

My Dear Friends,

Thank you for your prayers and your many thoughts, cards and emails. I'm afraid the only one who does not think he is sick is ME. Something not very unusual. I have cellulites in my leg. I have to see a cardiologist this week. I never thought a trip to the ER would end up as a stay in the hospital but it did. Not in my plans. My family and friends have been great. I am making great progress but please make sure you keep those prayers and good thoughts coming. Stay cool and enjoy the rest of the summer.

My sincere thanks to Father Madden and the staff at St. Mary's.

God bless,
Father Tom

ATTENTION PARENTS

Our sacramental program for First Penance and First Eucharist is a two-year program. Students must complete the Grade 1 program in order to be registered for Grade 2.



We need teachers at all grade levels. If you would like to teach, team-teach with a friend, substitute teach or be a hall monitor please call the Religious Education Office @543-4577.

PARISH SUPPORT

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: \$5934.00

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

SPECIAL COLLECTION: The special collection for the church in Central and Eastern Europe will be taken at all the Masses this weekend, July 26-27th. As always your support is much needed.



I Colleen McGuire and James Naphen
III Katherine Killenger and Vincent D'Angelis



LIFETEEN FUNDRAISING BAKE SALE: Will take place after all the Masses (7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am & 6:00pm) on Sunday July 27th. If you are interested in helping out with baked goods, please contact Cindy Curran @543-4577.

LIFETEEN MASS: Sunday – 6:00pm **NO** Lifenights during the summer but continue to check our website for upcoming events: stmaryslifeteen.net

PIZZA & PRAYER: Mondays @7pm - Sacristy.

SHARING SUNDAY

Next Sunday, August 3rd is Sharing Sunday. Your donations of non-perishable food items may be left at the doors of the church. Thank you for your continued support of this program of sharing and caring.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS!!

The Foxboro Knights of Columbus are seeking applicants for the three scholarships, which they administer:

Paul Reynolds Memorial Scholarship - This scholarship is open to residents of Foxboro, who are graduating seniors. The scholarship is awarded principally **based on a history of community service**. Financial need and academic achievement are also considered.

James Stark Memorial Nursing Scholarship - This scholarship is awarded to anyone, who was a Foxboro resident at the time of High School graduation and who is pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in nursing. The scholarship is awarded based on financial need.

6063 Scholarship - This scholarship is open to members and the immediate family of members of Council 6063, with at least three year s of membership in the Council. Applicants must have completed the first year of college. Eligibility is based on financial need, career intention, and academic achievement.

Applications are available on the Council Website: www.kofc6063.org or by calling Paul O'Sullivan through the Rectory. Deadline: August 31, 2008

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

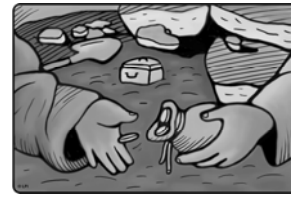
It is Tuesday July 22nd!! We are about half way through the summer. It has been very warm and the last couple of days rather uncomfortable. In a parish it is often said that during the summer “*things quiet down.*” These are days when the scheduling of meetings and events is supposed to be less. I am waiting for things around here to “quiet down.”

It is 10:15am on Tuesday. The dining room is occupied by an accountant from a firm in Boston sent by the Archdiocese to conduct a three-day audit of our parish books. Prior to his arrival Peg Cotter has spent hours preparing reports and organizing the office to assist this process. Peg will spend the next 3 days with the audit. The audit is something that happens automatically when there is a change in a pastor. Lloyd Gibbs just arrived at the Rectory to tell me that he has finished stripping, washing and waxing the downstairs hall and stairwells. They look great! Father Jay is busy putting together Prayer Services and homilies for a 4-day pilgrimage over the weekend to Canada. He will be taking 42 people with him on his trip. They leave before dawn, which means that Father Jay will be scrambling to pack well after midnight. In the back wing of the Rectory Anne Robinson, Gerry Saegh, Kathy Briggs and Elaine L'Etoile are working away putting together class lists and lesson plans for the upcoming Religious Education year. The amount of time, care and detail that they all put into their respective areas of the program is amazing. Marlene DeLeon is finishing up all the details for our Confirmation Retreats that will be here before you know it. Our children and young people are so lucky! The guys from Willow Grove Nursery are here to pick the necessary paperwork to dig a grave for tomorrow's Funeral Mass. RuthAnn Borman is calling me to the phone on line 2. She is volunteering to answer the phone for a few days while the audit is going on. Nancy Gibbs just returned from doing the grocery shopping and is taking a count as to who will be here for lunch.

Aside from sitting here writing this letter for the Bulletin, you might ask what the pastor is doing this morning. It is July 22nd and he is offering a prayer of gratitude for the incredible staff he has and waiting patiently for “*things to quiet down*” over the summer.

God Bless,

Father Steve



"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it." - Mt 13:44-46

**SATURDAY, JULY 26**

4:00 Mary McKay Memorial

SUNDAY, JULY 27

7:00 Margaret c. Beaudry 22nd Ann

9:00 Loretta Simon Memorial

11:00 Valmore & Eunice Brodeur Memorial
Charles Garbarino

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

9:00 Anne Walsh Driscoll Memorial

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

4:00 Joseph McKay Memorial

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

7:00 Patty Flaherty & Frank Berg Memorial

9:00 Margaret G. Lynch Memorial

11:00 Arthur & Theresa Bergquist Memorial

Please remember in your prayers the above intentions, the ill and infirmed of the parish, members of our Benefactor's Society and all our beloved deceased, especially Edward Cronin whose Funeral Mass was celebrated this week.



**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 and USMC Phillip Giardino, Jr. If you have a 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.