

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION **SCHEDULE 2008-2009**

- Grade 1:** Thursday – 4:00-5:00pm – starting in October
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 (monthly)

ATTENTION PARENTS:

At St. Mary's our sacramental program for First Penance and First Eucharist is a two year program. Students must complete the Grade 1 Program to be enrolled for Grade 2. If your child is entering Grade 1 in September please call the Religious Education Office to register for our program.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT **REMINDER**

Saturdays: September 6, 13 & 17th – 10:00am **SHARP**
 These retreats are for our Grade 10 students

PRAYER PARTNERS: reminder that there is a box for the letters to the candidates on the Rectory porch. All letters due August 31st.



Teachers are needed at all grade levels except Grade 2. Please consider teaching, team-teaching with a friend or become a hall monitor. Tuition is waived for all volunteers. Please call the Religious Education Office 508-543-4577 if you can help.



KIDS CLUB

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 other significant person in their life. Registrations are being accepted for the September 13th meeting at the Community VNA in Attleboro. To register call 508-222-0118, ext. 1370. This program is free and open to all.



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 and USMC Phillip Giardino, Jr. Also, Daniel Sheehan, Shane McAulay, Daniel Wagner and Corporal Eric Thomas. If you have family member, friend or a loved one serving presently in the military please get those names to Father Steve (508-543-7726). We will publish the names weekly in the Bulletin so we can pray for them and their families as a community.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Caritas Norwood Hospital is in need of volunteers for the Hospital elder Life Program. This program is geared toward helping elderly patients maintain independence and avoid confusion and have a better stay in the hospital. Training will be held October 21-22 from 9:00am-3:00pm For more information call the Volunteer Services Department @781-278-6322.



The Children's Choir, under the direction of Laura Canfield, will soon resume practice on Sunday mornings from 10:00-11:00am in the Murphy Room. The children will sing once a month at the 9:00am Mass. If you would like to enroll your child or have any questions please call Laura @ the Rectory.

MASS & HEALING SERVICE

Immaculate Conception Church, Stoughton
 Thursday, September 4th @7pm
 Father Joseph P. McDermott – Celebrant
 All who have physical illnesses, as well as those burdened with emotionally, spiritually or financially problems are welcome. For more information call 781-344-2073.

Wedding Banns

I Carrie Cummings and Ben Chester

PARISH SUPPORT

OFFERTORY:

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Thank you for your continue support and generosity each week to Saint Mary's Parish.

A NOTE FROM FATHER JAY:

I hope everyone is getting their well deserved rest as we finish up the summer. The Rectory has been bustling along preparing for Religious Education and all the events that come with the start of the “academic” year. Speaking of academics this is a good time to plug our RCIA program here at St. Mary’s Church. Each year the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* gathers once a week from September to Eastertide to pass on the Catholic faith in a relaxed environment. The RCIA program is geared primarily for those who have not been baptized and seek to receive the sacraments of initiation; Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Similarly, the program encourages those who have been baptized but may not be Catholic to learn and enter the Catholic Church. I personally encourage adult Catholics to join us each week to deepen their understanding of what the Catholic Church teaches. If you are interested please contact the rectory or visit our website where you can fill out a registration form for the fall.

The Gospel this week is one of my favorites and one that truly made me think about joining the Catholic faith. Just think how Peter, a simple man, was singled out by Jesus to lead His Church on earth. If that wasn’t enough Jesus said, “whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven”. This lofty call was given to Peter and has been handed down to each Pope since then. We too share in that call as we participate in the Church’s life here on earth. As we approach September please consider involving yourself in the life of the Church here at St. Mary’s. Please speak to Father Steve or myself if you would consider helping out in some way. We are always in need of volunteers for our Life Teen Program whether it be a Core member or helping out with events. Maybe you would be interested in teaching for our Religious Education Program. These are just a few ways you can get involved in your parish!

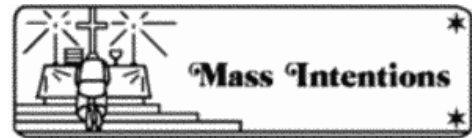
Many thanks to all of you who participated in the Knight Family Fundraiser! There is no other town like Foxboro when it comes to supporting each other in a time of need. Let’s continue to support each other in prayer and service.

Have a blessed week!!
Father Jay

Did you know... If you look at the top of a Pope’s coat of arms you will see two keys. These keys show the Pope’s relationship to St. Peter as we read in the Gospel this week!



"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ. - Mt 16:19-20



SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

4:00	Phyllis Westwater	5 th Ann
	Costas Efstathiou	25 th Ann

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

9:00	Rocco Giovino	20 th Ann
11:00	Mark Perry	Memorial

MONDAY, AUGUST 25

9:00	Mary Cairo	5 th Ann
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

4:00	Margaret Fitzpatrick	Birthday Remembrance
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

9:00	Paul & Loretta Roche	Memorial
	Mary Freitag	
11:00	Robert Devautour	20 th 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 this week in loving memory of Margaret Milliken. 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.

Readings for the Week of August 24

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20
 Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Mt 23:13-22
 Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Mt 23:23-26
 Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Mt 23:27-32
 Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51
 Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Mk 6:17-29
 Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 25:14-30
 Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27