



Saturday, February 27

5:00pm Donald McLeod 5th Anniversary

Sunday, February 28

10:00am Elizabeth Flaherty 1st Anniversary

11:30am John Whittaker 14th Anniversary

Tuesday, March 2

9:00am Robert Henderson Memorial

Friday, March 5

9:00am Mass for Priestly Vocations

Saturday, March 6

5:00pm Anne Brown and William Johnston Memorial

Sunday, March 7

11:30am Kara Templeton Memorial

IN OUR PRAYERS...Trisha McDonald Joseph Sullivan, Pam Phillips, Corrine Kennedy, Christopher Grimes, Betty Kelliher, Joanne and John Tarantino, Sheila Stanton, Nancy Clifford, Denice Guanci, Francis Nelson, Rita Boyd, Thomas Donnelly, Ellsworth Rice and Gustavo Leon who are ill; also for Joseph Passaggio who was buried from St. Helen Church this past week.

FIRST FRIDAY: The monthly First Friday Mass for Priestly Vocations will be celebrated this Friday, March 5 at 9:00am. Please join us as we pray that more men will hear and respond to God's call to serve as ordained priests.

SOME MUSICAL LENTEN NOTES: During the season of Lent, our Sunday Masses will begin in silence. There will not be any Entrance Hymn at any of our Masses. At the 5:00pm and 10:00am Masses, our Penitential Rite will be a chanted Kyrie. Both of these changes emphasize the more penitential tone which the Church intends Lent to have.

THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL will not be conducted here at St. Helen Parish until the weekend of April 27-28. If you should receive Appeal material and pledge cards in the mail, please hold off on making a pledge or donation until late April.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Offertory: February 21	\$6,657.00
Weekly Electronic Transfer:	\$516.92
Total:	\$7,173.92

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

ParishPay: Many thanks to the parishioners who have enrolled in the ParishPay offertory! If you wish to place a donation card in the offertory basket on Sunday, you may print these cards by logging into your account and scrolling down to "print slips". St Helen Parish has joined the many other Boston Archdiocesan Parishes in offering ParishPay. ParishPay offers a convenient, safe and secure method of contributing your weekly offertory and other donations to the parish. The enrollment and automated giving process is simple and quick. You may sign-up and begin donating all at once, either by accessing our website @ www.sthelenchurchnorwell.org and clicking on the donation tab on the homepage through the www.parishpay.com site, or if you don't have access to a computer, by contacting St. Helen Rectory at 781-659-2993. This system allows you to continue your weekly offering when away, and those times when you can't find the envelope or don't have time to write a check. ParishPay also allows you to easily manage your account from home, and offers the parish a consistent offertory which helps with planning, budgeting and expenses. Once you have signed up, both the parishioner and parish will be sent an email notification. Thank you.



"THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU"

INITIATIVE: Following the lead of several other dioceses around the country, the Archdiocese of Boston is conducting a Lenten penance

initiative called "The Light is On for You." In an effort to encourage Catholics throughout the Archdiocese to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, every parish church and every public chapel of the Archdiocese will be hearing confessions on the Wednesday nights of Lent from 6:30-8:00pm. As always, we encourage all our parishioners to celebrate this great sacrament of God's love, and hopefully this will make it easier. Basically, you can plan to celebrate the sacrament here or at any other church any Wednesday night of Lent from 6:30-8:00pm.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY will once again be celebrated here with appropriate festivities. We will have the customary 9:00am Mass that morning, and following the Mass, we will be having refreshments in the Parish hall. By popular demand, we will be bringing Mabel Biaginni and her accordion back for an encore performance. We are asking for donations of home baked goodies, and so that we don't overdo it, this time around, we're asking if people whose last names begin with M-Z to help us.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

