



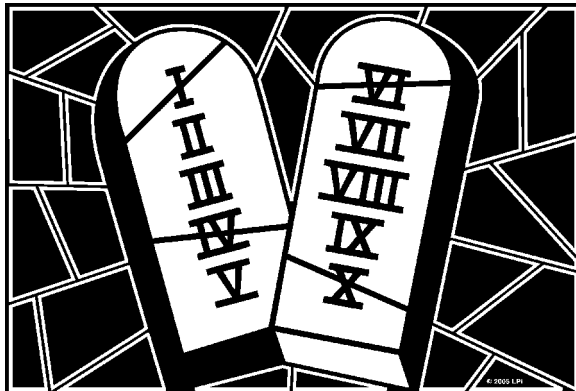
Sunday, May 29

8:00am Mary Sarsfield Memorial

Friday, June 3

9:00am Mass for Priestly Vocations

IN OUR PRAYERS...Christine Kennedy, Bob Leavitt Jr., Ryan Mott, Henry Radziusz, Maryann Aria, Lin Goh, Paul Tibbitts, Debrah Carella, Annemarie Omera, Tricia McDonald, Sheila Stanton, Francis Nelson and Ellsworth Rice who are ill.



"On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him." - Jn 14:20-21

Readings for the Week of May 29, 2011

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21
 Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26---16:4a
 Tuesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Lk 1:39-56
 Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22---18:1/Jn 16:12-15
 Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20
 Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23
 Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28
 Next Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

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FIRST FRIDAY: The monthly First Friday Mass for Priestly Vocations will be celebrated this Friday, June 3 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.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION, a holy day of obligation, is this Thursday, June 2. Masses will be celebrated on Wednesday evening at 7:00pm and on Thursday at 9:00am.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Offertory: May 22, 2011	\$6,994.00
Weekly Electronic Transfer:	\$708.46
Total:	\$7,702.46
Military Archdiocese/Home	
Missions/Black and Native American	\$1,094.00

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

THE ANNUAL JUNE CLERGY BENEFIT TRUST

will be taken up at every parish of the Archdiocese over the weekend of June 4-5. The financial condition of the fund which covers the cost of health insurance for **all** priests, as well as the "pension" paid to retired priests of the Archdiocese has reached a crisis point. While progress has been made in stabilizing the fund, there is still an urgent need for monies in addition to the Easter and Christmas collections. In the name of **all** priests of the Archdiocese who have worked so diligently and so faithfully, as well as those priests who are actively serving in parishes at this moment, I ask for your support. As I did last year, I humbly suggest a donation of \$25 from every working family. If you can give more, please try to do so. If only less is possible, please do what you can. Thank you very much!

Father Maguire

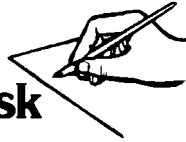
LITURGICAL MINISTERS: We are in need of additional parishioners who can assist in our worship of God by serving as lectors or Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. A training session will be held on Monday night, June 20 at 7:30pm in the church. We hope that several volunteers will step forward to involve themselves in these very important parish ministries.



BROWN BAG SUNDAY: For many years now, the people of our parish have been extremely generous in supporting the Norwell Food Pantry by bringing non-perishable food to Mass over the weekend of the first Sunday of every month. We thank you for your wonderful display of "faith in action." The next Brown Bag Sunday is June 4/5 and bags will be available in the vestibule over the weekend of May 28/29.

YOUTH RAFFLE: We wish to thank everyone who purchased a ticket to the Catholic Heart Work Camp Raffle. Your support makes the trip possible. We congratulate Sheila O'Donnell whose name was picked out as the winner of the \$1,000 prize. Thank you, Sheila, and enjoy your winnings!

