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Family-Friendly Fun

by Paula Coughlin

Are you looking for a fun, family-friendly outing? Look no further than The Feast of Saint Rocco.

In its 33rd year, the Feast of Saint Rocco has strived to be an event that has something for everyone at an affordable cost. This year's Feast of St. Rocco runs from August 7-14. The Field events run from Thursday-Sunday, August 11-14.

Designed as a North End-style Italian Festival, The Feast of Saint Rocco has a wonderful mix of events, activities and fun.

There is the religious aspect of the festival. The Opening Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, August 7th at 10:30am. Rolls, that represent the bread brought to St. Rocco while he was sick, are blessed at this Mass and distributed to those in attendance. During that Mass and throughout the festival, there is a statue of St. Rocco in the sanctuary and a banner containing

names of family members to be remembered in the prayers during the festival.

On Saturday, August 13th there is a Mass of Healing and the Sacrament of the Sick at 10am on the festival grounds. Everyone is invited to attend and refreshments will be served after Mass.

On Sunday, the Closing Mass of the festival is held at 10:30am. Following the Mass the Statue of St.



Rocco is brought in procession to the festival grounds where it remains until the festival closing that evening.

Once you arrive on the field, the fun begins. For the adventurous, and the young at heart there are rides and a midway. The rides run the gamut from the stomach-churning Zipper and the always popular Giant Slide to old-time favorites like the Carousel and Ferris Wheel. Ride tickets

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Hot Day at the Well

by Joan McGuire

In Chapter 4 of John's gospel, we read of a very unusual meeting filled with symbolism on many levels.

Jesus is traveling from Judea to Galilee. Most Jewish travelers took a detour to avoid going into Samaria and the chance of meeting Samaritans. Jesus did not. It was a hot day and he sat down near a well outside the Samaritan town of Sychar. He sent his apostles away to get some food. It was about noon and a woman approached the well to get water. This was unusual because all the woman of the village came to the well early in the morning before it became too hot. This leads some Biblical scholars to conclude that she was ostracized by the townspeople. Jesus asked for a drink of water. She was surprised because no Jew spoke to a woman alone and more particularly to a Samaritan. The fact that this Jew blithely ignored the established enmity interested her. Now follows the longest conversation recorded between Jesus and any person in Scripture.

This woman was knowledgeable concerning both Jewish and Samaritan religious beliefs. Jesus did not speak down to this woman as most men did, if they even deigned to speak to her. He explained that with the coming of the Messiah all these differences would not matter. She was impressed with all this

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Are You The Samaritan ?

by John M. Ristaino

“...But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him...” Luke 10:29-37.

It is a Bible story and lesson which Jesus taught which we are probably all familiar with, heaving heard it many times. It is also a story that when we hear it, we identify with being the Samaritan and not the others who passed by without helping. Are we? Let's take a look at this story from a different perspective by looking at our wonderful faith community of St. Mary Parish.

Last week I went to dinner with a good friend of mine who serves on the Board of Directors for a different religious organization in Massachusetts. His first question, after asking how I was doing, was to ask me how St. Mary Parish in Franklin had been so successful last year in growing the numbers of people attending Mass. I smiled and explained that God has blessed us with two wonderful priests in Father Brian and Father Frank and that together with a terrific team of parish professionals and wonderful volunteers they have built a foundation of love and welcome. One of the results is a growing number of people attending Mass.

With such growth comes the opportunity to step back and to look at St. Mary Parish in terms of the Good Samaritan parable. What does such growth create? With the increase in number of people in the pews, and in the CCD program, and in the parish, comes the increase need for volunteers. This need for more volunteers places St. Mary Parish in a role similar to that of the person who needed help in the parable. It also places us, its parishioners, in the role of those who walk the road and see the person in need of help. So, are you the Samaritan or the others who pass by?

The Samaritans in the parish are those who volunteer to assist St. Mary Parish in its mission. They are the people who teach CCD classes, sing in the choirs and lead us in song, proclaim the Readings at Mass as Lectors, serve as Eucharistic Ministers at Mass, greet people attending Mass as Greeters/Ushers, assist families in the time of a loved one's death as a Bereavement Minister, volunteer at the St. Rocco Festival, help the poor via the St. Vincent DePaul Society and a myriad of other needs/opportunities. Do you fill one or more of these roles? Are you able to fill one of these roles?

