

<b>Greetings!</b>
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**“We tried to prevent him...”**

“They certainly are precious!” Recently, our first grade students began their religious education classes (*and after last week’s Gospel we know that children are very precious in the Lord’s eyes and unless we live with their innocence and purity we’ll not have eternal life*). It’s so great to see their excitement and already they can’t wait until next year when they will receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist for the very first time!

The day after the first class for our first graders last week, I was told about one parent’s conversation with her first grader. She asked him, “*So, what did you learn in class today?*” Of course, the little boy said quite proudly that the teacher taught them about Jesus, “*But,*” he continued part surprised and part disappointed, “*I didn’t meet Him.*” Well, what does a parent say to that? Of course, together we try so hard to help our children come to know Jesus by studying about him and his Church, praying to him and reading about him in the Bible, and an assortment of other great things, but I guess we can’t forget the whole purpose of our labors is, *‘to lead our children to Jesus.’*

Maura Burke, our wonderful director of Religious Education begins each year inviting all of our parents and teachers to earnestly be nourished by the Holy Mass each Sunday and to bring their children too so that they can ‘*meet Jesus*’ in the Holy Eucharist. And it’s always my hope that you will continue to invite a neighbor or family member who does not come regularly to Mass (*and then go out for breakfast*) so that our ‘*parish family*’ may experience the fullness of life together in Christ. I also find quite regularly that a person coming back to Church wants to receive the healing Sacrament of Confession first, so please let that person know that they can call me anytime and we can get together when it is convenient for them and that they can either go face-to-face or anonymously, which ever makes it more helpful for them. (*Which reminds me that during the month of October we will be taking our annual count of the number of parishioners who attend Mass each week as this number factors into the equation of assigning priests to parishes. As you know, this past year became the first year in a very long time to have only one priest assigned.*)

To begin our new Catechetical year that helps our children meet Jesus, we are inviting all of our **Religious Education Teachers** and the members of our newly formed **Comprehensive Youth Ministry Steering Committee** to join us at the 9:30am Mass on Sunday so that we may publicly commission them and bless them for the great work they will do for our children and youth this coming year. (*I hope you will join me in thanking them for the precious gift of their faith and their time!*)

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

God bless!

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, September 26th

4:00PM Brian Alpert 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### Sunday, September 27th

7:30AM Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish  
 9:30AM William Ellis 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
 11:30AM Paul Felock 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

### Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>

9:00AM Alice & Sarah B. McNamara  
 Memorial Mass

### Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>

9:00AM Monthly Parish Eucharistic Society  
 4:00PM George, Richard & Phillip Beaulieu & Eugene Harrington  
 Memorial Mass

### Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>

7:30AM Respect Life  
 9:30AM Florence Morrell 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
 11:30AM John Kennedy 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## BAPTISM

The following children were baptized in September:

Hannah Grace Fenstermaker  
 Emma Hardiman  
 Gabrielle Anna Lyons  
 Aiden Jason Nehiley  
 Tierney Hayes O’Donnell  
 Declan Rossi Sheehan  
 Nicholas Ryan Slaughter  
 Nora Dawn Sullivan

*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.

### *Parish Giving*

Thank you to our many parishioners who sent their weekly offering in regularly while they were away for the summer. Last weekend’s collection was **\$4,123**. The Second Collection for the Capital Improvement Fund was **\$1,508**. Thank you for your generosity!

## Wedding Banns

I. Joseph Allen and Nicole Arata  
 III Christopher Barbaro and Amy Dieso

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

### COMPREHENSIVE YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAM

Middle School Youth Rally on October 17<sup>th</sup> at Xaverian Bothers High School in Westwood. This fun filled enriching day for middle schoolers is an excellent way for our youth to grow in their prayer life and experience their faith in a new and exciting way. **We strongly encourage all middle school students to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity.** Please contact Maura Burke for more details.

