

- Grade 1: Thursday, October 16th
 Grade 2: Parent Meeting – Wednesday, September 10
 1st class – Tuesday, September 16th
 Grade 3: Wednesday, September 17th
 Grade 4: Monday, September 15th
 Grade 5: Monday, September 15th
 Grade 6: Wednesday, September 17th
 Grade 7: Tuesday, September 23rd
 Parent Meeting – 1ST CLASS
 Grade 8: Thursday, September 18th -
 Parent Meeting – 1ST CLASS
 Grade 9: Sunday, September 21st
 Parent Meeting – Sunday, September 14th

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.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT REMINDER

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

PRAYER PARTNERS LETTERS ARE DUE

TODAY, AUGUST 31ST - there is a box for the letters to the candidates on the Rectory porch.

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.

SHARING SUNDAY: Next Sunday, September 7th is Sharing Sunday. Your donations of non-perishable food items may be left at the doors of the church. Thank you for continued support of this program of caring and sharing.



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.

SEPTEMBERFEST

St. Mary's Parish – Mansfield - Sunday, September 14th
 Bake table, crafts & gift shoppe, silent auction & raffles
 Rides and games for entire family

Wedding Banns

II Carrie Cummings and Ben Chester

Volunteers make the difference at HESSCO Elder Services. Over 600 volunteers provide the time and energy that is needed to serve local elders. Volunteers are needed as Meal on Wheel Drivers, Dining Room volunteers, Ombudsman program, Money managers and SHINE Counselors. To volunteer or for more information call Bev Carothers @781-784-4944, ex. 204 or e-mail bcarothers@hessco.org

OUR LADY OF SORROW FEAST DAY

Public Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at the Father Peyton Center of Easton on Monday September 15th commemorating the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, Patroness of the Congregation of Holy Cross, whose priests and brothers serve the Holy Cross Ministries, Holy Cross Retreat House, Stonehill College and Holy Cross Parish in Easton and St. Mary's Parish in Taunton. Adoration begins at 9:00am and concludes with Mass at noon. For more information call Holy Family Ministries @508-238-4095.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

You will no doubt notice some physical changes that have taken place or will be taking place over the course of the coming weeks to the Sanctuary of the church. Father Jay and I have discussed these changes to our worship space at great length and really feel that in time you will agree that the new arrangement of the altar furniture will serve us well. We certainly understand that any change no matter how minor or major to such a sacred space will cause some angst to some. With these few words of explanation I hope that you might appreciate the altar space anew.

In every sanctuary the two central focuses should be the altar table itself and the tabernacle. Both should be placed in a clear central location to allow the faithful to give the proper dignity and respect that they deserve and warrant. With this in mind, the tabernacle will be moved back to the middle of the sanctuary. The statues of Joseph and Mary will return to the wall niches that originally held them. The presiders' chair will be placed off to the side of the altar table.

The Responsorial Psalm that is normally sung with a Cantor is a part of the Liturgy of the Word. It should be proclaimed and sung from the same ambo where the Readings of the Liturgy are proclaimed, so the ambo will be placed on the opposite side from where it has been.

Everything that we do as a parish family should be defined and be directly related to the effective way we celebrate our Liturgies. Nothing is more important than our Liturgical celebrations and therefore the sacred space in which we celebrate them is of critical importance to all of us. I hope you would agree.

Have a great week,

Father Steve



Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life?"

- Mt 16:24-26

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

4:00 Margaret Fitzpatrick Birthday Remembrance

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

9:00 Paul & Loretta Roche Memorial
 Mary Freitag

11:00 Robert Devautour 20th Ann

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

9:00 Bernard Higgins 10th Ann

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

9:00 John Barros Memorial

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

9:00 Tom Dalton Memorial

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

9:00 Arthur & Nancy Levesque Memorial

4:00 Edward O'Hara 7th Ann

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

7:00 Patricia St. Laurent 5th Ann

9:00 Stephen & Catherine Martin Memorial

11:00 Catherine & Joseph Cody Memorial

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 Paul & Loretta Roche. 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.

September
 Month of The Seven
 Sorrows of Mary



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