



*He summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.*  
 ~Mk 6:7, 13

Readings for **NEXT Sunday, July 19, 2009**  
 Jer 23:1-6/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34



**THURSDAY, JULY 16**  
 9:00 AM All the Souls in Purgatory  
**SATURDAY, JULY 18**  
 5:00 PM Grace Pineau

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated by Fr. Paul Clifford from 7:30-8AM & 8:30-9:15AM NEXT Saturday, July 18.**

**ST. VINCENT de PAUL**

The need for food, clothing and shelter continues for many families and individuals. Please remember the St. Vincent de Paul boxes in the vestibule of the church or use the envelopes in the pews. Your generosity will help many local people. Thank you to all our supporters.



Please remember in your prayers your fellow parishioners who are ill. 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.

**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.

**TRAVELING?**

**FREE** ministry to traveling Catholics: You can check out [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) from any Internet connection to find out the name, location, and Mass schedule of the nearest Catholic Church anywhere in America.

**Parish Support**

OFFERTORY 6/28/2009 .....\$8,182  
 OFFERTORY 7/5/2009 .....\$6,741  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection TODAY – Black & Native American Missions  
 Thank you for your continued support and generosity.



**Just to let you know**

If anyone would like to get in touch with Fr. Shawn, his new e-mail address is: [frshawnstjn@verizon.net](mailto:frshawnstjn@verizon.net)

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Have you been coming to Mass for a while, but are not Catholic? Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic tradition or how to become a Catholic? Perhaps you have been searching quietly for a while and now need some answers.

You do not have to journey alone! St. John's offers an open and welcoming environment for you to explore all your questions. Please call Marie Buckley (435-3313x206) or Fr. Paul Clifford (435-3313x201) and ask for information about RCIA. We look forward to hearing from you.

**CATHOLICTV IN BOSTON**

**Teach Your Children Catechism on Television:** Did you know that CatholicTV has a Catechetical Game Show for people of all ages? Contestants on the show are 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders, but the show is a fun and effective learning tool for Catholics of ALL ages. Visit CatholicTV.com for show times.

**Keep Up with the Pope on Television:** Did you know that each week CatholicTV broadcasts the Papal audience from the Vatican? CatholicTV also offers regular coverage of many Catholic feast days from the Vatican as well as coverage of much of the Pope's travels. Visit CatholicTV.com for more information.



**AUCTION TO BENEFIT BETHANY HOUSE**

Bethany House Ministries will hold an auction at St. Thomas Parish Hall in Millis on September 26. We are **looking for donations** of an eclectic ensemble of treasures such as jewelry, antiques, vintage books, furniture, china, kitchenware, household items, tools, collectables, and bric-a-brac. All proceeds from the auction will help to support Bethany House Ministries, our non-profit charitable organization. The event promises not only to be a fun and friendly experience but also an investment in the future of someone in need. If you can help us, please contact either Sr. Kathleen or Ruth at 508-376-9923 or e-mail [bethanyosfop@aol.com](mailto:bethanyosfop@aol.com). All donations can be dropped off at our Bethany House Hope Chest at 1134 Main St. in Millis. Pick-ups can be arranged by calling Gary or Vy (508-376-0824).



### 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.

**FATIMA DAY:** The Xaverian Missionaries will hold their traditional Fatima Day **on Monday, July 13** at the Fatima Shrine—101 Summer St. (Rt. 126) in Holliston. This includes a **sing-along at 6:30 PM and a 7PM Mass** followed by a candlelight procession and the Rosary. The celebrant will be Fr. Joseph Matteucig, S.X. Superior of the Holliston Xaverian Community. Fr. Joe served as missionary in Taipei, Taiwan, China for 13 years. Refreshments will be served in the Hall.

### LIFT – Catholic Worship for a New Generation

LIFT is an exciting new monthly worship event, which includes vibrant praise and worship music, dynamic and challenging speakers and Eucharistic Adoration. LIFT is for all ages, young and old and entire families. Join us as we welcome Fr. Norm Fischer as our speaker on **Tuesday, July 14 from 7-9PM** at Fontbonne Academy – 930 Brook Rd. – Milton, MA. For more information about LIFT and directions to Fontbonne, please visit our website at [www.liftedhigher.com](http://www.liftedhigher.com). Come join in worship with hundreds of Catholics from around the Boston area!