We continue to grow and seek your help. At the 9:30 Mass on Catechetical Sunday we will officially establish our Steering Committee (a Board of Directors if you will) whose job it is to guide and strengthen our Youth Ministry Program. These are the people who have a grand vision of what our program can be and the unique skills and talents to fulfill our mission. We ask your prayers for: Marie Breen, Maura Burke, Mary Clougher, Jim Costa, Susan Crowley, Helen Flanders, Christine Golden, Barbara Gorman, Julie Hamilton, John McMahan, Matthew Moore, Nancy Murphy, Gerry Prance, Amy Stigas and Fr. Ed Riley.

ARE YOU WONDERING HOW YOU MIGHT HELP OUR COMPREHENSIVE YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAM GROW? Some upcoming events already planned for fall include an a Pro Life Walk with other Catholics on Boston Common on October 4<sup>th</sup>, an Archdiocesan Middle School Youth Rally on Oct. 17, a Cosmic Bowling Night and a possible Halloween Costume Party/Dance. We need **STUDENTS** committed to attending these events and **ADULTS** who will chaperone and be in charge of these events.

Also needed are adults to commit to one Friday night a month to sell popcorn at Bingo from 6-7:30. We hope to establish a drop-in center for our youth one night a week where they can hang out, do their homework and have pizza and prayer. **WILL YOU PRAY ABOUT BEING INVOLVED IN THESE EVENTS? We need YOU to make things happen!** Call Maura Burke at 781 767 0563 or speak with Fr. Ed.

**COME JOIN YOUR FELLOW CATHOLICS ON THE COMMON:** The Archdiocese of Boston is hosting its annual Pro Life Walk on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. We would like to send a bus filled with students, families and anyone else interested in joining us for a 2 mile walk around Boston Common in support of Pro Life. We plan to leave the St. Joseph parking lot by noon and return home by 4pm. Confirmation students may receive Christian Service hours for this fundraising endeavor. We need to fill the bus in order to do this, please contact Maura Burke at 781 767 0563 or speak to Fr. Ed. The first 50 people will be guaranteed a seat on the bus.



The *Parish Bazaar* will take place the weekend of **November 21<sup>st</sup>**.

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 need 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.

### **Paint your own Pottery!**

When: Monday, October 5  
Time: 5:30 – 9:30PM – You can come and go  
Where: South Shore Pottery Shop, Abington  
Cost: \$12 plus cost of piece you are painting  
Tickets need to be purchased in advance as there is limited seating For tickets or further information you can contact Kelli O'Leary at 781-767-0971 or [kelliolery@verizon.net](mailto:kelliolery@verizon.net). This event is to help support St. Joseph's Youth Program.

### ***Respect Life Sunday***

On Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup>, our parishioners are invited to join hundreds of others at the **Annual Respect Life Mass** at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross with Cardinal Sean O'Malley followed by a **Pro Life Rally** on Boston Common and a three-mile walk to witness to all Life issues. (Our teens will be attending the Mass and a separate Rally, then joining the walk.) Free round-trip bus transportation is being donated by Immaculate Conception Parish 720 Broad Street, Weymouth. The bus will leave from their parking lot at 10:15 AM. For those who would like to participate in the Mass and Rally but cannot walk the three miles, there are many Respect Life stations that display and distribute literature, and nearby restaurants for those who wish to grab a bite. Please call the Immaculate Conception Parish office at 781-337-0380 by September 30 to reserve a seat.

### **St. Michael, Avon Daily Mass**

Starting October 5<sup>th</sup>, the weekday Mass at St. Michael, Avon returns to 9AM.

