

Volunteers are needed at all grade levels for our Religious Education Program. Please consider teaching, team-teaching with a friend or becoming a hall monitor. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer please call 508-543-4577. Tuition is waived for those volunteering.

**REGISTRATION:** If your child was enrolled in the program last year and **all work is completed** you should have received a *Family Registration Packet* which was mailed this past week. If you did not receive one please call the Religious Education Office. If you are new to the parish; or have a child entering Grade 1 in September also please call the Religious Education Office @508-543-4577 to register your child.

**GRADE 1:** This year **ALL Grade 1** students will be in the Home Program. This year we are asking parents to exercise their role in the development of their 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.

## **WEDDING BANNERS**

*I Joseph Keohane and Andrea McKim*

## **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter are schedule for September 17-19, September 24-26 and October 22-24<sup>th</sup>. For more information visit [www.wwmeMA.org](http://www.wwmeMA.org) or call 800-710-WWME.



The St. Mary's Christmas Fair Committee will be meeting at the South Foxboro Community Center on Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup> @7pm. We invite any parishioner who would like to help out at the Fair and meet new people to attend this meeting. For more information call Donna at the Rectory.



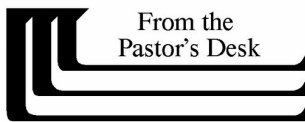
Please remember in your prayers the men and women who are in the military today, especially William Albano, Cpt. USMC Michael Burke, Cpt. USMC John Burke, Commander Karl Eimers, Louise Balduf, Graham P Johnston, Father Bill Devine and USMC Phillip Giardino, Jr. Also, Daniel Sheehan, Shane McAulay, Daniel 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, 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, USCG 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.

## **BEREAVEMENT WORKSHOP**

Blessed Sacrament Parish of Walpole is offering a 7-week program "*Journeying from Grief to Healing*" on Thursday evenings beginning September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00-8:30pm. Journey with others in a similar situation through readings, discussion and prayer. Please call Marie at the Rectory to register. A donation of \$15 is requested.

## **SEPARATION, DIVORCE AND BEYOND**

Blessed Sacrament Parish of Walpole is offering an 8-week program facilitated by a group of Catholics who themselves endured separation and divorce. The program is designed to offer support, healing and hope for the prospect of better tomorrows. The program meets Sunday evenings starting September 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:30pm. Please call Jeanie Mattila or John Meuleman at the Rectory to register or for more information.



One of my favorite things to do each day is to sit and read the entire newspaper with a second cup of coffee. Some days that enjoyment is accomplished. Most days however, I catch a quick look at the headlines and by force of habit read the death notices and the sports page. Those two sections are a must. This morning I did have the chance to enjoy a second cup of coffee and had the hour necessary to go through the entire newspaper. One thing I did notice is that most of the advertisements were for the Annual "Back to School" sale. It is really hard to believe that the summer is quickly coming to a close. I am reminded of something that Father Tom was so fond of saying on July 4<sup>th</sup> – "summer is over."

As school opens and a new academic year starts the parish also kicks into high gear. In the coming weeks the Bulletin will be announcing the start of classes for over 1400 or so young people. RCIA classes will begin for those wishing to join the church or be confirmed as an adult. The weekly Prayer Cells at various times will start again. The Adult Choir and the Children's Choir will return for rehearsals and Liturgies. Our weekend Liturgies will be full again as families return from summer vacation homes. There will also be new programs and opportunities for faith formation and parish involvement for everybody. Summer may be indeed coming to a close but the "new year" is exciting.

The purpose of my letter this week is to ask, invite or challenge you to be involved in the parish during the coming months with a renewed enthusiasm and commitment. If you have a child in our Religious Education Program work with them to encourage your family to grow in your faith. Maybe this is the year for you to get involved in the one parish activity that has always been on the back burner. Make a promise to yourself and your family that attendance and participation at a weekend Liturgy will be consistent and firm, not simply occasional.

As the month of August comes to an end and the cool winds of September arrive, the parish community is coming alive and needs you and your family to be a part of the excitement.

Welcome back from vacation. Welcome Home!

God Bless,

Father Steve



*"When you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.' For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." - Lk 14:10ab, 11*

## Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY AUGUST 28

4:00 Phyllis Westwater 7<sup>th</sup> Ann

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

9:00 Clare Burke 5<sup>th</sup> Ann

11:00 Mary Holzman 3<sup>rd</sup> Ann

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

9:00 John Barros Memorial

4:00 Theresa Rosinsky Memorial

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

7:00 Patricia St. Laurent 7<sup>th</sup> Ann

9:00 Jean Flynn 1<sup>st</sup> Ann

11:00 Catherine Sands 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Francis Mogan whose Funeral Mass was celebrated this past week. Also please remember Robert Morin who passed away recently.*



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

### PARISH SUPPORT

OFFERTORY: \$6846.00

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

### SPECIAL COLLECTION

Father Patrick Universal of the St. James Society will speak at all the Masses next weekend, September 4-5<sup>th</sup> on behalf of the special Missionary Appeal Collection which will be taken next weekend as well. As always your support will be greatly appreciated.