I'm sure that like myself, many of you are watching various events of this year's Olympic Games. We all have our favorite events and athletes, including curling! Personally, I find some of the events more akin to Extreme Games than to the traditional winter sports, but maybe that's just how things develop. A few times when I have been on the phone at night and have the TV on, but the volume muted, the various figure skating events come on. I quickly turn the TV off since I find it too difficult to watch, knowing that many times the skater fails to make a jump and falls to the ice. In all likelihood, in that one instant, it's all over for the skater. He or she will have no chance of winning a medal. Everything the skater has worked for over at least the last four years has vanished. All the hopes and dreams have been swept away. But rather than skating off in defeat, the skater gets back up and continues. Maybe he or she will even fall a second time, but even then, the skater gets back up and finishes the routine. While I cringe at the sight of the skater falling, I am greatly impressed by his or her determination. It's a far cry from the way so many athletes in much more lucrative sports behave. And I must confess that my first thought would be to get off the ice and just get away from everyone else and all the cameras. The on ice sportsmanship of these figure skaters is something we would all benefit from emulating in our professional and personal lives. In every arena of life, things don't always go as we would like. Sometimes we fall down. Rather than walking away in defeat or humiliation, we should get back up, and keep going. This is obviously true of our individual spiritual lives. We don't always live the way God intends. We can often enough fall through our sins. There are times when we fall a lot. Like those figure skaters, we need to pick ourselves up and get back on our feet and try to do better. There is probably nothing more helpful in getting back up after sin has caused us to fall, than the Sacrament of Penance. We all need it, regardless of the nature of the sins of our lives. We need to know that there's no reason to stay on the ground after we've fallen. We can do better, and God is certainly more than willing to forgive us our sins. We should all rejoice in the truth which St. Paul tells us, that where sin is present, God's grace is all the more present, and all the more powerful. And so, let us never let sin keep us down. Let us always use God's grace to get back up and try to do better. And of course, there is no better opportunity afforded us by God to do this, than through the Sacrament of Penance. I encourage all of us to celebrate this great sacrament of God's love and forgiveness during these special days of Lent. As with every other parish in the Archdiocese, confessions are heard every Wednesday night from 6:30-8:00pm. Confessions are also heard every Saturday afternoon from 4-4:45pm. God is waiting for our return. Let us not disappoint him.

Fr. Maguire

WELCOME FATHER PHILIP CONROY: As many of you know, I will be having a total knee replacement this Wednesday, March 3. Please keep me in your prayers. Provided everything goes well, I'll have the other knee replaced within a year. (If there's a whole lot of pain with this first knee, I'm not so sure about the second!!) For obvious reasons, I will be away for several weeks recuperating and rehabilitating the knee. In my place, Father Phillip Conroy will be serving as Temporary Administrator. Father Conroy is part of the Archdiocesan "Emergency Response" group which goes in to parishes to allow the priest to take care of health needs or perhaps a sabbatical program, or in the case of the death of a priest assigned to a parish. Father Conroy will be serving here until I'm able to return to full time activity, and I am very grateful to him for his willingness to step up and help out.

Father Maguire

LENTEN MITE BOXES: Again this year, we will be offering Lenten "offerings" canisters to the children and young families of the parish through the CCD program. Canisters will also be available at the doors of the church for anyone else who might be interested. As always, we use these modern day "mite boxes" to encourage our children to sacrifice for the benefit of other children who are far less fortunate. In light of the tragic earthquake that hit Haiti, and the very great difficulties which will affect the people of that nation for years to come, we will be donating all of the money collected during Lent to the children of Haiti. We have parishioners with contacts there, and we will be sure that the money goes directly to the needs of the children.



**BIBLE
STUDY**

**TASTE OF BIBLE
STUDY:** By popular demand, Celia Sirois will be guiding us

through another book of the Bible during the upcoming Lenten season. This time, Celia will lead us through the Book of Revelation. Sessions are held on Monday nights, through and including March 22 from 7-9pm in the parish hall. The Book of Revelation is perhaps the least well understood book of the bible, and these evenings will be a wonderful way to learn the book's message and meaning for us today. All are invited.

HEALING MASS this Tuesday, March 2, at 7:30pm at St. Paul's Church, Hingham Square. Father James Rafferty will be the celebrant. Those who have serious illnesses or who are awaiting surgery may receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Others are invited to come forward at the end of Mass for the Laying On of Hands for their own or others' needs.



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.



EUCCHARISTIC 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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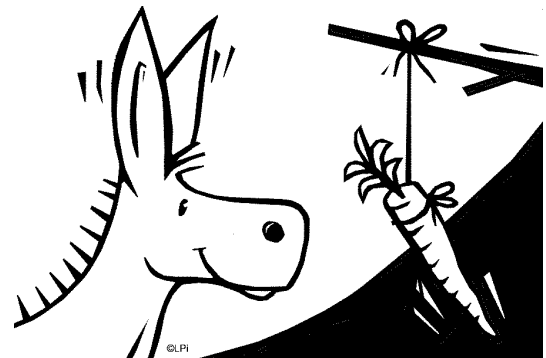
At times, temptation seems so powerful that is almost impossible to resist. How can I be stronger in my resolve to avoid sin and temptation?

