

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 5: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Abel Alvarado,
6th Anniversary of his death,
by, his daughter Norma Ellis

10:15 a.m. Virginia Misco,
by, the family

5:00 p.m. Loretto Fitzsimmons,
by, Claire Faherty

Monday, February 6: Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. Mark Dillon,
by, Steven, David &
Eileen Parenteau

Wednesday, February 8: Weekday

8:00 a.m. Jerry Dufault,
Birthday Remembrance,
by, his wife Judy

Sunday, February 12: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. George E. Landry,
Birthday Remembrance,
by, the family

Chris Dion,
by, Sacred Heart
Saint Vincent dePaul Society

10:15 a.m. Virginia Teixeira,
by, Claire Prefontaine

5:00 p.m. Maurice Olivier,
7th Anniversary of his death,
by, the family

Weekly Stewardship

January 29, 2012:

\$ 5,635.00

Like St. Paul in the second reading, the good steward can say, "I do all that I do for the sake of the gospel in the hope of having a share in its blessing."

February Memorials

Host: Rudy Morel,
by, the Mournighan family

Wine: Theodore & Julia (Lafayette) Roy,
by, their granddaughter Catherine

Lamp: Brian Mahon,
by, his sister Cathy

Prayer Requests

In your kindness, please pray for: Yvette Boehling, Frank Giacoppo, Tom Warren, Teresa Sarrazin, Judy Leaden, Al Erickson, Lena Watters, Richard Erickson, Cecile Jette, Solange Sullivan, Ann Ethier, Marilyn Buck, Gordon Clarke, Steven Langille, Joanne Waskiel, Jim Rasicot, Molly Curren, Warren Boehling, Malia Juszyck, Lucille Paquin, Richard Soares, Diane Kinzer, Diane Harris, Zoe McMorran, Steven Pederson, Catherine Landry, Mark Vandette, Carol Nerney, Jim Leaden.

Baptism Congratulations

This past Sunday, January 29, we joyfully welcomed four children into our Faith family through the waters of Baptism.

Julia Grace Bush
Andrew Edward Bennett, IV
Avery Vivian Daigle
Sophia Marie Gartman

Our prayerful best wishes are extended to these children and their proud parents and godparents.

Liturgical Ministry Schedules

Schedules will be prepared soon. Please email Stacy in the parish office with the dates you will not be available to serve.

Attention Ushers

There will be an ushers meeting in the church on February 29 at 7pm. All new ushers must attend, if you can not attend please call Dan Nolin at 508-699-9507.

Relay for Life

The Sacred Heart Stewards Relay for Life team will be holding a meeting after the 10:15 mass on **Sunday, Feb 12**. We will be signing up team members both returning and new. For more information please contact Sally LeBlanc at sallysmess@aol.com or Kathy Jaaskelainen at boopersmom@comcast.net.

Adult Confirmation Classes

The Office of Faith Formation for the Diocese of Fall River will once again be offering adult Confirmation classes for anyone 18 years and older who needs to complete their initiation in the Catholic Church. Classes will be held at Saint John's Parish Center in Attleboro and run for 5 consecutive weeks. Confirmation will be celebrated in the spring either at Saint Mary Church or at the Cathedral in Fall River. Registration forms and information on the class are available after Mass in the sacristy or the parish office.

Snow & Storm Policy

While we are very grateful for the lack of snow and storms so far this winter, we remind you of the policy we follow in our two parishes should there be winter storms.

1. For daily Mass in both parishes, we follow the directive: if school is canceled or delayed, daily Mass is canceled for that morning.
2. Sunday Mass is never canceled due to weather, but **common sense** should always prevail. If we are told to stay off the roads in a storm, then you should stay home and, if necessary, miss Mass. There is no sin of missing Mass involved in this particular instance.
3. If the roads are not good for driving, Fr. Ken and Fr. Gabriel, would most probably not be available for Mass. Therefore, Sunday Masses would be held at Sacred Heart Church for that day as Fr. Costa lives at the Church Street property adjacent to the church. Saint Mary Church would not be open for use.

