

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, July 18**

4:00 PM Charles Petrucelli (from Lena Petrucelli)
Mark Mayo
Patrick Petrucelli (22nd anniv. from wife, Julia & family)

Sunday, July 19

7:00 AM Taddeo Mattia (from St. Mary High School)
8:30 AM Deceased members of the Quesnel family (from Mary Quesnel)
10:00 AM M/M Edward McGrath (from Margaret O'Connor)
Margaret Alinskas (from family)
Hector & Margaret Marcil (from son, John & wife, Nicky)

11:30 AM

Monday, July 20

8:30 AM Special Intentions for Frank Ameruso

Tuesday, July 21

8:30 AM Ang Fioroni (from family)

Wednesday, July 22

8:30 AM Jane Hooben (4th anniv. from Anne, Noah, Aaron & Joe)

Thursday, July 23

8:30 AM Gertrude Champagne (14th anniv.) & Fred DeGregorio (12th anniv. from Celeste & Annette)

Friday, July 24

8:30 AM Special Intentions for Robert Gillmeister

Saturday, July 25

4:00 PM Helga Lough (1st anniv.) & Walter Lough (from family)
Donald Baillargeon (from Anne & John MacKay)

Sunday, July 26

7:00 AM Rev. Frederick G. Dion (18th anniv.)
8:30 AM Patrick Brennan (18th anniv. from wife & family)
10:00 AM Karen Sarat (6th anniv. from Mary Ligenza)
11:30 AM



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: David Carlisle, Sr. Mary Richard Tyrrell, SSI, James Sullivan, Jr., Ida Campaniello & Paul Sutton

We steward our treasure... The collection for last week, 7/12, totaled \$14,299 (we aim for \$13,000 per week). This came through 540 adult envelopes, 0 children's envelopes, with \$726 in loose cash.

Last fiscal year – Budgeted \$676,000.00, Collected \$674,124.50, Difference - \$1,875.50. Did not make budget of \$13,000 per week.

Thanks to all who do give so generously. It is through your support that we can do all that we do.

Father H. Timothy Vakoc (1960-2009)

From the *Star Tribune Daily*, Reporter: Chao Xiong, 21 June 2009

New Hope, MN—Five years after being gravely wounded by a roadside bomb in Iraq, Fr. Henry Timothy Vakoc has died. “Fr. Tim” was a decorated Army Major and dedicated Roman Catholic priest from the Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis. He is also the first Military Chaplain to die from wounds encountered during *Operation Iraqi Freedom*. Before Iraq, Major Vakoc served extended tours within Germany and Bosnia.



Fr. Tim suffered severe head wounds after his Humvee encountered a hidden bomb on May 29, 2004. He was returning from celebrating Mass with fellow troops. A mere two weeks later, Fr. Tim would celebrate his 12th anniversary of Priestly Ordination. Unconscious and missing an eye, he was eventually transported to *Walter Reed Army Medical Center* in Washington, DC.

In October of 2004, Fr. Tim was transferred to the *Minneapolis Veterans Administration Medical Center* in order to be closer to his family. Along with older siblings Jeffrey and Anita, parents Phyllis and Henry became his primary caretakers. At the time of his death, Vakoc, 49, was living at *Ste. Thérèse Care Center* in New Hope, MN. He died at roughly 8:00pm.

The first two years after his injury were the most precarious. Fr. Tim remained within a “minimally responsive state” and endured many operations and infections. Without warning, in the Fall of 2006, he spoke for the first time in almost three years. This raised hope for a sustained recovery. By then, Fr. Tim had already gently squeezed a person's hand and given a slight smile.

Tens of thousands of people routinely followed Vakoc's progress through his *CaringBridge* website. The attention was worldwide, including active-duty soldiers. At his bedside, visitors would arrive in the dozens in order to pray and offer words of encouragement.

Teri Heyer is an example. She is from St. Paul and visited Fr. Tim every other Sunday for three years. She would carefully read him the newspaper. Patricia Vacik of Colorado Springs, CO, visited as well. She felt compelled by the friendship her family forged many years earlier when Fr. Tim was their parish priest. “He was so special”, she says with a smile. On June 10, 2009, he celebrated his 17th anniversary of Priestly Ordination.

