

February 7, 2010
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

4:00 PM Frank Boyko, Sr., by Helena & Ed Sowa (9th anniv)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

8:00 AM Edward & Hilda Krawczyk by their Godchildren
Mr. & Mrs. Michael McMahon by Claire McMahon
John Moreira by his sister, Tina Arruda
Claudio Allahua by his son, daughter-in-law and
grandchildren

9:30 AM John & Aldina Santos by daughter & son-in-law

11:00 AM Joey Gonsalves, III by his Mom & Dad

MONDAY, February 8

9:00 AM Richard Petit by his wife and sons

TUESDAY, February 9

9:00 AM Seraphim & Joseph Pontes by their niece

WEDNESDAY, February 10

9:00 AM Ines Sousa by Joanne Campos

THURSDAY, February 11

9:00 AM Arthur Haley by wife & family (birthday remembrance)

SATURDAY, February 13

4:00 PM Gerald Moss, Sr. by his wife & children (2nd anniv)

SUNDAY, February 14

8:00 AM For our deceased loved ones

9:30 AM For our parish and families

11:00 AM For our parish and families

February Memorial Candles

Sanctuary Lamp in memory of Ronald Berube by his wife and family

Altar Candles in memory of Jack Lyons by his wife, Katherine

Tabernacle Candles in memory of the Lapre Family by Yvette Abrams

Collection January 31st

Budget.....\$ 3,284.46

Relief Efforts in Haiti \$ 2,380.40

***“Thank You” to all who continue to
Generously support our parish!***

Reminder: Next weekend there will be a second collection for the monthly I.M.E. Fund

50 Week Club – Congratulations to the Feb. 7th winner.....Anne Antunes

Gift Bearers - If you are a family member or friend who would like to bring the gifts to the altar at a loved one's Mass, we would be happy to have you do so. Just stop by the Sacristy before Mass and tell Father Michael you will be the gift bearer that day. Thank you.



The next meeting will be held in the church hall on **Sunday, February 28th** 6:00 p.m. Please contact

Monica Valenti if you have any questions. All Grade 8 – 12 students are welcome. Bring a friend!

Leadership Retreat - Several members of our Youth Ministry will be attending a Leadership Retreat Feb.14-16, at the Mello Retreat Center in Jacksonville, VT, operated by Dave and Terry Dumaine. Please keep these young men and women in your prayers.

Due to the cold winter and recent snow storms, many people haven't been able to participate in Mass. As a result, our collections have been down and expenses up (heating of the church and hall and plowing/sanding of the church and rectory parking lots). Anything you can do to make up for missed collections would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Ministry to the Sick - Please notify us if someone you know would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, or if someone is unable to come to Mass due to illness, handicap or age - we are anxious to make sure they receive Communion regularly. Charlton and St. Anne Hospitals are visited regularly.

The Diocese of Fall River is once again, through the St. Mary's Education Fund, making “need-based” scholarships available for the 2010-2011 school year. Students presently enrolled, or who are accepted and registered for the 2010-2011 school year in one of the 22 Diocesan elementary or middle schools are eligible to apply. Any parent interested in having their child attend one of the Catholic elementary or middle schools in the Diocese of Fall River should contact the principal of the school in which they have interest. Once accepted and registered they may apply for the “need-based” scholarship aid. Applications may be obtained at any of the schools.

**HAVE YOU EVER MADE A WILL?
ARE YOU THINKING OF MAKING ONE?**

Would you consider leaving something to your parish? Many people (even recently) have done so here and in other parishes, and their generosity has a lasting effect on many people. Just a little food for thought.

2009 Contribution Statements

Register: Membership has its privileges!



If you would like a statement for your parish contributions for 2009 mailed to you, please call the Parish Office at 508-673-2808. **Please Note:** If you want your statement to reflect your donations to

St. Francis, please be sure to use budget envelopes or a plain white envelope with your name, address and budget number (if known) on it. Unfortunately, loose checks and money will not be reflected on your statement.

FAITH FORMATION **CORNER**

Confirmation I and II Updated Schedule

February 7

February 26 (Confirmation II Only)

February 28

March 7

March 14

March 21: Last Class Special Times:

Confirmation I Reports 8-9:30

Confirmation II Reports 10 - 1

Dates to Remember:

Confirmation Name Report: Due no later than Sunday, February 7th. After that day a name will be assigned.

Confirmation Sponsor Certificates: Due no later than Sunday February 28th. After that day a sponsor will be assigned.

Retreat Dates: Friday, February 26th ... 4 p.m. - 9 p.m. in the Church Hall (Attendance is Mandatory!)

Community Service Logs: Sunday, March 14th for both Confirmation I and II.

Confirmation Rehearsal: Friday, March 19th ... 6 p.m. in the Church Hall (Sponsors and Confirmandi must attend)

Confirmation Date: March 21st ... Confirmandi and Sponsors should be at the church for 10: 00 a.m. in the Church Hall.

Please refer to the Church Bulletin for changes in times, upcoming events or further information

Prayer Shawl Ministry – the next workshop will be on February 23rd at 1:30 p.m. in the church hall. Please call Claire Morissette at 508-672-0104 if you, or anyone you know, are in need of the comfort and prayers of our shawls, lap robes or chemo caps. All are welcome to join us on our workshop days.

Handicap Parking – Respectfully, we ask that the handicap parking be reserved for those whom the spots are intended.

