



**Saturday, February 5**

5:00pm Mary Radziusz 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Sunday, February 6**

10:00am Marc Mohr Month's Mind

**Wednesday, February 9**

9:00am Olga Caye Memorial

**Friday, February 11**

9:00am Prudence Young Birthday Memorial

**Saturday, February 12**

5:00pm Florence Vanderwater 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Sunday, February 13**

10:00am Lynn Christou Month's Mind

**IN OUR PRAYERS...**Victoria Viveiros, Lisa Lacorazza, Cecily Sullivan, Debrah Carella, Annemarie Omera, Tricia McDonald, Christopher Grimes, Sheila Stanton, Francis Nelson, Rita Boyd, Thomas Donnelly and Ellsworth Rice who are ill; also for John Tarantino who was buried from St. Helen Church this past week.



*"Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lamp stand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." -Mt 5:15-16*

Readings for the Week of February 6, 2011

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16  
 Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Mk 6:53-56  
 Tuesday: Gn 1:20--2:4a/Mk 7:1-13  
 Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Mk 7:14-23  
 Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Mk 7:24-30  
 Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Mk 7:31-37  
 Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Mk 8:1-10  
 Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

**DAILY MASS:** With so much snow lately, we have decided to implement the following policy regarding the daily 9:00am Mass. If school is canceled for the Town of Norwell, there will be NO 9:00am Mass that morning. We hope this helps you as you consider heading off into the snow or not.

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**

**Offertory: January 30, 2011** \$6,768.00  
**Weekly Electronic Transfer:** \$701.54  
**Total:** \$7,469.54

**YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY TO OUR INCREASED WEEKLY GIVING PROGRAM IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.**

**TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION** is the annual Peter's Pence Collection which helps supports the Holy Father in providing emergency assistance to suffering people throughout the world. Contributions to The Peter's Pence Collection are given directly by the Holy Father to individuals who are suffering from immediate emergencies as a result of war, oppression and natural disasters. Your customary generosity is most appreciated. Thank you..

**SPECIAL ENERGY COLLECTION:** The second collection at all of the Masses next weekend will be our bi-annual Utility and Energy Collection to help us defray the ever-rising costs of heating our church and property. In an effort to take a bite out of our heating costs, we ask for your generosity in this special second collection. Thank you.

**KNEE SURGERY:** As you know, last year I had my right knee replaced, and I think it all worked out very well. I'm afraid I won't be able to return to my long distance training routine, but life is full of sacrifices!! I had planned to have my left knee done this winter, but it's not been all that troublesome, so I am holding off on it until a later time. Having made the decision, I'll probably go downhill quickly, but for now, I and my doctor are content to let it ride for awhile.

**LIFE LINE SCREENING,** a leading provider of community-based preventative health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive, painless health screenings here at St. Helen's on this **Thursday, February 10, 2011.** Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to blocked arteries, which is the leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms, which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat, which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to access the risk of osteoporosis. Register for the Stroke, Vascular Disease and Heart Rhythm Package for \$139. All four ultrasound screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Your health is in your hands, so call 1-888-653-6441 for more information or to pre-register.

## From the Pastor's Desk



I'm certainly not advocating any sort of violence, but I have a few thoughts, not very nice thoughts, about the person who wrote the lyrics "Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow." Like most of you, I can tell him or her what to do with all that snow! Enough is enough! Give us a break! While all of you have been shoveling and plowing your own walkways, stairs and driveways, we've been doing the same here. To give you some idea of the time and energy expended thus far, since late December, we have spent \$6,800 on snow removal and sanding. Isn't the snow great???? We will be observing World Day of the Sick this weekend. The actual day is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on Friday. but since we have larger numbers over the weekend, we will be offering prayers for the sick (and for caregivers) this weekend. We are also offering the Sacrament of the Sick following the 5:00pm and 11:30am masses this weekend. In establishing World Day of the Sick, Pope John Paul II wrote of it as "a special time of prayer and sharing, of offering one's suffering for the good of the Church, and reminding us to see in our sick brother and sister the face of Christ who, by suffering, dying, and rising, achieved the salvation of humankind." Next weekend, what could be called Valentine's Day weekend offers us all a chance to honor and congratulate all those who provide us with a glimpse of the love God has for us by the way they live their vocation of marriage. We will pray for all married couples, especially in our own parish. We will also pray for those preparing for the day of their marriage. And just a reminder to all you husbands out there: you still have time, but don't forget to do something special for your beloved.

Father Maguire

**PARISH CYO BASKETBALL:** For three years now, St. Helen Parish has been a part of the CYO basketball league. We started out with one team for boys in grades 9-10, and this year we have three teams. There is a 7th and 8th grade girls team coached by Trish Smith, a 9th and 10th grade boys team coached by John Lahiff and Kevin Quinn, and an 11th and 12th grade boys team coached by Mark Cavano and Mike Bevilaqua. All together, there are about 35 young people involved. It gives these kids an opportunity to play a sport they enjoy and it fosters the best values of sportsmanship. It also offers a connection to St. Helen Parish at a time in their lives when they probably question the Church's concern for them. We are pleased to offer such an opportunity and we wish each team the best of luck. We also wish to thank all of the adult coaches without whom none of this would be possible.

