

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 31st

4:00PM **Carmine Petrillo**, 12th Anniversary, by his wife & family

Sunday, August 1st—Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM Parishioners

10:00AM **Terry Ramirez**, 1st Anniversary, by her family

11:30AM **Conrada Fonseca de Cofradia del Sagrado Corazon**

Monday, August 2nd

8:45AM **Remo Tarquinio** by Rick D'Ottavio

6:00PM **Tomas Rivera** de su madre y familia

Tuesday, August 3rd

8:45AM **Fr. Jacques Smith**, 25th Anniversary, by the Proulx family

Wednesday, August 4th

8:45AM *Communion Service*

Thursday, August 5th

8:45AM *Communion Service*

Friday, August 6th

8:45AM **Leda Gates & Barbara Fitzgerald** by Sr. Elizabeth

6:00PM *Memorial Fund Intentions*

Saturday, August 7th

2:00PM *Wedding: Ana Tiberii & Craig Dougherty*

4:00PM **Biagio Puccilli and Roland Delage** by their family

Sunday, August 8th—Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM **Patricia Reynolds Caouette** by her family

10:00AM **Alphonse Diani**, 20th Anniversary and **Stella Diani**, 14th Anniversary, by their daughter, Meliana

11:30AM Todos los parroquianos

FAITH IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

In your prayers, please remember **Lillian Rodio**, **Lynn Durand** (*sister of Lillian Rodio*) and **Doria Grabbert**. May they rest in peace and may their families find comfort from their faith in Jesus Christ and his resurrection.



Our Sanctuary Lamp will burn during the week of August 2nd in memory of **Ann & Bill Fraser**

Parish Support

We ask that you consider the ongoing needs of our parish and offer your gifts of thanks and support for the time you'll be away. At best, our collections have been down for the past several months.

We rely on your continuing support to cover the bills.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation.

Holy Land Orientation

On **Monday, August 2nd**, a special gathering will be held at 7 PM in the rectory to provide orientation for those who are traveling with Father Peter to the Holy Land in September. This is an opportunity to ask questions and learn necessary information on traveling to Israel: currency exchange, included meals, review of itinerary, etc.



TIME & TALENT

Authentic Faith Requires Authentic Living

In our Creeds we make bold our belief in “Life Everlasting” as we proclaim: “We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, his forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting, Amen.” Heaven is our ultimate goal, and to be in heaven is to attain the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longing which is the supreme and definitive happiness. To live in heaven is “to be with Christ”. We will see God as He is, and become like Him. This is our destiny. But to attain it, it is good for us to remember we must be in the state of perfect grace, for our God is total and perfect beauty and love, and our souls must be beautiful and loving also. There is no doubt that the God who created us without ourselves will not save us without ourselves. We must respond in love to God’s invitation to eternal life. And how is it that we respond to God’s invitation?—By following the example of our Lord Jesus by being servant to all. God calls upon us to daily give of our time, talent and treasure in service to one another. May our lives mirror that of our Lord who came, not to be served, but to serve. May the Lord bless each of you and your loved ones with his love!

Deacon Steve

**Stewardship is the Christian Way of Life,
Many Hands Make the Burden Light.**

TREASURE

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| STEWARDSHIP | \$3,764.00 |
| Children’s Envelopes | \$42.00 |

PARTNERS IN CHARITY

Annual Appeal

Diocese of Worcester

To date, we have reached 70% of our parish goal for the Annual Partners in Charity Appeal. Our goal is \$26,500 and we have raised \$18,645. If you are able to support this appeal and help us reach our goal, you may send your contribution to:

Partners in Charity Appeal
Diocese of Worcester
 49 Elm Street
 Worcester, MA 01609

Remember, no amount is too small and by helping achieve the overall Diocesan goal, our parish will benefit from the many programs that are funded through this appeal.

A Message from Father Peter

Dear Parishioners,

Last week was an interesting and enthusiastic one for about twenty of our youth that came from our own parish as well as Notre Dame of the Sacred Heart Parish. They spent the week getting inside the opening story in the Bible about the creation of the world around us. They learned it in songs and through art projects as well as by taking a trip each afternoon either to the Cathedral in Worcester, to Saint Joseph's Abbey in Spencer, Saint Anne's Shrine in Fiskdale as well as Westville Dam. Each day as they learned one of the days of creation they created the events of that day in their classroom. There were blue skies with clouds, the sun and moon and stars, there were oceans and lands with all kinds of creatures that fly or crawl or swim represented. At the end they presented the songs they learned with great energy and enthusiasm that was inspiring as well as delightful.

