

**Greetings!**

***“All things are possible for God!”***

I know it seems that everyone says it. Just when you come to your wits' end someone says, “*God never gives you more than you can handle.*” That’s true but it can still be pretty frustrating to hear it when you’re thinking, “*God isn’t anywhere in sight!*”

I remember the humorous story Fr. Beiting (*the priest I’ve spoken about before from Eastern Kentucky who just this past week was honored for his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday, 60 years of priesthood and 59 years of service in Appalachia*) tells about his first appointment as pastor. He was only one year out of seminary (*just finishing one year as a parochial vicar and teaching in a Catholic high school*) when his bishop appointed him pastor of a four-county parish the size of Rhode Island. He joked about being the youngest priest ever being made pastor in his diocese, “*I guess the Holy Spirit really does run the Church!*” Yet, when he asked the bishop where the Church building was for his new parish, he heard, “*There is no Church.*” Of course, Fr. Beiting’s first thought was, “*Well, that’s okay I can deal with this.*” Then he asked the bishop where the church hall was and he heard, “*There is none.*” He began to be a little skeptical but kept telling himself, “*You can’t have everything.*” It was when he asked the bishop where the rectory was and the bishop explained that there was none that he began to think, “*Maybe the Holy Spirit isn’t involved in this at all!*”

Surely there are many times when we can’t imagine what God is truly doing in our lives and we must learn to trust in him all the more. But there are times when we must look at our own lives to see what we are doing in any given situation. For example, it’s not uncommon for us to ‘blame’ God for an event that happens in our lives when in all honesty we’re the ones who caused the ill will or difficult circumstance. Just as it’s not uncommon that our sinfulness leads us into trouble even though we’d like to blame someone else. (*Of course, it is also very true that other people’s actions and sins affect us through no fault of our own, like when you’re sitting at a stoplight and a vehicle rear-ends your vehicle.*)

Christ once again reminds each of us that if we seek a holy life by living the Ten Commandments (*not Ten Suggestions*) that together we will find greater peace in our homes and in our world. Yet, He also tells us that we must ardently go beyond the ‘Law’ and give of ourselves generously to others in need in order to achieve true holiness and the precious gift of eternal life. And, this begins right here when we participate in the Eucharistic celebration each Sunday (*that Third Commandment*) and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation regularly as you do.

If you know someone who has not been to Mass recently, please invite him or her to reconsider joining us. If you know someone who is anxious to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please invite him or her to call me (*or any other priest*) to meet at a convenient time.

As always, thank you for all that you do to help our parish grow in Spirit and Body!

God bless!

***Parish Grand Annual Collection***

*Thank you!* After our first weekend, we have had 131 families pledge \$14,311 towards our *Parish Grand Annual Collection!* I am humbly asking each family or household to prayerfully consider what contribution they can make toward our growing parish life and needs, and to use our envelopes (*as a way for me to thank each family personally*).

Your pledge may be paid over any period of time you wish and you can place your envelope in the regular (*first*) collection basket during the month of October or return it to the rectory. An annual pledge of \$200 is \$4 a week. If your means may allow a larger sacrificial gift, I am very grateful. Yet, whatever offering each individual or family might make will help us renovate the lower and upper Church this year to provide more space for our youth and adult activities as well as our spiritual needs!

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Saturday, October 10th**

4:00PM                      Roland Marx                      Memorial Mass

**Sunday, October 11th**

7:30AM                      Vocations to the Priesthood  
9:30AM                      Marion O’Brien                      Memorial Mass  
11:30AM                      Parishioners of St. Joseph

**Saturday, October 17th**

4:00PM                      Judy Masone                      20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
   May & Tony Ganetta & Margie Ganetta  
   Memorial Mass

**Sunday, October 18th**

7:30AM                      Parishioners of St. Joseph  
9:30AM                      Patricia Harvey                      9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
11:30AM                      Theodore Aveni                      12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

***Office for the New Evangelization  
Archdiocese of Boston***

The Office for the New Evangelization is sponsoring the following events for Young Adults:

October 31 from 7 to 11PM ***Night of the Living*** with Cardinal O’Malley at St. Leonard of Port Maurice Church, the North End consisting of Adoration, Mass and a social.

November 13 from 7:30 to 11PM ***Jesus in the North End*** at St. Leonard of Port Maurice Church, the North End consisting of Holy Hour, Reconciliation and Mass. For more information contact Lauren Hardegen at [youngadults@rcab.org](mailto:youngadults@rcab.org) or 617-746-5812.

## Bazaar News

There will be a mandatory meeting for all Bazaar Chairpersons on Tuesday, October 13 at 7PM in St. Charles Hall. Anyone wishing to help out at the Bazaar is also welcome to attend.

The *Parish Bazaar* will take place the weekend of November 21/22. Can you help? Many crafts and items will be necessary to make this year's Bazaar successful for our parish. Please call the rectory if you can help with one of the many teams or can donate an item or two. *Thank you!*

Please set aside items for the **White Elephant Table** and the **Book Table**. Drop off dates will be the 2 weekends preceding the Bazaar.

Unopened bottles of cheer are needed for the *Wheel of Cheer*. And the *Basket Raffle* needs theme baskets or you can make a donation towards the baskets. Please drop these off at the Rectory during business hours.

We are **desperately** in need of items for our *Craft Table*. If you have a craft you do well and can make some for the Bazaar, please call the rectory.

The *Lucky Star Roll-Up Table* needs **your** help. We need any new or never used items. Large or small doesn't matter as long as it is **New or Never Used**. We also need people to work the table the day of the Bazaar. If you have any items and/or can help, please call Maryann at 3244.

