

**Mass Intentions****Saturday, August 8**

4:00pm – John & Angie Guaraldi remembrance
Frank Famularo - remembrance

Sunday, August 9

8:00am – For all the people of this parish
10:00am – Honorable Francis P. Murphy – 6th anniversary

Monday, August 10

9:00am – Julia deNobrega – remembrance

Friday, August 14

9:00am – Albert M. Parenteau – 27th anniversary

Saturday, August 15

4:00pm – John C. Buckley – 1st anniversary

Please remember in your prayers

- For :** Brady Poz (Chris Poz's nephew) 12months old with liver Cancer & Gerry Coughlin, (Sr. Marie's sister) & Rev. Thomas Gallagher who is seriously ill,
- For:** Those who are homebound and ill especially: Charlie Dornan, Mary Ellen Bauer, Helen Bath, Joseph Ameri, Jay Balsavich, Catherine Butler, Mary Webby, James Conley, Manuel Jancinto, Francis Gibbs, Marilyn Castillo , Catherine Farmer, Emma Keene, John Hardy, Elaine Sullivan, Fontaine Metta, Judy Wallen, Rita Ritucci & Matthew Danahy
- For: Mary Kelley** who passed away this past week, may she rest in peace .
- For:** All civilians, peace workers, relief workers, & military in areas of conflict and war, that they be protected from all harm.
- That** the recent incidents of domestic violence may serve as an alert to family members and helping professions for the need to get people help before people are hurt.
- For:** All those working for peace and justice in Pakistan, Israel, Burma, Palestine, Iraq, Afghanistan, Darfur, and the eastern part of the Congo.
- For:** The young people and others in our city who have been murdered and for a greater commitment from the community to address the seed beds of this violence

**Parish Calendar****Saturday/Sunday August 8/9**

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
2nd collection for Catholic Relief Services

Monday, August 10

7:00pm – Parish Finance Council (rectory upstairs)

Thursday, August 13

2:00pm – Eucharist at West Acres
7:00pm – Parish ARISE Program (rectory upstairs)
7:00pm – Parish Formation /Religious Education Committee (Rectory upstairs)

Saturday/Sunday August 15/16

Fr. John Tahieu, a priest of the Dioceses of Honiara, Solomon Islands will speak at all Masses.

Sunday, August 16

4:00pm – PPC, PFC, Staff cookout (rectory grounds)

Monday, August 17

6:30 – 7:30 BIC meeting (rectory upstairs)
7:30pm - BIC YOUTH Committee (rectory upstairs)

Volunteers needed for our homebound parishioners. Please contact Jeanne Lafond for more information at 508-586-4715

COPING WITH SUICIDE LOSS

*A workshop for anyone experiencing grief and loss because of the suicide of a loved one, family member or friend will be held on **Tuesday, August 11, 2009** from 6:00-7:30PM in Plymouth. Participants will receive support, explore the grief process and begin to understand the "why" of suicide. This program is co-sponsored by Beacon Hospice and the Samaritans. This program is free of charge and is open to all members of the community. Pre-registration is required. For more information and/or to pre-register, please call Scott A. Ciosek, Bereavement Coordinator, at Beacon Hospice at 508-747-7222. Location will be announced at time of registration.*

**Thoughts from****Our Spiritual Development Committee**

"Give us a sense of humor, Jesus, so that we
Can meet and overcome life's obstacles."

– "This is Your Day"

Readings for the Week

Monday – 2Cor 9:6-10, Jn 12: 24-26 (618)
Tuesday – Dt 31: 1-8. Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14(414)
Wednesday Dt 34: 1-12, Mt 18: 15-20 (415)
Thursday,- Jos 3: 7-10a, 11, 13-17, Mt 18:21-19:1(416)
Friday :Jos24:1-13/Mt19:3-12(417) Vigil of the Assumption 1Chr 15: 3-4, 15-16: 16: 1-2/1Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28(621)
Saturday Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Rv11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab, 1Cor 15:20-27, Lk 1:39-56 (622)
Sunday Prv 9: 1-6, Eph 5: 15-20, Jn 6:51-28 (119)

**Paint Party**

Once our hall entryway to the elevator is in place, we will be ready to paint our hall. Peg Reiche, Bob James & Bob Wegener have begun to look at colors and they are prepared to organize and direct a **Volunteer Painting Crew.**

Signup Today at the front of the Church.