The success of the week is a great credit to Nelson, our seminarian, who wrote the curriculum and planned the art projects and activities with Antonia, our coordinator, and Darleen Farland, the Director at Notre Dame of the Sacred Heart. There were catechists from both parishes who organized the classrooms and taught the lessons of each day; they did a wonderful job in spite of the uncomfortable humidity and heat at the beginning of the week. The final day as we toured the classrooms to admire their work, the children were very proud of their efforts and related that they had learned a great deal while enjoying themselves during the week.

At one point, when I stopped by I informed the participants that I would need to give Nelson a grade and that he had promised that this would be our best Bible School ever! He was surprised at the challenge given to the kids, but I felt that both of them could manage it during the week. True to my expectations, on Friday the children were eager to give me a grade for Nelson's efforts. When I questioned if they were being generous with their grade, they reassured me that he had indeed earned an A given their experience during the week. When I asked if it had been our best ever, they shouted their agreement that Nelson had not only met, but passed their expectations with the lessons and the activities of the week. Last Sunday, one of the children informed me that she is anticipating next summer's Bible School since she had such a good time and learned so many interesting things this year. So, our thanks to Nelson for a job well done in giving us our best Vacation Bible School ever – until next year!

To those who were away last weekend, it was scary for awhile, but in the end, we were very blessed. A parishioner arrived for the 4 PM Mass and waited in her car for the rain to ease up. In an instant, her car was engulfed in the leaves of a tree that the rain had taken down, and with it a live power line that fed the church. The noise and sparks from the meter alerted those waiting for confession to notify me in the rectory, while she had the presence of mind to stay in her car. She was the real hero of the day, calling police on her cell phone since we couldn't see that she was still inside her vehicle, and then staying inside without air conditioning for over an hour, while we waited for the cable across her car to be deactivated. In the end, she drove her car home with minimal damage. Both the police and fire personnel performed their work with a caring and professionalism that was admirable to witness. While we had to cancel the 4 PM Mass, we did hold a 'candlelight' wedding at 5:30 and our Masses on Sunday were some of the brightest I've seen given the light of faith that shone in our church. By Noon on Monday, power was restored and all had returned to normal, whatever that is around here!

MEMORIAL FUND INTENTIONS

In Memory Of:

Egan & Sichel families
Wilson Pinsonneault
Normand Matte
Theodore Napierata
Frances Napierata
Calazan Perez
Juan Alicea

Agustus Baglioni
Phil Morrill

Mary Ellen Burke
Joseph Garstka
Pauline Maramo

Hannah Maramo
Thadeus Lesniewski
Alberta Berthieume
Harry Moore, Sr. & family
Ruth Osimo

Ed & Dennis Franklin
Karen Sears George
Terry Ramirez
Michael Howard

Wishes Of:

Debbie Sichel
wife, Margaret
family
family
family
family
Louise Damian & family
Bev & Patrick Loconto
Arnie & Marion Renna
Kay & Betty Fraser
Bev & Patrick Loconto
Louise Damian
Judy & Nel Farland
Stan & Cheryl
Arnie & Marion Renna
family
Arnie & Marion Renna
Bonnie Maramo
Roland & Livia Peck
Bonnie Maramo
Louise Damian
Virginia Iacobucci
Virginia Iacobucci
Judy & Nel Farland
Virginia Iacobucci
Bev & family
Bev, Patrick & family
friends
friends



St. Mary's Parish Conference of the
Society of Saint Vincent de Paul
presents

41 Signs of Hope

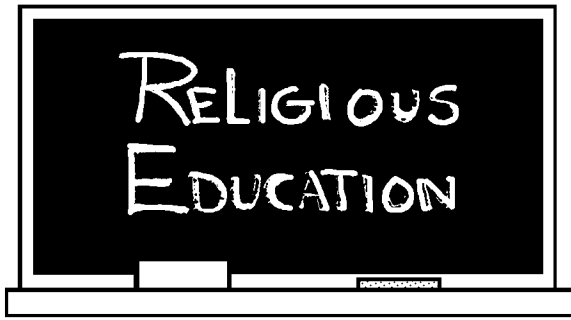
Sunday, August 29, 2010 at 2:00 PM
Publick House, Sturbridge
Show, Coffee and Dessert
Tickets: \$20

*A maximum of 45 tickets will be sold, a quarter have
already been sold, and are available at the rectory.*

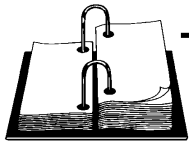
Author Dave Kane, father of Nicholas O'Neill, the youngest victim of the fourth largest nightclub fire in U.S. history, shares fascinating stories and intriguing evidence that life never ends. After receiving an ongoing barrage of signs, including vocal messages from Nicky, Dave is convinced that he has not 'lost' his son. Instead, he has been given the priceless gift of a loving, eternal connection with his boy. After hearing Dave's uplifting presentation, you will be assured that your loved ones, who have passed, haven't gone anywhere, but are still with you. This program is entertaining, moving and truly inspirational. Prepare to believe that miracles happen and that anything is possible!

