



Jesus said to his disciples: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." ~Mk 16:15-16

Readings for **NEXT Sunday, May 31, 2009**
 Acts 2:1-11/ 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/ Jn 20:19-23



SATURDAY, MAY 23

5:00 PM John Morrissey

MONDAY, MAY 25

9:00 AM Robert LeMoine

THURSDAY, MAY 28

9:00 AM Mary Carey

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated by Fr. Paul Clifford from 7:30-8AM & 8:30-9:15AM NEXT Saturday, May 30

ST. VINCENT de PAUL

The St. Vincent de Paul Society has been able to help many families this winter which has left our funds low. Please donate using the envelopes in the pews. Your generosity will help many local people. Thank you to all our donors.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Confirmation (2 Masses) June 6

HOMEBOUND VISITATIONS

Please notify the parish (435-3313) if you know of someone who is unable to come to Mass due to poor health or advanced age. We can arrange for a regular home visit and/or an opportunity for reception of the sacraments. Also, please note that we do make periodic visits to several nursing homes in the area. If you have a family member who might appreciate an occasional visit, do let us know. Thank you.

Literacy Unlimited: Volunteers are needed to tutor English with speakers of other languages. Literacy Unlimited needs volunteers to tutor basic reading, writing and conversation to adults whose first language is not English.

The evening training sessions are from 6-9PM on Wednesdays – May 27 and June 3, 10, 17, & 24 at the Framingham Public Library. Teaching experience is not required. For more information or to register, please call 508-532-5574.

Parish Support

OFFERTORY 5/17/2009 \$9,331
 Sons of Mary Missionaries \$2,704
 2nd Collection TODAY – Catholic Communications
 Thank you for your continued support and generosity.



St. John's parish family invites you to join us for coffee and conversation following the 10:00 AM Mass. Your hosts this Sunday are St. John's Lectors.

CATHOLIC APPEAL – 2009

Our appreciation goes out to all the parishioners of St. John's who have made a gift to the 2009 Catholic Appeal. If you have not yet made your gift, please consider making a pledge this weekend. We ask every Catholic family to participate – each gift makes a difference. To date, we have received \$61,668 from 157 households, reaching 92.7% of our parish goal of \$66,500. For more information please visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com or call 617-779-3700. Thank you!

RCIA

So many people today are searching for religious values to help them set a direction and find meaning in their lives. Think about it. Do you know anyone who might fit this description? If you asked him/her why they have not joined a church, they might say "No one ever asked me". The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) begins with each and every one of us. By our Baptism, we are all called to be Evangelizers. Our words and witness attract and encourage others to take the first steps in faith. Take a risk. Take the time to talk with someone who may be at the "inquiry" stage of his/her life of faith...If you don't ask them, who will?

"Greater love hath no man than that he lay down his life for a friend."



Father, we thank you for all the loving and courageous men & women who have given their lives so that we may be free. As we remember and celebrate them, we know they are filled with the peace and joy of being home with you in your unconditional love. Be with us, guide us, and inspire us as we all make our choices for peace & love.

Please pray for all the 2009 graduates of our parish family.

MOVING?

Please be sure to notify the Parish office (435-3313x203) and the Religious Education office (435-3313x208) if your address and/or telephone number changes, OR if you are moving out of town. We appreciate your help in keeping our parish records up to date.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new to the Parish, please introduce yourself after Mass. We want to know and serve you. We hope you will support your parish with your prayers, your presence and your talents. Please call the Parish Office (435-3313x203) to register.



Holy Communion

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This weekend we welcome 8 children into full communion with our parish community as they receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time.

Congratulations to them and their families

- Joseph Barnes Marguerite Card
Catherine Hagan Lucas Moynahan
Mia Doherty Maria Jara
Daniel Logan Emma Mann
Gabrielle Weilding

THE PROJECT RACHEL MINISTRY

Do you know someone who is carrying grief and sorrow over past abortions? Project Rachel is the post-abortion ministry of the Catholic Church to help those dealing with the pain of abortion. Project Rachel will offer a "Come to the Waters" post-abortion healing retreats this Fall NEXT Saturday, May 30. For more information and registration, please visit help@projectrachelboston.com or contact Project Rachel (508-651-3100). All calls are confidential.

