

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 18th

NO CLASSES – FEBRUARY VACATION
Classes resume the week of February 25th

A Mass and Healing Service will be held at the Immaculate Conception Church in Stoughton on Sunday, February 24th @2:00pm. All those who have physical

illnesses, as well as those burdened or suffering emotionally, spiritually, or financially are welcome. Rev. Joseph McDermott will be the celebrant.

The next Baptism Catechesis class will be held March 5th @7:30pm in the church. All first time parents are **expected** to attend prior to their child's baptism. Godparents are also encouraged to attend.

Please call the Rectory with the date you would like to attend. If you have any questions contact Father Jason or Deacon Richie.

DONATIONS NEEDED!!

The Bethany House Hope Chest in Millis is seeking donations of good used or new items. The Hope Chest offers eclectic treasures such as jewelry, antiques, books, furniture, kitchenware, toys and bric-a-brac. All proceeds help support Bethany House Ministries, a non-profit charitable organization. To make a donation or for more information call Sister Kathleen @508-376-9923 or Gary @508-376-0824.

Cardinal Sean O'Malley has announced three upcoming bicentennial events to occur April 18-20th.

Friday, April 18 – 3rd Annual Boston Catholic Women's Conference from 5-9:30pm at Boston College's Conte Forum.

Saturday, April 19th – 4th Annual Boston Catholic Men's Conference at Boston College. This is the largest Catholic Men's Conference in the country.

Sunday- April 20th – Pilgrimage to New York to see Pope Benedict XVI.

For more information visit www.Boston200.org or call 617-779-3700.

Bishop Feehan High School is attempting to collect 100,000 cans of non-perishable food items to be donated to various anti-hunger agencies. This food drive will run through April. Please join by leaving your food items in the box marked

“Bishop Feehan” at the doors of the church. Together we can make a difference!!



WEEKDAY MASSES DURING LENT

Monday – Friday @9:00am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday – 7:00pm

PENANCE SERVICE

Monday, February 25th @7:00pm

Our guest speaker will be Father Robert Poitras from Saint Agatha's Parish in Milton.

OPERATION SUPPORT OUR TROOPS



Time again for signs of caring from St. Mary's to our troops in Iraq & Afghanistan. Boxes for your donations will be at the doors of the church from February 23-March 9th. Requests include snacks in a box – Pringles,

cheese crackers, cookies, nuts, trail mix, hard candy, gum, pop-tarts and beef jerky. Also socks, fleece blankets (50x60 roll) bath towels, hand sanitizer, toothpaste, toothbrushes, bath gel, baby wipes, unscented deodorant, foot powder and eye drops. Used DVD (no war films) playing cards, AA batteries, telephone cards or contributions to the cost of phone cards are also needed. Thank you in advance for support.



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PARISH SUPPORT

OFERTORY COLLECTION: \$6056.00

Thank you all for your continued support and generosity to Saint Mary's Parish.

LIFETEEN CORNER:

LIFETEEN MASS: Sundays @6:00pm

LIFENIGHTS: Sundays immediately following the Lifeteen Mss and ending @8:45pm. This week's Lifenight – "TRI". Next week: "Trivia Challenge"

PIZZA & PRAYER: Mondays @7pm in the Sacristy. No P & P on February 18th.

UPCOMING EDGE EVENT: February 23rd – DDR Night 4:00-11:00pm at the K of C Hall

EXTREME EAST: Friday, March 7th The host for this month is MTV Real World New Orleans cast: Matt Smith. Join us as we head to LaSalette leaving at 6:15pm

SPRING RETREAT: March 28-30th – Mello's Retreat Center Jacksonville, VT. All high school teens invited. Please contact Katy 508560-0841 or by e-mail campbelleg3@aol.com

INCOME TAX STATEMENT

If you wish a copy of your 2007 contributions to Saint Mary's Church please call the Rectory and leave your name and address. We will be happy to mail your statement.

Reminder of change in federal tax laws effective 2007: Parishioners who itemize deductions on Schedule A of their tax return will no longer be able to deduct contributions to the parish **unless** they maintain a bank record or receive a written statement from us. Cash contributions that are not in a parish envelope cannot be traced by the parish and will not be included on your statement. To ensure tax deductibility either use parish envelopes or checks payable to St. Mary's.

Second Sunday in



*Father Jay's
Message*



"Lord, it is good that we are here."

This weekend, like the disciples, we experience the transfiguration of the Lord. Imagine standing on a high mountain, which in itself would be difficult for some people, and seeing Jesus transfigured before your eyes! There is no doubt the disciples we frightened and amazed at the same time. However, even though they may not have completely understood the event, Peter knew it was good for them to be there.

We echo the same words as Peter, "it is truly good to be here!" We encounter the Lord at the altar here at St. Mary's in His true presence but we also meet the Lord in every part of our daily lives. Even in the midst of difficulties we are moved to say, "It is good to be here." We may not understand the little yet profound question of why, but we know it is good to be with the Lord. As we continue our Lenten journey we ask the Lord to help us understand His will.

The passage in Matthew's Gospel this weekend reaffirms my love for St. Mary's and it is very good to be here! All of you make this such a great faith community! I am so grateful for the staff here at St. Mary's and all of you who volunteer your time! May the Lord be with you this week and bless you abundantly!! Oh yes, in case you have been avoiding the sports world for the last couple of weeks the equipment truck has arrived in Florida!!

God bless,

Father Jay

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Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

MASS INTENTIONS

- † **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16**
4:00 Barbara Hyland Memorial
- † **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17**
9:00 Robert Stafford 23rd Ann
11:00 Lance Cpl. Thomas M. Casey, Jr. 39th Ann
- † **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18**
9:00 Frederick P. Cove Memorial
- † **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21**
9:00 Nicholas P. "Nick" Sheehan 4th Ann
- † **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22**
9:00 Louise Finn Memorial
- † **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23**
4:00 Joseph McKay Memorial
- † **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24**
7:00 Henry A. Murphy 32nd Ann
9:00 Brendan Bubencik Memorial
11:00 Anne Flynn 1st Ann

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

††† IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

This week the Sanctuary Candle is lit in loving memory of Vera MacDougall. If you wish to remember a beloved loved one by lighting the candle in their memory please call the Rectory. An offering of \$25 is appreciated.