

### Greetings!

#### “Blessed are you!”

Well, there’s no looking back now! We’re already a month and a half into 2010 (*just not past the snow storms*) and greater planning is being done not only for our upcoming parish-wide celebration on March 20<sup>th</sup> for the priests who have been stationed here over the years (*and please plan on coming as dinner ticket information for the 3/20 event will be available soon*), but our Parish Pastoral Council is looking at how to reach-out to our many Catholic brothers & sisters not involved regularly in our parish life; the Parish School Board is pushing forward on its three-year plans in many areas; our Liturgy Committee is working on the Lent & Easter celebrations; the School Playground Committee is interviewing vendors for a new playground; both our School Finance Board and our Parish Finance Committee are already looking at the budget process for the July 1, 2010-June 30, 2011 fiscal year; our Youth Ministry Steering Committee is already looking at the summer schedule of events; and, our Staff constantly keeps it ‘*it all going*’ for you and me everyday! And no, I’m not ‘*wishing my life away*’ but I do lie in bed some nights thinking what it will be like to have ‘*one more thing done*’ – sound familiar? (*Of course, I definitely must be doing something wrong as I’m always looking for more hours in the day and yet a recent survey found that teenagers spend an average of 12 hours a day before a screen – TV, computer or hand-held!*)

It’s true life can be very busy for some and not as busy for others but together we make up this wonderful parish & school community. I often wonder what it would be like if all of us were able to be together, what it might be like (*though, I guess you’re right, ‘crazy’ might describe it!*) I believe so much more would happen. For example, with over 3,000 registered parishioners (*meaning we have your name, address & phone number*), what if just 100 adults committed an hour a week to our youth program? We’d have our youth program open five days a week for 10 hours a day! Or, what if 50 people committed just two hours a month to ‘*handy man projects*’ around the parish – we’d save tens of thousands of dollars in contract work a year. What if 100 folks offered to come and pray before Jesus present in the tabernacle for an hour a week of prayer for our parish & school community, we’d have someone in the Church for 24 hours a day for five of the seven days a week! (*Every parish in the country that has ‘Perpetual Adoration’ –see [www.perpetualadoration.org](http://www.perpetualadoration.org) - has seen tremendous growth in their parish life without exception!*)

We might often forget that we were created as ‘*social*’ beings (*no, not ‘party’ style social*) to ‘*give*’ ourselves to another. In fact, marriage holds you might say the ‘*ultimate*’ act of giving so powerful that life is created. And, I know from speaking with many married-couples who are infertile, how painful it is when they feel they are unable to have children biologically (*yet, how great it was to hear from one father this week who shared how he and his wife*

*recently told their adopted daughter for the first time how she came into their lives*). Giving is good! We literally need to ‘*give of ourselves*’ in order to live. Whether in marriage or in parish life, giving of ourselves is necessary for growth and happiness.

In the Gospel today, Christ reminds us that true (*and eternal*) blessings will come to those who are generous to the poor and hungry, the weeping and persecuted. It has often been quoted from the Scriptures that the best sign of a community (*State or Church*) is how well it takes care of its ‘*poor, sick, widow and orphan*’. I think we’re doing a pretty good job, but would you agree we can do more? Please let me know with all that is going on at St. Joseph, how we are doing and where we can improve. How can you help build-up our Church? Can you possibly ‘*give*’ more (*and receive more*)?

God bless!

### Mass for the Intentions } Week

#### Saturday, February 13th

4:00PM Joseph & Phyllis Parrish Memorial Mass

#### Sunday, February 14th

7:30AM Barbara Tynan 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
9:30AM Theresa Collins 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
11:30AM James Bonner Memorial Mass

#### Monday, February 15th

9:00AM Wilbert Pryce 28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

#### Tuesday, February 16th

9:00AM Joseph Newman 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

#### Wednesday, February 17th

9:00AM Ash Wednesday Mass  
4:00PM Ash Wednesday Mass

#### Thursday, February 18th

9:00AM Special Intention

#### Friday, February 19th

9:00AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### Saturday, February 20th

9:00AM 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Beatification of Blessed Jacinta & Francisco Marto  
4:00PM Christopher Murray 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

#### Sunday, February 21st

7:30AM Robert Andrea 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
and Patricia Andrea DelVecchio Memorial Mass  
9:30AM Parishioners of St. Joseph  
11:30AM Helen Molling 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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### ARISE

Season 4 of *ARISE* begins this week for six weeks. **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 meet: 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.

