



In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" - Mk 1:23-25

MASSES this WEEK

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

4:00 PM Edward Bosy

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

8:00 AM Bee Anne Clarke

10:15 AM Francis Hogan

Family Liturgy & Fellowship

12:00 NN In thanksgiving: Rene Benjamin

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

9:00 AM Holy Souls

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

9:00 AM Intentions of Marie Sheridan

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

9:00 AM The Flanagan Family

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

9:00 AM Paul F. Drew

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

9:30 AM School Mass

All Welcome – No 9:00 AM Mass today

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

9:00 AM Intentions of Mary Henry

4:00 PM Helen C. Sullivan

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

8:00 AM Albert & Rose Morris and Gwendolyn Gorham

10:15 AM Respect Life

12:00 NN Martha Doherty

hopeFound OUTREACH

This Friday, **February 3, Team 4** will provide and serve desserts to the guests at the shelter. This is **Bob Dunn's** team. Please contact Joan Fawls (joanfawls@gmail.com) or the rectory if you have any questions or would like to help.

FROM the PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners,

For the past several years, our Archdiocese has been striving to develop a Pastoral Plan for its parishes, which are the very heart of the Archdiocese. In December, all the priests met with the Cardinal for the first of many meetings to discuss a proposal for a Plan. During the next few months, these consultations will continue with input from the Deacons, parish staff members, pastoral and finance councils and parishioners. Part of the statement released by the Archdiocese explains elements of this proposed preliminary plan.

The proposal is to create a new structure called a Pastoral Service Team (PST) to provide pastoral services to our parishes. The Pastoral Service Team is a group of priests, deacons, pastoral associates, lay ecclesial ministers, parish pastoral and finance councils who provide pastoral services to multiple parishes, which partner with one another to exercise more fully the mission of Evangelization.

As opposed to a plan for merging parishes and closing church buildings, this plan adopts an approach that strengthens and enlivens our current parishes. By creating these teams, improved pastoral services can be provided to parishes without altering the parishes themselves. Rather, it focuses on the means by which pastoral services are provided in and to our parishes. The parishes of the Archdiocese are Eucharistic communities of God's faithful people, entrusted with carrying out the mission given to the Church by Jesus Christ. PSTs are the means by which services are provided for each community to fulfill the Gospel mission.

All 290 of our parishes will be served by one of these PSTs. In each local area, the Pastoral Service Team, in dialogue and discernment with their parishes, will develop a Pastoral Plan for how best to utilize and apportion their resources, property and facilities to strengthen the parishes as Eucharistic communities rooted in Jesus Christ and to advance the Gospel mission of the Church.

At a meeting of priests I attended a week ago, it was proposed that St. Mary of the Hills and St. Elizabeth Parish work toward becoming a Pastoral Collaborative. This proposal and all of the Pastoral Plan is to be discussed at regional and local meetings in the months ahead. I ask you to join me in praying for the guidance of the Holy Spirit during these moments of change which is intended to strengthen parish ministry and life. For more information, go to www.2012planning.org.

Peace & love,

Fr. Arthur F. Wright, pastor



HYMNS for the WEEKEND

OPENING: The King of Glory - #746

OFFERTORY: A Mighty Fortress - #434

COMMUNION: Gift of Finest Wheat - #327

CLOSING: Rejoice! The Lord Is King - #742

Has God blessed you with the gift of song? The choir meets in the choir loft at 9:30 AM on Sundays and sings at the 10:15 AM Mass. New members are always welcome. Please contact Music Director Peter Watchorn for more information. Email pgwatchorn@yahoo.com.

OUR STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

Moses told the people, "The Lord will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own kinsmen." God still provides among His people the gifts and talents necessary to continue the work of His Church. What gifts are yours to share?

Offertory Collection January 21/22: \$5,312.00

(10% of the offertory is donated to organizations serving those in need, both close to home and in the developing World.)

Thank you for your faithful stewardship.

Generous gifts made to today's Collection will fund evangelization and catechesis projects in the Church in Latin America. Recently in El Pozon, Columbia, 770 children from St. Blaise Parish received first Holy Communion because of your generosity. The support you give today will provide opportunities for years to come. Keep faith with the Church in Latin America. Please be generous in today's Collection.

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: JAN. 29

St. Mary of the Hills School is accepting applications for 2012-2013, grades Pre-school through 8th. Tours are conducted on Wednesday mornings at 9:30. The next open house takes place on Sunday, January 29, 11:30-1:30 PM. Please call Mary Jane Campbell at 617-698-2464 for more information regarding the application process and to make an appointment for a tour. www.smhschool.org.

