



Saturday, February 12

5:00pm Florence Vanderwater 7th Anniversary

Sunday, February 13

10:00am Lynn Christou Month's Mind

Wednesday, February 16

9:00am Allen Fish Memorial

Thursday, February 17

9:00am For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday, February 18

9:00am Donald McLeod 6th Anniversary

Saturday, February 19

5:00pm Stephen Mahoney 20th Anniversary

Sunday, February 20

11:30am Joseph Passagio 1st Anniversary

IN OUR PRAYERS... Rose Terry, 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 Joseph Bogno who was buried from St. Helen Church this past week.



"You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment. But I say to you, whoever is angry with brother will be liable to judgment." - Mt 5:21-22a

Readings for the Week of February 13, 2011

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37
 Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Mk 8:11-13
 Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21
 Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Mk 8:22-26
 Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Mk 8:27-33
 Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Mk 8:34--9:1
 Saturday: Heb 11:1-7/Mk 9:2-13
 Next Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Offertory: February 6, 2011	\$8,041.60
Weekly Electronic Transfer:	\$701.54
Total:	\$8,743.14
Peter's Pence	\$1,816.00

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

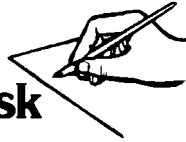
FROM THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE:

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. Cash contributions that are not in a parish envelope cannot be tracked by the parish and will not be included in the year-end contribution statement. Our parish will track contributions made using the envelope system, and will, upon request, produce a written statement of contributions made during 2010. This information will include the name of the parishioner, date of each individual donation, and the dollar amount. 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.

ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTIONS:

Electronic giving is the latest and most efficient way to offer your weekly parish contributions. It will save you from writing a check each week, and it will provide the parish with a steady and reliable source of income every week. We thank the many parishioners who have already signed up and are using the system, and we hope others will give it a try. The system which we use here at St. Helen, ParishPay, electronically deducts donations to the parish from your checking account, savings account, credit or debit cards on a monthly basis. Donations can be changed at any time, and there is no cost to you. Anyone interested in further information or to sign up can go online at www.paritypay.com or go to our parish website homepage and click donations at the top of the right hand column.

From the Pastor's Desk



The old saying "love is in the air" is certainly true this weekend. Monday of this coming week is Valentine's Day, and we all know what that means! Among other things, I have learned not to plan on going out to dinner that weekend, since you can't find an available table anywhere. Since the world is focused on love, this is probably an appropriate time to speak about love and marriage. As I write those two words I immediately think of the verses of that old song "love and marriage, love and marriage; go together like a horse and carriage..... you can't have one without the other." How things have changed! While we are all called to love one another, it is within the sacrament or institution of marriage that the special love between a man and a woman reaches its fullest or deepest expression. Marriage is the relationship within which the two become one, and where each of the beloved is now gifted by the other with their whole selves, their whole being, including their sexuality, which we should see as one of God's great gifts to human beings. Marriage is the very best relationship out of which, and into which, God's gift of children comes to us. For thousands of years, society has appreciated the special value of marriage and so has promoted, fostered and protected the institution of marriage. Sadly, things are not quite that way in our day, and so we have to make the extra efforts to promote and nurture the institution of marriage as well as husbands and wives as they live out their vocation of marriage. Marriage is a beautiful life, but not always an easy one. You who are, or have been married know this far better than I. We need to pray for husbands and wives, indeed we need to pray for couples as they prepare for marriage. We need to praise couples as they show us the joys and beauties of married life even as they work hard to deal with the strifes (of whatever magnitude) that are a natural part of life. In your love for one another we see something of the love of the God we cannot see. We also need to pray and offer whatever assistance we can to those marriages which are "in trouble" or those marriages where there is a separation or divorce. And we can never forget those who have lost their cherished spouse to death. I appreciate how difficult it can be to "get on with life" even as you never stop missing your beloved. On

this Valentine's Day weekend we pray for all of our married couples. Through their cooperation with God's abundant graces, may they mirror for all of us the love of God for each of us. May God grant wisdom and courage to those husbands and wives struggling to keep their marriages together, and to those who have experienced divorce. May the joyful and blessed memories of happy times sustain those whose spouses have died. And may all of us, in every way possible, promote, foster and nurture the sacrament/institution of marriage in our society today.