From the Pastor's Desk



I suppose that many of us have joked and complained about the weather this spring. It's a natural reaction to some pretty miserable weather, and since there's nothing we can do to change it, we joke and complain. No harm, no foul! But considering the weather that has afflicted the people of the middle and southern United States, we, and that very much includes me, have little to complain about. A month ago, tornadoes devastated parts of several states, and hit especially hard the people of Alabama and Mississippi. Since the heaviest damage was done in the area covered by the Catholic Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama, in the name of St. Helen parish, a check in the amount of \$2,500 has been sent to the Bishop's Relief Fund of the Diocese of Birmingham. All told, more than three hundred people were killed. And then we have watched the mighty Mississippi River, and several other rivers, overflow their banks in record flooding. I can't imagine what it's like to see your house engulfed in fifteen feet of water, and it's even more difficult when your home and your land is intentionally flooded to prevent greater destruction in major cities down river. While the people did what they could, it must be so sad to stand and wait for what you know is coming several days or a week later. And then, just last Sunday the city of Joplin, Missouri was hit head on by a mammoth tornado. More than one hundred people were killed, many are still missing, and more than one-third of the town was destroyed. While there are so many stories of the disaster, I suggest that you go online and search for St. Mary Parish in Joplin. It is a parish of about 700 families with a church and school. Both are now destroyed. There's nothing there but the girders and piles of rubble. The people of that parish, along with all the people of Joplin are surely in all our prayers. I guess it's natural to "complain about the weather," but this spring has shown us that things could be very much worse. May those who died rest in peace, may the injured recover quickly, may the missing be found safe, and may God give the people the strength and comfort they need in this difficult time.

Father Maguire



Respect Life

NATIONAL PRO-LIFE PRIEST TO SPEAK

Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director of Priests for Life, will speak at St. Paul Parish, Hingham, on June 4 at 7:30pm in the school hall. Admission is free, but please rsvp to Stpaulchurchprolife@yahoo.com.

CELEBRATION OF PARISH: As noted in last week's bulletin, we have planned a simple celebration of Parish for Sunday, June 12. It happens to be the feast of Pentecost, so it's a good day to celebrate Church! We have decided to expand it just a bit to include a Hot Dog Supper in the hall on Saturday night, June 11, following the 5:00pm Mass. Since the Parish non-liturgical "year" pretty much revolves around the school year, our weekend activities will be able to double as an "end of year" celebration. We hope that anyone who may have been prompted by the Spirit to "Come Home" will try to join us for either our Saturday Supper or Sunday morning get together. These events will offer us an opportunity to welcome any "returning" Catholics in a simple, low key manner. We also would like to meet any families and individuals who have moved into the parish over the past several years and have never been properly welcomed. And we hope that a whole lot of other parishioners will join us as we conclude a good year, and look forward to the summer. There is no charge for the get together in the hall following the 11:30 Mass on Sunday, June 12. Because of higher costs, we'll be asking for a donation of just \$2 per person for the cookout (hot dogs, chips, cookies and tonic) on Saturday night following the 5:00pm Mass. We will need some volunteers to help with the cooking on Saturday, so if you can lend a hand, please contact the Rectory.

MEMORIAL DAY: This Monday is Memorial Day. It is our nation's annual celebration and commemoration of all those who have given their lives in defense of our nation and the liberties we hold so dear. Over time, it has become a day to remember all of our beloved dead, sort of a national All Souls Day. It is good to remember our own departed loved ones, but we must never forget the original intention for this special day. Amid our family gatherings, and cookouts which will mark the unofficial start of summer, we should say a prayer of gratitude for those who, from the very start of our nation, right up to this very day, have sacrificed their lives for our protection and the good of freedom the world over. May we, their sons and daughters, never forget the true price of freedom. May we pray that those who have paid the last full measure of devotion will not have died in vain. Let us also pray for an end to war so that no more men and women of our nation, or any other nation, will need to lay down their lives for their friends.

25th & 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: Cardinal O'Malley invites all couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2011 to a Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross on Sunday, June 26 at 11:30am. Mass will include a renewal of vows. Family and friends are welcome to attend. Please register online at www.BostonCatholic.org/WeddingAnniversaryMass. A formal invitation and more information will be sent in May from the Archdiocese.

