



We would like to thank all the volunteers who stepped forward to share their faith with our children. Without the support of these volunteers our Religious Education Program would not be the program it is today. Again thank you!!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

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. If you are new to the parish or have a child entering 1st Grade in September please call the Religious Education Office (543-4577) to register. 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.

PARISH SUPPORT

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: \$6494.00

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

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Cardinal O'Malley has requested a special second collection in all parishes this weekend, May 24-25th, to assist with the Catholic Relief Services emergency response to the people of Myanmar following last weeks' cyclone and flooding. Catholic Relief Services will coordinate with the Caritas network, local & international agencies to determine how best to provide help. As always your support is much needed.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: St. Mary's Women's Guild Scholarship collection will be taken at all the Masses next weekend, May 31-June 1. As always your support is greatly appreciated.



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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Confirmation Meeting
Parent-Candidate

Sunday, June 1st @12:15pm – Church hall

ST. MARY'S PARISH - MANSFIELD

Celebration of the Feasts of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Friday, May 30th – Mass beginning @7pm followed by an all-night vigil until 7:00am.
Saturday Morning – Mass @7:30am & Rosary



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 & an insert. If your Father is deceased please take an insert. Cards may be placed in the collection basket or the Rectory mail slot.



Our Annual Mass for all deceased buried at St. Mary's Cemetery will be held at 11:00am on Memorial Day, May 26th, at Saint Mary's Church. All are invited to join in offering prayers for our beloved deceased. ***This Mass will take the place of the 9:00am Daily Mass.***



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-\$2000 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.



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



Goodbye
Father Joe
Thank You!

Come join us for a Farewell Dinner in honor of Fr. Joe Li. St. Mary's Life Teen is proud to host this family dinner where we all can wish Father a happy and safe return home! The event will

commence at 5:00pm on May 31st in the lower church. Tickets are \$10. All proceeds go to the Church of China. Tickets will be on sale and donations accepted after all the Masses until May 24th. For more information call Katy Bouffard through the Rectory.



"Lord, please hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen"



Monday, May 26th

MAY CROWNING

Following Mass at noon, a crown of flowers will be placed on the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary on the grounds of Holy Cross Family Ministries, Easton on May 28th. The public is invited to join in a procession to the statue of Mary for the Rite of Crowning the Blessed Virgin Mary. For more information call 508-238-4095.

MAY 25, 2008

From Our Pastor's Desk:

On Thursday morning we celebrated a Funeral Mass here for a good friend to St. Mary's Parish. Kevin Cave was a friend, a generous worker, a faith-filled gentleman, *a class act!!* I will always be grateful to Kevin who gave such honest and sincere support to me and many other priests who have served here at St. Mary's. He was un-wavering in his prayers, for us and always willing to lend a supportive hand in our ministry. I often told Kevin that although he was never ordained a priest himself, he certainly was very aware of a priest's feelings and struggles. Kevin knew us and prayed for us and gave of himself to do his part in promoting our happiness. My prayer this week has been that our loving and gracious God will embrace Kevin in his arms and welcome him into eternal life. "Well done my faithful servant." On behalf of all of us Kevin, thank you! Rest now with the Lord.

I would like to make you aware and ask you to consider a few observations of mine. I hope you have noticed a few changes & makeovers to the foyer of the church. I want St. Mary's to be a place of welcome for everyone and that begins as you enter the church. The foyer, the Penance Room and the bulletin boards have all been spruced up to welcome people to our parish.

I am looking at a possible cut-through walkway into the new parking area. I ask for your patience in getting that done as I want to assure everyone's safety. Please consider our older or handicapped folks when choosing a parking spot.

I very seldom miss an episode of "Law and Order -SVU." It is a favorite show of mine. You must however see the beginning of the show to get the storyline. You don't go to a Red Sox game (if you can get a ticket) in the fourth inning. I know that getting to Mass on time can be tough for some. I have noticed however a large number of people arrive late for Mass. This happens at our weekend Masses as well as our Daily Mass. I had a pastor who once was fond of saying "Nine o'clock Mass starts at nine o'clock, not nine-fifteen." If you are a late arrival on a consistent basis, please try to improve on that.

Have a great week and please know how grateful I am for you many kindness and support to Father Jay and myself.

God Bless,
Father Steve

MAY 25, 2008



"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever." - Jn 6:56-58



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

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

MONDAY, MAY 26

11:00 *The Fitzpatrick Family* Memorial

TUESDAY, MAY 27

9:00 *The Heard Family* Memorial

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

9:00 *The Hines Family* Memorial

SATURDAY, MAY 31

9:00 *Sr. Andrea MacVarish* Birthday Remembrance
4:00 *Evelyn Micucci* Memorial

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

7:00 *Catherine & Frank Berg* Memorial
9:00 *Leora Maguire* Memorial
11:00 *John Joseph Fitzgerald, Jr.* 2nd 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, especially Kevin Cave whose Funeral Mass was celebrated this past week.



The sanctuary candle is lit this week in loving memory of The Thomas 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.