

## MARCH 7, 2010 — The Third Sunday of Lent



Please pray for the repose of the souls of Silvana Goncalves and Rosita Damayo whose funeral masses were celebrated at St. Mary's this past week.

Please also keep in your prayers all those who are ill, particularly Sharon Cirone, Charlie Patterson, Billy O'Neil, Nancy C. O'Brien, Bryan Risi, Rev. Joseph Laughlin, S.J., Martina McDonald, Cole Pasqualucci, Kim Duffy, Stephanie Hastie, Kathleen Hewitt, Sally Stebbins Grossman, Peter Giordano, Mary O'Toole Donahue, Maggie Dorgan, Catherine Kotlik, Cheryl Bourn, Beth Sayer, Josephine Parnell, Richard Banis, Kristen Scotti, Michael McMunn, Patrick McDonough, Peter O'Day, Lisa Duncanson, Fr. David Marcham, Jim Russell, Catherine Santosuosso, Mike Martin, Christopher Sadler, Geraldine Donahue, John J. MacKay, Reese Harding, Donna Marie Burns, Bonnie McCarthy, Paula Evans, Catherine Fay, the Manduca Family, Teddy O'Brien, Kasey Seymour, Robert Wirth, Eileen Mahoney, Michele Driscoll, Meghan Costello, Agnes Langan, Kimm Murray, Christopher Johnson, Jamie Breen, Christopher Mullen, Roland F. Smith, Joan Mahoney, Monsignor Eugene McNamara, Brenda Gotter, Patricia Gallup, Vincent Kalishes, Joan Larsen, Mary Wattendorf, Carol Burke, Christopher Vannata, Tony Carlino, Paul Hickey, Jim Rice, John Whalen, Margaret McInerney, Frank Wilkins, Josephine Donahue, Agnes Laughlin Collins, Virginia Joseph, Colleen Donahue, Beverly Toto, Dominic Mario DelVecchio, Richard Stiles, Alyssa Manter, Amy Wright, Rosemarie Amendola, Anne Scollans, Paul Kelley, Terry Martin, Daniel Carr, Helen McDonald, Gabriel Jacobucci, Thomas Culliney, Eric Donovan, Judy Devine, Ed Donnelly, Gladys Milano, Jack & Blaise Rutkowski, Alice Kelley, Suzie Sherburne, Bernard Dunphy, Margaret Cilento, Helen Crupi, Mary Sanborn, Rob Moore, Noel T. Murphy, Richard Hazeltine, Richard Murphy, Bob Glynn & Lee Milano.

**Blood Pressure Clinic** will be held this weekend, March 6 & 7 after all the masses in the reconciliation room of the chapel.

### RCIA/Adult Faith Formation

This week's RCIA meeting will be Sunday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center's resource room. Our topic will be the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. These sessions are intended primarily for those preparing to enter the church next Easter, but anyone is welcome to attend if you are interested in learning more about your faith.

**The Vocation Cross Program:** The Vocation Cross is available for any and all parishioners interested in praying for an increase in religious vocations. To reserve the cross for one week, please sign the sheet at the entrance to the church.

**The Vocation Committee**

### FROM YOUR FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offertory Collection:	\$ 9,027.00
Electronic Funds Transfer:	\$ 845.42
	\$ 9,872.42

Thank you for your continued generosity!

### 2010 CATHOLIC APPEAL *"Called to Love and Share"*

This weekend, March 6 & 7, is Catholic Appeal Weekend. Please join with Catholics in every parish who do their part for the Church throughout the 144 cities and towns of our Archdiocese. God calls us to share what we have to help others. Because of the economic downturn, support of the Catholic Appeal is even more urgent this year. The Appeal brochure explains more about who benefits and where the money goes. Please review the brochure, and then take a step up with a generous pledge. Remember that God cannot be outdone in generosity toward those who sacrifice on His behalf. For more information, please visit [www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org](http://www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org).



### AN EVENING OF PRAYER AND SONG

On Tuesday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the main Church, Deacon Mattie Henry and Deacon Dan Burns will present an hour of song and reflections as we approach the mid-point of Lent. Please join us and bring a friend.

