shane McAulay. If you have family member, friend or a loved one serving presently in the military please get those names to Father Steve @ the Rectory. We will publish the names weekly in the Bulletin so we can pray for them and their families as a community.

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Friday, August 15th is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am and 7:00pm



Special thanks to all who gave so generously to Sharing Sunday. Your donations along with a hot meal were taken to Pine Street Inn by parish volunteers. Thank you for your continued support of this program of caring & sharing.

PARISH SUPPORT

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: \$6101.00
Thank you for your continued support and generosity each week to St. Mary's Parish.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: The Archdiocesan special collection for the Home Missions will be taken at all the Masses next weekend, August 16-17th. As always your support is much needed and greatly appreciated.

LIFETEEN NEWS:

Lifeteen will be holding a 50/50 raffle on August 24th. Tickets will be sold after ALL the Masses on August 16-17th & 23-24th. The drawing will be held after the Lifeteen Mass on the 24th, you do not to be present as your name and number will be on the ticket! Also the same weekend tickets will be available for Lifeteen's Annual Spaghetti Dinner, which will be held after the 4pm Mass on September 13th. Thank you in advance for all your support!



II Kim Haarer and Scott Hovey
II Stephanie Collins and Jason Brown
III Colleen McGuire and James Naphen

FROM FATHER JAY'S COMPUTER:

I hope you are all enjoying these beautiful hot summer days, but unfortunately they are going by too quickly. I am sitting here in my office listening to the Battle Hymn of the Republic and the words, "Glory, Glory Halleluiah" which reminds me of a miraculous event which took place last week. Many of you may know that Father Steve is not a fan of technology and would much rather use a feather pen and ink. Well, we finally convinced him to buy a new computer (one that works with electricity) and he reluctantly agreed. We were all overjoyed at the thought of pristinely typed memos and word processed documents but alas, nothing! I think he is still looking for the power switch!! I have the privilege of writing you this week while Father Steve learns a new computer. I imagine this may be my last communication as I will be out of a job shortly!!

This week we heard the powerful words of Christ, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Each and every day we ask for the strength and courage to do God's will. Some of us pray for the strength just to get through the day. These words are for us as much as they were for St. Peter! Our strength and courage is in the Lord!! May God bless you and give you strength this week!

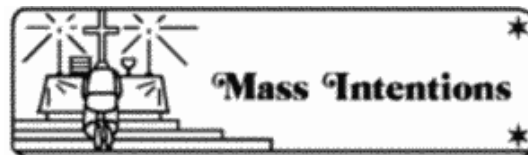
After speaking with Fr. Steve I would like to add a section to the Bulletin each week entitled "Did you know." My hope is that it will offer some insight into different aspects of the Church and our faith as Catholics. Hopefully you will enjoy it!!

God bless,

Father Jay



He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" - Mt 14:29-31



SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

4:00 Edward F. Cotter 1st Ann

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

7:00 Vera MacDougall Memorial

9:00 Frederick Conroy 5th Ann

11:00 George & Sadie Brady Memorial

The Brady Family

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

9:00 Lawrence Williamson Memorial

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

7:00pm Nicholas V. Puopolo Memorial

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

9:00 Arthur & Nancy Levesque Memorial

4:00 Howard Chu Memorial

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

7:00 Raymond E. Smith Memorial

James D. Sullivan & family

9:00 Rudolph Sawyer 25th Ann

11:00 Carol Poirier 4th 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.

Did you know...

The *First Letter to the Thessalonians* is the oldest preserved Christian writing. The letter was written by Saint Paula round the year 50 or 51.



The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in loving memory of Evelyn Micucci. If you wish to remember a beloved loved one by lighting the candle in their memory please call the Rectory. A donation of \$25 is appreciated.