Helping Hands Needed!

We are looking for some volunteers to help us dig the soil and lay the bricks along the Marcy Street parking lot to finish our landscaping in this area. Please speak with Fr. Peter.



Teachers Needed!! Our Religious Education Program seriously needs teachers to join our staff of catechists for ages K-12. Materials and support are provided. This year will be an important year for our children as we work to prepare them for the changes that are coming to the Mass responses. Starting in September, classes are held on Mondays from 3:30 pm to 4:45 pm and Sundays from 8:45 am to 9:45 am for K-5. We are planning major changes to our junior high and high school programs; there will be 10 classes on Sunday nights, beginning with Mass at 5:30 PM. Please call Antonia at 508-764-3226, ext. 23. Please prayerfully consider joining us to share your time and talent with our children and make a difference in their lives. Your investment of one year can change their faith over a lifetime!



The Week Ahead

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| Tithing Committee Meeting | Sunday at 7:00PM |
| Holy Land Pilgrimage Orientation | Monday at 7:00PM |
| Spanish Baptism Class | Thursday at 7:00PM |
| Youth Ministry Appreciation | Saturday at 1:00PM |

Please note that Adoration will resume on August 20th.

*Join us for an evening of food, merriment and good will
As Grace House
presents the*

ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER & AUCTION

Friday, September 10, 2010

Artists Development Complex

18 Mill St. Southbridge

Preview and Cash Bar @ 5:30 pm

Elegant Buffet Dinner @ 6:30 pm

Silent Auction Sell-Off @ 7:30 pm

Live Auction @ 8:00 pm

Sit with friends and reserve your table early! (Tables seat 8).

Seating is limited.

ADVANCE TICKET PURCHASE ONLY

\$25 per person for Buffet, Silent & Live Auctions

\$10 per person for Live Auction only

Please call:

Southbridge Interfaith Hospitality Network

11 Sayles St. Southbridge

508-764-4357

Donations for the Auction will be greatly appreciated!!

**Aubuchon Hardware &
Cub Scouts Pack 140**
1st Annual Food Drive
Saturday, August 7, 2010
Aubuchon's
487 Main St. Southbridge
To Benefit St. Mary's Food Pantry

**Drop off a
Non-perishable food
donation and
Get a \$5 coupon good
towards your next
purchase at
Aubuchon Hardware!**

Raffles!

**Coffee,
Donuts,
Hot Dogs &
Soda for Sale
Proceeds
benefit
Pack 140**

**20 lb. Propane
Tank Refills
only \$10!**

Comunidad Hispana Principales Actividades
Sacramentos y Devociones

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| Santa Misa: | Domingos | 11:30 AM | Iglesia |
| | Lunes y viernes | 6:00 PM | Iglesia |
| Rosario | Todos los jueves | 5:30 PM | Iglesia |
| Hora Santa: | Todos los jueves | 6:00 PM | Iglesia |
| Adoración: | Todos los viernes | 9:30 - 6:00 PM | Iglesia |
| Círculo de oración: | Domingos | 6:00 PM | Iglesia |
| Charlas para Bautismo: | 1° y 2° Jueves | 4:00 PM | Rectoría |
| Bautismos: | 3° domingo durante la Misa o 3° Sábado a las 11:30 | | |
| RICA: | (Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos) Domingos 10:00 AM Escuela | | |
| Práctica del Coro: | Miércoles | 7:00 PM | Coro Iglesia |
| Práctica Coro de Niños y Jóvenes | Viernes | 7:00 | Coro Iglesia |
| Catecismo: Para niños que hablen, lean y entiendan español: | | | |
| Kinder a Grado 8° | Sábados | 10:30 AM | Cafetería |
| Comité San Juan Bautista | Viernes | 7:00p.m | Rectoría |

Reuniones de los Grupos Apostólicos

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| Comité de Ayuda Parroquial (CAP) | 2° domingo | Rectoría |
| Cofradía del Sagrado Corazón | 1° sábado | 6:00 PM Rectoría |
| Oblatos | 4° sábados | 4:00 PM Rectoría |
| Legión de María | 2° y 4ª Jueves | 7:00 PM Rectoría |
| Mov. Juan XXIII | Todos Lunes | 6:00PM Escuela |
| Grupo de Jóvenes | Jueves | 6:30 PM Escuela |

