



Saturday, January 21

5:00pm John Vitale 5th Anniversary

Tuesday, January 24

9:00am Rose Martindale Memorial

Saturday, January 28

5:00pm John and Joanne Tarantino 1st Anniversary

Sunday, January 29

8:00am Mary Sarsfield Memorial

11:30am Francis Sylvester and Anna Brennan Memorial

IN OUR PRAYERS...Maureen Lennerton, Catherine Kroeger, Teresa Lennon, Bob Leavitt Jr., Maryann Aria, Debrah Carella, Annemarie Omera, Tricia McDonald, Sheila Stanton and Francis Nelson who are ill.



He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

Readings for the Week of January 22, 2012

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
 Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Mk 3:31-35
 Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18
 Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5/Mk 4:21-25
 Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Mk 4:26-34
 Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41
 Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

JOIN THE ST. HELEN SOCIAL COMMITTEE

EMAIL LIST: Would you like to help out with Parish events, such as the Pasta Supper, Mardi Gras Dinner, Easter Egg Hunt or Parish Picnic? Join the email list by contacting Silvia Murphy at brianandsilvia@verizon.net. There is no commitment - you will simply receive an email when someone is needed to bake a dessert, decorate the Parish Hall, chaperone an event, prepare a craft, cook dinner, or help in any way.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Offertory: January 8, 2012 \$6,071.00
Weekly Electronic Transfer: \$723.00
Total: \$6,794.00
Catholic Charities: \$1,774.00
Christmas (revised): \$18,901.00

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

GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION REPORT

2011 Goal	\$100,000
To date (as of 01/18/2012)	\$102,605
% of Goal	103%
% of Participation	23.47%

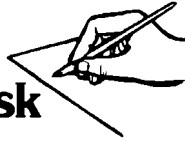
**THANK YOU! WE HAVE REACHED MORE THAN 100% OF OUR
 TARGET GOAL OF \$100,000. THANK YOU VERY MUCH
 FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION supports the Church in Latin America (CLA). The CLA provides support for pastoral projects in financially poor dioceses in Latin America and the Caribbean. CLA funds catechetical and lay leadership programs, youth ministry, evangelization programs, and formation programs for religious, priests and deacons. CLA is making it possible for the Catholic faithful in the Western hemisphere to help each other. Please visit www.uscb.org/latinamerica for more information.

GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION: As you can see above, we have reached our target of \$100,000 for our Parish Grand Annual Collection. I am deeply grateful to everyone who made a donation. This is a first for the parish, and it's a great sign of your confidence and support for the many good works which take place each and every day here. It also allows us to undertake the more significant (and expensive) projects of maintenance and repair that are so essential in keeping our parish grounds and building ship shape. (For example, when the warm weather returns, we will use money from the Grand Annual Collection to pave the parking area in front of the Parish Hall.) To each and every donor, I express my deep and sincere appreciation.-- Father Maguire

SPAGHETTI SUPPER: Put the date aside now! We're holding a Parish Spaghetti Supper on Saturday evening, February 4 starting at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall. Since this will be our first try at such an ambitious undertaking, we can use all the help we can get. If you could help in setting up, cooking, selling tickets in church after Mass, or cleaning up, please call the Rectory or the Religious Education office. We hope that parishioners and families of all ages, sizes and shapes will join us for great food, conversation and entertainment.

From the Pastor's Desk



Do you ever watch the television program "Blue Bloods?" I like it, and I watch it when I can. If you have watched it more than once, you know that a central part of each week's episode is the moment when the family gathers around the dining room table for the weekly Sunday dinner. It is at the Sunday dinner table that the events of the week are discussed, memories of the past are brought up, and family members, despite their varied and busy schedules, are able to "be" family. While the show is centered on police work, it is very much a show about family, and the heart of that family is the weekly Sunday dinner. As you might guess by now, I am suggesting that the show mimics, if you will, the weekly celebration of our family gathered for Sunday Mass. Our lives as Catholics are nourished and strengthened by our weekly celebration of the Eucharist. We bring to every Mass the events of the past week, and whether they were good or bad, happy or sad, we offer them to God. Together, we listen to the story of OUR family as recounted for us through the inspired words of Sacred Scripture. Following the Liturgy of the Word, we proceed to offer to the Father the bread and wine which, through the words of the priest and the power of God, will become for us the Body and Blood of Christ. And then, at Communion, we are privileged to eat His Body and drink His Blood. The altar of sacrifice becomes the altar from which we eat OUR Sunday meal, which not only sustains us for the week ahead, but is the food necessary to help us on our journey to heaven. The celebration of Sunday Mass is at the center of our lives as Catholics. Everything we do should lead us to it, and in turn, it provides us with the strength and grace necessary to go back out into the world announcing the Good News and glorifying God by the conduct of our lives. Despite the very busy lives that so many live these days, I believe it so good, helpful, and necessary for Catholics to make the time to join with our fellow believers each Sunday for the celebration of Mass. If possible, it is best to attend Mass as a family. The old adage is as true now as ever, "The family that prays together, stays together. "Let us come to OUR table and BE family.... As we pray the Mass each week, we continue to become more comfortable with the translations of the New Roman Missal which began in late November. It will surely take us time since for forty years we have been accustomed to different words. The most common response which all of us can so easily forget is the dialogue between priest and people, "The Lord be with you..... And with your spirit." If we (and that includes me) make a mistake, so be it. Laugh it off, and try to do better the next time. Remember, "Rome wasn't built in a day," and we won't get the Roman Missal entirely straight in a day or even a hundred days either!