FONTBONNE ACADEMY will host its first **Transfer Information Night** to be held on Thursday, June 2 at 7pm. Called "Find Your Compass", the night aims to help young women seeking a new direction in their high school career. With a commitment to social justice, wellness, and the arts, Fontbonne Academy's college preparatory curriculum yields a 100% college acceptance rate. The welcoming community embraces young women who want to be challenged and to succeed. RSVP to admissions@fontbonneacademy.org or 617-615-3014.

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

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 Tuesday, June 7 from 7-9pm at Fontbonne Academy, 930 Brook Road, Milton, MA as they welcome Bob Lesnefsky aka "Righteous B" as the guest speaker. For more information, visit their website: www.liftedhigher.com.



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.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone number _____

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What is an appropriate gift to give to the priest and church for our wedding?

Many parishes have guidelines that they give to couples when they first meet with the priest to plan their wedding. Besides the information concerning marriage preparation, paperwork and the ceremony, there are usually things that are specific to the parish; the regulations or "dos" and "don'ts," if you will. Fees are usually listed and cover the use of the church, janitorial costs, music, etc. If not, you can just ask the priest, or call the parish secretary who will probably know. She probably runs the day-to-day operation and is well aware of these details.

In general, however, people are often willing to spend a fortune on all the glitz and glitter of a reception and forget about the wedding. People who think nothing of renting a hotel ballroom for thousands will begrudge their parish church a few dollars. I remember one couple telling me they spent \$100,000 on their wedding while I recalled that they had yet to give the parish the \$125 for the use of the church. Try to keep it in perspective. Err on the side of generosity. Your donation can reflect the importance and value you place on the role your faith and your church have in your marriage.





IMPORTANT DATES:

June 5: **GRADE 4** will host the 10am Mass and we will celebrate the First Graders completion of the first half of their "Journey to Jesus". All **first graders** should attend and sit with their parents. Father Maguire will have a gift for all first graders who attend. **Catholic Heart Workcamp Meeting at 6pm in the Hall.**

June 15: Last day for early registration discount for Religious Ed year 2011-12.

June 18: Car wash in Saint Helen's parking lot from 10am-1pm hosted by the students going to Catholic HEART Workcamp.

June 19: **GRADE 5** will host the 10am Family Mass. **Vacation Bible Camp meeting** for all counselors and helpers at 6pm in the Parish Hall.

June 26: Decorating for Vacation Bible Camp in the Parish Hall at 6pm.



June 27 - July 1:
Vacation Bible
Camp will run from
Monday through

Friday from 9am - 12noon. "Pandamania...Where God Is Wild About You." ***Please note that the camp is now full and registrations are closed.**

July 10-16: Teens and chaperones will be at Catholic Heart Workcamp.



REGISTRATION FORMS for the Religious Ed year 2011-2012 have been mailed. Please send in before June 15 to receive your discount.

Additional forms may be picked up at the back of the church or on the website sthelenchurchnorwell.org.

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



RAFFLE: Thank you to all who supported the teens going to Catholic Heart WorkCamp in July by buying a raffle ticket. All 100 tickets were sold

and on May 22 at the 10am Mass Father Maguire picked the winner of the \$1,000 prize who is Sheila O'Donnell. Congratulations to Sheila and thank you to all.



Car Wash

CHWC CARWASH: On Saturday, June 18, from 10am-1pm there will be a carwash in St. Helen's parking lot for our final

push to raise needed funds for our youth service trip. Charge for car to be washed is a donation to the youth trip. Thank you in advance.

THANK YOU SO MUCH to Reggio Ristorante for donating 20% of all sales from the restaurant on May 24 to support St. Helen's Youth Group traveling to CHWC in July as we serve the needy. Please think of supporting their delicious food establishment the other days of the year!

FOR VACATION BIBLE CAMP our campus will be making care packages for pediatric patients at Mass General Hospital. On June 4/5 we will have bags in the vestibule to take home and bring back the weekend of June 11/12. Please consider donating small, safe toys, coloring books, activity books, puzzles, storybooks, small packs of crayons etc and place in the box in the vestibule. Thank you in advance for helping us.

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