Teléfono Oficina de Ministerio Hispano

765-0394

Lugar: **RECTORIA (2º piso)**

Cita Bíblicas de las lecturas de la Semana:

Lun: Jer 28,1-17 y Mt 14,13-21 **Mar:** Jer 30,1-22 y Mt 14,22-36 **Miér:** Jer 31,1-7 y Mt 9,35;10,1 **Jue:** Jer 31,31-34 y Mt 16,13-23 **Vie:** Dn 7,9-14 ; 2ª Pd 1,16-19 y Lc 9,28-36 **Sáb:** Hb 1,12;2,4 y Mt 17,14-20 **Dom:** Sab 18,6-9; Hbr 11,1-19 y Lc 12,32-48.

Noticias para la Comunidad

RICA

Se les invita a los niños mayores de 10 años o personas adultas que no hayan recibido sus sacramentos, la inscripción esta abierta. Se pueden comunicar después de Misa con el Diacono Teodoro o con Alejandro.

Catequistas

Se invita a todos aquellos que deseen colaborar como catequistas este año, favor de comunicarlo, ya que en agosto estaremos dando inicio al proceso de formación.

Bautismo

Clases de formación para dicho Sacramento será los Jueves: 5 y 12 de Agosto alas 7:00p.m en la Rectoría. Favor anotar

LA TRANSFIGURACIÓN DE JESÚS

(Lucas 9: 28-36) Fiesta: 6 de agosto



Para poder entender el relato que nos describe el evangelista Lucas, es necesario comprender la palabra *transfiguración*. Ésta proviene del griego y significa *cambio de forma o de figura*. No es una metamorfosis al estilo pagano, es decir, un cambio sustancial de su esencia. En el caso de Jesús es un cambio de apariencia, de su figura, para mostrar Su gloria. Este acontecimiento en el monte, sucede después de una semana en que Pedro había confesado que Jesús era el Cristo (Lc. 9:18-20) y del anuncio de su muerte. Este hecho es la confirmación de la revelación de Jesús como el Cristo y el Hijo de Dios. Ésta es una experiencia similar a la de su bautismo (Lc. 3:21-22). Su gloria es revelada no sólo por sus hechos, sino de un modo más personal y que significa su presencia real, porque el reino está en medio de su pueblo. De ahí que la transfiguración es un punto central de la revelación del reino de Dios, el cual está relacionado con el Antiguo Testamento y muestra la forma en que Cristo lo cumple, luego vuelve la mirada hacia los grandes acontecimientos de la cruz, la resurrección, la ascensión, y su segunda venida. Lucas nos relata que Jesús llevó a tres de sus discípulos más íntimamente ligados a él -Pedro, Santiago y Juan- a un monte, probablemente el Hermón, Allí se transfiguró y sus vestidos brillaron resplandecientemente. Luego aparecieron Moisés y Elías, quienes hablaron con él, por lo que Pedro sugirió que hiciesen tres tiendas para ellos. Se oyó luego una voz desde una nube que se refirió al carácter filial de Cristo y su autoridad, tras lo cual terminó la visión. Hay muchos aspectos en el relato que se relacionan con el AT. Moisés y Elías representan la Ley y los Profetas en el acto de dar testimonio acerca del Mesías, Ley y Profetas que se cumplen y son remplazados por él. Los dos habían tenido visiones de la gloria de Dios sobre un monte, Moisés en el Sinaí , y Elías en Horeb. Ninguno de los dos dejó una tumba conocida. La ley de Moisés y la venida de Elías se mencionan juntas en los últimos vv. del AT (Mal. 4:4-6). Los dos hombres ante la tumba vacía (Lc. 24:4; y en el momento de la ascensión, y los “dos testigos” (Ap. 11:3) se identifican a veces con Moisés y Elías. La voz celestial que dijo, “este es mi Hijo amado; a él oíd”, individualiza a Jesús no sólo como el Mesías sino también como el Profeta. La nube simboliza la protección de la presencia divina. Hay una nube que recibe a Cristo y lo arrebató de la vista de sus discípulos en el momento de la ascensión (Hch. 1:9). El regreso de Cristo será con nubes (Ap. 1:7). Es importante tener en cuenta esta experiencia de Jesús y ver de que manera hoy en día la presencia de Cristo se manifiesta en medio la Misión, cómo reconocer su presencia en media de la tarea, en medio de los problemas, las angustias, las alegrías, etc. Él está en medio de nosotros todos los días, porque así lo ha prometido (Mt. 28:20b), su gloria resplandece en el quehacer cotidiano y se hace visible a través de la acción evangelizadora de cada uno de sus discípulos.