Father Maguire

RESPECT LIFE AND THE NEW ROMAN MISSAL:

This Sunday, January 22, is the anniversary of the Supreme Court's Roe v Wade decision made in 1973. On this day, we need to be reminded that as "God recognized each of us before we were born, and called us by name, so too" we should "recognize the value of each human life and pledge ourselves to continue to defend and nurture God's greatest gift to us." (Respect Life Manual of the American Bishops). The fact that human life begins at the moment of conception is professed by us each and every time we pray the Creed at Mass. In the new translation, we profess that Jesus Christ "came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man." This new translation expresses better the truth that God became man not at the moment when Jesus was born in Bethlehem, but rather at that very moment when Mary said "Yes" to the message of the angel. The truth of the Incarnation (God become man) is unveiled at Christmas when the angels proclaim His birth and the magi come to worship Him. But the Incarnation is a truth begun at the Annunciation, with the announcement of a lone angel and the simple reply of a young Jewish woman. As God became man at the moment of His conception within the womb of the Virgin Mary, so each of us becomes a human being at the moment of our conception. On this anniversary of Roe v Wade, let us resolve to speak and to work on behalf of all those who cannot speak for themselves, our unborn brothers and sisters within the wombs of their mothers.

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 2011. 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 2011, please call the Rectory. The parish cannot track cash contributions, regardless of the amount, that are **not** part of our parish envelope system.

HEALING MASS this Tuesday, January 17 at 7:30pm at St. Paul's (lower 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.

HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE: A Holy Hour for Life will be held at 3pm on Sunday, January 22 at St. Paul Church, 147 North Street, Hingham. This 1 hour Prayer Service includes Scripture readings and meditations. Similar services will be held at parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Boston and the country, aimed at prayerfully ending abortion and euthanasia. January 22 is the 39th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court ruling that allowed abortion on demand through 9 months of pregnancy, and has resulted in the death of more than 53 million unborn children in America through surgical or chemical abortions since then.

ST MARY OF THE NATIVITY ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Adult Confirmation classes will be offered over the next three months for any adult who has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is open to all parishes in the South Region. The next class will be held on Thursday, January 26 from 7-8pm in the Parish Center. For more information, please contact Jane Kuklis, Pastoral Associate, at 781-545-3335 ext 212 or by emailing jkuklis@stmaryscituate.org.

REGISTRATION/OPEN HOUSE: Holy Family School in Rockland will be holding an Open House and Registration for prospective students on Sunday, January 29 from 10:30am to noon at the school. For more information, call the office at 781-878-1154 or visit our website at www.hfsrockland.org

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE: Invitation from Fr. Ed Serena: In May of this year, we are taking another pilgrimage to the Holy Land. It has been a great privilege and grace to have traveled to the Holy Land on about 14 occasions. Every time we go, there are new discoveries to be made and new graces to be experienced. We're leaving on May 26 and returning June 4. If you think you may be interested, please pray and ask the Lord. I am sure He would love you to accept the invitation because ultimately it comes from Him. Also, please pick up a flyer as you leave the church and call me in Carver at 508-866-0848 for more information. See you in the Holy Land – Fr. Ed Serena

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January 25 is the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul and the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. What does one have to do with the other?

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity consists of eight days beginning January 18, at that time the feast of the Chair of Peter, and ending on January 25, the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. The Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, founded in the early twentieth century in Graymoor, NY, sought to promote unity among Anglicans and Roman Catholics. Paul James Wattson, a former Episcopalian priest, founded the community, which was formally accepted into the Catholic communion.

The idea for Christian unity soon began to catch on, and by the 1930s, more and more Christians welcomed such a focus. Suggestions for prayer and education are distributed each year, emphasizing a jointly chosen theme. The 1964 Vatican II document on ecumenism, *Unitatis Redintegratio*, gave a great boost to the octave, so that today many Christians worldwide promote and participate in the octave time of prayer.