Soon summer will come to its glorious end in the annual blaze of autumnal colors. It is a time we sign up for various events, committees, teams, clubs and organizations. Our calendars fill with commitments. Are you able to help St. Mary Parish by taking on a role of volunteer in one of our areas of need? There is training and support provided with each of these opportunities and needs. Whether you can give one hour a month, or one hour a day, there is an opportunity to fit you! Your volunteer schedule can be made to fit your calendar. St. Mary Parish needs you and wants you. Will you be the Samaritan in our story?

If you are interested in serving in any capacity; please contact the Rectory. The team of professionals there can assist you by putting you in touch with the person(s) who coordinate each volunteer group.

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Families' Corner

by Katherine Ginnetty

Summer provides an opportunity for exploration and relaxation for the family. There are several Catholic shrines, besides the ones well-known in Holliston and Attleboro, where St. Mary parishioners might want to take a day trip as well as ones in the New England area where families might have scheduled vacation. A trip into Boston by train is a fun family outing, and going to Sunday Mass in another church or cathedral adds a sense of summer adventure and freedom from routine. Include Mass or prayer time as part of your family's vacation! Listed here are a few choices, starting with shrines right in Boston and ending with several in other New England states.

St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine: *Priests from the order of Oblates of the Virgin Mary staff St. Clement's Eucharistic Shrine, located near the Prudential Center. These same priests are the ones who serve at the Prudential Center itself, in the St. Francis Chapel about which so many visitors to Boston remark because of its peacefulness amidst the hubbub of the "Hub." The priests sing night prayers after dark, and you can find their other routine schedules for Mass and confession at their website, stclement-shrine.org*

The Madonna Queen Shrine: *East Boston is known because it is home to Logan Airport. It is also the home of the Madonna Queen Shrine at 150 Orient Avenue. The shrine was built in accordance with the wishes of the founder, Don Orione, who specified that every time a charitable work was established, a work of faith - in this case the church - would be built nearby. Art appreciators will enjoy the tall tower-like statue of Mary which was created by Arrigo Minerbi, who was a Jewish refugee from the Nazis. Protected by the Don Orione Fathers in Milan, Italy during the persecution, Minerbi sculpted the statue in thanksgiving. Call the shrine for opening and sacramental times at 617 569-2100.*

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Sing to the Lord

† A View from the Loft

Have you ever noticed that when a group of people gather together for a purpose, music can unite them into one? A child has a birthday party and all sing "Happy Birthday to You" - we know that the child is special. Who can deny the stirrings of pride when we stand and sing the National Anthem at sporting events? During the Civil Rights Movement, "We Shall Overcome" united everyone to the cause of justice. Music has the ability to convey feelings that words alone fail to express.

When we come together as God's Family to worship at Mass, we are drawn to celebrate the Pascal Mystery. "The primary role of music in the Liturgy is to help members of the gathered assembly to join themselves with the action of Christ and to give voice to the gift of faith. The role of music is to serve the needs of the Liturgy and not to dominate it, seek to entertain, or draw attention to itself or the musicians." (USCCB-Committee on Divine Worship)

As Roman Catholics, we worship in a ritualistic fashion. The Sacrifice of the Mass is divided into two major sections: The Liturgy of the word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Music choices for these Liturgies are carefully and prayerfully chosen to correspond with the readings from the Lectionary and the prayers from the Roman Missal. The goal is to form reinforcement of the Holy Scriptures so that we may better understand them, and to encourage full and active participation of the assembly. To paraphrase the famous passage from Ecclesiastes 3, "To everything there is a time...a time to be joyful, a time to be sad...a time to rejoice, a time to mourn..."

During Mass, when we as a Community of Faith, join together to "sing with all the choirs of angels," God smiles upon us. From the loft, the sound of the entire congregation singing as one stirs the soul into the rapture of God's Being.

"When in our music God is glorified and adoration leaves no room for Pride

*It is as though the whole creation cried
'Alleluia!'*

*How often making music, we have found
A new dimension in the world of sound*

*As Worship moves us to a more
profound Alleluia!*

*So has the Church, in Liturgy and song,
In faith and love, through centuries of
wrong*

*Borne witness to the truth in every
tongue: Alleluia!*

*And did not Jesus sing a song that night
When utmost evil strove
against the Light?*

*Then let us sing for whom He won the
fight - Alleluia!*

*Let every instrument be tuned for
praise!*

*Let all rejoice who have a voice to
raise!*

*And may God give us faith to sing al-
ways Alleluia!"*

-Fred Pratt Green

SOLI DEO GLORIA!