**FIRST PENANCE CELEBRATION:** Back in mid January, the boys and girls of the second grade of our parish celebrated the sacrament of penance for the first time. There was probably a bit of trepidation on their part, but everything went very well. The priests who assisted me all remarked on how well prepared the children were, and they were indeed. For this I want to thank the parents and the teachers of the children and, of course, Mrs. Daley. While it might not seem like a big deal, the fact that the children knew "the formula" by which to start ("Bless me Father, for I have sinned...") and also their Prayer of Sorrow, what we used to call the Act of Contrition, means a lot. I hope it means that these children will never not go to confession because they don't know what to do or what to say. More importantly though, I hope the children realize how much God loves them, how much He will always love them, no matter how far they might wander away from Him. He will always be there, encouraging them to return to Him and He will always be there to welcome them back with open arms. No sin is too big, no sin is committed too often, no time away from the sacrament of penance is too great that God will not be there ready and willing to forgive. It's something we ALL should remember. At this Sunday's 10:00am Mass these young children, and all of us, will celebrate God's great forgiving love. - Father Maguire



**CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE:** Valentine's Day is fast approaching. This is a special day for husbands and wives. At a time when society too often fails to encourage and support the institution of marriage, it's important to find opportunities to try to do better. We'll be doing just that on next weekend, February 12-13. In case any of you husbands might have forgotten, Monday, February 14 is Valentine's Day so do what you need to do! At all of the Masses that weekend, we'll be offering special prayers for all married couples. We will also be awarding "prizes" to one married couple at each of the Masses.

**VALENTINE'S DAY SOCK DROP:** Valentine's Day is all about love. In the gospel, Jesus teaches that true love is helping those in need. Peter Cronin, one of our recently confirmed high school youth is involved with "Friends of Boston's Homeless" and he has asked our help in sponsoring a Sock Drop for the benefit of homeless men and women who frequent The Woods-Mullen Shelter in Boston's South End and also the Long Island Shelter. These two shelters give out more than 8,000 pair of socks to men and women every year. As a way of loving others, we invite you to bring a pair or two of brand new, white tube socks, for either men or women to Mass over the weekend of February 6-7 and 12-13. What better Valentine's Day present could we give? Collection Boxes will be located in the vestibule. Thank You!

**FROM THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE:** Due to changes in the federal tax laws for charitable contributions, parishioners who itemize deductions on Schedule A of their tax returns will no longer be able to deduct contributions to the parish unless they maintain a bank record or receive a written contribution statement from the parish. If you would like a printed report of your giving for 2010, please call the Rectory. The parish cannot track cash contributions, regardless of the amount, that are **not** part of our parish envelope system.

**MOMS AND TOTS:** An informal gathering of mothers and their young children gathers on Monday mornings at St. Helen Parish Hall from 9:30-11:00am. Any mothers, or fathers, and their young children are cordially invited to drop by any Monday.. This might be an especially good way for new residents of Norwell, whatever the faith, to get to know their fellow townspeople.

**HELPING HANDS** is a group of parishioners who want to reach out to others in need. This group is willing to help anyone within St. Helen's who has a sudden need for: meals, rides to appointments, errands, household chores, babysitting etc... It is important to know that in a crisis, there are people you can turn to in your church. We are here. Please call if you need assistance or if you know of anyone in need: Leann Kelly 659-7456, Marjorie Mahoney 659-4189 or the rectory at 659-2993.

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Every Wednesday, from 9:30am to 5:00pm, our church celebrates the adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. This is a great opportunity for Catholics to come and worship Our Lord in the Eucharist quietly and privately. We are in need of parishioners to commit to an hour during this time, at your convenience, so that Our Lord is never alone. Do you have one hour to give to Jesus on Wednesday? Please call Myra Doran at 781-659-4882 for further information.

**NEW PARISHIONERS!**

Are you new to St. Helen Parish? If so, we hope that you find us a welcoming and inviting family of faith. If you would like to register with us, please fill out this form and return it to the Rectory (by collection basket or the mails). We'll then be happy to send you a parish registration form.