There will also be an opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation following the service.



**THE MONTHLY HOLY HOUR FOR PRIESTHOOD** will take place on Monday evening, March 15, 2010 from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the chapel.

"We pray through the intercession of Saint John Vianney that God will give holy priests to his Church and will increase in the faithful the desire to sustain and help them in their ministry." Pope Benedict XVI

### Come one, Come all, to the **Scituate Appalachian Service Project Grand Ole Opry**

A night of Dinner, Dancing and Auctions

**Saturday, March 20th from 6:30 ~ 11:00 p.m.**

**St. Mary's Parish Center**

Please come support our teens in their

Mission Trip to Appalachia

Tickets: \$35 each

available at

**FRONT ST. BOOK SHOP**

For more information contact Tracy Kiddie, 781-545-6114

## Pastor's Corner

When tragedy befalls us, it is natural to ask the question, how could God have allowed this to happen? The people of Jesus' day asked the same question, but they did not blame God, instead they thought the victims were to blame; they were thought to be sinners, who were being punished by God. This was implied when some people told Jesus about the Galileans who were killed in the Temple at the hands of Pilate as they were offering their Passover Lambs for sacrifice.

The above explanation is known as the Theory of Divine Retribution, the theory that God will strike down the sinner. Jesus is quick to refute this notion and said those Galileans were no greater sinners than other Galileans and likewise the eighteen people who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them. They were no more guilty than anyone else living in Jerusalem.

Despite Jesus' words and the Book of Job, which was written to dispel the notion of Divine Retribution, even people today tend to think in this way or they want to blame God for the afflictions that beset them. We tend to forget that suffering is a part of life; it is a consequence of the sin of our first parents, who chose to disobey God and thus allow sin and death to enter our world. Some times we suffer because of the choices we make or we suffer because of the sinful choices of others. God gave us free will and God does not revoke His gifts even when the choices we make will result in suffering for us or others. At other times things happen in life for no apparent reason and perhaps these inexplicable sufferings are the hardest to understand and endure.

What we know for sure is that God does not cause suffering in our world but God does permit it to happen. When we or a loved one suffers we often feel like God has abandoned us and we are tempted to despair. The readings this week remind us that God never abandons us as we see in the Book of Exodus where God hears the cry of His people Israel suffering under the oppression of their cruel task masters in Egypt. God sent the people Moses through whom He led His people to the Promised Land amidst great signs and wonders. So it is with us when we suffer; God not only hears our cry for help, He is right there in the midst of our suffering sustaining us and giving us all the grace we need to surmount whatever difficulty we are facing. Even if a loved one should succumb to death our Lord is present to that person giving the graces he or she needs to enter eternal life.

This is the other lesson in today's Gospel, life is a precious gift and we do not know how many days God has ordained for each one of us. We are called to be ready when the Lord comes to collect the good fruit of our lives. We produce good fruit by loving God with our whole being and loving our neighbor as ourselves. We do not perfectly live out this great command of Jesus so we need to frequently turn to God and seek His forgiveness.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is the means Christ has instituted to bring us healing and wholeness as we experience God's mercy and forgiveness. Rediscover the grace and beauty of a sacramental confession this Lenten Season as we continue our journey toward Calvary and the joy of Easter morning when we celebrate our Lord's resurrection.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Cannon

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Grade 9** meets this Sunday, March 7 at their regular class time.

**Grade 10** meets next on Sunday, March 21 at their regular class time.

### PINE STREET INN GIFT BAGS THANK YOU

A belated but most sincere thank you to all those in our Religious Education Program who contributed gifts for the ladies at Pine Street Inn. Approximately 100 bags filled with toiletries were distributed. The ladies were delighted with their gifts!

The response was so generous that we were able to contribute extra items to the food pantry and to other homeless shelters.

A huge THANK YOU to Mary Ferrier for sewing all the bags. Each year Mary takes on this project. She buys all the material and sews more than 100 bags. We are indebted to Mary for her generosity and for her contribution of time and talent.