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Temptation is powerful because it appeals to our human weakness and our desire for power, wealth, control, or personal satisfaction. Evil disguises itself as something good and we are enticed to make a choice. Our will is weakened each time we give in to something for selfish reasons, especially things we do not wish to choose. It is not something we can totally avoid, because temptation is not something we create or sometimes recognize, but rather it comes from evil. But it would be a mistake to think of temptation only in terms of things that are really sinful. Temptation gains its strength by wearing down our will to choose good. If we fail in the small choices, we are all the more likely to fail in the bigger ones.

Herein lies the wisdom of the church in encouraging us to make small sacrifices and to do Lenten penance. In these practices of self-denial, we strengthen our will to choose, our ability to recognize good, and our desire to avoid evil. The balance of power shifts from evil to good, from temptation to resistance. We then overcome evil in the small struggles of daily life and are more attuned to the prompting our conscience to choose good.

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

February 28: Sunday AM classes resume. GRADE 7 and GRADE 8 will have CCD class together (this week only) from 6-7:45pm.

March 7: GRADE 5 will host the Family Mass at 10am. GRADE 9 has class from 6-7:45pm. Please return missing paperwork and Mass preference for Confirmation.

March 9: NO GRADE 2 Religious Ed class. GRADE 1 will have class from 4-5pm in the Hall. Up to and including Units 3 and 4 are due.

March 14: *Daylight Savings Time! GRADES 7 and 8 (Sunday evening classes) will have class per the schedule. GRADE 7 from 4-5:45pm and GRADE 8 from 6-7:45pm.

March 18: Drop off and pick up of GRADES 3 and 5 will be at the church-same times!

March 21: GRADES 2 and 6 will host the 10am Mass. There will be a **Catholic Heart Workcamp meeting** at 6pm in the Hall for all campers and parents. Paperwork will be passed in.

March 28: GRADES 7 and 8 (Sunday evening) will have class per the schedule. GRADE 7 from 4-5:45pm and GRADE 8 from 6-7:45pm. *Last class* for GRADES 7 and 8 (both AM and PM.).

April 1: Holy Thursday Mass at 7pm. All **second graders** are asked to attend.

April 4: Happy Easter! NO Sunday classes – morning *or* evening.

April 13: NO GRADE 2 Religious Ed class. FIRST GRADE will come into church for class *with* parent from 4-5pm. Interview sign-ups will be available and Unit 5 should be passed in.

April 14: *Last class* for Wednesday GRADES 3-6.

April 15: *Last class* for Thursday GRADES 3 and 5.

April 18: GRADES 2 & 6 will host the 10am Family Mass.

April 11: Last Sunday AM class for GRADES 3-6. GRADE 9 AM classes are invited to attend this evening's GRADE 9 evening presentation from 6-7:45pm. Please note this is not the first Sunday of the month, but GRADE 9 has class.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

- Looking for students willing to be Offertory Collectors (passing the basket), Eucharistic Ministers and student lectors at the Family Masses. Please call to be put on the list.
- Volunteers for Father Bill's: d.palzkill@comcast.net. We are in need of cooks. Recipe provided and simple.
- Parents who run the Children's Liturgy (the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month) need volunteers to assist with the children. Please call Julie Ingargiola at 781-659-1810.
- Vacation Bible School volunteers (Grades 7-12) needed.

CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP: St. Helen's High School students will be heading to Kearney, NJ from August 1-7, 2010! If you did not receive a registration form, but are interested, please call the Religious Ed Office at 781-659-7344. There are only 5 slots left.



***ATTENTION**
Coming Soon –
July 12-16 from
9am-12noon.

Vacation Bible School. Watch bulletin for further information!! High school students will be needed as camp counselors and parents as staff members. Scheduling is flexible.

PROJECT LINUS: GRADE 4 and GRADE 5 have made their quilts for Project Linus and they now need some sewers to help sew them together. If you can help, please call the Religious Ed Office at 781-659-7344.

CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP will be starting fundraising soon. One of our first fun community fundraisers will be "Flamingo Flocking". If you would like to send a flock of beautiful pink flamingos to a friend or neighbor for \$10 – please call the Religious Ed Office.

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