

**Readings for this Sunday and Questions for Discussion**

**Sunday Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Gospel:** John 2:1-12 (marriage at Cana)

**Key Passage:** When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."

**Adult:** When have you stepped in, a Mary did at Cana, to try and make a difficult situation easier for someone?

**Child:** What can you do this week to try and make someone's job a little easier?

**LIVING STEWARDSHIP**

*All gifts are gifts of the one Spirit. Our job is to find the best way to use what we have been given.*



**Saturday**

3:30 p.m. **Pro-Life Rosary**

4:00 pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv. For **Dorothy Burnham** requested by the Family

13<sup>th</sup> Anniv. For **Larry Patriarca** requested by Danny  
2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv for. **Sara L. Carson** requested by her Daughter, Helen

**Sunday Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 a.m. **For the People of St. Mary's**

10:30 a.m. 4<sup>th</sup> Anniv for **Laurie Ann Graham** requested by The Family

Mths Mind for **Fr. Tom Barry** requested by Al & Judy Crespo

**Monday** 7:45 am Morning Prayer

8:00 a.m. Memorial For **Nancy Crawford** Requested by her Sister Betty Kelly

**Tuesday** 7:45 am Morning Prayer

8:00 a.m. **Mass**

**Wednesday** 7:45 am Morning Prayer

8:00 a.m. In Remembrance of his birthday **Louis Vigliatura** requested by the Family

**Thursday** 7:45 morning prayer

8:00 a.m. **Deceased Family Members of Parishioners**  
**Robert Eddy, father of Tim Eddy**

**Next Saturday**

4:00 pm **Mass**

**Next Sunday Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 a.m. **Mass**

10:30 a.m. Mths Mind for **Robert Maynard**. Requested by the Family

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

*Father, accept these, the gifts of your people. We return this portion of your many blessings to us so that the work of your Son, Jesus, might continue in our parish home.*

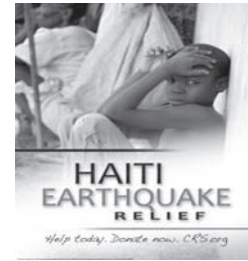
<b>Baptism of the Lord</b>	<b>5,636.00</b>
<b>Monthly</b>	<b>610.00</b>
	<b>6,246.00</b>

**(Parish tithe to charity 5% 281.80)**

Adult Envelopes	5,331.00
Loose Cash	305.00

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> IN OBSERVANCE OF**  
**MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY**



Last Tuesday's earthquake in Haiti, which measured 7.0 on the Richter scale, unleashed tremendous damage and a staggering loss of life. The death toll is significant and is expected to rise considerably as many people remain missing. Estimates of property losses in this poorest country in the Western Hemisphere will be substantial. At least three million people will be affected due to property damage and the loss of critical infrastructure.

In the immediate hours following the initial quake more than two dozen after-shocks occurred, further extending the damage. As you know, Haiti shelters a population that experiences hunger and neglect even in normal times.

Many of the survivors of this disaster have lost everything that they owned. Many remote towns and villages have been either severely or totally destroyed. Neither the Haitian government nor the people will be able to mount a substantive relief effort. The Haitian people will need a great deal of international support to rebuild their villages and their lives.

In the wake of this disaster the Diocese of Worcester is making a commitment to assist the people in Haiti. In doing so, we will collaborate with Catholic Relief Services which is our custom in responding to situations of natural disasters abroad.

I am asking all of our parishes to take a special collection for **Relief in Haiti** at the Lord's Day Masses this weekend. I encourage you to be generous in offering assistance to our brothers and sisters in Haiti. Your generosity in responding to the needs of those who have suffered so many losses will truly help the people of Haiti at this difficult time.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus  
Bishop of Worcester

**Checks can be mailed to Haitian Relief, c/o Diocese of Worcester, 49 Elm St., Worcester MA 01609**

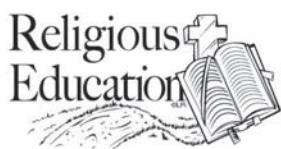
**FR RAY WILL BE AWAY ON RETREAT**

Fr. Ray will be on his Annual Retreat at Spencer Abbey from Monday afternoon January 25<sup>th</sup> –until Friday January 29<sup>th</sup>. **There will be Morning Mass on Monday**, but there will be **NO** Morning Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. There will also be no Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday

**Morning Mass available: St. James** 8 a.m. Monday- Thursday  
**St Mary's Shrewsbury** 8:30 am Monday- Friday

**JANUARY 22ND: A DAY OF PENANCE & PRAYER**

Please join the Pro-Life Ministry of St. Mary in prayer this Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> in front of the Tabernacle from 3:00 - 5:00pm. We will be praying together as a group as well as silently for an end to the evil that is abortion. This Friday will mark the 37<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Roe vs Wade decision that legalized abortion in the United States throughout all nine months of pregnancy. Please consider using this day to offer up our works, prayers and sufferings to God for the protection of all human life, from conception to natural death.



## **Epiphany Pageant**



Our gratitude and appreciation are extended to Lori Dewar and Katie Heffernan for their hours of love and energy that they shared with our children for such a spectacular presentation of the Epiphany! Have you ever seen such a herd of sheep? Dawn Geoffroy shared her gifts with the needle, thread and sewing machine most generously. Pam Cross provided the musical direction to this endeavor. We are so blessed!

### **Grade Level Mass**

Grade 5 will be sharing in the ministries at the 4:00 pm Mass next Saturday, January 23.