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**ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL**

**“Play for the Playground”** Saint Joseph School will be hosting their annual Golf Tournament on Friday, October 2. The tournament will be held at D.W. Field Golf Course in Brockton, Ma. Dinner, raffle, and silent auction will follow at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Holbrook. If you would like to sponsor a hole the cost is \$100. If you would like to play, the registration fee is \$125. A 6:30 dinner will follow at the K.F.C. Holbrook and costs \$25. Come enjoy a day of golf or simply come for dinner with friends! All proceeds go toward updating the playground at St. Joseph School. Registration forms can be found at the rear of the church. Please make checks payable to Saint Joseph School and send them to the school office. For more information or to donate to the event, please call Sue McCabe at (781) 767-2642 or visit our website [www.stjosephholbrook.com](http://www.stjosephholbrook.com).

**School Liturgy**

The next school liturgy will be the 9:00AM Mass Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup> led by the students in Mrs. Paglierani’s third grade class. Please join us at this celebration!

**Box Tops for Education Points**

The Parent Organization asks your help collecting **Box Tops**.

**School Library Book Donation Program**

Please consider making a donation to the School Library. All donations are used to improve the reading and research opportunities of our students. Each \$15 donation purchases a hardcover book with a commemorative bookplate. These books make a lasting educational gift to the school for our students. We appreciate your donation at any time throughout the year.

**Please Recycle Ink and Laser Cartridges**

St. Joseph School contracts with the Funding Factory for the collection of used ink cartridges. Apple, Brother, Canon, Compaq, Dell, HP (Hewlett Packard), IBM, Lexmark, Muratech, NEC, Panasonic, Pitney-Bowes, QMS, Ricoh, Samsung, Sharp, or Xerox cartridge are acceptable. Toner cartridges are not acceptable. Please drop off at the school office during school hours thank you!

**Team I** under the direction of Jean Elliott will volunteer at Bingo on Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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***St. Faustina’s Feast***

The Sisters of Our lady of Mercy warmly invite you to celebrtae St. Faustina’s Feast Day on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at St. Ann’s Parish, Dorchester. The program begins at **1:00PM** with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. **3:00PM** will be the Hour of Mercy and singing of the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. The Most Rev. Emilio S. Allue, SDB will celebrate Mass at **3:30PM**. For more information call 617-288-1202.

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**CCD Start Dates**

*All classes meet in St. Joseph Cafeteria*

**Sunday, September 27**            Grades 3 – 6, 10:30am  
   Grades 7 & 8, 6:15pm

**Monday, September 28**        Grade 2, 4pm

Please call Maura Burke at 781-767-0563 for more details.

There will be the final and mandatory meeting for grade 9 parents who did not attend the meeting on Sept. 13 at 3 pm Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> in the Conference Room. All grade 9 students who did not attend CCD for the entire year last year or did not attend St. Joseph School must attend a "Catch Up" class at 3pm in the church hall. Attendance in this class is **mandatory** to remain in the Confirmation Program.

**CATECHETICAL SUNDAY:** At all the Masses this weekend we will ask your prayers for our dedicated Religious Education teachers and helpers who share their love of the Lord with our children each week. At the 9:30 Mass a special blessing will be given to each catechist. Our thanks and appreciation is given to these wonderful disciples.

**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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***Chapel of Our Savior, Brockton***

The Chapel of Our Savior in Brockton's Westgate Mall will celebrate the Tridentine Latin Rite Mass on the second Friday of each month at 7PM. For further details call 508-583-8357.

***Children and Teen Bereavement Support Group***

Come meet and talk with other children and teens who have lost a loved one. Sponsored by Hospice of the South Shore.

When:            October 2 through November 8  
   Friday, 5:30 to 6:30PM for 6 weeks

Where:            Old South Union Church, Weymouth

Please call Maureen Conneely for further information or to sign up at 339-237-1537.

***Thank You***

Food for the Poor wishes to thank you for the welcome you extended to Father Karris on his recent visit to your parish. On behalf of our less fortunate brothers and sisters of Latin America and the Caribbean, we thank you for having shared in their lives. They, and you, are blessed by your generosity.

In Christ,  
The Food for the Poor Family.

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