Father Maguire

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT: As always, I am very grateful to all of you who support our parish through your financial offerings. Your generosity makes it possible to do the many good and holy works which take place in our parish day in and day out. One year ago, we conducted an **Increased Weekly Giving Program** here in the Parish. At that time we asked every family to consider increasing their weekly/monthly contribution on a consistent basis. Your response was very good, and our weekly offertory increased. As time goes on, there is a tendency to cut back a little, and in light of that, I am asking everyone to re-commit yourselves to the level of financial support that is appropriate for you. My request is **NOT** a new Increased Giving Appeal, but rather, I hope, a gentle reminder of the level of support you might have pledged a year ago. If you have reduced your level of support, and could go back to a higher level, I would ask that you please try to do so. For some, present circumstances might allow a more generous gift each week, for others, present circumstances might mean a smaller weekly gift. All I suggest is a "renewed commitment" regarding everyone's financial support. There are no cards or forms to complete, just this gentle (I hope) reminder. And please do remember: the money you give to St. Helen Parish remains right here in our Parish. Thank you! -- Father Maguire



LIFT – Catholic Worship for a new Generation: LIFT is an exciting monthly worship event for all ages which includes vibrant praise and worship music, dynamic, challenging speakers and Eucharistic Adoration. Their next event is this Tuesday, February 22 from 7-9pm at Fontbonne Academy, 930 Brook Road, Milton, MA as they welcome Fr. Tim Hepburn as the guest speaker. For more information, visit their website: www.liftedhigher.com.

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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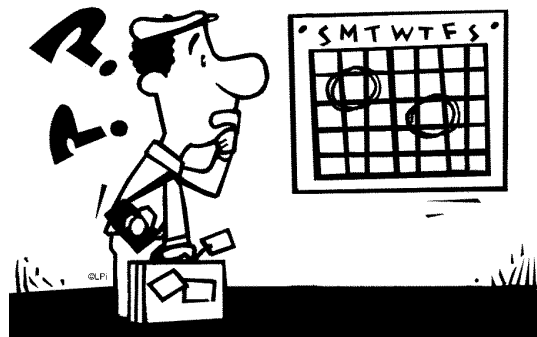
Q *I was surprised to learn that not all countries celebrate the same holy days. If we are traveling and the country where we are does not celebrate a holy day that we do in the USA, must we go to Mass?*

A There are ten holy days of obligation: Mary, the Mother of God; Epiphany; St. Joseph; Ascension; Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ; St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles; Assumption of Mary; All Saints; Immaculate Conception; and Christmas. The Conference of Catholic Bishops of individual countries, with approval of the Holy See, can either suppress certain holy days of obligation or transfer them to a Sunday. The Holy See requires that in each country Christmas and one feast of Mary be observed on the actual date as holy days of obligation.

In the US we always celebrate the Immaculate Conception, our patronal feast, on December 8, as a holy day of obligation. In 1998, the USCCB allowed Ascension Thursday to be transferred to the following Sunday. In the United States, Epiphany and Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ have been transferred to Sunday. The feasts of St. Joseph and St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles have not been holy days of obligation for many years. In the US, whenever January 1, August 15, or November 1 falls on a Saturday or a Monday, there is no obligation to attend Mass.

When traveling, the old saying applies: When in Rome, do as the Romans do. Your obligation follows the local customs.

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IMPORTANT DATES:

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.

PANDAMANIA: *Where God Is Wild About You!* **St. Helen Vacation Bible School 2011** will run from June 27-July 1, 2011 from 9am-12noon. We are accepting children from Pre-K (age 4) through Grade 4 and cost is \$35 per child or \$90 maximum per family. Meet our Bible Buddies!! Play games, listen to stories, sing songs and make crafts! Camp Counselors Wanted!! Grades 7-12. Call 781-659-7344 or email at reled@sthelenchurchnorwell.org to be a part of this exciting program. Registrations are being accepted now. With the interest of this program, we anticipate it filling quickly.



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.

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
- Father Bill's: either cooking or serving ; contact 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

PROJECT LINUS: These 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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