### **Grade 2 Parents**

A meeting will be held for you on Monday, January 25 at 7:00 pm in the hall.

### **Mother Son Game Night**

Boys in grades 1 including 5 are invited to a special evening with their Moms/Grandmas/Stepmoms/Aunt/ a significant woman in their lives. This will be held on Friday, February 5 from 7 to 9 pm in the Parish Hall. Come and enjoy!



### **Grades 9 and 10**

Students of grades 9 and 10 are reminded to hand in a written reflection after each learning/service unit. Your work is not considered complete until the reflection is received at the office. Please do not procrastinate; you may forget certain aspects that touched you. Tenth graders in particular: as you look at the RE calendar, you can see that a meeting is scheduled for May 18 to learn about the Confirmation program. All your work for grades 9 & 10 must be completed before you begin to prepare for Confirmation.

### **MESSAGE FROM FR. RAY**

As we begin the New Year 2010, let us take the Spirit of Christmas and live the Christ each day he gives us. I want to thank Fr. Boni, the Parish Staff and all the parishioners who shared their gifts of Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure during the Holy Days of Christmas. We are so Blessed in the Holy Spirit and thru the Intercession of Mary with such vibrant ministries that reach out to so many people in their need. By your example in faith you have helped others to come back to the church and in doing so you have helped to build up the Body of Christ not only here at St. Mary's, but also in your neighborhoods, schools, the Grafton community and well beyond.

In a personal note, I want to thank those who sent Christmas Cards and for those who took time to share a personal note. For the gift cards, clothes, home baked foods, thank you. For those who shared a financial gift thank you.

May we continue to grow within our Cluster and throughout the Grafton Community and beyond. A blessed and Holy New Year Be Yours.

In Christ,  
Fr. Ray

### **PARISH NURSE BULLETIN !!!**

**Pat Szczur, RN, CCM, PN**

#### **H1N1 Flu Vaccinations**

**When-**following each weekend Mass

Sat 10/16/10 and Sun 10/17/10

**Where-** Parish Office

**Cost-** no charge

**Homebound parishioners desiring immunization Please call Pat at 508 839 3501 to schedule a home visit.**

### **SPIRITUAL ADOPTION OF AN UNBORN BABY HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

After nine months of growth and development, your Spiritually Adopted Baby has been born! Truly a miracle, your baby began his life just like all of us, as a 46 chromosome cell. Nothing was "added" after conception to make this a human being. The only thing needed was time to grow. Never before in history, nor ever again, will anyone exist who is just like your Spiritually Adopted Baby.

"Birth" isn't the beginning of life – it's just one chapter in a continuing story. In fact, our baby will continue to develop, just like he did in the womb, until he reaches the age of approximately 23 years. In terms of our development, we spend 90% of our lives in the womb!

Your prayers these past nine months have helped to give strength to parents with unplanned pregnancies do the right thing and choose life. There have been almost 50 million babies killed by abortion since the decision of Roe v. Wade on January 22, 1973. Since then it has been legal to kill unborn babies through all nine months of pregnancy.

Please return your filled baby bottles this weekend or next weekend, January 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be a bassinet placed in front of Mary's Shrine to collect the filled bottles. Thank you.

*JANUARY 17, 2010*

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**FOR NEXT WEEKEND– January 23rd & 24th**

**Saturday**

**4:00 pm**

**Lector:** Grade 5 Rel Ed

**Ministers of Holy Communion** Dick Kirejczyk, Brian McCann, Jim Pulaski

**Altar Servers:** Caroline & Anders Johnson, Gigi LeMay, Connor Carroll

**Sunday**

**7:30 a.m.**

**Lector:** Susanne Cayford

**Ministers of Holy Communion** Beth Caldwell, Marsha DePerro, Karen Catalanotti

**Altar Servers:** Joc & Brenton Caldwell, Christine DePerro, Margaret Harrison

**10:30 am**

**Lector:** Helder Machado

**Ministers of Holy Communion:** Marguerite Baril, Mary Belmore, Ann Marie Kuklierus

**Altar Servers:** Bergin Sullivan, Molly & Shannon Dewar, Ryan Fennell



**Jan 25 Wed 7 pm**

Rel. Ed Board Mtg

Conf Rm

**SCOUT MASS SUNDAY TO BE HELD FEB. 7<sup>TH</sup>**

The annual Boy Scout Mass will be held on February 7<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's in North Grafton. All are welcome to attend this Mass in honor of current and former Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. If you would like to be a part of the Mass procession, please show up in uniform by 10:15 a.m. Boy Scouts of America is celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

If you have questions about this event prior to this Mass please contact Mary Romaniec at [MRomaniec@aol.com](mailto:MRomaniec@aol.com) or 508/839-9599.

**Ecumenical Prayer Service at Assumption College**

Assumption College will host an Ecumenical Prayer Service to celebrate the week of Prayer for Christian Unity on Friday, Jan. 22, at 7 p.m., in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit on campus. This celebration is sponsored by the Assumption College President's Office, Assumption's Ecumenical Institute, and Campus Ministry of Assumption College. Presiders at the Ecumenical Prayer Service include Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, S.T.D., Bishop for the Diocese of Worcester; The Right Reverend Gordon P. Scruton, Episcopal Bishop of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts and His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios, Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Boston. A reception will follow in the Janet and Richard Testa Science Center. RSVP by Jan. 18 to Sandy Bousquet at [sbousquet@assumption.edu](mailto:sbousquet@assumption.edu) or call 508-767-7322.