-Allesandrina D. Menard

Feast of St. Rocco August 7-14

Thursday, August 11

**6pm-10pm All rides open
Hot dogs, burgers, pizza available**

All rides and food booths open

**Friday, August 12 6pm-11pm
Saturday, August 13 11am-11pm
Sunday, August 14 12noon-9pm**

Liturgical Services

Sunday, August 7

Opening Mass

10:30am in the upper church

Saturday, August 13

**Mass and Sacrament of
Anointing of the Sick**

10:00am on the festival grounds

Sunday, August 14

Closing Mass

10:30am in the upper church

followed by the

**Procession of the St. Rocco statue
to the festival grounds**

View From the Pew

By Joan McGuire

Problem Children

It is relaxing to be back in the Liturgical season of Ordinary Times. I have heard it called "A season without a reason."

During this time I don't have to focus specifically on a particular event and I feel free to mull over some of my favorite stories in the Bible and listen more quietly to what God is trying to teach me. The parable of the prodigal son is one of them.

Whether in a biological family, a workplace, or the church family. Luke's story in chapter 15 of the dysfunctional family is played out in many ways. Each son has a distorted perception of the familial relationship. The younger son seeks recognition from his father by rebellion and the elder son seeks it through overwork, thereby proving himself indispensable to his father.

The elder son's behavior gives us more food for thought in our own lives. Obviously he is a steady, reliable, nose to the grindstone kind of person. He never let his father down and feels he has "earned" the right to recognition. The elder son resents the waste of money spent on welcoming his "good for nothing" brother home. It appears to him as a personal affront. He has been loyal and diligent in serving his father. In fact he was instrumental in acquiring the money now being lavished on this ingrate. He was never shown this kind of appreciation. The elder son in each of us is sometimes guilty of trying to manipulate God by a check list of good deeds performed as if God owes us. If we ever feel envious of the good fortune of someone who does not practice his faith as we think they ought, Elder Brother is emerging.

It is beneficial to get to know this loving Father of ours. Instead of filling every moment with the words of familiar prayers take some time to be quiet and listen. God is a gentleman and never interrupts. If we want to hear him we must be silent and give him a chance. As the father said to the elder son, "You are always with me. All I have is yours." God

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Mark Your Parish Calendar

- Aug. 7** St. Rocco Opening Mass, 10:30
- Aug. 8** St. Rocco Equipment set-up volunteers needed
- Aug. 9** Equipment set-up
- Aug. 10** Equipment set-up
- Aug. 10** Mass at Forge Hill
- Aug. 11** Feast of St. Rocco
Rides and limited food booths open, 6-10pm
- Aug. 12** Feast of St. Rocco
All food booths and rides open, 6-11pm
- Aug. 13** Feast of St. Rocco
Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick, 10am
Rides and food booths open 11am-11pm
- Aug. 14** Feast of St. Rocco
Closing Mass, 10:30am
Rides and food booths open Noon-9pm
- Aug. 15** St. Rocco clean-up, volunteers needed
- Aug. 15** **Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year**
- Aug. 21** Baptisms
- Aug. 23** Mass at nursing home
- Aug. 28** Baptisms
- Sept. 11** Baptisms
- Sept. 11** 5pm Mass resumes
- Sept. 14** Mass at Forge Hill
- Sept. 18** Baptisms
- Sept. 24** Friends of the Poor Walk
- Sept. 25** Baptisms
- Sept. 27** Mass at nursing home
- Oct. 2** Baptisms
- Oct. 3** Confirmation rehearsals
- Oct. 8** Confirmation, 10am, 1pm
- Oct. 9** Confirmation, 2pm
- Oct. 12** Mass at Forge Hill
- Oct. 16** Baptisms
- Oct. 23** Baptisms
- Oct. 25** Mass at nursing home
- Oct. 30** Baptisms
- Oct. 31** Vigil Mass: Feast of All Saints 4pm
- Nov. 1** **Feast of All Saints**
Masses: 7am, 9am, 7:30pm
- Nov. 5** Mass of Remembrance, 4pm
- Nov. 6** Baptisms
- Nov. 9** Mass at Forge Hill
- Nov. 13** Baptisms
- Nov. 20** Baptisms
- Nov. 22** Mass at nursing home
- Nov. 24** **Thanksgiving Day**
Mass at 8am

...the Samaritan

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We are a growing parish which is tremendously joyous news! We have a great team of priests, parish professionals and volunteers who help create and build our church family. Please consider volunteering and helping out. St. Mary Parish needs modern day Samaritans to help us on our journey in faith. Thank you to all the Samaritans who currently volunteer! Will you join them in the work of the Church or will you pass by?

