

<b>Greetings!</b>
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*“Have pity on me!”*

It's certainly has to be painful enough when a person is suffering so much that they cry out for help. (*It could be for any number of reasons some of which might be quite serious.*) But what's even more painful is when that cry for help is not 'heard'.

Many a person's voice (*especially a young person's*) is often not heard because their cry is not 'audible', 'normal' or 'understood' by us. I'm sure we've all talked about the kid everyone says is just 'acting out' but is in fact 'crying out'. Or, the teen that everybody says is just 'looking for attention' but is really 'seeking help'. Or, the youth who's seen as just 'out of control' but in fact is really trying to communicate 'emptiness or loneliness'. And yes, many times we do get frustrated because we don't know what to do, what to say or just hope somebody else will reach them. I know it's not easy but there is hope.

This past week three of us from the parish, Maura Burke (*Director of Religious Education*), Bill Farrell (*Youth Volunteer*) and I spent four days attending a national *Life Teen Training* hosted here in Boston (*courtesy of the great work of Fr. Matt and his staff at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center*). It was a great introduction into one of the most successful youth ministry movements now in over 1,000 parishes in 22 countries. (*I strongly encourage you to check out the 'About Us' video at [www.lifeteen.com](http://www.lifeteen.com).*) Many of the Keynote and Break-out Sessions we heard offered terrific insights and resources on how to minister to our youth but some of the startling information was 'exactly what our teens are exposed to in the world' and the scary fact that many adults don't know it (*or choose not to believe it*). They are crying out.

Bartimaeus, who much of Jericho wanted to 'go away' so they could impress Jesus with their 'perfect' town, was unafraid to 'cry out'. Though others ignored him, rebuked him and silenced him, Bartimaeus had the courage to seek out the Messiah, the Son of God most likely because he had heard the stories about Jesus and had come to believe in Him even though he couldn't see him. Jesus in turn engaged him, listened to him and asked him what it was he wanted. This simple exchange is happening today all around the world in the lives of tens of thousands of teens because of movements like *Life Teen* bringing them closer to Jesus in the Eucharist. Surely, anyone crying out to the Lord should know he or she can simply come to Him in the Blessed Sacrament 24/7 in any Catholic Church.

But, what are we doing for our teens? We know all too well they are crying out in numerous ways but will you commit to helping in some way? Will you volunteer to staff a weekly *Pizza & Prayer Night*, cook food for the upcoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade retreat, wire/cable our lower Church for video/internet, re-construct storage areas into small sitting rooms, or pray every day for this work? Let me know your thoughts!  
 God bless!

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Saturday, October 24th**

4:00PM	Kathleen Burke	6 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
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**Sunday, October 25th**

7:30AM	Parishioners of St. Joseph	
9:30AM	Robert Page	Memorial Mass
11:30AM	Gertrude Bates	Memorial Mass

**Monday, October 26th**

9:00AM	Ellen Dorney & Celia Casey	Memorial Mass
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**Thursday, October 29th**

9:00AM	Gene Corrigan	Birthday Memorial
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**Friday, October 30th**

9:00AM	Emmie Cocozella	10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
	Karen Tortorella	Memorial Mass

**Saturday, October 31st**

9:00AM	Thomas Stevens	Memorial Mass
4:00PM	Timothy Morelli	2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

**Sunday, November 1st**

7:30AM	Malvina Palermo	8 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
9:30AM	Kevin G. Sullivan	2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary
11:30AM	Kristopher Carew	9 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary

 **BAPTISM**

The following children were baptized in October:

Marcus Daniel Barakat  
 Natalie Brooke Dawidczyk  
 Skyla Donna Gardner  
 Cole Steven Littlewood  
 Cole Joseph Nastasia  
 Gabriel Julian Perez

*Congratulations!* We are ever thankful to the parents of these children who promise to teach them the ways of Jesus and lead them in the Catholic faith! We support you always.

**Christian Foundation for Children and Aging**

Please welcome Rev. Gerald Flater, O.M.I. who is with us this weekend to celebrate Masses and tell us about the work of Christian Foundation for Children and Aging. CFCA is a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 24 developing countries. To learn more visit CFCA online at [www.cfcausa.org](http://www.cfcausa.org) or call 800-875-6564.

## Bazaar News

The **Parish Bazaar** will take place **November 21**. Can you help? Many crafts, items and workers are necessary to make this year's Bazaar successful. 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 books, DVDs and videos for the **Book Table**. Drop off dates will be the weekends of **November 7/8 & 14/15 from 3 to 4 on Saturday and 9 to 1 on Sunday**.

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 **Religious Goods Table** is looking for donations. Items such as rosaries, pictures, statues and books would be appreciated. Items may be left at the Rectory or call Terry Grzybinski at 767-4937 if they need to be picked up.