Special thanks to Kathy Gaughan who collected hundreds and hundreds of chapsticks. Most of these came from the students of St. Paul School in Hingham.

We are so grateful to everyone who made this project so successful.

### FRIENDS OF THE UNBORN IN NEED OF BABY STROLLERS

Friends of the Unborn have 16 beds in their home and they are always filled with needy Moms. Since more than half their Moms have delivered, they are in need of strollers. Because the Moms often must travel on the "T" to get to doctor's appointments, etc., they need the stroller which also has a car seat. Graco makes a good one.

If you are able to give one these strollers to one of their new Moms, please call Marilyn Birnie at 617-786-7903. New towels are also needed. Thank you!



### Scituate High School Annual Football & Cheerleading St. Patrick's Day Parade Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, March 14 ~ 8:00 ~ 11:00 a.m.

**@ the Knights of Columbus Hall**

Donation: \$5 per person/\$10 per family

For further information, contact Bob King @ 781-545-7636

### Lay Minister Schedule for Next Week, March 13 & 14

3/13/2010	04:30 PM	EMHC	Blair	Ann
		EMHC	Brien	Joseph
		EMHC	O'Brien	Ann
		EMHC	Popp	Alice
		Lector	Gibbons	Richard
		Server	LeBlanc	Bridget
3/14/2010	07:00 AM	EMHC	Callanan	Ann
		EMHC	Faria	Walter
		EMHC	Faria	Anna
		Lector	Ferrier	James
		Server	Scheele	Gerald
		3/14/2010	08:30 AM	Adult Min of Word
EMHC	Ayers			Virginia
EMHC	Henry			Deacon M.
EMHC	Chase			Robert
Lector	Versace			Michael
Server	DeCoste			William
Server	Scalzulli			Matthew
Youth Lector	Ortiz			Alex
3/14/2010	10:00 AM			EMHC
		EMHC	D'Ambrosia	Christine
		EMHC	Andrade	Tay
		EMHC	Dawley	Maura
		Lector	Murray	Marie
		Server	Lopes	Alanah
3/14/2010	11:30 AM	EMHC	Henry	Deacon M.
		EMHC	West	Eileen
		EMHC	Roman	Michael
		EMHC	Tansey	Martha
		Lector	Francis	Ella



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### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

will be held every Friday evening during Lent at **7:30 p.m.** in the main church.

### THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

The Church encourages all Catholics to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation each Lent. In addition to our normal Saturday afternoon confession time, St. Mary's and all the Catholic parishes and chapels of the Archdiocese will be open on Lenten Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Please take advantage of this opportunity to make a good Lenten confession. Please also reach out to the Catholics you know that have been away from the regular practice of our faith and invite them to seize this chance to begin again. Please see [www.TheLightIsOnForYou.org](http://www.TheLightIsOnForYou.org)

**St. Vincent de Paul Conference** will meet next on Monday, March 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

**League of Catholic Women of the  
Archdiocese of Boston**

**Lenten Retreat**

**Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center  
Friday, March 12, 2010 ~ 10:30 a.m. ~ 2:30 p.m.**

Tickets are \$35.00. Please pay to League of Catholic Women and mail to: Mrs. John F. O'Donoghue, Jr., 42 New Kent Street, Scituate, MA 02066.

Also, mark your calendars for May 1st, when we will celebrate our 100th Anniversary at the Pastoral Center, Braintree, MA.

**ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION/  
PRE-CANA PILOT PROGRAM**

**WHEN:** Saturday, March 27 & Sunday, March 28

**TIME:** 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (both days, includes Sunday Mass)

**WHERE:** The Pastoral Center in Braintree

**FOR REGISTRATION AND COST INFORMATION:**

Contact Kari Colella at [kcolella@rcab.org](mailto:kcolella@rcab.org) or 617-746-5801.

**HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL OPEN ENROLLMENT**

Holy Family School in Rockland currently has openings in grades K - 8 for the 2010-2011 school year. Please call them to schedule a tour. For more information, check their website: [www.hfsrockland.org](http://www.hfsrockland.org) or call the main office at 781-878-1154.

