

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Due to the change in the Ahern Open House to September 18th, our Grade 8 opening session for students and parents will be postponed from September 18th to September 25th. Reminder: Class will run from 7:00-8:30 that evening. The short Parent Meeting will be at 7:00pm in the church. Families doing the Grade 8 Home Program can pick up their materials during the evenings Parent Meeting.

TEACHERS NEEDED!!!!

With classes beginning shortly we still need several teachers. 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.



The Youth Choir, under the direction of Laura Canfield, resumes 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 questions call Laura at the Rectory.

LIFETEEN NEWS!!

Lifeteen Mass: Sunday @6:00pm All are welcome
Lifeneight: Following the Lifeteen Mass until 8:45pm.
Pizza & Prayer: Monday nights from 7-8pm in the sacristy
Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser: Saturday, September 13th, following the 4:00pm Mass. Tickets-\$5 and are available at the door. All are welcome!!

THE 2008 CATHOLIC TV TELETHON

September 19-20th 9:00am-9:00pm
 Comcast 268 or Verizon 296

Please tune in & support this important work of the church

WEDDING BANNERS

I Annemarie SoYung Cooke & Michael Anthony Novia



Five teams of cyclists consisting of volunteers and employees of Catholic Charities will be participating in the Rodman Ride for Kids on Saturday, September 27th. Donation cards & envelopes are available at the doors of the church. Please consider supporting this worthy cause.



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, Sean Davey, Corporal Eric Thomas and USMC Marc Manning. If you have family member, friend or loved one serving presently in the military please get those names to Father Steve at the Rectory. We will publish the names weekly in the Bulletin so we can pray for them & their families as a community.

OPEN HOUSE

Doolittle Home of Foxboro

Sunday, September 28th 2:00-4:00pm.

This is an opportunity to learn more about Doolittle Home's life care services with personalized care and peace of mind for the resident and their family. Anyone considering options for themselves or their older loved ones is welcome. For more info call the Doolittle Home @508-543-2694.

MAGNIFICAT PILGRIMATE OF HOPE

All are invited to attend the Magnificat Pilgrimage of Hope, a 2 day renewal of faith celebrating the Archdiocese of Boston Bicentennial the weekend of October 11-12th. Attendees will join together for 2 celebrations of the Holy Mass, prayers for the morning and evening, A Saturday evening concert, a Sunday brunch and a special presentation on the 150th Anniversary of Our Lady's apparition in Lourdes, France. The Pilgrimage will be held at the Boston convention & Exhibition Center. To register or for more info call 914-502-1840 or www.PilgrimageofHope.com

FOXBORO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

SOCCER CHALLENGE



Soccer Challenge

All boys & girls ages 10-14(as of 1/1/08) are eligible to participate and compete in their age divisions. The soccer challenge will be held at Friends Field (near Ahern Middle School), Sunday, September 21st @noon. No charge and participants must

bring birth certificates for proof of age. Any questions call Bob Bubencik at the Rectory.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

When I get up every morning I begin my day in prayer. That has been my practice for the twenty years that I have been a priest. Those early morning prayers have become a great source of strength for my ministry. Two petitions of those prayers are of gratitude. I ask God to help me to be a faithful and compassionate priest that day and I thank God everyday for giving me the privilege of being a priest. My second prayer every day is for the blessing of Father Jay and his ministry here at St. Mary's with me. There are very few pastors in the Archdiocese who are as blessed and fortunate as I am. I certainly realize this. I also realize that Father Jay's presence at St. Mary's will not be forever. He could be and will be a good pastor for some lucky parish a lot sooner than ever before. I pray every day that it won't be too soon.

When I was ordained twenty years ago there were roughly 1600 priests serving in parishes throughout the Archdiocese. As I write this letter there are 570 or so in active ministry. The median age of those in ministry is around 62. As you know, we pray for vocations everyday at Mass. It is the responsibility of all of us to pray for vocations. It would be an incredible grace for our parish if from among us in the years to come, a few vocations, seminarians and priests were to call St. Mary's their home parish. Please pray for that.

At the present moment the Archdiocese has one seminarian studying in Rome at the North American College. His name is Eric Bennett. The NAC, as it is called, is the seminary that Father Jay studied at in Rome. Father Jay and I have decided, because of that connection, to adopt Eric as our seminarian here at St. Mary's. Your first question might be - well what does that mean? Both Father Jay and I remember many days in the seminary when just getting a note in the mail from somebody expressing their support and prayers was what got us through. We want Eric to know of our support, especially seeing he is far away from his family over in Rome. A care package of cookies or snacks would be a good idea as well as a few Euros if at all possible. Eric would be so grateful to know that St. Mary's Parish is supporting him.

I have put his address in this letter and I would really encourage all of us to be in contact with Eric throughout the coming year. Vocations, and the support of them, is everybody's business. Thank you in advance of your kindness and for taking care of Eric. Father Jay and I are most grateful.

God bless you,

Father Steve

Eric's Address:
Mr. Eric Bennett
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Europe



"And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so he who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. - Jn. 3:14-16

MASS INTENTIONS**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

†4:00 Theresa Rosinski Memorial

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

†7:00 Sister Francis Catherine Memorial

†9:00 Richard Siracusa 2nd Ann

†11:00 Katherine M. Dumas Memorial
Peter Davis

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

†9:00 Howard Parkinson Memorial

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

†9:00 Ellen Connolly Birthday Remembrance

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

†9:00 Dan McCarthy 8th Ann

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

†9:00 Leo Gleason Month's Mind

†4:00 Elizabeth & Jack Haddigan Memorial

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

†7:00 Mary Reda Memorial

†9:00 Arthur & Gertrude Butler Memorial

†11:00 Brandon MacMaster 10th 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 whose Funeral Mass was celebrated this past week here at St. Mary's.



The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in loving memory of Agnes E. Carey. 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.

PARISH SUPPORT

OFFERTORY: \$6065.00

SPECIAL COLLECTION: The special collection for the Catholic University will be taken at all the Masses this weekend, September 13-14th. As always your support is much needed and greatly appreciated.