



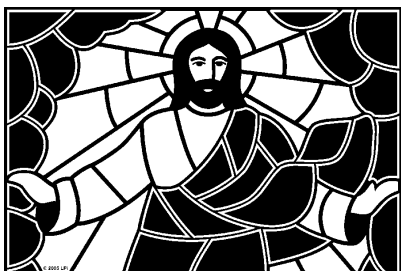
Sunday, June 5

11:30am Karen Templeton 2nd Anniversary

Sunday, June 12

11:30am Frank Aicardi 1st Anniversary

IN OUR PRAYERS...Christina Kennedy, Teresa Lennon, 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.



*"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."
- Mt 28:19-20*

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.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES: With this weekend's graduation ceremony at Norwell High School, most of our high school seniors, college seniors and graduating graduate students have concluded their various commencement exercises. We offer our sincere congratulations and best wishes to one and all. We wish all of you the good luck as you prepare for the next stage of your life. Enjoy yourselves (but not too much) and take a bit of rest (though not too long) before you move on with things. Be sure to say a prayer of thanks to God who has watched over you, and ask for His help in the years to come.



WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Offertory: May 29, 2011	\$6,511.00
Weekly Electronic Transfer:	\$708.46
Total:	\$7,219.46

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

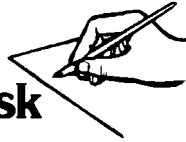
NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston for service, we pray, as future priests. We are blessed that many are responding to the call to serve as priests. Please be generous to support these seminarians on their journey toward their ordination to the priesthood. For more information, please visit www.VocationsBoston.org.



CELEBRATION OF PARISH:

Next weekend, we are inviting parishioners to join with one another at one or both of our two simple Celebrations of Parish. We'll be having a Hot Dog Supper starting at 6:00pm next Saturday night in the Parish Center. We'll have hot dogs, chips, drinks and desserts for everyone. The cost is just \$2 per person. We're still looking for a few parishioners who might be able to help cook and serve the meal. On Sunday morning, we're having refreshments (donuts, danish, coffee, juice, etc.) in the Parish Hall following the 11:30am Mass. There is no charge for this event. Both events, and you're welcome to attend both, afford us the chance to gather with our fellow parishioners and celebrate the wonderful Parish which serves so many so well, and of which we can all be so proud. The weekend happens to be Pentecost weekend which celebrates the beginnings of the Church, so the timing is perfect! The socials also provide an opportunity to welcome any who may have been prompted by the Spirit to "Come Home" to the more active practice of the faith. Whether you've "Come Home," have moved into the Parish over the last couple of years, or have been a stalwart of the Parish from its inception, we hope you'll try to join us. These two celebrations will also afford parishioners the chance to view our recently renovated kitchen. It's a much more pleasant place which will be of benefit for years to come. You can also see our handsome new ramp and steps that lead to the Parish Hall. All of this was made possible because of your financial generosity.

From the Pastor's Desk



Unless my eyes deceive me, many of our fellow parishioners have begun to enjoy their summer homes. Although school may not yet be finished for the year, many families are heading off to enjoy the weekends at their "second" homes. For my family, it usually started with the last weekend of May. Remember, it wasn't until the late sixties that we moved Memorial Day away from the traditional date of May 30, to the last Monday of May. While there was work to do in getting the summer house "opened," there were also final exams at BC High to study for, as well as what seemed the annual onslaught of allergies. Whether it was then or now, those first trips to the "other" home were a great way to know that summer vacation was almost here. Speaking of final exams, I want to congratulate all of the high school and college graduates of the parish. You have worked hard, and now it is on to new things for all of you. And speaking of the Memorial Day holiday weekend: I think I'm beginning to feel that we should go back to the old days when the holiday was celebrated on May 30, whatever the day of the week that happened to be. I fear the day has lost much of its true significance. Too many who should know better, seem to see the day as just the start of summertime, rather than the day to remember our fallen American heroes. Do children learn the meaning of the day at school? Do children learn the songs we might associate with the day, "America" and "America the Beautiful"? And while I realize that I do not have the awesome responsibility of feeding three or four hungry mouths and putting clothes on the backs of children who don't seem to stop growing, is it not possible for us a nation to decide that a few dates are sacred to us, and that stores need not be open? Days like Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day? By celebrating these days with the solemnity they deserve, we remind ourselves of just who and what we are as a nation, a nation blessed by God at its very beginning, and a nation which has prospered because of God's abiding presence, as well as the unique service provided by our men and women in uniform, especially those who have laid down their lives for us. Just my opinion.