The *South Shore Polar Express* is coming Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Get your chances after the Masses the next few weekends. The lucky winners will be drawn at the parish bazaar. There are 4 tickets for the 1:00PM train and 4 for the 4:00PM train. The chances are 1 for \$5 and 3 for \$10. For more information or for chances call Nancy at 767-4539 or Louise at 767-0380.

### Halloween Dance

Grades 6, 7 & 8  
St. Joseph & St. Michael Youth Groups

Friday, October 16th  
7:00PM – 10:00PM

St. Michael Church Hall  
Admission \$5.00

### Advertiser of the Week

*Thank you* for patronizing the services of our bulletin advertisers! This week we *thank Suburban Insurance Agency, Inc.* for advertising with us!

### Wedding Banns

- II. Wilbert Caristhene and Magdala Abelard
- III. Joseph Allen and Nicole Arata

*Congratulations!* And let us joyfully pray for all our engaged-couples as they prepare for their marriage in Christ!

### Parish Giving

*Thank you!* Last weekend's first collection for our daily operations was **\$3,214** and the collection for the Grand Annual was **\$14,311**. Next week's second collection is for the World Missions. Thank you for your generosity and making a strong commitment to our parish life!

### Glastonbury Abbey, Hingham Women's Retreat – October 23-25

#### Reflecting the Feminine Face of God

Scripture tells us that women are made in the image and likeness of God. Through prayer, discussion, story and song explore texts and images that point toward the feminine face of God and ponder how we can reflect that image. For more information call 781-749-2155, ext. 20. Cost is \$150.

### Office of the Apostolate for the Deaf

Classes are forming for religious education for the Deaf youth from First Communion through Confirmation age. Classes are offered at Sacred Heart Parish, Newton and St. John the Evangelist, Hopkinton. To register or for further information, contact the Office of the Apostolate for the Deaf (617-746-5645) or Fr. Carey (video phone 866-572-8386) or Fr. St. Martin (video phone 774-217-3000).



*They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:26-27*

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**ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL**

**Family Harvest Dance**

The St. Joseph School Parent Organization will be holding a Family Harvest Dance Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 5-8 pm. We hope to see you there!

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**COMPREHENSIVE YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAM**

The next big event for our middle schoolers is the New England Middle School Youth Rally on October 17<sup>th</sup> at Xaverian Brothers High School in Westwood from 9-5:30 and includes a stadium style Mass with Cardinal Sean. There is music, entertainment, food and fun for our middle schoolers. This is a top notch event and we are encouraging as many of our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders to attend as possible. Chaperones are also needed so that the children may attend. If you are interested, please call Maura Burke at 781 767 0563 no later than Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to Kelli O'Leary who chaired the Women's Pottery Night last Monday at the newly opened Pottery Studio in Abington. The event was a great success and raised money for our Comprehensive Youth Ministry Program.

**COSMIC BOWLING FUNDRAISER**

Come and bring your family & friends to an afternoon of fun for all ages while raising money for

**St. Joseph Parish Comprehensive Youth Ministry**

**Friday November 6, 2009**

**4-6pm**

TIMBER LANES

460 Bedford St. (Rt. 18) Abington

*Purchase Tickets in advance*

*Available through Religious Ed program,*

*St. Joseph School and after all the Masses Saturday*

*October 24 and Sunday October 25*

Tickets are \$10 each and include shoes

Contact Laura Grant with questions at 781-767-1469.

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**CRAFT FAIR**

**ST. MARY PARISH, RANDOLPH**

St. Mary Parish, Randolph will host their Sixth Annual Craft Fair on Sunday, November 8th from 8:30am to 3:00pm. Registrations are now available for crafters interested in renting table space. The price is \$35 for one table and \$60 for two tables. For a registration form please contact Robyn at 781-986-7790.

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

All grades and classes are well underway. If you have not registered your child or know of someone who needs to register, please call Maura Burke at 781 767 0563 as there are still some spots available. We continue to offer our thanks and prayers to the dedicated staff of volunteers who help our children come to know, love and serve our Lord.

Special thanks to our fourth graders who hosted last week's 9:30 Mass. The next Mass for our fifth graders will be on November 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30.

There will be **NO** CCD classes on Sunday October 11 or Monday, October 12 due to the Columbus Day Holiday. Classes will resume on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Last week, 13 of our young people (including 9 of our Confirmation Students) joined Father Ed at the Archdiocese's Pro Life Rally and Walk. We salute these wonderful students who bear such a great witness for our faith. Further information will be coming in the next month about the **National Pro Life Rally in Washington D.C.** on January 21-23<sup>rd</sup>. We will be traveling by deluxe motor coach and the \$150 price for teens includes a two night stay at the Holiday Inn, daily breakfast, one dinner, daily Mass, monument and museum tour of DC and a March for Life Sweatshirt. This is another great opportunity for our teens to experience their faith with thousands of other teens. More details will follow and if you are interested, speak with Father Ed or Maura Burke at 781 767 0563. Chaperones are needed as well.

**Coming Soon:** The Religious Education Program hopes to soon establish a program for special education (ages 6-22). If you know of a student who may be interested or are an adult who can volunteer, please call Maura Burke at 781 767 0563.

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**Bereavement Support Group**

The Irish Pastoral Centre is offering a bereavement support group to those who have suffered the recent loss of a loved one. This service will take place at 953 Hancock St., Quincy on the following Tuesdays - October 13, 20 & 27, November 3, 10, 17 from 7 – 8:30PM. Please call Fr. John at 617-479-7404 to pre-register or for further information.

**Chapel of Our Savior, Brockton**

Do you really know your Catholic faith? The Chapel at Westgate is offering a program for those who were brought up in the Catholic faith, but somehow or other feel they need to know more about the church, the sacraments and its theology. Beginning October 17, and continuing for 6 Saturdays from 10 to 11AM. Adults only. All are welcome.