Quick Notes:

- The Feast of St. Blaise is February 3. There will be a general blessing of throats at Masses February 4-5
- The Girl Scouts will be selling cookies after Masses next weekend. They will once again deliver any donated cookies to the Milton Food Pantry
- Tax letters for 2011 are available by calling the Rectory

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Family Liturgy & Coffee – January 29, 10:15 Mass

Pastoral Council – January 30, 7:00 PM, rectory

RCIA – February 2, 7:00 PM, rectory

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grade 3 children from both the Sunday and Monday classes will have an up close look at the Mass for their class this week. They will then attend the 10:15 Family Liturgy and some of the children will participate as either readers or gift bearers.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

We have just about finished making the materials for the Level 1 atrium. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue on with preparations for our Level 2 atrium which will be for children thru grade 3. We have a lot of work ahead of us and your help and prayers are continuously appreciated.

EDGE

We began our new semester on the Sacraments. Throughout the semester the youth will learn about each sacrament and see how they do something real in our lives. The youth will be reminded that sometimes we might not feel God in our lives, but that the Sacraments are ways in which we can experience His love, grace and power acting in us. The more we receive the sacraments (Eucharist, Reconciliation) the more we are able to receive God's grace in our lives. EDGE sessions meet on Monday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 in the SMH lower church.

Confirmation Preparation Program

Grade 10: Upcoming Classes

1/29/12

Your Turn

2/5/12

One, Holy Catholic, Apostolic

2/11-12

Confirmation Retreat

Religious Education Office

617-696-6117 or smhred@yahoo.com

PRAYER PARTNERS NEEDED

The Religious Education program is in need of Prayer Partners for the confirmation candidates. Prayer partners pray for the candidate as they attend the retreat, Feb 11-12 and also write a short note/card which will be delivered to the candidate at the retreat. The support from the faith community is very valuable as it reminds the teens that they belong and that we as a community value them. At the main entrance of the Church there will be posters with all of the candidates listed for you to choose a teen along with information on what you will need to do. Please consider this! Thank you.

JANUARY 29, 2012

Readings for the Week of January 29, 2012

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30--19:3/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

SO THAT YOU MAY KNOW

By Harry Feldmann, Pastoral Associate

Two weeks ago my wife Madeline and myself were on a Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi – a Journey of Faith with a group (32 people) from St. Bernadette's Parish, Orchard Park, NY (Buffalo area). Our group had Mass each day- St. Mary Major, Tombs of the Popes in St. Peters' Basilica, St. Francis Basilica in Assisi, and St. Sebastian's Church at the catacombs. I had the honor of being Lector twice and Minister of the Cup once.

While we know Rome as the center of Christianity, we have often regarded the ancient Romans as pagans. Actually they had a spirituality of worshipping "powers greater than themselves". They had many gods. In fact one of the outstanding buildings in Rome is the Pantheon (Temple to all gods) which is now a church dedicated to the Blessed Mother. The temple remains the same but the statues have been replaced by Christian ones.

When asked what was the most memorable part of the pilgrimage it seemed unanimous the general audience with Pope Benedict XVI. We had excellent seats. The Pope spoke about Christian Unity as the Octave began that day. Then the groups in different language groups were introduced. When St. Bernadette's was announced we stood and shouted "Father Baker, sancte subito" (Father Baker Saint Now). The Venerable Father Baker is a Buffalo Priest known for helping the poor. The audience was filled with approximately 7000 people.

The trip to Assisi would be enough for its own column, maybe closer to the feast of St. Francis in October.

The Nativity Manger was still present in every church we visited including St. Peter's Basilica and the Square. It is traditional at the Vatican and in Rome to keep it present until the end of January. What a wonderful tradition.

On the bus to the airport Fr. Paul Seil, Pastor of St. Bernadette's prayed that we came to Rome with many petitions and now we are going home hopefully bringing many graces to our loved ones. In fact, the Holy Father's blessing was to us and our families and friends. You can be assured that at each Mass, I prayed for our parish community.

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An INVITATION

If you are not already an active member of this community, consider sharing in what we have to offer. Our parish is here to assist all who wish to know God more deeply. We serve the community through education, social activities, sacramental preparation and outreach to those in need. Feel free to call on us if we may be of service to you in any way.

We welcome you to register as a parish member.

Family

Name: _____

Address:

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Individuals living in Household (List heads of household first)

Name: _____

Occupation: _____

DOB: _____ *Religion:* _____

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Would you like to receive offertory envelopes?

Yes: _____ **No:** _____

If any member of your household is not able to attend weekly Mass and would like to receive the Eucharist, please indicate:

You may drop this form in the offertory basket, or bring it to the rectory. Thank you. We invite you to share your time and talents with your faith community. Call us at the rectory for more information on how to get involved in one of our many parish ministries – or check the website.