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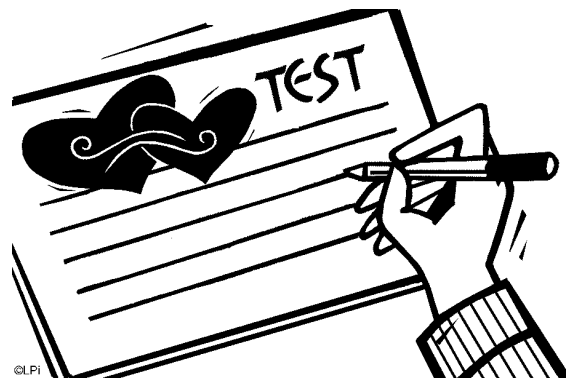
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**Q** *My fiancée and I are planning our wedding for next year. We still have to attend classes and meet with a priest. What should we expect from the classes? Does the priest test us to see if we are ready to be married?*

**A** For many years the church has tried to help couples prepare for marriage. The rising divorce rate, as well as the recognition of marriage as a sacrament, led to the development of Marriage Prep Dialogues and Engaged Encounter Weekends. Both programs are designed to encourage couples to discuss the basic fundamentals of relationship within the context of marriage: communication, finance, sexuality, spirituality and values and goals. Open and honest dialogue, as well as a sense of shared values, can make a big difference in a marriage. The classes are not a "how to" course, but provide information and encouragement as you discuss how you will live your married life.

The married couples in these programs often share their own experience and information as a guide and example. The priest may give some spiritual insights on how living the sacrament of marriage differs from the legal understanding of marriage. He is not there to test you, but rather to help you cover all the bases and be certain that you and your future spouse are well-informed and prepared to take on the responsibilities and commitment of marriage. The goal of marriage is union and love. Openness, honesty, trust, and love are the glue that keeps couples together for a lifetime.





**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**February 6:** First Reconciliation Mass for all **GRADE 2** will be celebrated at the 10am Mass. Second graders will bring their sheep to Mass and sit with their parents. When Father Maguire calls you forward, you may remove the adhesive back and place your sheep on the banner.

**February 8:** **NO** class for **GRADE 2**. **Communion Parent meeting** at 10am **OR** 7pm in the hall.

**February 13:** **GRADE 3** will host the Family Mass at 10am and after Mass they will be giving out Valentines to all the parishioners. **GRADES 7 and 8 (Sunday evening)** will have class per schedule.

**February 20-26:** **NO** classes due to February vacation.

**February 27:** **NO Sunday AM** classes. **GRADES 7 and 8 (Sunday evening)** will have class per schedule.

**March 6:** **GRADE 4** will host the 10am Family Mass. **SUNDAY EVENING GRADE 9** will have class per schedule.



**March 9:** **Ash Wednesday:** **ALL Wednesday classes** will attend the Ash Wednesday service from 4:15-4:45pm in the church during class time. Drop-off and pick-up are per their usual times at the hall.

**March 13:** **SUNDAY EVENING GRADE 7 and 8** have class per their schedule.

**SUBSTITUTE CCD TEACHERS ARE NEEDED NOW FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR IN ALL GRADES!**



**ATTENTION THESPIANS:** St. Helen's Youth Group wants to put on a fundraiser: A Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre. We have a three act play for 8 characters...but need actors! And need them ASAP to get started on planning and production. Please call the Religious Ed Office at 781-659-7344 if you want to act!

**CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

High school students and adults needed

- Children's Liturgy during the 10am Mass, twice per month; contact Julie Ingargiola at [jingarg@hotmail.com](mailto:jingarg@hotmail.com)
- Father Bill's: either cooking or serving ; contact [d.palzkill@comcast.net](mailto:d.palzkill@comcast.net)
- Eucharistic Minister or student lector; contact Religious Ed
- Seeking students who wish to be camp counselors and crew members for Vacation Bible Camp June 27-July 1 from 8:30am-12:30pm



**HOSPITALITY COFFEE AND DONUTS:**

We need family volunteers to set up and pick up donuts and coffee from Dunkin Donuts for the Family Masses once a month. Please call the Religious Ed Office at 781-659-7344. We pay the bill! Particular

dates needed are June 5 and June 19.

**PROJECT LINUS:** The first 2 weeks of February all **GRADES 4 and 5** will be dedicating two classes to creating quilts for Project Linus. Parents and parishioners may assist by donating either a roll of polyfil, 1 yard of polar/fleece (any color) or their sewing talents to help sew our quilt squares together. If you can help, please call the Religious Ed Office at 781-659-7344. Quilts are donated to children in need of comfort – whether they are in the hospital, foster care, homeless shelters or other needs. Another example of children helping children!

**CCD SNOW CANCELLATIONS**

Now that the winter season is upon us, there may be occasions that CCD classes will be cancelled due to inclement weather. This is always a difficult decision to make...When in doubt, call the Religious Ed Office at 781-659-7344. We always put the cancellation announcement on the office answering machine. If Norwell schools are cancelled, St. Helen's CCD classes are also cancelled. If snow begins during the school day, we will call the respective schools to announce closure and then put the closure on the office answering machine. For Sunday classes, we notify WBZ TV and radio, although their announcements have not always been reliable. In addition, once again we put the cancellation announcement on the office answering machine. When in doubt, call the office at 781-659-7344 – not the rectory.

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