Faith Formation

Students in Grades 1 through 6 will attend Faith Formation classes this morning, February 5, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the school building.

First Penance Parent Meeting

Parents of children celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time in the coming months will hold a meeting with Fr. Dave and Kate Leighton, our Faith Formation coordinator, on **Sunday, February 12**, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the church. It is essential that every student in the Grade 2 class be represented by at least one parent. Saint Mary-Sacred Heart School and Mercymount grade 2 parents are expected to be present. If for some reason your child cannot be represented, please contact Kate @ 508-643-9009.

"Friend of SMSH" Awards

This past Wednesday, February 1, during the annual Catholic Schools Week Mass, our school community honored three supporters of the school with the "Friends of Saint Mary-Sacred Heart School Award." This award recognizes the tireless support, effort, and encouragement offered over the years by Representative Elizabeth Poirier, Ed Patch, and Veronica Welch.

Betty Poirier, a graduate of Saint Mary's, sent her three boys to SMSH and is currently a proud grandparent of three SMSH students, has worked in a wide variety of capacities, locally and on the state level, to ensure the continued growth and success of Catholic education and our school.

Ed Patch, who died in 2008, was the proud parent of three SMSH students. Ed served as a member of the School Advisory Board and was responsible for many of the improvements to the school building, including, but not limited to, the new cafeteria, the new boiler, the new roof, and multiple enhancements to the classrooms.

Veronica Welch, celebrates her 25th anniversary of graduation from Saint Mary-Sacred Heart School this June. "Ronnie" and her husband Tom are the proud parents of three boys, two presently attending SMSH. In addition to being a full-time Mom, Ronnie owns her own public relations company. She has given countless hours of service over the years, especially assisting with public relations for the school.

We are most grateful to these three individuals and their families for their support and the good that they have accomplished and continue to do. Congratulations!

Readings For The Week

Monday: 1Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk6:53-56
Tuesday: 1Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk7:1-13
Wednesday: 1Kgs 10:1-10; Mk7:14-23
Thursday: 1Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday: Lv 13:1-2,44-46; Ps 32;
1 Cor 10:31 - 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

Stewardship Reflection for the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Speak Life

A group of frogs was traveling through the woods looking for a bigger pond when two of them fell into a very deep hole. The other frogs crowded around, and when they saw just how deep the hole was they shook their heads and started calling to the two frogs at the bottom that they were as good as dead. The two frogs ignored the shouting and with all their might kept trying to jump up out of the hole. The other frogs jeered at them and told them to give up as their efforts were useless. Finally, one of the frogs stopped jumping and, panting heavily, fell on his side. He lay still and soon died. The other frog continued to jump as hard as he could. The crowd of frogs yelled at him to stop the pain and just give up and die. He jumped even harder, and finally made it out of the top of the hole. When he got out, the other frogs were astonished and asked him, "Didn't you hear us?" The frog look puzzled and asked them to repeat what they had just said because he was a bit deaf. He thought they had been shouting encouragement to him.

There is power in the tongue. An encouraging word to someone in difficult circumstances can lift them up and help them to make it through another day. Destructive words, on the other hand, can be all it takes to deprive them of hope and life.

The power of words is much greater than we may think. Be careful what you say. Speak life to those who cross your path. The person who makes the effort to encourage another is special indeed.

Bereavement Support Group

Through the generosity of one of our Saint Mary parishioners, Beacon Hospice, Inc., and Sister Kathee, we are pleased to announce the formation of a **General Bereavement Group** in North Attleboro. This group is for anyone who is experiencing grief related to the death of a loved one, be it a spouse, life partner, parent, sibling, family member or friend. All ages are welcome!

This group will provide participants with a safe place to meet others who understand, as well as healing activities that facilitate support, connection and comfort. There are 8 sessions to this group, extending through March and April. We will meet from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. in North Attleboro. Please call by February 27, 2012, to register. Location of the group meetings will be provided during registration. This group is free, confidential, and open to anyone in need of grief support. Registration is required for all group participation. Please contact Lisa Bradley, MSW, LCSW, to register or with any questions: 508-324-1900.

Prayer For The Week

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