GUIDED TOUR OF THE FATIMA SHRINE

NEXT Saturday, May 30 at 10:30AM, following the 10AM Mass, a Guided Tour of the Fatima Shrine will be conducted by Shirley Melle of Holliston and Joyce Covell of Medway, members of the Fatima Shrine League. All are invited to come and see the world's largest rosary, the life-size statues, grotto, Pieta replica, beautiful stained glass windows and marble Stations of the Cross on the Shrine's many acres of land. Light refreshments will be served following the tour. All are welcome to come. The tour donation is \$5 for the upkeep of the Shrine.

ANNIVERSARY MASS

Seán Cardinal O'Malley invites all couples of the Archdiocese of Boston who are celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversaries in 2009 to the annual Silver & Golden Anniversary Mass at 11:30AM on Sunday, June 7 at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. Mass will include a renewal of marriage vows by all participating anniversary couples. All are welcome to attend. Please register with the parish staff by THIS Wednesday, May 27 if you would like to attend so that a formal invitation may be sent to you along with more information.

RELIGIOUS ED. OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Wednesday 9:30AM-Noon, 1-4PM
Thursday 1-4PM

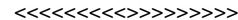
CATECHISTS STILL WANTED

Please consider making a commitment to share your faith with our students during the next school year. Fifty-five caring people have already indicated they will teach Religious Ed. next year. Some of them will teach as a team on alternating weeks. Others will teach together every week. We need teachers for all grades. Help us plan for next year. If you would like to teach with a partner, we will find one for you. Please call us for more information or to say you will teach (508-435-3313x208 or x209). Our students need all of us to grow in the faith.

CROCODILE DOCK VBS - AUGUST 10-13

We still need: someone to supervise the nursery for the children of the volunteers and 1 more person to teach a lesson.

Students in grades 7-12 may apply to be assistants.



Fearless kids will shine God's light at St. John's Parish Center

The Dock will rock: August 10 - August 13

The fun begins at: 9AM-Noon each day

For: 4-year-olds through those who have completed Gr. 4

Croc fee: \$35 per child, \$65/2 or more in a family

Limited space: First 35 to register (entering Grades 1-5)
First 25 (Pre-school & Kindergarten)

Payment must accompany registration form, and will be accepted on a first-come basis until June 10.

No registrations will be taken by phone!

For more information or to volunteer, call ext. 208 or 209.

CROCODILE DOCK REGISTRATION FORM

(Complete separate form for each child)

Child's Name: _____

Address _____

Mother: _____ work/cell: _____

Father: _____ work/cell: _____

Family e-mail: _____

Grade in Fall 2009: _____ home phone: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ phone: _____

I give permission to put a photo of my child on the parish website or hall bulletin board.

Signature (parent /legal guardian): _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____

I, the parent/legal guardian of the registrant, a minor, hereby give my consent for emergency medical care prescribed by a duly licensed Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Dentistry, which care may be given under whatever conditions are necessary to preserve life, limb, or well-being of my dependent.

Signature (parent/legal guardian): _____

Make checks payable to St. John's Church.
Mail or return form to: St. John's Religious Ed. Office,
20 Church St., Hopkinton, MA 01748

MAY 24, 2009

**From the
Pastor's Desk**



My brothers and sisters,

In addition to the announcement being made in church this weekend, we have another piece of news out of the Archdiocese.

On Thursday, May 7 FR. KENNETH V. CANNON was incardinated and welcomed as a priest of the Archdiocese of Boston by His Eminence, Seán Cardinal O'Malley. When one serves as a priest in the Catholic Church he does so under the authority of a proper superior. Ordinarily that means a priest is either part of the ministry of a diocese or he belongs to a religious order. That was the case with "Fr. Ken", as we came to know him. He was a member of the Xaverian Missionary Fathers. As time went on, it became clear that his gifts would be best able to serve the Church if he were to join the archdiocese. There is a process for this sort of transfer. It was followed, and Fr. Cannon is now a priest of the Archdiocese of Boston.

The second part of this news item is the assignment given to Fr. Ken by Cardinal O'Malley. It's a dandy! As of June 1, Fr. Ken will be the pastor of St. Mary of the Nativity Parish in Scituate. It's a beautiful, vibrant parish and has historically had excellent first-class priests as pastors. I think many of you will agree with me that that tradition continues with the appointment of Fr. Kenneth Cannon to that post.

For those who might wish to send a note or token of congratulations his new address (as of June 1) is:

**St. Mary of the Nativity Parish
1 Kent Street
Scituate, MA 02066**

In His service and yours,
Fr. Paul Clifford

