

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, August 22**

4:00 PM Jim & Lois Sabadosa (from Don & Rose Ouimet)

Sunday, August 23

7:00 AM Helen Sico + (Wedd. Anniv. Rem. from husband)

8:30 AM Mary Gillis (from family)

10:00 AM Jean Gilman (from the Nee family)

11:30 AM

Monday, August 24

8:30 AM

Tuesday, August 25

8:30 AM Pro Populo ("For the People")

Wednesday, August 268:30 AM James Cowhey (10th anniv. from wife & family)**Thursday, August 27**

8:30 AM Jane Siwinski +(birth. rem. from Ben & Ruth DiSanto)

Friday, August 288:30 AM Karen Messier (13th anniv. from Mom & family)**Saturday, August 29**

4:00 PM Dot Pac + (birth. rem. from a friend)

Sunday, August 30

7:00 AM Daniel J. Bowler, Jr. (from the Philip Parenzo family)

8:30 AM

10:00 AM Gertrude & Fred Kramer, Sr. (from Debbie & Fred)

11:30 AM

**Flowers on the Altar this week are in memory of:**

- ❖ Immacolata Noto 3rd anniv. from family
- ❖ Mary E. Gillis 4th anniv. from family
- ❖ Marion Parenzo 9th anniv. from family
- ❖ Daniel "Hank" Bowler 10th anniv. from family

If you would like to contribute towards the beautiful flowers on our altar, there is a notebook in the main entrance of the Church. It is easy to fill out a request and a great way to honor someone who has passed away or celebrate a great event in someone's life.

Please remember in your prayers: Pierina Kogut and Eugene O'Neill

We steward our treasure... The collection for last week, 8/16, totaled \$10,766. This came through 508 adult envelopes, 0 children's envelopes, with \$665 in loose cash. Summer is drawing to a close. We thank all our visitors who have been so supportive of the parish.

Thanks also to our faithful parishioners whose support is the fuel for our ministries. It is through your support that we can do all that we do.

I tell you that you have less to suffer in following the Cross than in serving the world and its pleasures.

- Saint John Vianney, Patron Saint of Priests

Spirit-inspired love put into action!

Michael Ruokis, 29, and Nichelle St. Jean, 28, both from Brockton, enjoy themselves on the dance floor.

ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON – The *Richard Cardinal Cushing Council of Knights of Columbus* in Pembroke (6267) received the "2009 Community Activities Award" at the *Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention* in Phoenix, AZ, on Aug. 5th. This prestigious award is reserved for Councils who actively improve their neighborhoods through creative and meaningful social activities.

The *Knights of Columbus* have a long and noble history of supporting persons with intellectual disabilities and special needs. With God's grace and fraternal support, they are always seeking new ways to improve this mutually enriching relationship.

For example, last year, *Grand Knight* Kevin McKenna and his brother *Knights* in Council 6267 organized a Prom for special needs students in and around the city of Pembroke. They quickly received assistance from five other Councils, a *Fourth Degree Assembly*, the *Massachusetts State Council*, as well as a Rotary Club and numerous local high school students.

Grand Knight McKenna is a proud husband and father. He is also a parent of three special needs children. He felt compelled to initiate this "work of mercy" after a troubling incident occurred at a school dance involving his autistic 10-year-old daughter. In all, 125 members of the *Cardinal Cushing Council* (with the assistance of countless volunteers) donated more than 3,500 hours to the organization, chaperoning and clean-up for this special dance.

Spiritually united, they arranged for free Prom dresses and tuxedos to be given to anyone who could not afford to purchase their own. Additionally, they found benefactors willing to donate invitations, decorations and gifts. A local *Knight* served as DJ, while another volunteered to take free photographs of every couple. The night was an overwhelming success!

Although most of the 75 Prom guests regularly attend the *Cardinal Cushing Center* in Hanover, all persons from every neighborhood were warmly welcomed. Reflecting upon the evening as a whole, *Grand Knight* McKenna confidently says the Special Needs Prom was possibly "the most enjoyable time [I have] ever had as a member of the *Knights of Columbus!*" Consequently, he has recently assisted another Council in hosting their own.

