

Greetings!

“And all were amazed!”

What a year (*so far*)! It’s hard to believe with (*only*) one month into the New Year so much has happened! From the international response to the devastating earthquake in Haiti that has left upwards of one and a half million people tragically effected (*with volunteers from the six Caritas Christi Catholic hospitals in Boston flying out this past Wednesday to help*) to the national gathering of 300,000 men, women & children marching in Washington D.C for the 37th Annual March for Life to protest the legalization of abortion (*including nine of our teens who joined over 250 teens from the Archdiocese*), we see that every life is precious be it rich or poor, born or unborn!

And, here in our own parish, likewise life abounds: 65 second-grade children beautifully received the Sacrament of Confession for the first time; four young engaged-couples called to schedule a wedding; 60 tenth-grade teens publically committed to live a fully Catholic life in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation; and, four adults have been preparing to come fully into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil (*with another young woman calling this past week to ask if she can become Catholic*). These graced moments (*with a few snow storms not withstanding*) and many more in your lives constantly turn our gaze beyond ourselves to the power of the Lord Jesus working everywhere!

But certainly, we cannot expect that there will not be evil events in our world to ‘*challenge*’ our faith in Christ nor will there be an absence of persons who dismiss our yearning to live as faith-filled men & women, yet everyday we make choices not for ‘*ourselves*’ but for ‘*others*’. Be it our teens witnessing to the truth about unborn children or adults willing to travel to Haiti to volunteer in the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere, we see the choices made everyday to live a life for others. The Christian life can be witnessed most particularly in the married-life when husband & wife look to receive the gift of children and raise them as righteous in the sight of the Lord. With great sacrifice, parents see the light of Christ shine in their children as they grow into great young men & women. It is through these willing sacrifices (*and many others*) that both the Church and the world are made better.

As this year continues (*one day at a time, I hope*), might we look together to see how we can build-up the Body of Christ (*all of us*) in our own parish & school community? Both our fourth season of ARISE and the next ALPHA series begin this month, which are exceptional opportunities for individual growth in our faith (*with more information in the bulletin*). Might you consider volunteering for our new Youth Program (*we need adult participants to help begin a weekly program*) so that our teens may have a place to meet Christ in their lives regularly? Can you help make both our Priest Appreciation Evening on March 20th and the accompanying fundraiser to begin to make needed

renovations in our Church (*in honor of the many priests who have served here over the years*) a wonderful occasion for rejoicing? Would you commit to praying each day for our parish & school?

Though we are well into another year, I don’t hesitate to believe that we will all be more deeply in love with the Lord when we finish it – and a little less snow would be fine with me!

God bless!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 30th

4:00PM Victor Morad 1st Anniversary

Sunday, January 31st

9:30AM William Teevens 1st Anniversary
11:30AM Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish

Tuesday, February 2nd

9:00AM Vocations to Religious Life

Friday, February 5th

9:00AM Monthly Parish Eucharistic Society

Saturday, February 6th

9:00AM Vocations to the Priesthood
4:00PM Ruth Tangney 2nd Anniversary

Sunday, February 7th

7:30AM Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish
9:30AM Marilyn O’Neil 23rd Anniversary
11:30AM Patricia & Alfred Peters and Laurie McCabe
Memorial Mass

In Memoriam

For the Month of February

The Hosts have been donated
in memory of
William Keegan & Geraldine Murphy
by the Keegan Family

Memorial Offerings in memory of a deceased relative or friend are available monthly for the Hosts, Wine, Sanctuary Lamp and Missalettes. Please call the Parish Office for further information.

World Day for Consecrated Life

Next Sunday we will celebrate *World Day for Consecrated Life*. The Church is invited to remember with gratitude the women and men who have dedicated their lives in service to the mission of Jesus. We also want to pray that others will hear the call to consecrated life and respond generously.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ALPHA

Make your reservation NOW!! **ALPHA** will begin with an Introductory Dinner on Wednesday, February 10th at 6:30 pm. Dinner will be served and you will get the chance to sample a typical Alpha evening. At this point, you can decide whether you would like to attend the course. No pressure! If you decide to attend, the course will be held each Wednesday evening from 7-9 pm for 10 weeks. Each evening will include dinner, a video presentation, and small group discussion (talking is NOT required). There is no obligation to attend all 10 sessions. Alpha is a great way to share your faith - invite a friend or two to the dinner and come with them! If you are interested in attending the dinner, please call the rectory at 781-767-0605 or send an email to: alpha@stjosephholbrook.org. We look forward to seeing you on the 10th!

Save the Date!

Do you remember the priest who baptized you? Gave you First Holy Communion? Married you? Visited your dying family member? In this *Year of the Priest*, what better way can we show our love for priests assigned to this parish over the years than 'An Evening of Appreciation'. Please save the date: **Saturday, March 20th** for an *Evening of Appreciation of Our Priests* here at St. Joseph with Cardinal Sean! More information to follow (*and an invitation for you to help make this evening one to remember for our whole parish!*)

COMPREHENSIVE YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAM

Help is still needed from middle schoolers and adults for our youth group on Friday nights selling popcorn for one hour at Bingo.

Also, we still are in need of adults to help with evening activities for our youth as well as chairing a social fundraiser for the adults. Please speak with Father Ed or call Maura Burke at 781 767 0563.

WE HAVE A WISH LIST!!! Do you have (or know someone who does) an LCD projector or plasma TV that can be donated to our youth group? We also find ourselves in need of a multi passenger van or bus. There are many times we take trips and the cost of renting transportation is quite high. We would like to partner with someone who can help lower the cost of our transportation needs. Please contact Fr. Ed or Maura Burke at 781 767 0563 if you are able to help.