Fresh baked goods are needed for our **Baked Goods Table**. They can be dropped off in the School Lobby from 3 – 5PM on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> or at the Bake Table on Saturday morning.

The **South Shore Polar Express** is leaving Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from the Kingston MBTA station. There are 4 tickets for the 1:30PM train and 4 for the 4:00PM train. The chances are 1 for \$5 and 3 for \$10. Get your chances after the Masses the next few weekends. The lucky winners will be drawn at the parish bazaar. For more information or for chances call Nancy at 767-4539 or Louise at 767-0380.

## Wedding Banns

II. Kane Currey and Gina Ierardi

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

## Parish Giving

Recently, our first collection for the daily operations of our parish has been decreasing. I humbly ask for your continued support and increased giving for those who can do so. The first offering for our Parish daily needs was **\$3,854** and the Second Collection for the World Missions was **\$1,075**. The second collection next weekend is for Support of the School. Thank you for your financial commitment to our parish life!

*Please remember St. Joseph Church in your future estate planning, memorials or wills ... for the future of our 'young' Church!*

## Holbrook Rotary/Cub Scout Pack 56 Annual Pancake Breakfast

When: November 8, 7:30AM to Noon  
Where: K of C Hall, Holbrook  
Cost: Family \$20  
Adults \$6  
Children 4 – 12 \$4  
Children 3 and under free

Call for tickets: Marlene (767-1888), Shirley (767-4314), Jackie (781-573-1410) or Ted (767-1220).

## Master of Arts in Ministry Program

Come to an Open House and Information Session on **Tuesday, October 27 at 7:00PM** at St. John's Seminary, 149 Washington St. Brighton to learn about our graduate program and hear a panel of alumni and students. Call 617-779-4104 or visit [www.sjs.edu](http://www.sjs.edu) for more information.

## Parish Grand Annual Collection

*Thank you!* After our third weekend, we have **\$20,201** pledged towards our **Parish Grand Annual Collection** goal of **\$38,000!** 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!

## Catholic Appeal

*Thank you!* We have far surpassed our parish commitment to the Archdiocesan Catholic Appeal (\$33,544), and now a percentage will come back to our parish. Thank you for your continued support of the tremendous efforts of the local Church.

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**ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL**

**Saint Joseph's Skate Party**

Come join us for an afternoon of fun! The St. Joseph School Parent Organization is hosting a skating party Sunday, November 1st from noon to 2:00 pm at the Carousel Family Fun Center, 1055 Auburn Street, Whitman. Admission is \$3 with a \$3 skate rental fee. All are welcome so tell your friends!

**Suitcase for Kids**

St. Joseph School students are participating in the "Suitcase for Kids" program. Donations of useable backpacks and suitcases are being collected for foster children, giving them a means to carry and organizes their belongings. Items will be collected until October 30<sup>th</sup> and can be dropped off at the school. Thank you!

**Team I** under the direction of Jean Elliott will volunteer at Bingo on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.

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***Comprehensive Youth Ministry Program***

The Steering Committee of the Comprehensive Youth Ministry Program will be held on Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the cafeteria.

**WE NEED YOU:** Are you wondering how you might help the Comprehensive Youth Ministry Program? There are plenty of ways to assist us - you need not be a parent of a teenager. Please call Maura Burke at 781 767 0563 or speak with Father Ed. **WE NEED YOU!**

**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.

***Thank You!***

You may have noticed new carpets in the two stairwells, lower church hall ramp and in one of the storage rooms that we are turning into a conference room. This material and labor was very generously donated by Jason Tracey. Please thank him and keep him and his family in your prayers!

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**FIRST PENANCE/FIRST COMMUNION MEETINGS**

All parents (Religious Education and St. Joseph School) of children who will be receiving First Penance and First Communion must attend **one of two meetings** where all aspects of both celebrations will be discussed, including the dates and times. The meetings are Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 **OR** Monday October 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Both meetings are in the Church Hall.

On **Sunday, November 1**, please pray for our 9<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation students who will be attending their all day retreat. Our prayers are also asked for our retreat team as they help guide our youth toward the Holy Spirit.

**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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***Children's Costume Halloween Party***

When: October 31, 2009 1 – 4PM  
Where: W. B. Dalton American Legion Post  
777 Plymouth St., Holbrook

This event is for children 12 and under in costume. There will be a DJ, Hot Dogs, Cupcakes, Candy and Games. All Children are welcome to attend.

***Advertiser of the Week***

*Thank you* for patronizing the services of our bulletin advertisers! This week we *thank Maria's Pizzeria* for advertising with us!

**Welcome to Saint Joseph Parish**

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Please check:

- New Registration
- Change of Address
- Want envelopes

**Please cut out and drop this form in the collection basket or mail to the Rectory.**