



WEEK OF FEBRUARY 8TH

- Grade 1:** Thursday – 4:00-4:00pm
Grade 2: Tuesday – 4:30-5:30pm
Grade 3: Monday – 4:00-5:00pm
Grade 4: Monday – 5:30-6:30pm
Grade 5: Wednesday- 4:00-5:00pm
Grade 6: Wednesday - 5:30-6:30pm
Grade 7: Tuesday – 6:30-7:30pm
Grade 8: Thursday – 6:30-7:30pm
Grade 9: Monday, February 8th - 7:00-8:30pm

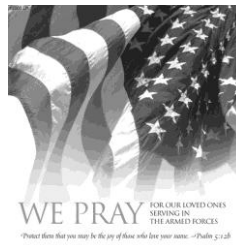
SHARING SUNDAY – Today is Sharing Sunday. Your donations along with a prepared hot meal will be taken to Pine Street Inn by parish volunteers. Thank you for your continued participation in this program of caring and sharing.

INCOME TAX STATEMENT

To request a copy of your 2009 contributions to Saint Mary's Church please call the Rectory and leave your name and address. We will be happy to mail your statement.

REMINDER:

During the month of February it is customary to have a Fuel Collection to assist the parish with its winter heating bills. The envelope for this collection is dated for **February 7th**. Please be aware that the appeal **will not** be held until the weekend of **February 27-28th**. We would appreciate it if you would be kind enough to hold your envelope and contribution until that last weekend in February.



Please remember in your prayers the men and women who are in the military today, especially William Albano, Captain USMC Michael Burke, Captain USMC John Burke, Commander Karl Eimers, Louise Balduf, 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, USMC Marc Manning, Captain 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, USMC Sean Wilson, USAF Ryan Wilson, Sgt. First Class Thomas D. Chadronet, Cpt. Brian Sclama & USCG Matthew Goode. If you have family member, friend or loved one serving in the military please call Father Steve at the Rectory.



Lent begins

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which this year is February 17th. Masses on Ash Wednesday will be celebrated at 9:00am and 7:00pm. Ashes will be distributed during Mass. A Prayer Service will be held at 4:00pm for students, their families and all parishioners who wish to attend.

Abstinence -- Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligation of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, meat may not be used at all.

Fast -- Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the days of fasting. On these days, those bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller, meatless meals are permitted, but eating solid food between meals is not permitted.

Regarding other weekdays of Lent, participation in Daily Mass and the voluntary observance of fasting is recommended.

LENTEN MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday
9:00am & 6:00pm



The great season of Lent will be here very quickly and there is a wonderful new initiative within the Archdiocese of Boston. The Cardinal will be launching "The Light is On for You" in every parish and chapel in the Archdiocese. Each Wednesday of Lent beginning on February 24th our parish will be open for the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 6:30-8:00pm. This will be in addition to our regular schedule for confessions every Saturday from 3:00-4:00pm. We hope this will give people a greater opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The Archdiocese has launched a new website for this initiative, www.thelightisonforyou.org I think you will find the resources very helpful especially if you have not received the Sacrament of Reconciliation in a long time. There is also a great video by Bishop Robert Hennessey explaining this endeavor.

We all know that the Sacrament of Reconciliation can be intimidating especially if we have had a negative experience in the past. Please don't let a past experience block you from receiving this wonderful Sacrament. The priest who hears confession is not a judge but more of a spiritual physician. Both Father Steve and I believe that the penitent should have an experience of peace and freedom when they receive this Sacrament.

As we begin this privileged season of Lent please consider going on one of the Wednesdays during Lent. There are six Wednesdays during Lent that this program will be available, February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31. Always pray for courage and I love the words of our Lord to Simon, "Do not be afraid!"

God Bless,

Father Jay

Readings for the Week of February 7

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11
 Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13
 Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30
 Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10
 Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26



Astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."
 - Lk 5:9-10



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

4:00 Margaret McSweeney Memorial

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7:00 Patricia Keefe 4th Ann

9:00 Robert Quintiliani 3rd Ann

11:00 John Bower Memorial

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

9:00 Francis H. Devine 4th Ann

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

9:00 Peter Kennedy 1st Ann

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:00 Anna DiMarzio Memorial

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

4:00 Anne & Silvio "Slip" Santucci Memorial

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

7:00 Joseph & Angela Bagley Memorial

11:00 Phyllis Westwater Birthday Remembrance

Please remember in your prayers the above intentions, the ill and infirmed of our parish, members of our Benefactor Society and all our beloved deceased especially Helen Madden, Mary Durst and Kay Milhomme.

SANCTUARY CANDLE



The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in loving memory of Jorge Fernandes. If you wish to remember your beloved deceased by lighting the sanctuary candle in their memory please call the Rectory. A donation of \$25.00 is requested.

PARISH SUPPORT

OFFERTORY:

\$7411.00

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

SPECIAL COLLECTION: The Peter Pence special collection will be taken at all the Masses this weekend, February 6-7th. As always your support is much needed and greatly appreciated.