



## **WEEK OF JANUARY 30<sup>th</sup>**

**GRADE 2 - 8:** Classes will meet at regular scheduled time.

**GRADE 9:** MONDAY, February 6<sup>th</sup> – 7:00-8:15pm

## **BABY QUILTS**

A parishioner is seeking donations of new material to be used in making baby quilts. All quilts will be donated to the "Friends of the Unborn" on the South Shore. A small box is by the doors of the church for your donations.

## **WINTER OPEN HOUSE**

Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> - 6:00-8:00pm  
2 Hamilton Street, Taunton

Coyle & Cassidy High School is a diocesan, Catholic, co-ed college-preparatory school. For more information call 508-823-6164, ext. 619 or visit [www.coylecassidy.com](http://www.coylecassidy.com)

## **SHARING SUNDAY**

Next Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> is Sharing Sunday. Your donations of non-perishable food items may be left at the doors of the church. Parish volunteers will bring your donations along with a prepared hot meal to the Pine Street Inn. Thank you for your support of this program of caring and sharing.



St. Mary's "Parish Family Baby Shower" continues. All proceeds will benefit the Pregnancy Help Office of the Archdiocese of Boston. Baby items needed include baby bottles, newborn disposable diapers,

pacifiers, sleep & play outfits, socks, blanket sleepers, baby powder and receiving blankets. If you prefer to make a monetary donation please make check payable to "The Fund of the Unborn." Thank you for your support.



## **Our Men and Women in the Service**

Please remember in your prayers the men and women in our military, especially William Albano, Cpt. USMC John Burke, Commander Karl Eimers, Louise Baldof, Graham P Johnston, Father Bill Devine. Also, Daniel Sheehan, Shane McAulay, Daniel Wagner, Sean Davey, Corporal Eric Thomas, Cpt. Joseph A. Colantoni, 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, USAF Major David Gonzalez, USMC Ryan Davis, Kevin Michael Ryan, William Lopatka, Pvt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Elizabeth V. McCarthy-Tang. And Corp. Senghak Tang, 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, SPC Christopher Redd, Sgt. Nicole L. Jenkins, Cpt. Bill Lord, Lt. FC Sarah Lord, CWO-3 Thaddeus Yukna, Lt. Comm. Anthony LaCourse and GM2 Paul J. Bergman. Also USMC Eric Kelly, USAF Lt. Colonel Mark Barrera, Spec. Ryan Fallows, U.S. Army Private Mitchell Connolly, Sgt. Jeffrey Kielpinski, USN Lt. Commander William Jameson, Steven Tyler Morse, Justin Rose, TSGT-USAFF Steven Freitas. US Army Private Dan Burke, Naval Reservist Senator Michael Rush, Air Force Pilot 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Kevin A. Winslow, US Spec. Thomas C. Boyle, Jr., USMC Lance Corporal David P. McKinnon, SSGT Dan Pare, USMC D Pvt. David J. Flynn, US Army, U.S.M.C. Lance Corporal Jerome Hanley, US Army Sgt. Ryan H. McKay, Pvt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class USMC Timothy Shallow, Jr., and Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Christian VanDenBerghe. If you have a family member, friend or loved one serving in the military please give those names to Father Steve or call the Rectory so we can publish them in the Bulletin and pray for them and their families.

February  
Month of  
The Holy  
Family



## **PARISH SUPPORT**

**OFFERTORY:** 1/22/12:

**\$6971.00**

Thank you for your continuous 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 this weekend, January 28-29<sup>th</sup>. As always your support is greatly appreciated.

**FUEL COLLECTION:** St. Mary's Annual Fuel Collection will be taken at all the Masses next weekend, February 4-5<sup>th</sup>. As always your support is much needed and greatly appreciated.

**A NOTE FROM FATHER BRIAN:**

There are two really important questions I've heard someone ask that changed my life forever. One came from a nun, the other from Sean Connery.

Sister Lisa was a Sister of Notre Dame, and was probably in her mid thirties when we worked together at St. Coletta Day School in Braintree. She was a supervisor there at a time when my heart was really restless and I felt like I was at some sort of crossroads in my life. In our supervisory sessions during that time, Sister listened patiently to my rants about the lack of satisfaction that life was holding for me. Finally one day, she stopped me mid-sentence, looked me square in the eye and she asked in a no-nonsense tone, "Brian, what do you *want*?"

The second question comes well into the movie "*The Untouchables*". Sean Connery's character...a Chicago beat cop named Jimmy Malone...is trying to help Elliot Ness catch notorious gangster Al Capone. Twice in the movie, Malone looks Ness right in the eye and asks him, "What are you prepared to do?" [The question's a *lot* more dramatic when you imagine it being said with Connery's thick Scottish accent.]

What do you want?" and "what are you prepared to do?". At their heart, they are vocation questions. When my friends Chris and Kathleen were dating, there came a point where Kathleen was talking about leaving New England to return home to be closer to her family in Virginia. Chris was devastated. When he called to tell me about it, the response seemed pretty obvious. "What do you want? What are you prepared to do?" After some reflection on the questions, suddenly this man who had always planned out life methodically to the letter found himself getting ready to pack up his life here and follow Kathleen down South. He came to figure out that this awesome lady was the one he was meant to spend the rest of his life with. They are married almost ten years now and have three beautiful children.

"What do you want?" cuts through the turmoil of those crossroads moments. But it's not about coming to a strictly self-informed decision. It cuts through the distractions and makes you seriously think about what **God** put you here to be and to do. It's really meant to help you think long and hard about where your whole life – your strengths your weaknesses, your joys, your struggles, what you value the most – has been pointing you toward. It's your identity – not as you define it, but as God made it to be. "What do you want?" is really an invitation to talk with God about what it is He placed in your heart all those years ago at Baptism.

"What are you prepared to do?" That one can be tougher. In the context of someone's vocation, the question really wants to know what you're willing to let go of. It's harder because it's so counter-cultural. It asks if you're ready to sacrifice your plans for His? Will you open your heart in quiet prayer and contemplation a little bit everyday, so He can guide you to your life. Are you ready to accept the help and the strength he gives us in the Eucharist and Reconciliation that helps clear our hearts of the distractions that keep us looking to other sources for answers that only God can give?

We all experience those crossroads in one way or another. Knowing that whatever it is that God wants for us will always be better than what we could want for ourselves, then the questions remains – What do you want? What are you prepared to do?

*Father Brian*



*In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" - Mk 1:23-25*

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 28**

4:00 David Harris 4 Month Anniversary

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 29**

7:00 Bud & Mary Durst Memorial  
Mary Durst

9:00 Ursula & Ed Begley Memorial

11:00 Theresa & Thomas Bergquist Memorial  
Sally DeLutis & Mary Mulhern

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

9:00 James J. Newell 20<sup>th</sup> Ann

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

9:00 John Hanlon Memorial

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

4:00 John Bower 5<sup>th</sup> Ann

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

9:00 Ernst Weinacker 1<sup>st</sup> Ann

11:00 Phyllis Westwater Birthday Remembrance

*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 Ewa Jedrychowska whose Funeral Mass was celebrated this week.*



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



**Good Luck Patriots!!**