**PROJECT RACHEL** is the post-abortion ministry of the Catholic Church to help those dealing with the pain of abortion. Project Rachel will offer "Come to the Waters" post abortion healing retreats this spring: Saturday, March 13 and Saturday, June 5. For more information and registration for the date of your choice, contact Project Rachel at 508-651-3100 or [help@projectrachelboston.com](mailto:help@projectrachelboston.com).

**The Chapel of the Foyer of Charity** (74 Hollett St.) will be open for prayer and for the Sacrament of Reconciliation each Wednesday of Lent from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. All are welcome.

**"ST. PATRICK'S DAY SHOW - ERIN GO BRAGH"**

**Scituate COA Bus Trip to Chez Joseph, Agawam, MA on Friday, March 12.** \$77.00 per person (Driver tip included). Your motor coach will depart at 8:15 a.m. from the Cole Parkway Gazebo. Return at approximately 4:30 - 5:00 p.m. For reservations, please contact Carolyn Sachs at 781-545-8722.

**STAND UP - SPEAK OUT - SAVE LIVES**

MCFL Youth Pro-Life Convention

Massachusetts Citizens for Life invites you...

**WHO:** Students in grades 7-12, college students most welcomed

**WHEN:** Sunday, March 7, 12:30 registration, 1:00 start, 5:30 finish

**WHERE:** Boston College High School, 150 Morrissey Blvd., Boston

**WHY:** To help you find out how you can save lives from some of the most prominent pro-life voices of today including...

**Lila Rose** from Live Action, the young woman whose videos cracked open abortion clinics cover-ups

**Mike Barnett** from ALL, **Linda Thayer** and **Dr. Mildred Jefferson** from MCFL

**COST:** free to pre-registrants, \$10 at the door, adults free when accompanied by a student

For more information, check out their website: [www.masscitizensforlife.org](http://www.masscitizensforlife.org)

**Mir Pace International** is currently recruiting 8th - 12th grade students for a week-long service experience in Tamahu, Guatemala, from April 15 - 24, 2010. Working alongside the Missionary of Charity Fathers and the indigenous Maya in Ramah, you will assist in food assistance, home construction, and educational programs. To join us on this life-changing and very important mission, please call (781) 925-0090 or visit [www.mirpace.org](http://www.mirpace.org).

Mir Pace International, a Catholic 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization ([www.mirpace.org](http://www.mirpace.org)), empowers teens to change the lives of the poor and forgotten through long-term global community building, while also helping them discover the profound and positive impact they can make in service to others. Our proudest achievement has been to ignite a spirit of volunteerism that is now being carried on into their adult lives.

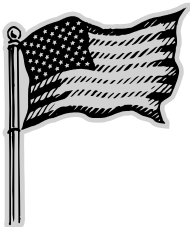
**Saturday, April 10, 2010**

*Living the Journey: Spirituality for the Second Half of Life*

**Location/Time:** Boston College Chestnut Hill Campus, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Sponsors:** Boston College Alumni Association, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, the Church in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Center, and the University Institute on Aging

