

**Readings for this Sunday and Questions for Discussion****Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** -- accepting responsibility**Gospel:** Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 (beginning of Jesus' preaching)**Key Passage:** Jesus unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor."**Adult:** What do you believe that the anointing you received at Baptism requires you to do?**Child:** What could you do this week for someone who has less than you?**LIVING STEWARDSHIP****Generosity sometimes means sharing our knowledge as well as our more tangible gifts.****Saturday**4:00 pm *Mass***Sunday Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**7:30 a.m. 6<sup>th</sup> Anniv For **George Dimauro** Requested by the Family  
10:30 a.m. Mths. Mind for **Robert (Bob) Maynard**. Requested by the Family**Monday** 7:45 am Morning Prayer8:00 a.m. *Mass***Tuesday**8:00 a.m. *No Mass***Wednesday**8:00 a.m. *No Mass***Thursday**8:00 a.m. *No Mass***Next Saturday**4:00 pm Anniv. For **Ella LaMarche** requested by the Family**Next Sunday Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**7:30 a.m. *For the People of St. Mary's*10:30 a.m. *Mass***2010 ANNOUNCED MASSES**

The 2010 Mass Book is available to parishioners who wish to arrange memorial Masses for their deceased family members.

**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.***Second Sunday in Ordinary Time** 5,667.00**Monthly** 175.00

5,842.00

(Parish tithe to charity 5% 283.35)

Adult Envelopes 5,487.00

Loose Cash 180.00

**PRO-LIFE REFLECTION****I believe that all young people are survivors of abortion, just like I am, because they too could have been killed under the current policy of our government, which declared us "non-persons" when we were in the womb.****Heidi Huffman Abortion Survivor****GRAFTON CLUSTER MASS SCHEDULE****St. Philip Church**

Sunday 9:00AM

**St. James Church**

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday .7:30 &amp; 11:00 AM

**FR RAY WILL BE AWAY ON RETREAT**Fr. Ray will be on his Annual Retreat at Spencer Abbey this week 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**Currently, "Buy A Barrel" fuel/energy contributions are \$3670.00 (32 barrels) toward the annual budget of \$16,600.00 (146 barrels). Please do as you are able to support your parish energy fund. Even your smallest contribution will help. Additionally, 5% of your contribution will be dispersed to parish families in need.****WOMENS BOOK CLUB**

The women's book club will be starting a new book on February 22, 2010. We will be reading "studies in the sermon on the mount" by D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones. The Sermon on the Mount says Lloyd Jones, is not a code of ethics or of morals; it is a description of what Christians are meant to be. We meet on Mondays at 7:00 pm in the church kitchen. Please call Paula Tomaiolo at 508-887-9476

**ARE YOU GRIEVING FROM A PAST ABORTION?**Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer you a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortion emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. The next retreat will be in the Springfield area 3/19/10 – 3/21/10. Please contact Sister Claire Lapointe at (413) 452-0661 or [sr.claire@diospringfield.org](mailto:sr.claire@diospringfield.org) for more information. Also, you can contact Rachel's Vineyard directly for other retreat dates. 877 HOPE 4 ME or [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)**PRAYERS FOR HAITI**

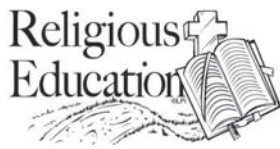
After the weekend Masses, boys and girls from our parish will be handing out simple, homemade crosses with a prayer for Haiti attached. We hope you will take a few minutes to pray this together during your family prayer time.

"Pray constantly" (1Thess 5:17). It is always possible to pray. It is even a vital necessity. Prayer and Christian life are inseparable. (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2757)

**Thank you for your generous donations to the Haiti Relief Fund to date we have collect \$5,026.0. .We are still accepting donations****PARISH NURSE BULLETIN !!!****Pat Szczur, RN, CCM, PN****H1N1 Flu Vaccinations****When**-following each Mass

Sat 10/23/2010 and Sun 10/24/2010

**Where**- Parish Office**Cost**- no charge**Homebound parishioners desiring immunization Please call Pat at 508 839 3501 to schedule a home visit.**



**Praying for the people of Haiti;  
Young Apostles in Action**



Here are our young people who made the crosses with the prayer for the people of Haiti. Thank you to Lori Dewar and Brenda Rose who organized this and to the Moms who were able to assist.

**Grade 2 Parents**

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

**Religious Education Board**

This board will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 26 at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room. If you have any topics that you would like to see addressed, speak to Collette Dale, Holly Fennell or Sr. Yvonne.

