



**Saturday, May 29**

5:00pm Jim Sullivan 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**Sunday, May 30**

11:30am Patricia and Charles Heslin Anniversary

**Tuesday, June 1**

9:00am Mary Sarsfield Memorial

**Friday, June 4**

9:00am Mass for Priestly Vocations

**IN OUR PRAYERS...**Paul McLaughlin, Tricia McDonald Joseph Sullivan, Elizabeth Kelliher, Evelyn Libertine, Christopher Grimes, Betty Kelliher, Joanne and John Tarantino, Sheila Stanton, Nancy Clifford, Denice Guanci, Francis Nelson, Rita Boyd, Thomas Donnelly and Ellsworth Rice who are ill.



*"When he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming." - Jn 16:13*

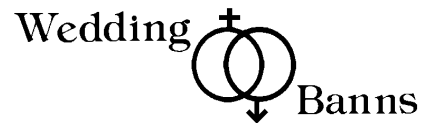
**FIRST FRIDAY:** The monthly First Friday Mass for Priestly Vocations will be celebrated this Friday, June 4 at 9:00am. Please join us as we pray that more men will hear and respond to God's call to serve as ordained priests.

**BROWN BAG SUNDAY** is next weekend. As we have done for the last several months, we will be providing shopping bags as you leave the church this weekend. The bags will contain a list of items presently needed by the Norwell Food pantry. We invite you to take a bag home and bring it back to church next weekend. Thank you.

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**

Offertory: May 23, 2010	\$6,784.00
Weekly Electronic Transfer:	\$610.38
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$7,394.38</b>
<b>Seminary Collection:</b>	<b>\$1,547.00</b>

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



III. Michelle Resca ~ Thomas Leahy

**UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:** Over the course of the next two weekends we will be taking up two very important collections:

**COLLECTION FOR PARISH ST. VINCENT DePAUL CONFERENCE** will be taken up at all of the Masses next weekend, June 5-6. The money raised in this collection allows our Parish St. Vincent DePaul Society to meet the needs of those persons who call us or drop by the Rectory to ask for assistance in paying their rent, buying food or clothing, paying fuel and utility bills, etc. Because of your past generosity we have been able to assist whenever needed and we ask for your continued support.

**THE ANNUAL JUNE CLERGY FUND COLLECTION** will be taken up at every parish of the Archdiocese over the weekend of June 12-13. 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 \$20 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

## From the Pastor's Desk



I want to thank everyone who joined us for our anniversary year kick-off mass and Birthday Party last Sunday morning. As the saying goes, "A great time was had by all!" I am most grateful of course to the parishioners who, on a beautiful spring day with lots of other activities going on, took the time to be with us. I congratulate the sixty parishioners, young and old, who won some money as part of our no cost raffle. Spend it wisely! A great big thank you is due to Linda Daley and the many parishioners who assisted her in decorating the hall. It had a fantastic "50's" theme, and I know how much time and effort it took to put everything into place. I also want to thank Dot Lynch and her group of women who baked so many delicious goodies for the party. We can always count on these women to bake, to serve, and even to help clean up. Bill Slattery, one of our Anniversary Committee members took some great pictures, and we'll have those on display soon in the church vestibule. And finally, I want to thank the many "music people" of the parish who added so much to the Mass. It was a combined effort of Matt Kimble and Lauren Burke, our usual 11:30am Mass musicians, and also our parish choir under the direction of Bill Bernardi and our organist, Eleanor Larson. Thank you all for sharing and making the Mass so beautiful. There won't be any more anniversary events until we have all returned from a much deserved summer vacation, but we already have some tentative plans for a Family Movie Night in November. We'll have details later, and we hope many of you will be able to join us.

Father Maguire

### Readings for the Week of May 30, 2010

Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15  
 Monday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Lk 1:39-56  
 Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Mk 12:13-17  
 Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Mk 12:18-27  
 Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15/Mk 12:28-34  
 Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17/Mk 12:35-37  
 Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8/Mk 12:38-44  
 Next Sunday: Gn 14:18-20/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17

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## PARISHPAY

Please consider using ParishPay for making your offertory donations.

For enrollment info, please call the rectory at 781-659-2993. Thank you!

*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".*

**2010 CARDINAL APPEAL:** Cardinal Sean thanks everyone who has participated in the 2010 Catholic Appeal. Our parish has pledged \$20,875 from 93 households, reaching 45% of our parish goal of \$46,500. We ask every Catholic family to participate. Please know that every gift matters. You can pick up information packets with pledge forms in the back of the church, or for more information please visit [www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com](http://www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com) or call 617-779-3700. Thank you!

