



Week of January 18

- Grade 1:** Thursday - 4:00-4:00pm
Grade 2: Tuesday - 4:30-5:30pm
Grade 3 & 4: NO CLASS - Martin Luther King Day
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, January 25th - 7:00-8:30pm

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE-THROW COMPETITION

Ahern Middle School - Monday, January 18th

Test your skills!! All boys/girls ages 10-14 as of 1/1/10 are welcome (birth certificate required). Event is free. For more info call Greg Calabrese @508-698-0890. Winners in each age division for boys & girls will advance to the District Competition.



St. Mary's Annual Parish Family Baby Shower continues. Items that are needed include baby bottles, newborn disposable diapers, diaper bag, pacifiers, sleep & play outfits, sweaters, crib sheets

& blankets. All proceeds will benefit the Pregnancy Help Office of the Archdiocese of Boston. If you prefer to make a monetary donation please make check payable to "The Fund of the Unborn". Your support is much needed and will be greatly appreciated.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE:

Saturday, January 30th - 5:00-9:00pm

****Sunday, January 31st - noon-7:00pm**

St. Mary's Parish is presenting the "Beyond Loving" Marriage Preparation Program for couples planning to be married next year. Attendance at both sessions is mandatory. The cost is \$100 per couple - registration limited to 24 couples. Pre-registration is required. To register or for more information please call the Rectory.



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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, Sgt. First Class Thomas D. Chadronet & Cpt. Brian Sclama. If you have family member, friend or loved one serving in the military please call Father Steve at the Rectory.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS

These groups offer an opportunity to express grief after the loss of a loved one under the direction of a trained facilitator. All faiths welcome. The next group session begins on Tuesday, January 26th to March 2nd from 5:30-7:00pm at Caritas Good Samaritan Hospice, 3 Edgewater Drive, Norwood. To register please call Deborah Mattia @781-769-8282.

"HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE"

Through the Archdiocese this week most parishes will celebrate a "Holy Hour for Life" on Thursday, January 21st. This Hour of Prayer is held on the eve of the anniversary of Roe vs Wade. We will gather this Thursday at 7:00pm. The hour will consist of Eucharistic Adoration, quiet prayer time and a brief reflection on the sanctity of all life. Please plan on joining us on Thursday at 7:00pm for this important time of prayer and reflection.

PARISH SUPPORT

OFFERTORY: \$7162.00
 Thank you for continued support and generosity each week to St. Mary's Parish.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: The special collection for the Church in Latin America will be taken at all the Masses next weekend, January 23-24th. As always your support will be greatly appreciated.

From the Pastor

“Tis a gift to be simple.” She was both a gift and simple at the same time. The dictionary defines the word simple in one of its definitions this way: uncomplicated, humble, free from vanity. She was! She was a town personality that everybody knew or certainly would recognize from the center of town. Like many others before her she was part of the town’s persona. She was a character and gave Foxboro character as well.

On Wednesday of this past week our parish community and the community at large said goodbye to her. We gathered to pray for her and I want to suggest to everyone, say thank you to her for “gracing” our community. In every sense of the word, Myrtle Murphy was a character. Upon the death of someone we know it is usually the case to look back on their life and remember what were the traits and experiences that made her memorable. With Myrtle that is a pleasure to do. Here are a few of those examples.

Some years ago she went into the Consignment Shop in the center and picked out a dress for her burial. She gave it to Margaret Roberts for safe keeping. Myrtle looked terrific in that very dress. Myrtle crossed the street like no other. She simply held up her hand and walked, without even looking! He jaunts to Friendly’s for coffee, the Post Office, the bank and CVS were a daily event. Most of the time those stops were errands for other residents of the Van Dora who could not get out. Myrtle, with a cigarette in one hand and the biggest pocketbook in the other which she “dragged” along would always walk and sing. Everyday was a “bright day” for Myrtle. I remember being at the Van Dora Home one time and Myrtle showed me her corner of the ward which had a list of people taped to the wall that she prayed for daily. I was the fourth name on the list.

We live in a loud, flashy and complicated world. Myrtle was none of these. She was an example and mode for all of us that life need not be complicated at all. It is indeed a gift to be simple. The countless acts of charity and kindness that Myrtle performed for others were appreciated. The amount of prayers she said for others were legendary. The witness of uncomplicated simplicity for others was obvious.

Myrtle Murphy was laid to rest this week. It was a pleasure for me to celebrate her funeral liturgy. I know that Myrtle, both simple and a gift, was greeted by the Lord with these words: “Well done my faithful servant.”

Father Steve



“Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now.” Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him. - Jn 2:10-11



SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

4:00 Thomas Crawford Memorial

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

7:00 The Swalina & Tamason Families Memorial

9:00 Patricia McGuinness 3rd Ann

11:00 Katherine Dumas 6th Ann

MONDAY, JANUARY 18

9:00 Donald J. Myers 12th Ann

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

9:00 George & Verna Howard Memorial

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

9:00 Arthur O’Hara 8th Ann

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

9:00 Joseph & Florence MacDonald Memorial

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

9:00 John, Mary & John Jr. MacDonald Memorial

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

4:00 John & Josephine Hanrahan Memorial
Delphin & Elizabeth Aucoin

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

7:00 Anne Gillis Memorial

9:00 Ursula & Edmund Begley Memorial

11:00 Mary Mulkern, Theresa Bergquist Memorial
Sally DeLutis

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 Renee Allaire, Stephen Thompson, Myrtle Murphy, Joseph Cass, Jonathan Blaisdell and Michael Murphy whose Funeral Masses were celebrated this week at St. Mary’s.

SANCTUARY CANDLE



The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in loving memory of John P. Abdou. 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.