

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Cardinal O'Malley has requested a special second collection in all parishes the weekend of May 24-25th to assist with the Catholic Relief Services emergency response to the people of Myanmar following last weeks' cyclone and flooding. Significant funds are needed to ensure that critical life-saving assistance reaches the most vulnerable people quickly. Catholic Relief Services will coordinate with the Caritas network and local and international agencies to determine how best to provide help where it is most needed

Classes are complete for this year. Once again registration will be automatic. If your child was enrolled in the program last year and all work is completed he/she will automatically be placed on a class list for the upcoming year.

Our second graders may pick up their candles from the First Communion Altar cloth after all the Masses in the lower church hall.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Confirmation Parent-Student Meeting
Sunday, June 1st @ 12:15pm – Church hall

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 in order to be registered for Grade 2. If you have a child entering Grade 1 in September please call the Religious Education Office (543-4577) to register for our Grade 1 Program.

On November 8th 116 students in our Religious Education Program will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is a long standing tradition that each Confirmation candidate have a Prayer Partner who will pray for the candidate from now through November 8th. As part of being a Prayer Partner you will be asked to write a letter of support and encouragement to the candidate. These letters are written and returned to the Rectory by August 31st so we can distribute them during the September Confirmation Retreats. In you are interested in becoming a Prayer Partner, please complete the form at the back of the church or call Elaine 543-4577, ext. 107 as soon as possible. Note: Do not assume we will assign you a candidate if you have been a Prayer Partner in the past - you must contact Elaine again.

Today, SUNDAY, MAY 18
LOWER CHURCH HALL
10:00-11:00AM
GRADES 1-3

WEDDING BANNES

III Angela Azzolino and Michael Testa

OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

\$7348.00

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

SPECIAL COLLECTION: The Archdiocesan special collection for Communications will be taken at all the Masses this weekend, May 17-18th. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Our Annual Mass for all deceased buried at St. Mary's Cemetery will be held on Memorial Day, May 26th, at Saint Mary's Church. All are invited to join in offering prayers for our beloved deceased.

MEMORIAL DAY **This Mass will take the place of the 9:00am Daily Mass.**

SCHOLARSHIPS

Saint Mary's Catholic Women's Guild Scholarship Committee wishes to announce that applications are available and may be picked up after all the Masses at the doors of the church or at the Rectory. Applicants must be members of Saint Mary's Parish and have completed at least one year of formal education beyond high school. Again this year two \$1000 scholarships will be awarded. We are grateful to Dr. Alan Lee, a local dentist and friend of St. Mary's who has once again made a generous donation to the fund in loving memory of his wife Kathleen A. Lee. Completed applications should be mailed to: Scholarship Committee, %St. Mary's Rectory, 83 Central Street, Foxboro, MA 02035.



Father's Day Card's are available at the doors of the church. To remember your Father living or deceased at the Masses on Father's Day, please fill out the insert card and return to us. If your

Father is living please take a card and an insert. If your Father is deceased please take an insert. Cards may be placed in the collection basket or dropped through the Rectory mail slot.

FONTBONNE ACADEMY

Families and their daughters uncommitted to a secondary school program for the academic year 2008-2009 are invited to explore opportunities at Fontbonne Academy, a private Catholic school for young women in Milton. For more information please contact Susan Morrissey, Director of Admissions @617-615-3014.



LIFETEEN MASS: Sunday @6:00pm

LIFENIGHTS: Immediately following the Lifeteen Mass and ending @8:45pm at the K of C Hall.

PIZZA & PRAYER: Mondays @7pm - Sacristy.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Monday from 6-7:00pm in the main church.

STEUBENVILLE EAST: July 11-13th. High School teens sign up for this awesome weekend now!! To find out more please take brochure at the back of the church or contact Katy@508-560-0841.

NEW WESITE - stmaryslifeteen.net



Lifeteen is hosting a Surprise Dinner in honor of Father Joseph Li on Saturday, May 31st at 5:00pm in the lower church hall. All parishioners and their families are invited to attend as we say good-bye to Father Joe. Tickets: \$10/person. All proceeds will be given to Father Joe for the Church in China. Tickets will be sold after all the Masses this weekend.



The sanctuary candle is lit this week in loving memory of The Batchelor Family. If you wish to remember a beloved loved one by lighting the sanctuary candle in their memory please call the Rectory. An offering of \$25 is appreciated.



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*From the
Pastor's Desk*

Webster defines “community” this way: “an interacting population of various people with a common characteristic or interest living together within a larger society.” Madden would define community this way - US! During the week I have witnessed many times the incredible generosity and kindness of so many of you. We are not a perfect community; we are not without our societal problems. There is work to be done around us. We should all commit ourselves to action to achieve a more peaceful society.

My column this week is to encourage everyone to simply take notice of the “community” building happening around us. Take notice and be proud of all that is a blessing from God made visible by yourself and the other member of our “community.”

It is sometimes easy to develop a negative attitude about life. The glass is always only “half-full.” Half is better than being empty. I believe that God has given Foxborough many blessings. I believe that this “community” is something truly special.

As the weather gets better and the warmth of the sun begins to produce those bursts of color and newness of life in our yards and gardens I hope that our own minds and hearts will likewise have bursts of positive color and some newness of renewed spirits. Go for a walk around the neighborhood. Go for a ride around town. Attentively listen to the many and varied conversations you will engage in this week. If you look closely and listen honestly you may see and hear what Webster defines. Foxborough is an interacting population of various people with a common characteristic or interest living together within a larger society. It is good to be us!

God Bless you all,

Father Steve



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God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. - Jn 3:16-17



- † **SATURDAY, May 17**
4:00 Joseph Meomartino Memorial
- † **SUNDAY, MAY 18**
7:00 The Kelleher Family Memorial
9:00 Vin Igo Birthday Remembrance
11:00 Elizabeth Bryan Powers 10th Ann
- † **MONDAY, MAY 19**
9:00 Gregory Whitney Memorial
- † **TUESDAY, MAY 20**
9:00 The Bennett Family Memorial
- † **WEDNESDAY, MAY 21**
9:00 Edward O'Hara 21st Ann
- † **THURSDAY, MAY 22**
9:00 The Hallisey Family Memorial
- † **FRIDAY, MAY 23**
9:00 The Shea Family Memorial
- † **SATURDAY, MAY 24**
9:00 The Hoyle Family Memorial
4:00 Lucy & Sally DeLutis Memorial
- † **SUNDAY, MAY 25**
7:00 Anne Gillis Birthday Remembrance
9:00 Maureen Kelley 2nd Ann
11:00 Mary & Thomas Mulkern 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 especially James Knight, Robert Aucoin, and Ruth McMullen whose Funeral Masses were celebrated this past week.