**Information:** [www.bc.edu/journey](http://www.bc.edu/journey)



**PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS:** Almighty God and Father, hold our servicemen and women in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Please pray for the safety of our loved ones serving our country on active duty: 2nd Class Petty Officer Sean Walsh, USN; Sgt. John J. Joyce, USMC; Cpl. Joseph P. Joyce, USMC; Cmdr. William Devine, Navy Chaplain; Corp. Dennis P. Harrison, USMC; Carl Jesse Knight, Jr., USN; Sgt. Craig DeCosta, USMC; Lt. Col. James Fitzgerald, III, US Army; Specialist Matthew Paulin, US Army; Airman Ross Hendrigan, USAF; CPO Frederick Lieder, Jr., USN; Staff Sergeant Edward Ford; Cpl. Collin Sullivan; Lt. Douglas Healey; Sgt. Philip J. Fernandes; Capt. Peter Denis Murphy, USN; LTC Glenn Walsh, US Army; Sgt. Joseph D. Slater, US Army; LTJG Patrick J. O'Brien, USN; Michael Daly, USMC; Pvt. Nolan P. Redden, USMC; Petty Officer Jeffrey Yeaton, US Navy; LCPL Tyler Domingos, USMC; Major John F. Donahue, USAF; LTC David E. Thompson, US Army; Pvt. 1st Class Keeghan O'Brien, USMC; Pvt. Andrew McElroy, Ranger, E2 Scott J. Gustafson, USN; Lt. Col. John B. Atkinson, USMC; Spc. Kevin Bowker; AFC Michael McCarthy, USAF, WO Patrick Russo, US Army, 2nd Class Petty Officer Joseph G. Obert, Jr., USCG, Spc. Sean Brosnan, US Army, Lt. Aaron R. Bomar, USN, Major Neil B. Doherty, US Army, Major Kevin M. Doherty, USMC, CW02 Ian Hamilton, US Army, Sgt. Christopher Kilduff, US Army, Lt. Daniel LaPenta JAGC, USN, Pvt. Neil Pallotta, US Army Ranger, Michael Williams, Foreign Service and LCPL Michael D. Hodges, USMC.

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the savior of the world. Please manifest in your church the Spirit whom you also abundantly bestowed on your apostles. Call very many to priesthood and religious life. May zeal for your glory and for the salvation of the world inflame those you have chosen. May they be saints in your likeness. May our Holy Spirit strengthen them. May they be priests and religious according to your own heart. Amen.

**WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?**

The Monthly Prayer Request for Priests (MPRP) is an international apostolate which was founded in 1990 to encourage people to support Catholic priests by prayer and sacrifice. Each diocese prays for its own priests. Each day of the year bears the name of a priest from that diocese, obtained from the diocesan directory. Thus, by means of a calendar, the faithful are united in offering prayer and sacrifice for the particular "priest of the day," always remembering to include a general intention of prayer for all priests of the diocese and around the world. The February and March MPRP calendars for the Archdiocese of Boston are available in the entrances of the church and chapel.  
Won't you join in praying for a priest a day?

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, March 6**

- 8:15 Immacolato Aldo (Birthday Memorial)
- 3:30 Confessions
- 4:30 Ruth Moran (7th Anniversary)

**Sunday, March 7**

- 7:00 Stephen G. Eggers (16th Anniversary)
- 8:30 For the People of St. Mary's
- 10:00 Dr. Dennis Ciolkosz & Margaret Kelley (In Loving Memory)
- 11:30 Martin J. Donohoe & Timothy P. Donohoe (In Loving Memory)

**Monday, March 8**

- 7:30 Dr. Robert McIntyre

**Tuesday, March 9**

- 7:30 Robert J. Martell (Anniversary)
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten Reflection followed by Confessions

**Wednesday, March 10**

- 7:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Paul J. Sullivan Family
- 6:30—8:00 p.m. Confessions

**Thursday, March 11**

- 7:30 Paul J. Hunter (13th Anniversary)

**Friday, March 12**

- 7:30 Antonio Cardoso (Birthday Memorial)
- 7:30 pm Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 13**


- 8:15 John & Margarita Andrade & Family
- 11:00 First Penance—Session I
- 1:00 First Penance—Session II
- 3:30 Confessions
- 4:30 Bernadette Barbour & Isabelle Kerins (In Loving Memory)

**Sunday, March 14**

- 7:00 For the People of St. Mary's
- 8:30 Peter Alves, Jr. (25th Anniversary)
- 10:00 Alfred D. Santoro (Anniversary)
- 11:30 Shawn Patterson (In Loving Memory)

Our Church is open:

- Monday ~ Friday 7:00 a.m. ~ 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday ~ 7:00 a.m. until after the Vigil Mass
- Sunday ~ 6:45 a.m. until after the 11:30 a.m. Mass

 The **Rosary** is said every weekday morning after the 7:30 am Mass and also on Saturday after the 8:15 am Mass. On the First Saturday of every month after the 8:15 am Mass, the rosary is said in honor of Our Lady of Fatima.