

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS!!

2010-2011 SCHEDULE

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY |
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| <u>GRADE 3</u> 4:00-5:00pm | <u>GRADE 2</u> 4:00-5:00pm | <u>GRADE 5</u> 4:00-5:00pm |
| <u>GRADE 4</u> 5:30-6:30pm | <u>GRADE 7</u> 5:30-6:30pm | <u>GRADE 6</u> 5:30-6:30pm |
| <u>GRADE 9</u> 7:00-8:30PM Every other week | <u>GRADE 8</u> 7:00-8:00pm | |

GRADE 1: This year ALL Grade 1 students will be in the Home Program. At Baptism parents are told that they are their child's first and best teachers of their faith. This year we are asking parents to exercise their role in the development of that faith by working with their child on their prayers and the Grade 1 curriculum at home. Our sacramental program for First Penance and First Communion is a 2-year program. Students must complete the Grade 1 program in order to be registered for Grade 2.

REGISTRATION will again 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. If you are new to the parish or have a child entering Grade 1 in September please call the Religious Education Office @508-543-4577.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! Teachers are needed at all grade levels for our Religious Education Program. All materials are supplied. If you would like to teach or team-teach with a friend please call the Rectory. Tuition is waived for those volunteering.

PRAYER PARTNERS

Our Confirmation Program is still in need of Prayer Partners for this year's Confirmation candidates. If you would like to become a Prayer Partner please complete the form available at the back of the church and return to the Religious Education Office or call Pat Evans at 508-543-4577.

ST. MARY'S PRAYER LINE

If you have a prayer request or are interested in joining our Prayer Line please call the Rectory.



Please remember in your prayers the men and women who are in the military today, especially William Albano, Cpt. USMC Michael Burke, Cpt. USMC John Burke, Commander Karl Eimers, Louise Balduf, Graham P Johnston, Father Bill Devine and USMC Phillip Giardino, Jr. Also, Daniel Sheehan, Shane McAulay, Daniel Wagner, Sean Davey, Corporal Eric Thomas, USMC Marc Manning, Cpt. Joseph A. Colantoni, Brendan Quinn, Sgt. James R. Jarvis III, Cpl. Michael P. Johns, Staff Sgts. Andrew & Arielle Grato, Sgt. Eric Seiden, Army Airborne Specialist Matthew Blanchette, & Staff Sgt. Chris Butler. Also, Frank Fleming, Matthew Goode, USCG, Major David Gonzalez, Sgt. Neil W. McCabe, USMC Ryan Davis, Kevin Michael Ryan, William Lopatka, Elizabeth V. McCarthy, PFC Hyder Alsatlawi, USMC Sean Wilson, USAF Ryan Wilson and US Army Sgt. John W. Collins III. Also remember US Coast Guard Matt Bonneau, Sgt. Thomas Landreth, USAF Daniel W. Loring, Officer Training Jesse Boyd and Sgt. FC Thomas D. Chadronet, SPC Christopher Redd, Sgt. Nicole L. Jenkins, Cpt. Bill Lord, Lt. FC Sarah Lord, CWO-3 Thaddeus Yukna, Lt. Comm. Anthony LaCourse, Army Pvt. Daniel A. Cintolo, GM2 Paul J. Bergman, Jarrod Morse and USMC Eric Kelly. If you have a family member, friend or loved one who is serving in the military please give those names to Father Steve at the Rectory so we can publish them in the Bulletin each week and pray for them and their families.

LADIES BASKETBALL

St. Mary's of Mansfield is extending an invitation to women over 30 who enjoy playing basketball to join them in early September on Sunday evenings at 7pm in their gym. For more information call Tracy at the Rectory or tracy.sulli@verizon.net

Readings for the Week of August 22

Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30
 Monday: 2 Th 1:1-5, 11-12/Mt 23:13-22
 Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
 Wednesday: 2 Th 3:6-10, 16-18/Mt 23:27-32
 Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51
 Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Mt 25:1-13
 Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 25:14-30
 Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14



I want to extend my congratulations to Father Matt who was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Navy this week. Father Matt traveled to Newport, R.I. with his parents and family members to be sworn in as a Chaplain. At some point in the future he will attend Chaplaincy School and begin serving as a Chaplain to the Navy and Marines. The Archdiocese has a long standing tradition of Boston priests serving in the military. Father Matt will continue that tradition. Congratulations Father Matt!!

He asked me to now address him as Sir and salute him each morning. The dining room is now the Officers Club. Enlisted soldiers eat only in the kitchen. Just kidding! Welcome aboard Father Matt – Sir!

A few years ago the parish adopted a seminarian named Eric Bennett. Since then we have been praying for Eric every day and encouraged people to write and support Eric on a regular basis. Eric was chosen by Father Jay and myself because Eric studies at the North American College in Rome, the same seminary that Father Jay went to. As a seminarian at the NAC you are not allowed to return to the U.S. until your second year of studies. Eric is home this summer and would like to visit St. Mary's to introduce himself and personally thank so many people who have been writing to him and supporting him with their prayers before he returns to Rome. The folks who travelled to Rome with us last year met Eric and can tell you what a fine person he is. I have invited Eric to be with us next Sunday, August 29th for the 11:00am Liturgy. Eric will serve that Liturgy with me and will speak as well. Please plan on attending next Sunday's 11:00am Mass to meet Eric and to offer him your continued prayers and support.

I am just wondering if I am the only one who is bothered by the "image of hate" that seems to be in the center of town every day?"

I placed this quote in last week's Bulletin to see what kind of reaction it would produce. I want to explain. Signs and symbols represent something and always convey a significant meaning or message. For example: A red light means you stop! For a few weeks now a group of people have been present at Mansfield and our town common with a very large poster of President Obama dressed as Hitler asking for his impeachment. I believe it has no place being on the town common. People have the right to disagree politically and certainly have the right to assemble and protest. I don't believe anyone has the right to use such a symbol of hate to communicate their agenda. I find it offensive, disrespectful and quite frankly demeaning to all of us. The "image of hate" that I am referring to should not be allowed in Foxboro or any other town.

God bless,

Father Steve



Jesus passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" He answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate." - Lk 13:22-24a



† **SATURDAY, AUGUST 21**

4:00 Mark Perry Memorial

† **SUNDAY, AUGUST 22**

7:00 Eleanor Kennedy Memorial

9:00 Rocco Giovino 22nd Ann

11:00 George & Sadie Brady & Family Memorial

† **MONDAY, AUGUST 23**

9:00 Dorothy T. Grady 1st Ann

† **TUESDAY, AUGUST 24**

9:00 Jesus Alberto Cota Memorial

† **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25**

9:00 Mary Cairo 7th Ann

† **THURSDAY, AUGUST 26**

9:00 Gerald Grady & Dorothy Grady 1st Ann

† **FRIDAY, AUGUST 27**

9:00 Arthur Carbone Month's Mind

† **SATURDAY, AUGUST 27**

9:00 Baby Kieper Memorial

4:00 Phyllis Westwater 7th Ann

† **SUNDAY, AUGUST 29**

9:00 Clare Burke 5th Ann

11:00 Mary Holzman 3rd 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 Loretta Morse, Belinda Andersen and Frank Iavarone whose Funeral Masses were celebrated this past week.



The sanctuary candle is lit this week in loving memory of John McCann Sr. If you would like to remember your beloved deceased by lighting the sanctuary candle in their memory please call the Rectory at 543-7726. A donation of \$25 is requested.

PARISH SUPPORT

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: \$6107.00

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

SPECIAL COLLECTION: The special collection for Home Missions will be taken at all the Masses this weekend. As always your support is greatly appreciated