The funeral for Father Henry Timothy Vakoc was Friday, June 26, 2009, at the Cathedral of St. Paul. He was buried with full Military Honors at Snelling National Cemetery, also in Minnesota. In the name of a grateful Nation, Fr. Tim's elderly mother was presented the Flag that had the privilege of draping her son's casket.

This Week at St. Mary's

Mon 7/20	7 PM	Picnic Meeting – Center
Tue 7/21	7 PM	Circulo de Oracion – Lower Church
Wed 7/22	9 AM – 6 PM	Adoration & Benediction – Church
Thu 7/23	7 PM	Cursillo – Center
Sun 7/26	1 PM	Baptisms – Upper Church

COMING: 8/2 Parish Picnic, 8/15 Deacon Ordination, 8/31 schools re-open

CONGRATULATIONS to Carla Bara and Andrea Bryla who have completed the re-certification program for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist as well as Tim Hourihan who has completed the certification program for Readers. These ministries are vital elements of our celebration of the Mass. We congratulate our parishioners for their achievement and thank them for their service.

ST. MARY'S PARISH PICNIC:

Sunday, August 2, 2009; 12-5pm at the Sons of Erin, \$3.00 per person or \$5.00 per family: **Tickets will be sold outside of Masses this weekend, July 18th & 19th, 2009 & are available at the rectory.** Come join us for a day of food, live music and fun for the whole family as you get to know your parish family! Bring along snacks, salads or desserts to share...the rest will be provided for you. If you have any questions or would like to help, please call Liz Devillez at 568-3656. Hope to see you there!



PARISH PICNIC MEETINGS will be July 20th and July 27th at 7 PM in the Parish Center.



DEACON ORDINATION: You may remember the seminarian, Tomek, who was with us last summer. Tomek and two others will be ordained Deacons on Saturday, August 15 at 11 a.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral. The Diocese of Springfield is pleased to announce the

upcoming ordinations of Tomasz Jerzy Gorny, Tomasz Pawel Parzynski, and Piotr Jacek Pawlus to the Order of Deacon. They will serve as transitional deacons in final preparation for their priestly ordination in 2010. These men have come to minister in our diocese from Poland so it is not possible for their families to join them on this occasion. Because of this, and the tremendous gift their ministry will be to our diocese, we are asking parishioners to consider attending this ordination and offer our prayerful support for these three young men. All are welcome! Refreshments will follow.

FR. HUGH CREAN MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

will take place on Saturday, September 19th at the Chicopee Country Club. For more information or to register for the event, please contact Mrs. Donna (Murphy) Hurley at 782-5200 or email KatieAnne DeMars at HNSGolf5@yahoo.com.



ASSUMPTION OF MARY-SATURDAY, AUGUST 15th

is a Holy Day but not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. There will not be a vigil on Friday, August 14th. There will be an 8:30 AM Mass on Saturday, August 15th.



MUSIC AT ST. MARY'S: With summer here we are looking for ways to cultivate quiet and simplicity in our communal prayer. In this spirit we will not be announcing the hymns to be sung at Mass. Instead, we invite you to use the hymn boards located throughout the church so that you may continue to participate in the music. Singing is an opportunity to inspire us to prayer and a way for us to lift our hearts and voices in gratitude to God.



ANNIVERSARY MASS FOR MARRIED COUPLES:

Bishop Timothy A. McDonnell cordially invites all married couples celebrating any significant wedding anniversary in 2009 to a special 2 PM *Anniversary Mass* on October 18, 2009, at the Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel in Springfield. Many couples celebrating 25th and 50th anniversaries attend every year; additionally, any couple wishing to remember their yearly wedding anniversary through an Episcopal Liturgy are warmly welcome as well. If interested, please notify *Fr. Longe* (562-5477 x15) before August 14, 2009, in order to officially register. *Praise God for the Sacramental gift of Holy Matrimony!*

SAVE THE DATES: Fr. Brian will be leading a group to Italy next April during school vacation. Details are not finalized, but save the date and keep your eyes peeled for sign-ups. If you want to be put on a mailing list for the trip, contact the rectory (562-5477). The trip will take place from Thursday, April 15 – Saturday, April 24, 2010. We will visit Turin (where the shroud will be on display for the first time in many years), Bologna, Assisi and Rome (we'll be there for the birthday of Rome). These trips are always great.