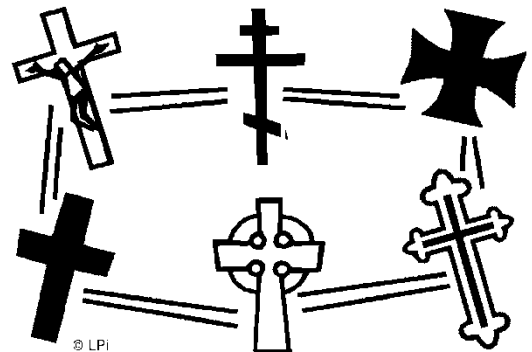
The emphasis on both Peter and Paul aptly fits into the rationale of the octave. Peter is seen as the source of unity within the Christian tradition. Paul is highlighted due to his vision of bringing all to Christ. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an ideal opportunity to pray for and promote respect, understanding, and, hopefully, eventual unity among Christians.

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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 _____





The Religious Ed year 2011-2012 is nearly half over. Our website is reled@sthelenchurchnorwell.org. We are working on a newsletter to highlight many of the wonderful things our students have done so far this year. Please watch your mail. We are very proud of our students and families.

January 22: NO Family Mass this weekend. Sunday AM Religious Ed classes have class. GRADES 7 and 8 have class per their schedule. Children's Liturgy will take place during 10am Mass.

January 24: NO class for GRADE 2. GRADE ONE will have class in the hall from 4 - 5pm. Unit reviews 1-4 are due.

January 27: Bingo Party for grades 4, 5 and 6 from 6:30-8:30pm in the hall. Come join the fun – win prizes and have a blast!! Admission is \$5.00 and refreshments for sale! Save the date! Bring friends!

January 29: Children's Liturgy will take place during the 10am Mass. Very important parent and camper meeting for all going to Catholic Heart Workcamp at 6pm.

February 4: Parish Pasta Supper will be scheduled. Save the date! Crafts and entertainment will take place during the evening festivities starting at 6pm.

February 5: GRADE 3 will host the Family Mass at 10:00am.

February 7: NO GRADE 2 CCD class. There will be a mandatory First Holy Communion Meeting for GRADE 2 parents in the hall at either 10am OR 7pm. GRADE 2 teachers will have a teacher meeting at 4pm.

February 12: First Reconciliation Celebration Mass for GRADE 2 will be held at 10am. Second graders will sit with their parents, except for those with roles during Mass. Please bring your handmade sheep to Mass. Do not remove adhesive back until Fr. Maguire calls you forward. NO Children's Liturgy this weekend.

February 19-26: NO Religious Ed classes including SUNDAY AM.

February 21: Mardi Gras Pancake Supper will take place in the Parish Hall. Save the Date!

February 26: NO SUNDAY AM Religious Ed classes. Children's Liturgy will take place during the 10am Mass.

GRADE 9: Saint Reports and Confirmation registrations are overdue. Please return ASAP.

HIGH SCHOOL HELPERS needed for January 27th Bingo Party. Call Religious Ed Office at 781-659-7344.

PROJECT LINUS HELP: Our 4th and 5th grades will be creating their quilts for Project Linus. Any parishioners and/or parents that have a sewing machine and can assist with sewing the children's patches together, please call the Religious Ed Office. Parent help to thread needles, etc would be very helpful during 4th and 5th grade class times. Sunday classes will do their quilts on 2/5 and 2/12. Monday grade 5 will do their quilts on 2/6 and 2/13. Wednesday grade 4 will do their quilts on 2/8 and 2/15.

THE YOUTH CHOIR, sings at our Family Masses on the first and third Sunday of each month during the school year. This choir is looking for members, any boy or girl grade 2-8. Rehearsals are held from 11:00-12:00noon in the Parish Hall every Sunday except on holiday weekends or when there are no Sunday morning CCD classes. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Mary Lou Joseph at 659-2172.

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

High school students and adults needed

Bingo Party: High School helpers 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

COFFEE AND DONUT HELPERS NEEDED for February 12 and March 4. Please call 781-659-7344 if able to help.

SALVATION ARMY BEARS:

Dear St. Helen's: On behalf of the Salvation Army, I would like to thank St. Helen's Church for participating in our 2011 Project of Love. With your help, we were able to dress over 600 bears and distribute at our Christmas Castle event. The support we receive from organizations like St. Helen's is essential to providing thousands of families and individuals in the Greater Boston area with a joyous and memorable Christmas. Without you, we would not be able to **do the most good** in our community.

Sincerely, Ashley Kouyoumjian-Special Events Assistant

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