



Grade 2 Parents are welcome to pick-up their child's picture from the First Communion Altar Cloth after all the Masses on Mother's Day. Pictures will be downstairs in the church hall.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

COMPLETED HOME PROGRAM PACKETS MAY BE RETURNED TO THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE OR THEY CAN BE LEFT ON THE FRONT PORCH OF THE RECTORY.

## YARD SALE

The Knights of Lithuania Council 27 will be holding its First Annual Yard Sale Fundraiser on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-3:00pm at 169 Mechanic Street in Foxboro.



Mother's Day Cards are available at the doors of the church. To remember your Mother living or deceased, at all the Masses on Mothers Day, May 9<sup>th</sup>, please fill out the envelope and return to us. If your Mother is living please take a card and envelope. If your Mother is deceased

please fill out the blue & white envelope. Envelopes may be placed in the collection basket or dropped through the mail slot at the Rectory. All Mother's will be remembered in a special way at all the Masses on Mother's Day.



Applications for St. Mary's Women's Guild Scholarships are available at the front doors of the church, at the Rectory and also at St. Mary's website, [www.stmarysfoxboro.org](http://www.stmarysfoxboro.org). Applicants must be members of St. Mary's and have completed at least 1 year of formal education beyond high school. Two-\$2000 scholarships will be awarded. Please return completed applications to Scholarship Committee, %St. Mary's Rectory, 83 Central Street, Foxboro, MA 02035 by June 27<sup>th</sup>.

## Wedding Banns

II Valerie Murano and Ryan McCarthy

## PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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, 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 and USN GM2 Paul J. Bergman. . 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.



### BOSTON ARCHDIOCESAN CHOIR SCHOOL:

The Boston Boy Choir under the direction of John Dunn will perform the Maurice Durufle Requiem joined by St. Paul's Men's Choir, members of the Civic Symphony Orchestra on Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul's Church in Cambridge. Tickets: \$10-25. For more info please call 617-868-8658.

### DAY OF REFLECTION -Discipleship in Turbulent

Times: with Edwina Gately to be held Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at One Light in West Yarmouth. For more information call the Rectory.

### CONCERT WITH DAVID HAAS & LORI TRUE:

sponsored by Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Sharon and hosted by Stonehill College will be held Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup> @7:30pm. Tickets \$15/advance \$18/door. Proceeds to benefit Music Ministry Alive.

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

In last week's letter I mentioned that we are very close to reaching our assigned goal for this year's Catholic Appeal. We are only a few percentage points away from our target. If you have already contributed to the Appeal please know how grateful I am for your participation. Your pledge, big or small, matters! If you have not yet made a pledge or contribution and would like to there is still time to do so. There are Appeal envelopes on the Ushers tables at the entrances of the church. Your gift may be the one that puts us over our goal. Thank you so much for your help!

Last weekend and again this weekend we have the joy and pleasure of celebrating First Communion with so many of our families. The enthusiasm, smiles and happiness that is present for these wonderful Liturgies is great to witness and be a part of. Our parish family is so blessed!

Last Saturday in my Homily at First Communion I reminded everyone present that *family*, both individual and parish is what defines us. Family life is our identity and our strength as a faith community. Any growth or success that we experience as a parish will be firmly rooted in the way we pray and care for one another as a family.

Sunday morning as I was walking around the parking lot between Masses I could not help notice the playing fields at the Booth Playground. I want to say first of all that no one is a bigger sports fan than me. I am also a huge advocate and supporter of kids playing organized sports. The number of sports and various leagues in town are a good thing for sure. My question or thought to ponder is: Why Sunday morning? Is Sunday morning at 9:00am the only and best time to schedule league games for seven year olds? Every diamond was busy with some teams playing either baseball or softball. I realize that for us as Catholics there are other opportunities and times to attend Mass on a weekend. I also realize that other Christian churches have only one worship service which is usually Sunday morning which means for them their *families* do not attend church together or at all. Is it possible for games to start at noon on Sunday?

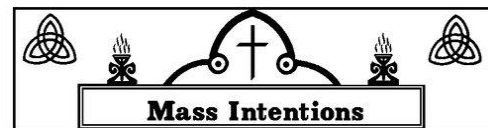
Believe me, I am not trying to "stir the pot" or create a problem for any one person or group in town. I am merely expressing my opinion. In my view, Sunday mornings should be "*family time*" - a time when individual families join with their worshipping families and attend church together. *It is after all what defines us!*

God Bless,

*Father Steve*



*Jesus said: "My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another." - Jn 13:33a, 34a*



† **SATURDAY, MAY 1**

4:00 Margery Ferencik 10<sup>th</sup> Ann

† **SUNDAY, MAY 2**

7:00 Margaret Mary O'Brien Kelly 5<sup>th</sup> Ann  
9:00 The Roche Family Memorial

The VanDenBerghe Family  
11:00 Warren Nametz Memorial

† **TUESDAY, MAY 4**

9:00 Edward Johnson Memorial

† **SATURDAY, MAY 8**

4:00 Genevieve & Henry LeBlanc Memorial

† **SUNDAY, MAY 9**

7:00 Philip Keefe 13<sup>th</sup> Ann  
9:00 Brendan MacMaster 12<sup>th</sup> Birthday Remembrance  
11:00 Alice LaFlamme 30<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 Anna Haggerty, Edward J. Abbott and Dorothy Mogan whose Funeral Masses were celebrated this past week.*



*The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in loving memory of The Roche & VanDenBerghe Families. If you would like to remember your beloved sanctuary candle in their memory please call the Rectory. A donation of \$25 is requested.*

**PARISH SUPPORT**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** \$6754.00  
Thank you for your continued support and generosity to St. Mary's Parish.