**Mother Son Game Night**

**Reminder:** Deadline for RSVP is next week, Feb. 1. 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!

**Students of Grades 6, 7, & 8**

Any student who would like to become a junior lector should contact Sr. Yvonne and attend a training session on Tuesday, February 2 at 4:30 pm in the church. Flyers were given to the students last weekend at class.

**24 Hour Famine**

Although the Famine isn't scheduled until March 12, time is needed for the participants to get their sponsors. Participants and parents are invited for a half hour on Jan. 31 at 6:30 pm in the hall. Agenda: a brief DVD presentation from World Vision will be shown and the sponsor kits will be distributed. Sr. Yvonne will explain how we do it here at St. Mary's. All interested parishioners are invited, too.

**LENTEN NEWS**

**ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE, February 17th**

8:00 a.m. Mass with Blessed Ashes  
8:30 a.m. - 3:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration  
4:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Blessed Ashes  
7:00 p.m. Mass with Blessed Ashes

Stations of the Cross will be held Saturdays at 3:15p.m. during Lent

7 pm Mass on Tuesday Evenings followed by confessions during Lent

**BRING IN YOUR OLD BLESSED PALMS**

As the Church prepares for the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 17th you are encouraged to bring the Blessed Palms from last year to the Church and place it in specially marked baskets at the entrances of the Church. Your donation of palms will be burned and will be used during the Ash Wednesday Liturgies.



**FEAST OF ST. BLAISE**

**MASS & BLESSING OF THROATS AND CANDLES**

On February 3rd, the Church celebrates The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Here at St. Mary's the Blessing of Throats will take place following each of the Masses on February 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>. The Blessing of Candles will take place during the Masses on the above weekend. The Blessed Candles will then be available for your homes following the Masses. A basket is provided for a free will offering.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

The Celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be held the weekend of February 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> *The Anointing will take place after each of the Masses on the weekend.*

Those parishioners who are chronically ill, for example, with diabetes, asthma or arthritis or any other chronic illness are encouraged to come. We also invite those who are preparing for surgery in the coming months and those with any emotional or mental illness to please come join us.

**Gift Bearers**

**Members of the families requesting a weekend Mass are reminded that they are invited to bring the gifts to the altar at Offertory time. Please speak with Fr. Ray before the Mass if you would like to bring the gifts to the altar.**

**Prayer Chain request Line:**

Ilona & Keith Regan @ 839-9118  
Ann O'Brien @ 839-3574

*JANUARY 24, 2010*



**FOR NEXT WEEKEND- January 30th & 31st**

**Saturday**

**4:00 pm**

**Lector:** Joanne Holahan

**Ministers of Holy Communion** Tracey Harger, Marie Ouellette, Marilyn Chard

**Altar Servers:** Meghan & Daniel Harger, Kate Coughlin, Nicholas Fritz

**Sunday**

**7:30 a.m.**

**Lector:** Jack Fay

**Ministers of Holy Communion** Nancy Malone, Sue Robbins, Nancy Ganas

**Altar Servers:** Kaitlin Chouinard, Erin & Madeline Rose, Melyssa Ganas

**10:30 am**

**Lector:** Margaret Hurley

**Ministers of Holy Communion:** Laura Deschenes, Roland Parent, Sharon Doane

**Altar Servers:** Mary Deschenes, Melanie Dadah, Bergin Sullivan, Martha Walters



<b>Feb. 2 Tues 7 pm</b>	Property Committee	Conf Rm
<b>Feb. 2 Tues 7 pm</b>	Pro-Life	Kitchen
<b>Feb 4 Thurs. 1 pm</b>	Rosary Makers	Hall
<b>Feb. 16 Tues 7 pm</b>	Finance Committee	Conf Rm
<b>Feb. 23 Tues 7 pm</b>	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.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE**

**St Peter Central Catholic Elementary School** will be hosting an Open House on Sunday, January 31 from 1- 3 pm at 865 Main St Worcester. For more information call us at 508-791-6496.

**Marriage Encounter Weekend**

By offering Married Couples the beautiful experience of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, the Catholic Church is affirming and supporting you in your chosen vocation – Marriage. Take advantage of this great gift to enhance your relationship and enjoy a love-filled weekend away together. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are January 29-31 and February 12-14. For more information call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710-WWME or visit our webpage at

[www.wwmeMA.org](http://www.wwmeMA.org)