Father Maguire

PARISH HALL: Our work on the Parish Hall is coming along very well. We have updated the kitchen with new appliances and a new coat of paint. The new tile floor in the kitchen is going down even as I write these words. Already, it looks much larger and far brighter! The handicap ramp, with new railings has been added and it looks quite nice. It will also be more helpful to those who need the special railings. We have also replaced the front steps of the hall with new granite steps. During the summer, we will be installing new planking over the entire length of the hall "deck." Because of some additional electrical work, and other changes to the original plans, the work now will cost about \$22,000. We are able to do this work because of your generosity to weekly and monthly collections, and also your generous support of our Grand Annual Collection. Thank you for your continued support.

FATHER BILLS' PLACE: We want to thank all those who helped in cooking and serving our Parish meal at Father Bill's Place in May. Our cooks and servers were: Mary Carnes, Marianne Murphy, Marcia Mulligan, Janine and Patrick Birmingham, Debbie Milne, John Argiro, Marybeth Kuhn, Emily Colant, Sandy Drea, Anne Traft and Nan-Marie Jaeger. Our parish serves a meal on the fourth Sunday of every month and any parishioner or family who would like to become involved is invited to email Danielle Palzkill at d.palzkill@comcast.net

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.

Readings for the Week of June 5, 2011

Sunday:	Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
Monday:	Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday:	Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:	Morning: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Jn 21:20-25
Next Sunday:	Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
	Day: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

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



GIVE PINTS FOR HALF-PINTS: Boston Children's Hospital blood mobile will be here at St. Helen's on Saturday, July 23, from 9am-3pm, in front of the Parish Hall. To donate please email Cyndi

MacKinlay at ckeane17@gmail.com with the time you wish to donate. One adult donation can benefit up to four young patients, so please give the gift of life to these young patients! Thank you and we hope to see you on July 23!!



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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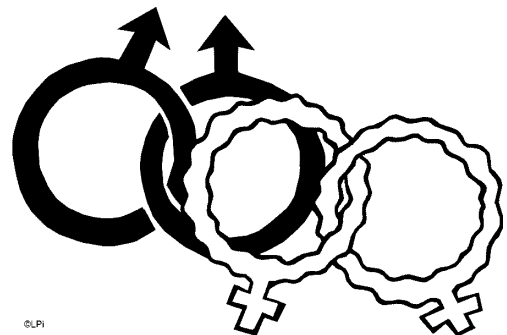
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What does the church say about same-sex marriages?

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The church has always vigorously defended marriage and the family. We are made in the image and likeness of God, which means we have the ability to love and the ability to create. The union of husband and wife most uniquely and most completely participates in and reflects the loving, creative work of God. This is why the unitive and procreative aspects of sex cannot be separated without doing harm to our great purpose and meaning in life.

The "politically correct" view of same-sex marriage focuses on intention and emotion. The argument goes that if two people love each other they should be allowed to have that union recognized. What union? What is it that we recognize? If love is the sole criteria, then what about other types of unions that society has until now rejected as immoral? Marriage is defined by natural law and common sense. It has a purpose and meaning that is intrinsic to the definition of marriage. As John Paul II said, "No other form of relationship between persons can be considered as an equivalent to this natural relationship between a man and a woman out of whose love children are born."





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.

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. New training for Eucharistic Ministers starting on June 20 at 7:30pm.

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.

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.



Religious Ed classes have worked on so many great things this year:

- **ALL GRADES** collected food for the Norwell Food Pantry at Thanksgiving.
- **GRADES 1 and 2** dressed Teddy Bears for Salvation Army Christmas Party.
- **GRADE 3** made and distributed Valentines to parishioners and made cards and filled Easter eggs for COA and Meals on Wheels.
- **GRADES 4 and 5** made quilts for Project Linus.
- **GRADE 6** delivered Toys for Tots to the Norwell Fire Station.
- **GRADES 7 and 8** collected donations and created over 200 toiletry and over 100 holiday treat bags for the homeless, spent 2 days of service at Cradles to Crayons Giving Factory sorting donations, worked in Santa's Workshop at My Brother's Keeper, volunteered here at the Parish Picnic and Movie Night; one class did an individual project at Linden Ponds with the elderly.
- **GRADE 9** created toiletry bags for the homeless, wrote letters of encouragement to homeless in recovery programs, served 5 meals at Long Island Shelter, cooked for Father Bill's and served one meal, participated in Cradles to Crayons Service Day, assisted Grade 10 at Halloween Party, volunteered at Parish Picnic, Movie Night and many individual projects. Close to 50 young people who have completed Grades 7, 8 and 9 will be working at VBC at the end of the month.

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