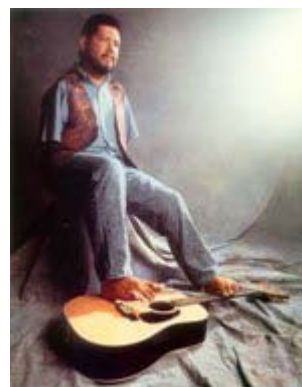
No Parking - Please remember that cars should not be parked where the “no parking” signs are posted on Richard Road (road across the street in front of St. Francis). Rescue and fire vehicles are not able to make the turn if there is a medical emergency or fire. Cars which continue to park where prohibited will be ticketed and towed by Swansea police.

Emmaus Retreat Weekend - February 12-14 **Cathedral Camp, E. Freetown, MA.**

A heartfelt invitation is open to join us on our next Emmaus weekend! Emmaus is a weekend retreat program for people who are seeking to grow in their relationship with Christ, regardless of their present level of faith and practice. The purpose of the weekend is to give participants an opportunity to reflect upon themselves and their relationship with God and their community. You will build valuable relationships through friendship, encouragement, prayer and the awesome power of God. Emmaus is a Catholic retreat program that is open to people of all Christian faiths. For more information please contact Debbie Sousa at 508-646-3902 or visit our website at www.emmausretreats.com

“A Lenten Retreat: The Journey to Easter”, open to both men and women, will be facilitated by Peggy Patenaude of *Taking Time Out* March 26-28, 2010 at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham, MA. Retreat begins Friday, 7:30pm and concludes with lunch following Palm Sunday liturgy celebrated by Fr. Stan Kolasa, ssc. For more information visit: www.timeoutretreats.com or contact Peggy at 508-548-9149 or timeoutretreats@comcast.net. **Register by February 26 and save \$20.**

TONY MELENDEZ TO PERFORM CONCERT AT ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR CHURCH, NEW BEDFORD



Tony Melendez, the musician born without arms who captured the heart of the late Pope John Paul II when he played his guitar with his feet and sang during the 1987 U.S. Papal Visit, will perform a concert at St. Lawrence Martyr Church in New Bedford. It will take place at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, at the church located at 565 County

St., New Bedford. Admission is a \$5 donation at the door.

Holy Days of Obligation for 2010
are as follows:

- Friday, Jan. 1st - Mary, Mother of God – observed
- Sunday, April 6th – EASTER
- Thursday, May 15th – Ascension of the Lord - observed
- Sunday, Aug. 15th – Assumption of Mary – SUNDAY
- Monday, Nov. 1st – All Saints – not a holy day of obligation*
- Wed., Dec. 8th – Immaculate Conception - observed
- Saturday, Dec. 25th – CHRISTMAS

Reminder: Funeral Masses are not to be celebrated on Holy Days of Obligation, Holy Thursday, The Easter Triduum, and the Sundays of Advent, Lent, and Easter.

* The holy day of obligation is suspended in the USA when the solemnity falls on Saturday or Monday.

Family Life Corner

The Family Life Committee is looking for faith-filled, generous people who are willing to share ideas, talents and faith to enrich St. Francis of Assisi parish. Our goal is to transform our parish community into a vibrant, active and welcoming home, where we all feel treasured and loved. To do this, ***we need you!*** Our membership is growing, but we still need more people to continue to do things which make our parish awesome. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall, **Our next meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 9th**. Please join us for some fun and fellowship. For more information please call Christine Patota at 508-677-0804.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 14th Valentine Day Breakfast

in the church hall from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children (5 and under) and will be available after all masses**



this weekend and next weekend. Please come and join other members of our parish family for a delicious breakfast buffet. You don't have to cook, serve, or cleanup....just enjoy! What a wonderful way to start your day...attending mass followed by breakfast with friends. **Please note:** Tickets will not be sold the day of the breakfast.

“Come and eat breakfast”

John 21:12

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“As the crowd pressed in on Jesus to hear the word of God, he saw two boats moored by the side of the lake... He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon and asked him to pull out a short distance from the shore; then remaining seated, he continued to teach the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, ‘Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch.’”

Reflecting upon the gospel scene, we can add many elements. Feel the breeze from the sea, catch the blue skies and wavy clouds, and even sniff the odor of freshly caught fish. Jesus used Simon's boat for His pulpit or classroom. Luke does not tell us what lesson He spoke, because what followed was the great teaching.

After a short protest by the veteran fisherman, he lowered the nets. Bonanza! Simon learned to listen and his life was totally changed. Not only did he have an amazing catch, he found himself having a new job. We find him abandoning what was familiar and starting out in a new direction.

Isaiah had an earlier experience when his lips were purified and when the voice of the Lord asked ‘Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?’ The scripture says ‘Here I am’ he said, ‘send me!’

We too have been called, purified and are sent to bring the same message to others. When we sadly hear the statistics of persons not practicing the faith (the second largest Christian group in the United States are ‘non-practicing Catholics), or people who find Christ convenient for certain occasions or at certain times, we realize that the Lord asks us to make a change in our lives and theirs.

The Lord continues to call Isaiahs and Simons today. When He asks ‘Whom shall I send?’ what is my response?

Today's Diocese of Fall River TV Mass on

WLNE Channel 6 at 11:00 a.m. is celebrated by Fr. Michael. He would like to thank those who served at this mass: Organist, Madeleine Grace; Lector, Marita Gray; Altar Servers, Billy Brodeur, Georgianne and John Silveira.

Blessing of throats – Wednesday, February 3rd was the Feast of St. Blaise. Anyone wishing to have their throat blessed is welcome to call the rectory (508-673-2808) to schedule a time to stop by.