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VOCATIONS VIEW:

When the apostles were trying to reflect on their ministry, Jesus asked them to: "Come by yourselves to an out-of-the-way place". Listening to God in quiet prayer is very important in vocation discernment. Listen to God's voice in an out-of-the-way place. If you feel the call is genuine, call Fr. Gary Dailey at (413) 452-0816 or write g.dailey@diospringfield.org



YEAR OF THE PRIEST: "Marital love uses sexual energy to express exclusive, sexual love between a married woman and man. Celibate love uses sexual energy to express inclusive, nonsexual love to everyone. Celibacy does not reduce love, but multiplies it. Celibacy is the hardest when one falls out of love with God... Once we see it in relation to God, then it is less a problem and more a matter of love. Celibacy is not the absence of a passion; it is rather the intensity of a passion." - *Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Where to turn in the Bible for Prayer? Where do you-or your kids-go when you want to pray with the Bible? Here are some suggestions to get you started: -**When you are not sure what to do:** Matt.22: 34-40; 25:31-46; Eph. 4:25-32 -**When you are anxious for someone you love:** Luke 12:22-34; John 17 -**When you need to forgive:** Matt. 5:43-38; Luke 23:34 -**When**

you need to be forgiven: Ps. 51; Isaiah 53; Matt. 16:18-19
Taken from The Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth (St. Mary's Press)

CCD REGISTRATION TIME: Please continue to send your Registrations for the 09/10 school year to the ORE. We are closed for the summer but will be checking messages and mail. The cost is \$30 per child, not to exceed \$90 per family.

CCD TEACHERS NEEDED: Over the Summer, please consider teaching our many St. Mary's CCD students. Just call the ORE and leave a message, someone will get back to you with information and/or answer any questions. Thank you in advance!

PICTURES FOR FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION: If you have not picked up your pictures, mark your calendar and pick them up in the Fall when the ORE re-opens.

FORMAL CLASSES FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION begins in **First Grade**. It is an important year of preparation and allows them to become familiar with their church through the tour and their faith through the classes. If your child will be entering public school in the Fall, now is the time to register. Please call the ORE for more information.

LOOKING FOR A MEANINGFUL AND AFFORDABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE FOR CHILDREN? Kids at "Crocodile Dock" – Vacation Bible Camp will be participating in lively songs, crafts, games, bible stories that come to life, snacks, Chadder's Bayou Adventure. *Crocodile Dock* takes place at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, Westfield, and is for children in preschool through grade 5, July 27-31 from 8:45AM – Noon. Grades 6 through adult are needed as **Volunteers**. Call Debbie Lanoue at 568-9358 or the Parish Office at 562-3450 for more information. Fees are \$30 per child. Registration forms are on our website under the Religious Education tab at www.diosspringfield.org/olbs or by calling the Parish Office at 562-3450, x3. **ATTENTION ST. MARY'S CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES** – this would be a great way to get service hours.

CHOOSE LIFE LICENSE PLATE: As Catholics we stand for life in all its stages. There is a movement to give us a way to show our choice for life in a public way. The Registry of Motor Vehicles will produce a Choose Life license plate if we can get 1500 people to advance guarantee its use. For more information on this program and how to reserve your license plate check out the website: www.machoose-life.org
We also have sign-up forms available at the rectory.