Feast of St. Rocco August 7-14

August 7
Opening Mass
10:30 in the church

Thursday, August 11
6pm-10pm
All rides open

Limited food booths open

Friday, August 12
6pm-11pm
All rides and food booths open
Entertainment on the bandstand
by The Reminisants

Saturday, August 13
10am
Anointing Mass and Sacrament of the Sick
on the festival grounds

11am-11pm
All rides and food booths open
Entertainment on the bandstand
DJ Giacomo in the afternoon
Itamia in the evening

Sunday, August 14
Closing Mass of St. Rocco
10:30am in the church
Followed by procession with the statue to the festival grounds

12noon-9pm
All rides and booths open
Entertainment on the bandstand
DJ Bobby Costello during the day
Jerry Secco in the evening
Raffle drawing at 8:30pm

...Hot Day

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knowledge, and as a child of Abraham she honored him by calling him a prophet. He told her he was the awaited Messiah. In her haste she left her jug of water behind as she ran to tell the townspeople that she had seen the Messiah and she shared with them all that he had told her.

Each time I read the story some new symbolism strikes me. Although she is shunned by the townspeople she was generous enough to share the good tidings with them. Just as many apostles and disciples left everything behind to spread the word, she left her water jug behind in her haste to spread the "good news." After the Resurrection, Jesus commanded his followers to spread the message. This Samaritan woman was instinctively impelled to do the same thing. She saw what she had to do and did it.

The fact that she was not identified by name makes her an "every man" or in this case an "every woman." She is the symbol of the relationship that Jesus wants to have with us. If we are open to him we will enjoy the intimacy that she had with him, in spite of all the legalistic obstacles she faced. She was a woman with no legal identity and was the possession of her nearest male relative. She was also a Samaritan, hated and scorned by the "chosen people." She is the classic sign that no one is excluded from the "Community of Christ."

Feast of St. Rocco August 7-14

Thursday, August 11
6pm-10pm All rides open
Hot dogs, burgers, pizza available

All rides and food booths open
Friday, August 12 6pm-11pm
Saturday, August 13 11am-11pm
Sunday, August 14 12noon-9pm

Bracelet Days
Ride all rides for \$18
Thursday - 6-10pm
Saturday 11am - 3pm
Sunday 12noon - 4pm





By Nan Rafter, Parish Nurse

Did you know that July is recognized as *Purposeful Parenting* month?

Since becoming a grandmother, I have become very aware of how influential adults can be with children. Our granddaughter Evyn, who is 20 months old going on 6, repeats every word that is said. Our whole family was made aware of this during our father's day cookout at our beach house when the ice cream truck went by and Evyn yelled out "Jesus." Naturally our family was surprised and puzzled by this outburst but laughed when our son confessed that earlier when the church bells were ringing he told Evyn that it was Jesus' house. So now when she hears bells, she calls out for Jesus. Children don't forget!

We read in Proverbs, "Train a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not turn from it." (22:6) This passage emphasizes our responsibility to our children as well as God's promise for our children. Children desperately need us as parents to offer them positive and healthy examples in the way we encourage, teach and lead them. WE have a responsibility to direct our children to the teachings that Jesus taught us and reflect these teachings in our daily

Purposeful Parenting

actions.

As we enter into the slower pace of summer, why not take some time and reflect upon the ways in which you parent and instruct your children:

Do you foster individual and family values?

Do you encourage trust among the family?

Do you respect each other, the family, co-workers, classmates, neighbors and elders?

Do you have a strong sense of family in traditions and rituals?

Does your family communicate and listen to each other?

Does your family share in mealtimes and conversation?

Do you teach the difference between right and wrong?

Do you respect each other's privacy?

Does your family share leisure time together and offer service to others?