In addition to the deep joy he received from sharing God's love in a tangible way with his fellow citizens, *Grand Knight* McKenna says being part of a positive social event where his own children will be loved, respected and affirmed for who they are instead of what they cannot do, clearly made him one of the happiest and proudest parents on the face of the earth! *Vivat Jesus!*

(Source: *The Pilot*, Friday, August 14, 2009)

This Week at St. Mary's

Tue	8/25	STMES teachers In-Service – St. Thomas
	7 PM	RCIA Team Meeting - Rectory
	7 PM	Circulo de Oracion – Lower Church
Wed	8/26	9 AM –6 PM Adoration & Benediction – Church
	10 AM	STMES Come & See (for new families)
Thu	8/27	9 AM STMES Staff Meeting – ES
	9 AM	STMHS Freshman Orientation – HS
	7 PM	Cursillo – Center
Fri	8/28	STMHS Grades 10-12 – HS
Sat	8/29	12 PM Cursillo - HS

COMING: 8/31 Schools begin full time, 8/31 Opening of Schools Mass @ 1 PM, 9/4 Preschool Come & See, 9/8 Preschool starts; 10/11 Pilgrimage of Grace



Our Bethlehem Collection has begun!
(August 08-23, 2009)

In the goodness of your heart, before or after any Mass, you may deposit your unwrapped donation for **Bethlehem House** within either the crib or a laundry basket located to the left of our Altar. In the name of struggling parents and children, I heartily thank you for who you are and what you help us become—*Praise Jesus, Mary and Joseph: Amen!*

- Our Parish Goal:** *Bars of Dove Soap: 100*
Bottles of Baby Lotion: 100
Bottles of No-Tear Bodywash: 200
Baby Diapers (sizes 4;5;6): 800
Baby Wipes: 4,200

(Collected last weekend: Dove, 77; Lotion, 45; Bodywash, 66; Diapers, 2,314; Wipes, 12,448! *As well as* 4 sweaters; 14 dresses; 1 pant; 2 dolls; 4 parkas; 6 blouses; 5 crocheted bibs; 5 crocheted dolls; 1 diaper rash ointment; 2 baby powder; 5 bibs; and \$40.00 in cash—awesome! Many thanks!)

Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep! Have the same regard for all! Never be arrogant; instead, associate with the lowly! (Romans 12:15-16)

Please call me with any questions or concerns:

☉ **Fr. James W. Longe, 562-5477 x15**

BIBLE STUDY: Our first Bible Study for this year will be "**Work - God's Gift**" This study will focus on how our commitment to Christ affects our attitudes toward work. These studies explore God's guidelines for ethical choices on the job, relationships with our employers, co-workers, and the balance between work and rest. Creative work is one of God's good gifts. God answers your concerns on power, relationships, ethics, money and helps you understand success from his point of view. This 13-week study will begin on **Tuesday, September 23 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.** and run through December 16th. All are welcome to attend, whatever your Bible knowledge. Please call Joanne Bagge at 562-5484 with any questions or to register for this class.



Bible Study



THE CONFRATERNITY OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY will celebrate our annual **COMMUNION BREAKFAST** on Sunday, September 27th at the Ranch following the 8:30 Mass. Details to follow – please mark your calendars. New members are always welcome.

ANYONE HAVING NOTICES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 5TH & 6TH BULLETIN MUST HAVE THEM INTO THE RECTORY NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD AT 4 PM.

BLOOD PRESURE CHECK: On Sunday, August 30th, Mercy Home Care will again be available after the 7 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. masses to check Blood Pressures and give information about the services that are available through their programs. Stop by and check them out.

PARISH PICNIC: A child's shirt and some containers were left at the parish picnic. They can be found in the upper church, (middle doors, on the counter across from the window.)