### COMPREHENSIVE YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAM

A year ago February, over 200 parishioners gathered together to begin our efforts to build a Comprehensive Youth Ministry program with the help and guidance of the Archdiocese's Office of New Evangelization. Now, a full year later, we are well on our way but still need the involvement of the entire parish as we continue to move forward in our efforts to bring the love of Jesus Christ to our young people.

We established a committed, spiritual and professional Board of Directors that represents parishioners with a wide range of interests, talents and skills. We have a small but dedicated loyal group of volunteers. What we still need is YOU!

We have had many successful events and many great ideas for the future. We want to continue to empower our young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ by participating in the life, mission and work of the Catholic faith community and by fostering the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person.

You can help in big and small ways:

- Sell popcorn at Bingo a few Friday nights
- Participate as a coach or chaperone at weekly teen gatherings
- Spiritual leader of small groups of our young people
- Bake for events
- Organize fundraising events for all ages
- Chaperone

Please consider giving of your time, treasure and talents to help our youth. Call or email your thoughts, suggestions and ideas to 781 767-0563 or [st.joseph.re@comcast.net](mailto:st.joseph.re@comcast.net)

### World Apostolate of Fatima

Come join in celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the birth of Blessed Jacinta Marto! She and her brother Francisco are two of the three children of Fatima who Our Lady revealed the secrets. A Mass & Prayer of the Rosary on *Saturday, February 20 at 9:00am in St. Joseph Church will be celebrated by Fr. John Currie*, followed by a collation and special viewing of the new movie, "*The 13<sup>th</sup> Day*".

### Ash Wednesday Schedule

Mass and Distribution of Ashes

St Joseph: 9:00AM and 4:00PM

St. Michael, Avon: 9:00AM and 7:00PM

*Daily Mass* will return to the Church starting Ash Wednesday.

### Save the Date!

*Thank you!* Already there has been great enthusiasm for the upcoming *Evening of Appreciation on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>* in honor of all of the priests who have served at St. Joseph Church over the years. We are hoping many of the priests will be able to return, especially for the celebration of the Vigil Mass at 4:00pm with Cardinal Sean. In this *Year of the Priest* as designated by Pope Benedict XVI, we hope to honor our priests by dedicating much needed future renovations to the interior of the Church in their name, and so we have initiated a fundraiser to help. Please let me know if you did not receive a raffle ticket in the mail. More information with ticket information for the dinner will be forthcoming! Thank you!

### Thank you!

Recently, you may have noticed two new basketball hoops installed in our school gymnasium. Fr. Lou Palmieri and his parish, St. Michael, Avon, very generously donated \$5,000 towards their cost. This has already greatly enhanced our basketball program for practices! Thank you, Fr. Lou!

### The Light is on for YOU

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation  
All Parishes & Chapels of the Archdiocese  
Wednesdays in Lent – 6:30 – 8:00PM

To encourage Catholics to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on the Wednesdays of Lent, every church, chapel and oratory will be open from 6:30 – 8:00PM for individual confession. It will begin after Ash Wednesday and be held on February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31. For further information, go to [www.TheLightIsOnForYou.org](http://www.TheLightIsOnForYou.org).

### National Marriage Week

The weekend closest to St. Valentine's Day (*even though he was really known for visiting prisoners*) begins a week of promoting marriage, offering opportunities to nourish marriages, and certainly reach-out to marriages that are going through very difficult times. I hope some of these websites will help – and let's keep praying for the married couples in our parish and the engaged-couples preparing for marriage in our Church! Check out: [www.ForYourMarriage.org/](http://www.ForYourMarriage.org/); [www.retrouaille.org/](http://www.retrouaille.org/); [www.ccli.org/](http://www.ccli.org/); and, [www.family.org/](http://www.family.org/) (and see the Super Bowl ad of Tim Tebow, Heisman Trophy Winner).