**MEMORIAL DAY** is celebrated, perhaps a better word would be OBSERVED this Monday, May 31. It is a day which was originally intended to honor those men and women who have died in defense of our nation and the liberties and freedoms we hold so dear. Over time, it has become a day to remember all of our beloved dead, sort of the American All Souls Day. It is certainly good to remember those people who have been a special part of our lives and our love. But we should never forget to think of the day's original intention and say a prayer of gratitude that men and women, from the day of Lexington and Concord right down to this very day, have been willing to give up their lives for the good of our nation, and freedom all around the world. So, as you're enjoying a cookout or gathering with family and friends this weekend, take a moment to remember, and to offer a quick prayer for those who have paid the last full measure of devotion to our nation.

### **25<sup>th</sup> & 50<sup>th</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS:**

Cardinal O'Malley invites all couples of the Archdiocese who have, or will celebrate their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2010 to the annual Wedding Anniversary Mass which will take place at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross on Sunday, June 13 at 11:30am. To register, please call St. Helen Rectory by June 7. A formal invitation and more information will be sent out from the Archdiocese to registered couples.



Communal Anointing Liturgy

**HEALING MASS** this Tuesday, June 1 at 7:30pm at St. Paul Church, Hingham Square. Father John Currie 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 at the end of the 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.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

**Q**

*Friends at work say they don't need religion because they are good people. How should I respond?*

**A**

Good is the politically correct thing for people to say about themselves. But what does "good" mean? To measure goodness, you need some criteria and it usually comes down to a general sense of keeping the law, not intentionally harming anyone, and trying to be a tolerant (good) neighbor. These values are arbitrary and we judge our behaviors and ourselves based on what we interpret to be good.

But as believers in Christ, we are not called to be good people! We are called to be holy people. And there is a difference. When we strive to be holy, we are measuring ourselves by the message and the model of Christ. Our call is to imitate Christ, to become his body, to carry on his mission and his work. For us, it is more important to be holy than to be good. When we measure holiness, it is not arbitrary. We measure ourselves against Christ himself. Goodness really depends upon my own perspective, how I choose to measure it. Holiness depends on Christ's perspective.

In the church, we learn and practice holiness. We hear God's word, receive his sacraments and in so doing, strengthen our share of grace, which is God's life—the very stuff of holiness. Growing in holiness leads us to celebrate God's life in community. That's what church is all about. "Good" doesn't quite make it; holiness does!

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**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

**June 6:** 4th Grade will host the 10am Mass. 1<sup>st</sup> Grade is also invited to attend the 10am mass and sit with their families as we celebrate their completion of the first year of their "Journey to Jesus."

**June 6:** \*(This is a date change).Catholic Work Camp will meet @ 6pm in the Parish Hall.

**June 13:** Catholic Heartwork Raffle Ticket will be drawn during the 10am Mass. Good Luck to all!

**June 19:** Car wash in Saint Helen's parking lot from 10-2pm hosted by the students going to Catholic HEART Workcamp.

**June 20:** The family mass at 10am will be hosted by Grade 5.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:**

- Volunteers for Father Bill's. We are in need of cooks for the simple recipe that will be provided. [d.palzkill@comcast.net](mailto:d.palzkill@comcast.net).
- Parents who run the Children's Liturgy (the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month) need volunteers to assist with the children. Please call Julie Ingargiola at 781-659-1810.

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**PARISH RAFFLE:** We have sold all 100 tickets for the Parish Raffle and want to thank you for your support and Good Luck!

Drawing will be June 13 during the 10am Mass.



**VACATION BIBLE CAMP: Coming Soon**–July 12-16 from 9am-12noon. The scheduling is flexible. Registration forms are at the back of the church. Financial Scholarships are available for those in need. **Sign-ups began and will continue until June 15<sup>th</sup>.** This will be a fun week for all kids who participate. Age 4 – Grade 4! Mornings filled with great music, stories, games and snacks.



**REGISTRATION FORMS:**

have been mailed for 2010-2011 Religious Ed years. If you did not receive one, please download one from the parish website [www.sthelenchurchnorwell.org](http://www.sthelenchurchnorwell.org) or pick one up at the back of the church. If you have another child entering First Grade simply add their name, date of birth, etc. to your older child's form. Please notice there is a big discount to families that register by June 15th.



**MIDDLE SCHOOL HARBOR CRUISE:**

Join us on Monday June 28<sup>th</sup> for the Archdiocesan Middle School Harbor Cruise. We will leave from St. Helen's at 6:30 pm and return at 11:00pm.

We will be joining students from all over the diocese. There is a DJ, dancing, and fun for all on Boston Harbor. The cost of the trip is \$25 per person. Registration forms were emailed to all current middle school students. If you did not receive a registration form please contact the Religious Education Office. We are in need of adult chaperones for this event as well. Please contact the Religious Education office if you are able to help.



**PARISH BIRTHDAY PARTY** was a huge success and a lot of fun for all who attended. Thank you so much to all who helped to coordinate and decorate.

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