Parish Giving

I am very grateful for every gift that helps us do all that we do here. The first collection for last week was **\$4,582**. The second collection for Latin America was **\$1,699**. The second collection next weekend is for the Holy Father. Thank you for your financial commitment to Parish life.

ARISE

Season 4 of **ARISE** will begin the week of **Sunday February 14th** for six weeks. Sign up sheets will be at the back of the Church. Present members wishing to continue need **not** sign up again. **NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME**. Please know that it is not necessary that you have attended any of the past **ARISE** sessions in order to sign up for this Season.

Groups are scheduled for:

- Sunday Evening (Women)
- Monday Morning (Mixed Group)
- Wednesday Morning (Moms)
- Wednesday Evening (Mixed Group)
- Thursday Evening (Men)
- Friday Evening (Mixed w/babysitting)

Please contact Donna Wells at 781-767-2213 after 7pm with questions.

Weekend of Feb. 6/7 will be Prayer Commitment Weekend.

ST JOE'S MEN'S GROUP

ALL (MEN) ARE WELCOME

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, February 6th

7:30 am – 8:50 am

Saint Charles Hall

Please join us for socialization, coffee & donuts and engaging (no pressure) conversation about our faith in a relaxed environment. For any questions email Mike Reith at: mensgroup@stjosephholbrook.org.

Baby Blankets for Charity

Looking for a morning of inspiration, laughter, community, and service? Join our group, Blanket Bundles, as we make baby blankets for pregnant women and women with babies living in local area shelters. We'll be making baby quilts, as well as fleece tie blankets. Instructions and material packets already cut and ready to piece together, will be provided. We simply need volunteers to sew, tie, or even just press! **No sewing experience needed**. Please join us on Sat. Feb 6th from 9-1, in St. Charles Hall. For more information contact Judy Berry at: blanketbundles@gmail.com or 781-885-2082 or visit www.BlanketBundles.org.

Thank You

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to thank you for your most generous response to our ministry Cross International Catholic Outreach during my weekend visit on October 31 – November 1, 2009. Your donations of \$4,265.00 will have a direct impact in the lives of the poorest of the poor. May the Lord continue to bless all of you for your love and support!

Sincerely,

Father Patrick Collins

JANUARY 31, 2010

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

Did you know...

that St. Joseph School students are collecting money to send to the sisters of the Daughters of Charity serving in Haiti?

2010 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

"Dividends for Life:

Faith; Knowledge; Discipline; & Morals":

OPEN HOUSE & SCHOOL REGISTRATION

New parents interested in enrolling their child at Saint Joseph School are invited to an Open House, Monday, February 1st from 9:00 – 11:00 AM. On Monday, new parents will take a guided tour of the school building. Parents of current students will be conducting the tours and answering any questions that prospective parents might have. Refreshments will be served at the end of the tour! St. Joseph School offers a full day pre-K **4 year old** program and full day **kindergarten** program. Aftercare is available. For more information about the school please visit the school website at www.stjosephholbrook.com.

To register your child at Open House, a copy of the child's baptismal and birth certificates are needed. Recent report cards, school testing results, and nursery school evaluations are also needed at this time. If your child is currently in a pre-school program a copy of his/her progress report is necessary for our kindergarten program. A \$150 deposit applied towards your 2010-2011 tuition is also required at the time of registration.

Open registration for new parents continues Tuesday February 2nd through Thursday, the 4th from 9:00 – 11:00 AM. After this time, please call the school office at 781-767-1544 to set up an appointment to register your child.

School Liturgy- Catholic School's Week concludes with a school liturgy Friday, February 5th at 9:00 AM led by the students in Mrs. Blount's eighth grade class.

Team III under the direction of Tracy Callahan will volunteer at Bingo on Friday, February 5th



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We are very pleased to announce the creation of a Special Needs CCD Program here at St. Joseph's. This program is open to any school aged student with special needs. We will meet Sunday afternoons from 4-5pm in the cafeteria of St. Joseph school beginning on Sunday February 28th. If you are interested - either in sending a student or volunteering, please call Deb Kelly at 767 1370 or Maura Burke at 767 0563.

The Family Mass on Sunday February 7th at 9:30 will be hosted by our third graders followed by a pancake breakfast. Please join the third grade families as we worship together.

SCHEDULE CHANGE: Confirmation Class on Sunday, February 7th will be held at **12:30** instead of 5pm to accommodate those families wishing to watch the Superbowl. There will be no evening class.

Congratulations to Confirmation Candidate Andrew Laferriere, grade 10, who received the high honor of Eagle Scout from Troop 5 in Brockton. Andrew's project was to renovate the Religious Education Office in an attempt to make it more functional and professional. He worked very hard over the summer and had to prepare a lengthy report of his many efforts. We as a parish are both proud of Andrew and grateful for his dedication. Well done Andrew!

**Irish Pastoral Centre
Free Immigration Clinic**

Eligible Haitians may apply for protective status
Haitian Creole interpreter available

Do you have a friend or relative from Haiti present in Massachusetts? Temporary Protective Status (TPS) will offer work authorization cards and social security numbers to Haitian nationals presently in the US.

Where: IPC Free Legal Clinic
Bad Abbots Restaurant
1546 (rear) Hancock St.
Quincy (Across fro the Quincy Court House)

When: **February 2, 2010 at 6:30PM**
For more information call 617-479-7404.

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