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**ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL**

*Did you know...*

that St. Joseph School students Kristen Page and Alyssa Grzybinski were the two winners of the Catholic School's Week Spelling Bee? Kristen and Alyssa will represent St. Joseph School at the regional Catholic School Spelling Bee at Blessed Sacrament School in Walpole.

**Currently Enrolling for 2010/2011**

St. Joseph School is currently accepting 2010/2011 registrations for all grades. St. Joseph School offers a full day pre-k (4 year old) program, a full day kindergarten program, and aftercare is available. Please call the school office at 781-767-1544 for an appointment.

**Virtue of the Month**

The virtue of the month for February is *patience*. Students will study the lives of the Blessed Mother; St. Francis de Sales; St. Joachim; and St. Ann.

**Team I** under the direction of Jean Elliott will volunteer at Bingo on Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

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***Boston Catholic Women's Conference***

The Women's Conference will be on **Saturday, February 27, 2010 at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston** (snow date is 3/6/10). It will be from 9am - 5:30pm and will feature as speakers Patti Mansfield, Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle, Leah Darrow, and Sr. Olga of the Eucharist. The BCWC will also include confession, adoration, Mass with Cardinal Sean O'Malley, and a great opportunity to gather with other Catholic women of faith. Tickets will be \$20 (\$30 including lunch). For more information, go to [www.catholicboston.com](http://www.catholicboston.com).

***ALPHA***

The **ALPHA** dinner has been rescheduled for Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM. If you are interested in attending the dinner, please call the rectory at 781-767-0605 or send an email to: [alpha@stjosephholbrook.org](mailto:alpha@stjosephholbrook.org). We look forward to seeing you on the 24<sup>th</sup>!

***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 **\$4,975**. The second collection for the Holy Father was **\$1,784**. The second collection next weekend is for Capital Improvement. Thank you for your financial commitment to Parish life.

***Advertiser of the Week***

*Thank you* for patronizing the services of our bulletin advertisers! This week we *thank Dunkin Donuts* for advertising with us!

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

There will be **NO** classes February 14, 15, 16 or 21<sup>st</sup> for grades **1 – 6** due to February School vacation. Classes resume for grades 1 -6 on Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Confirmation Classes will resume on February 21<sup>st</sup> at 5PM.**

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 28<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested - either in sending a student or volunteering, please call Deb Kelly at 767 1370 or Maura Burke at 767 0563.

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**ST JOE'S MEN'S GROUP**

***ALL (MEN) ARE WELCOME***

**NEXT MEETING: Saturday, February 20th**  
7:30 am – 8:50 am  
Saint Charles Hall

***Thank you!***

A parishioner and his wife kindly took upon themselves to salvage over a dozen nice conference room chairs when an employer was moving locations, and cleaned them up for our use in St. Charles Hall, where we are trying to clear-out two storage areas and turn them into meeting spaces. Thank you to our anonymous donors!

**LIFT – Catholic Worship for a NEW Generation**

Join us for LIFT - an exciting monthly worship event which includes vibrant praise and worship music, dynamic, challenging speakers and Eucharistic Adoration. LIFT is for all ages - from young adults to adults to teens to entire families. Be with us Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 7 - 9pm at Fontbonne Academy, Milton as we welcome Bob Lesnfsky as our guest speaker. Come join in worship with hundreds of Catholics from around the Boston area!

***Project Rachel***

Do you know someone who is carrying grief and sorrow over past abortions? **Project Rachel** is the post-abortion ministry of the Catholic Church to help those dealing with the pain of abortion. **Project Rachel** will offer three "Come to the Waters" post abortion healing retreats this spring: Sunday, February 28, Saturday, March 13, and Saturday, June 5. There is also a weekend retreat April 24/25. For more information and registration for the date of your choice, contact **Project Rachel** at 508.651.3100 or [help@projectrachelboston.com](mailto:help@projectrachelboston.com).