VOCATIONS VIEW: Jesus teaches us to love optimistically. If it weren't for the peak experiences of love, the small and sometimes big miracles in our lives, we could despair. Thank God our doubts of faith ultimately strengthen our love. And just as true, our doubts that God could call us to His priesthood or religious life also demand an act of faith. If you feel a call to this, call Fr. Gary Dailey at 452-0816 or write g.dailey@diospringfield.org



RCIA: We are looking for parishioners who would like to help with the RCIA team. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process of prayer, scripture study and faith formation that guides people who want to become Catholics from where they are now to full initiation into the Church. Meetings take place monthly in September, October and November and then weekly from December through next Easter. We need team members to be catechists, sponsors, prayer partners and provide hospitality. Already there are five people interested in becoming Catholics, as a parish family let's step up and journey with them along the path of faith. Our team meeting will be this Tuesday, August 25, at 7:00 pm in the rectory. All parishioners are welcome. If you cannot make the meeting but would like to help, please contact Fr. Brian.

**God doesn't call the qualified,
He qualifies the called.**



ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL will open for the 2009-2010 school year on **Monday, August 31st**. School hours are 7:50 AM - 2:15 PM (grades 6-8) and 8 AM - 2:15 PM (Grades K-5). Hot lunch will be served from the first day at the price of \$2.25. Milk may also be purchased at \$.45 per carton.

Enrollment at Saint Mary High School is open to prospective freshmen. If you are interested in a college preparatory education (98 to 100% of our graduates continue on to college) that includes faith, gospel values, academic excellence, competitive sports programs, service, community and family, consider us! Also, there are a limited number of openings in the sophomore and junior classes. It is not too late to prepare for your success at college! We will assist you every step of the way. Learn more about us online at www.stmaryhs.com. You can see first hand why St. Mary High School students are 'Lighting the Way to the Future'! To schedule a visit, call the school at 568-5692 or email us at ktjaszek@yahoo.com.



"HOLLY DAY" CRAFT FAIR will be held this year, Friday November 20th 4-8pm and Saturday November 21st from 9:00am to 6:00pm at St. Mary High School Gym, 27 Bartlett Street, Westfield, MA. Crafters who



would like to participate may call Patty Schweitzer for more information or to reserve your space at 568-4482 or St. Mary High School 568-5692. Registration fee is \$55.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

HEAR THEM OUT: If communication seems awkward with your kids, maybe it's because they feel you're too judgmental. Try using one of the following phrases when you feel a judgmental comment coming on: **"Tell me more about that"**, Children who are invited to explain further feel that they are being heard. **"You've sure had a difficult day"**. While the two of you might not agree as to whose fault it is that the day was bad, you can find common ground in this statement. **"I'm sorry you had to go through that."** This covers friendship issues, impossible tests, and missing the bus. It allows you to be sympathetic. **"Is there any way I can help?"** You may be able to think of three things you can do right off the bat, but they may not be the things your child needs.