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

**MARRIED COUPLES:** Are you exercising and dieting, jogging, swimming, and playing tennis to stay fit and trim? What are you doing to keep your marriage in good shape? The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are **July 17-19 and September 25-27**. For more information call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710-WWME or visit our webpage at [www.wwmeMA.org](http://www.wwmeMA.org).

### PLEASE CONSIDER TEACHING

Agreeing to teach kids about the faith is a daunting prospect, but here are 2 reasons you might want to consider it.

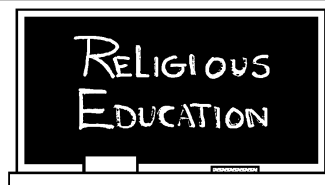
#### Sharing the faith is an honor

It's estimated that fewer than 1% of Catholics are catechists. If you've been approached to be a catechist, or if you feel the call, you are being asked to do something special for God, for the Church, and for your fellow Catholics.

#### Your own faith will come alive

By acting on what you believe, you become a participant in building up God's kingdom. After all, Jesus told us not to put our light under a bushel basket, and that means not hiding it behind a missalette either. As a catechist, you will discover that prayer, liturgy and your own relationship with God will become more vibrant and meaningful.

*from "Top 10 Reasons Why You Should be a Catechist"  
by Woodeene Koenig-Bricker*



### SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

**BEGINNING JUNE 29**

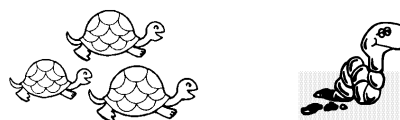
**OPEN TUESDAY**

**9:30 AM – 2:00 PM**

**Please leave messages (508-435-3313x208)**

**when the office is closed.**

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!**



### CROCODILE DOCK VBS - AUGUST 10-13

**THE CROC DOCK IS NOW FULL!**



### ATTENTION PARENTS!!

#### Religious Ed. Grade Schedule for 2009-2010

In an effort to bring more consistency to the learning process, and to accommodate families, students have two weekday choices for attending class and possibly a Sunday choice (depending on catechist availability). Kindergarten and Grades 1 & 2 will have only one weekday choice.

- Kindergarten** Mondays (9:30-10:30AM)  
(for half the school year)
- Grade 1** 2 Wednesdays per month (4:15-5PM)  
(usually the last two)
- Grade 2** 1 Sunday (9-9:50AM) and  
1 Wednesday (4:15-5:10PM) per month
- Grade 3** Tuesdays **or** Thursdays (4:15-5:10PM) weekly
- Grade 4** Mondays **or** Thursdays (4:15-5:10PM) weekly
- Grade 5** Mondays **or** Tuesdays (4:15-5:10PM) weekly
- Grade 6** Mondays (2:15-3:15PM) **or**  
Wednesdays (5:30-6:30PM) weekly

#### Grades 7 – 10

- Grade 7** Sunday (5:15-6:15PM) 5 meetings Oct. – Jan.  
Tuesday (6:45-7:45PM) weekly Jan. – Apr.
- Grade 8** Tuesday (6:45-7:45PM) weekly Oct. – Jan.  
Sunday (5:15-6:15PM) 5 meetings Jan. – Apr.
- Grade 9** Monday (7-8:15PM) two times a month
- Grade 10** Sunday (5:30-7:30PM) once a month



*JULY 12, 2009*

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**From the  
Pastor's Desk**



My brothers and sisters,

Despite the fact that it seems to have been the case that April started on April 1<sup>st</sup> and lasted until the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, I think it's safe to say that Summer is finally here.

One thing I've noticed this year is that there seems to be a little uptick in daily Mass attendance and Saturday morning Confessions.

While Lent is usually seen as the appropriate time for people to reconnect with their faith (and it certainly can be), Summer can also serve this purpose well.

The longer days and less-crammed calendars provide us with the silence and freedom necessary to deepen our relationship with God. There is, of course, no better way to connect with God than the Eucharist. Weekday Mass happens here Monday – Thursday at 9AM and on Saturday at 8AM.

Our regular Confession times are on Saturday mornings, before and after Mass: at 7:30 or until 9:15AM.

Give one or both a try sometime this Summer. It's amazing what God can do when we give Him a chance: I hear He even knows how to make the sun shine!

In His service and yours,  
Fr. Paul Clifford