Please leave your name, phone and email address and the days/time you would be willing to help.

Thank you.

Adult Baptism and or Confirmation Classes.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Catholic or would like to complete his or her initiation into the Church through Confirmation, please call Jeanne Lafond at the rectory – 508-586-4715. Now is a good time to register



At the invitation of Cardinal Séan O'Malley,

our parish will continue the process of spiritual renewal and evangelization called **ARISE Together in Christ.**

How does ARISE Together in Christ help this parish?

ARISE enables people to: deepen their faith, develop a closer relationship with Christ, grow in community, and reach out in service to others. For more information, call the parish office at 508-586-4715

Offertory

Weekly expenses	\$6600
July 18/19 – Offertory	\$4764
2 nd collection for parish bills	\$967
Weekly deficit	-\$869

If every adult gave \$3.00 more per week, we would not have a deficit. Average amount given in offertory envelopes = \$18.00
Average amount given by people who do not use envelopes=\$7.00
Please remember the parish in your will. A gift for future generations

Today's second collection is for Catholic Relief Services. This collection supports emergency relief, human development, and peace initiatives in 99 countries around the world, where nearly half the population lives on less than \$2.00 a day. The collection funds the Ministries of five Catholic Church organizations: Catholic Relief Service, Catholic Legal Immigration Network Inc. Migration and Refugee Services, Social Development and World Peace and The Holy Father's relief Fund

Volunteer Teachers for Religious Education are needed for our fall program - grades 1-10. If interested; please call the Religious Education Office at 508-586-9561

Save the Date

Respect for Life Walk for women and children will be held on Sunday, **October 4, 2009** A Respect for Life committee member will be here on **September 26 & 27th** to accept your sponsorship or donation after all Masses . Please consider being a sponsor for Bill Gilmore who will be a walker. Pledges can be mailed to Bill Gilmore 102 French Ave, Brockton, MA 02301 Please make checks payable to Respect Life Walk. For more information, call Bill at 508-583-3352 or visit www.masscitizensforlife.org

Presiders

Saturday, August 16	4:00pm	Fr. Goss
Sunday, August 16	8:00am	Fr Cloherty
	10:00am	Fr Tahieu
	12:00pm	Fr. Cloherty

From Fr. Cloherty

As people grow in the life of prayer, some may discover that forms of prayer that were appropriate and “made sense” in the past do not seem to work or make sense in the present. If someone is 40 or 70 years of age and still praying in the same way as at age 10, something may appear to be wrong.

Prayer is all about our relationship with God. As we grow in the Christian life, we have new experiences and insights. We change and grow and so also may our concept of who God is.

Years ago, a man in his mid-80's came to me and told me his wife of 60 years had just died and he couldn't pray anymore. While we talked, I told him that for 60 years he had talked to God and prayed as a married man.

As a widower with his wife no longer a visible part of daily life, he now had to learn to talk and pray to God as a grieving widower. Prayer could not be the same for him. His relationship to God was in the process of change and God would guide him through it. I assured him that if he paid attention to what was going on inside and around him, he would learn how to pray in a new way,

All the great Christian spirituality writers tell us that the final stages of our relationship with God brings us beyond words, rituals and even ideas. We may still use familiar prayer forms such as the Rosary, litanies, and favorite prayers. But more and more we grow in awe as we sense God's presence. We come to understand that as said in Scripture, being still and silent while present and available to God is how we must pray.

Words and ideas often give an impression that vocal prayer controls God or our understanding about who God is. We, of course, need to talk to one another about God and in church worship; words are necessary to allow us to be a community in prayer. But sometimes words can also get in the way of the experience of God and they become inadequate.

A couple in a good marriage, or friends in an enduring friendship, know that their moments of silence in the presence of one another reveal the importance and depth of their relationship in a most profound way.

May I suggest four Scripture passages for your reflection? Perhaps one of them will create a doorway to the discovery of prayer as a wordless experience beyond concept and idea.

- ❖ Genesis 28: 11-22;
- ❖ Exodus 33: 12-23;
- ❖ 1Kings 9b-13;
- ❖ Luke 9: 28-36