*The Lord has an ocean to give.
Don't come with teaspoons.*

-Sri Bhagawan

Sabias que San Juan Maria Vianney durante la noche se encierra en la sacristía, repasa su Moral, lee las vidas de los santos, prepara y escribe las pláticas de los domingos, se las aprende de memoria, y se ejercita en la declamación. No tarda en verse rodeado de un grupo de fieles fervorosos, que asisten diariamente a su misa y llegan por la tarde a rezar con él el rosario. El buen párroco se fija sobre todo en un hombre, el tío Chaffangeon, que permanece inmóvil en la iglesia, sin mover los labios. "¡Eh!, -le pregunta un día-, ¿qué es lo que dices a Nuestro Señor?" "Miro al buen Dios y él me mira." "¡Qué suerte- añadía el buen cura- mirar al buen Dios". Los asistentes al culto se hacían cada vez más numerosos, y más numerosas también las comuniones. El párroco se llenaba de alegría ante aquellos efectos prodigiosos de la gracia. Pronto creyó llegado el momento de organizar cofradías para conservar el terreno conquistado y de abrir una campaña inteligente y metódica contra los abusos. Atacó primero las tabernas y las casas de juego, procediendo siempre con prudencia y conmiseración para las humanas flaquezas. "Jamás me he enfadado con mis parroquianos - podrá decir más tarde; jamás les he hecho el menor reproche." Se enfrentó luego con el baile, en el que vio el mayor obstáculo para la regeneración de su parroquia. Sabía decir las cosas con gracejo y con una suave ironía. "Mirad, hermanos -exclamaba-, las personas que entran en el baile, dejan su ángel custodio a la puerta y toman en su lugar un demonio; de suerte que no tarda en poblarse la sala de demonios tanto como de bailadores... He visto un anciano que iba al baile con anteojos y bastón. ¡Qué pena! Otro iba a ver bailar, con un niño en brazos y otro de la mano. Y yo me decía: Los lleva al infierno." Vianney consiguió que el mismo día de la función del pueblo se negasen las muchachas a bailar. Más le costó desarraigar la costumbre de trabajar en días festivos. Es el tema que trataba con más frecuencia en sus sermones. "Cuando trabajáis en domingo - decía -, lo que ganáis es la ruina de vuestra alma y de vuestro cuerpo. Si entonces os preguntasen: ¿Qué acabáis de hacer?, podríais contestar vosotros: Hemos vendido nuestra alma al demonio, hemos crucificado a Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, hemos renegado del bautismo. Cuando veo que alguno acarrea en día de fiesta, me digo: Éste acarrea su alma al infierno. ¡Oh! ¡Cómo se engaña el que se afana en el día del Señor creyendo que va a hacer más dinero! Os imagináis que todo depende de vuestro trabajo; mas he aquí una enfermedad, un accidente... ¡Basta tan poca cosa! Una tempestad, un granizo, una helada... Dos medios infalibles conozco para llegar a ser pobre: trabajar en domingo y robar." Estas exhortaciones reiteradas acabaron por triunfar. Todo quedó renovado. "Ars ya no es Ars -decía el cura con satisfacción legítima. Hace muchos años que no se ha realizado semejante revolución en una parroquia. He asistido a muchas misiones, pero en ninguna parte he encontrado tan buenos sentimientos como aquí." Ni existía el respeto humano, ni se oía la menor blasfemia, ni se daba el más pequeño escándalo. "No valemos mucho más que los otros pueblos - decía un vecino-, pero seríamos muy miserables si, viviendo junto a un santo, nos entregásemos a semejantes desórdenes."

Invitación: a todo los CURSILLISTA el retiro anual será en SEPTIEMBRE 12 de las 8 a.m. a 5 p.m. y Si quieres comprometerte a servir a tu Iglesia y compartir con ellas tus mejores dones te invitamos a Participar de un Cursillo de Cristiandad en el Solicitar orientaciones y ayuda con Tina Franco.

La Parroquia Invita a todas la Mujeres: a un desayuno el día 19 de septiembre de 8 a.m. a 12 m para mayor información comunicarse con Doris Delgado.

Recuerda: Las confesiones en español son todos los primeros sábados de cada mes.

Exposicion del Santisimo: todo los miércoles y el primer viernes de mes.

PILGRIMAGE OF GRACE AND HEALING

**Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes
Litchfield, CT
Sunday, 11 October 2009**



*ARE YOU IN NEED OF
PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL REFRESHMENT?*

If so, join us in a day-long pilgrimage to a local Shrine dedicated to our Parish's Patron Saint, the Blessed Virgin Mary, under Her title of: *Our Lady of Lourdes*.

Mother Mary received this title after She lovingly and miraculously appeared to Saint Bernadette Soubirous eighteen times within Massabielle, France, beginning on 11 February 1858.

Our pilgrimage will depart from the high school parking lot at 9:45am on Sunday, 11 October 2009, and return around 5:30pm.

In addition to a well-balanced lunch within the Shrine cafeteria, as a group we shall partake of the Sacrament of the Sick, recitation of the Most Holy Rosary, an outdoor Sunday Liturgy, Stations of the Cross, and Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (in Spanish and English) will be available for those who are interested.

The cost shall be \$30.00 per person. Fr. James W. Longe is the organizer and host. Further information will be posted in next week's Bulletin. Let's prepare now and invite many of our friends—*Praise God!*