LA ORACIÓN PARA SAN JUAN MARÍA VIANNEY

1. "La oración es la elevación de nuestro corazón a Dios, una dulce conversación entre la criatura y su Criador". (Sermón sobre la oración). 2. "Con la oración todo lo podéis, sois dueños, por decirlo así, del querer de Dios". (Sermón sobre la perseverancia). 3. "La oración abre los ojos del alma, le hace sentir la magnitud de su miseria, la necesidad de recurrir a Dios y de temer su propia debilidad". (Sermón sobre la oración). 4. "Todos los males que nos agobian en la tierra vienen precisamente de que no oramos o lo hacemos mal". (Sermón sobre la oración). 5. "Todos los santos comenzaron su conversión por la oración y por ella perseveraron; y todos los condenados se perdieron por su negligencia en la oración. Digo, pues, que la oración nos es absolutamente necesaria para perseverar". (Sermón sobre la perseverancia). 6. "¡Cuántas veces venimos a la iglesia sin saber a qué venimos ni qué queremos pedir! Sin embargo, cuando se va a casa de cualquiera, se sabe muy bien por qué uno se dirige a ella. Los hay que parecen decirle a Dios: «Vengo a decirte dos palabras para cumplir contigo...». Con frecuencia pienso que, cuando venimos a adorar a nuestro Señor, conseguiríamos todo lo que quisiéramos, con tal de pedirle con fe viva y un corazón puro". (Sobre la oración). 7. "Nuestras oraciones han de ser hechas con confianza, y con una esperanza firme de que Dios puede y quiere concedernos lo que le pedimos, mientras se lo supliquemos debidamente". (Sermón sobre la oración). 8. "Hemos de orar con frecuencia, pero debemos redoblar nuestras oraciones en las horas de prueba, en los momentos en que sentimos el ataque de la tentación". (Sermón sobre la oración). 9. Por muchas que sean las penas que experimentemos, si oramos, tendremos la dicha de soportarlas enteramente resignados a la voluntad de Dios; y por violentas que sean las tentaciones, si recurrimos a la oración, las dominaremos (Sermón sobre la oración). 10. "La tercera condición que debe reunir la oración para ser agradable a Dios, es la perseverancia. Vemos muchas veces que el Señor no nos concede enseguida lo que pedimos; esto lo hace para que lo deseemos con más ardor, o para que apreciemos mejor lo que vale. Tal retraso no es una negativa, sino una prueba que nos dispone a recibir más abundantemente lo que pedimos". (Sermón sobre la oración).

Invitación: a todo los CURSILLISTA al retiro anual SETIEMBRE 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 las Mujeres: a un desayuno el día 19 de septiembre de 8 a.m. a 12 m para mayor información comunicarse con María Rosado.

Ayuda: se comunica a todos los fieles que el Padre José Viajara a Perú en agosto, si deseas colaborar y ayudar a su parroquia en Perú el 26 de julio habrá una segunda colecta. Gracias.

Emergency Supplies for **BETHLEHEM HOUSE**



*The word of the Lord came to me thus:
Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you;
Before you were born, I dedicated you;
A prophet to the nations, I appointed you!*
(Jeremiah 1:4-5)

As Disciples of Jesus, we are privileged people! Through the Word made Flesh, we have the ability to know God; love God; serve God; and share God with one another—amazing!

As Catholic Christians, we are privileged people! Through our spiritual family, we have the ability to laugh; cry; struggle; and conquer. Never alone, always with one another—amazing!

As Catholic Disciples of Jesus within New England, we are privileged people! For authentic Pro-Life services are in our midst: those who give without counting cost; offer without making distinction; love without losing heart; teach without causing isolation—amazing!

Although we want everyone to share our lavish blessings, sadly, this is not reality. Our beautiful world remains afflicted by too much avoidable suffering. We are not at peace, because others are not at peace So it is for those who live within the Mystical Body of Christ (Romans 12)

Opportunity: Easthampton is home to a local chapter of **Bethlehem House**, a fully Christian and Pro-Life sanctuary of love whose entire purpose is to empower suffering parents and children so they suffer no longer—not now, not in the future—*Alleluia!*

Although Bethlehem House provides a wide range of spiritual, emotional and financial services, they are presently in most need of the practical: **1) Diapers** (sizes 4,5,6); **2) Baby Lotion**; **3) Original Dove Soap**; **4) Bodywash for Children** (or no-tear shampoo and conditioner); **5) Unscented Baby Wipes**.

Since we are naturally Pro-Life through Faith and Pro-Family through nature, we Parishioners of Saint Mary's in Westfield are more than ready to maximize this opportunity! Together we shall conquer so a problem exists no longer—*Praise God!*

Please be alert to future bulletin announcements. **Our collection weekend will be August 15/16** (in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary). *Fr. James W. Longe* is the organizer. 100% of the collection goes to the needy. Look for the baby crib as a place to drop off donations.

