



### Week of January 9<sup>th</sup>

- GRADE 2:** TUESDAY – 4:00-5:00pm  
**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 - 5:30-6:30pm.  
**GRADE 8:** TUESDAY - 7:00-8:00pm.  
**GRADE 9:** MONDAY, January 9<sup>th</sup> – 7:00-8:15pm

### GRADE 1 PARENT MEETING:

All first graders and at least one parent are asked to come to St. Mary's lower church hall from 1:00-2:00pm on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. All first graders are asked to bring with them their completed chapters for the first half of the year. Activities are planned for our students and their parents.

### TEACHER NEEDED!!

We are seeking a Grade 7 Teacher for the remainder of the year. Grade 7 meets on Tuesday evenings from 5:30-6:30pm in the lower church. All materials are supplied. If you can help please call the Religious Education Office at the Rectory.

*Thank You*

The Foxboro/Sharon Knights of Columbus would like to thank the people of Foxboro, the parishioners of St. Mary's in particular for their kind and generous support of the Annual Tootsie Roll Drive for physically and mentally disabled children. The Foxboro/Sharon Council raised \$4,400 in its campaign. In 2011 the State Charity was able to provide a much needed wheel-chair van for a Foxboro child.

Also, the Foxboro/Sharon Knights of Columbus extends their sincere thanks to the 65 donors who donated 60 pints of much needed blood during their Annual December Blood Drive. This blood can be used three ways so that 180 people benefited from your random act of kindness.



As we begin this New Year please remember in your prayers the men and women in our military, especially William Albano, Cpt. USMC John Burke, Commander Karl Eimers, Louise Balduf, 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-USAF 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 and Pvt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class USMC Timothy Shallow, Jr. 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.

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

The Espousal Retreat House and Conference Center announce the following upcoming retreats:

February 5: *Relationships, Communications & Our Spiritual Path: A Time of Discovery, Growth and Healing in Today's Ever Changing World.* Presenter: Jacqueline M. Sitte, RN, CARN LADCI

February 26: *A Day of Healing: Spiritual-Emotional-Physical – Relational* Presenter: Fr. Bob Masciocchi, CSS

March 4: *Working Through the Loss of a Loved One: How to Find Peace & Healing* Presenter: Jacqueline M. Sitte, RN, CARN, LADCI

For more information please call the Espousal Center at the Rectory.

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:**

"Time flies when you are having fun!" It really is hard to believe that the Rectory Christmas Tree was taken down today and stored away until next year. I don't know how you feel but this particular Advent and Christmas season for me just flew by. The month of December seemed to come and go very quickly. Maybe all those 50 degree days of good weather and lack of snow on the ground made me think of an early spring. What I do know is that the parish's celebration of Christmas this year was terrific. All of our Liturgies were well attended with very enthusiastic crowds. I was a bit concerned with the 4:00pm Mass on Christmas Eve because of the Patriot's game ending at the same time but the church was jammed both up and down. (I also want to thank a few Pat's fans who kept the celebrant downstairs well informed as to the score.)

I want to express my profound thanks to so many of you who contributed greatly to making sure Christmas 2011 was celebrated well at St. Mary's. In particular I want to express my gratitude to all of our Cantors, Choirs and Music Folks who truly were wonderful. If you have not seen our "Christmas Prayer and Song" on Cable Channel 8 you should look for it in the listings. The parish is blessed with some amazing talent that was quite obvious that night. Bravo!!

As you know there was only one collection taken at all the Christmas Masses and the entire collection is forwarded to the Archdiocese for the care of our retired priests. Your generosity to this critical collection realized just over \$20,000 which was sent this week to the Pastoral Center. On behalf of all the retired and ill priest of the Archdiocese – THANK YOU!

Finally I want to express my thanks to all those who sent cards, well wishes, presents and gifts to the Rectory for Father Brian and myself. Everything from cookies to steaks to scratch tickets to gloves to M & M's and so many other gifts were dropped off at the Rectory. Your gratitude and words of support and encouragement for our ministry are so very much appreciated.

As time continues to fly by and we begin the New Year, please know that you are in my prayers for a year of good health and much happiness and peace for you and your family members. May God continue to bless our parish and its members in 2012!

Have a great week,

Father Steve



*When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1-2*

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 7**

4:00 Helen & John Gonski Memorial

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 8**

7:00 Eileen Cody Birthday Remembrance

9:00 Joanne Bruno 3<sup>rd</sup> Ann

11:00 Thomas Tynan Memorial

**MONDAY, JANUARY 9**

9:00 Bob Shea Memorial

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 10**

9:00 Joseph Pignato 50<sup>th</sup> Ann

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 14**

9:00 Angelo Sepe Birthday Remembrance

4:00 Charles Packey 4<sup>th</sup> Ann

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 15**

9:00 Mildred Fay 20<sup>th</sup> Ann

11:00 Frank Fatcheric 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 Thomas Foxx and Thomas Bergquist whose Funeral Masses were celebrated this past week..*



*The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in loving memory of **Tommy Sakalaukus**. If you would like to remember your beloved deceased by lighting the sanctuary candle in their memory please call the Rectory at 508-543-7726. A donation of \$25 is requested.*

**PARISH SUPPORT**

Thank you for your continued support and generosity each week throughout the year to Saint Mary's parish.

**CHRISTMAS:** \$ 21,003.00

**NEW YEAR'S:** \$ 7,522.00