Do you laugh often and play as a family?

Does the discipline that I give my child reflect my relationship with Jesus?

I would like to share with you a blessing for parents taken from The Book of Blessings:

Heavenly Father giver of all good gifts, look with love and mercy on the parents

in our parish.

Bless their lives and help them to reflect Christ's love for us.

Fill them with your love and let them bring your light into our community.

Guide them as they raise their families.

Bless their children as they grow in wisdom, age and grace.

Loving Father, give your Spirit to each family in our parish and help us to follow your Son. Amen



by Helen Brunelle

Lace up your walking shoes and become part of the 2011 **Friends of the Poor Walk**. This is a national fundraising effort, organized nationally and locally by the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. St. Mary's SVdP Society is in the process of organizing a local walk on September 24. Participants collect pledges to let our neighbors in need know that they have a friend. 100% of the money collected will be used to help those who look to St. Mary's for help. Let us offer the gift of our time, step by step. Your participation will make **The Walk** a success!

Please join us for a pleasant September walk. No registration fee! T-shirts available! Rain or shine! The parish Web site at www.stmarysfranklin.org and the bulletin have all the details.



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is always seeking a closer relationship. He is not looking for perfection but only asking for our freely given love. Instead of performing a daily list of good activities to "EARN" God's love, turn to him and gratefully accept the abundance that He is constantly offering us.

PARISH COMMUNICATION

This parish is very large and active. It is important for us to be able to give you accurate information and for you to be able to contact us as needed. If you wish to contact anyone at the rectory we can be reached by phone, 508-528-0020; Fax, 508-528-1641; or email. Here are email addresses for the clergy, Religious Education and rectory staff:

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If your parish group or organization would like to place a notice in the bulletin, we must receive it **in writing** by 5pm Sunday afternoon for the following weekend. Information can also be submitted for inclusion on the parish website at any time. Bulletin or website information can be emailed to parishpublishing@stmarysfranklin.org

If your organization is planning to use any parish facilities, such as the church, church hall or new meeting rooms or school, for your meetings, events, etc. it is **necessary** that you call and reserve the time and place that you want. This is the **only** way that you can be assured of having your activity at the desired location.

CHECK OUT OUR PARISH WEBSITE: www.stmarysfranklin.org. There is a wealth of information available there.

Peter the Hermit

by Father Frank Campo

St Mary's Parish is blessed to have the Blessed Mother of God as its patroness. There are images of secondary patrons also in and about the church: those, in the upper church, who watch over parishioners from stained glass windows, as do the four evangelists who appear on each column. There are others in the lower church, as well as in the new adjacent Sacred Heart Parish Hall. We see them engraved up high on the front of the Church facing the Town Common where they make their presence known to all of Franklin, highlighted by one of Christ Himself to the left - to whom all patrons and patronesses are secondary - and the Blessed Mother, parallel to Him, to the right. A certain radiance shines from within and without the church.

St. Mary is not wanting of patrons. Just to the left of the front of the Church is the Shrine of St. Therese of Lisieux, the



Entertainment at The Feast of Saint Rocco

Friday, August 13

Kizzy the Clown

6-11pm on the bandstand

The Reminisants

Saturday, August 14

1:30-4:30pm DJ on the bandstand

Kizzy the Clown

6-11pm on the bandstand

Itamia

Sunday, August 15

12-5pm on the bandstand

Bob Costello DJ

1:30-2:00pm

Blueberry Pie Eating Contest

5-9pm on the bandstand

Jerry Seeco Band

Kizzy the Clown

8:30pm Raffle drawing

“**Little Flower**,” whom some passers-by confuse with the Blessed Mother herself. Just around the corner to the side of the rectory is a statue of St. Francis of Assisi. And there are more. In particular there is one within the field off Pleasant Street, donated by the Verra family in 1959. As all of Franklin knows - and towns and cities far beyond Franklin know - it is that of St. Rocco, the subject of the annual 4-day feast in August, which includes a Mass of Healing inviting the intercession of St. Rocco, as Patron of the Sick.

These patrons form the lovely “**cloud of witnesses**” from on high, the “**communion of saints**,” which is one of the glories of our Roman Catholic Church. They are too vast a number to be represented by way of images in any church, any cathedral, any basilica, even St. Peter's in Rome. Also, there are relatively unknown saints, who magnify the communion of saints.

Peter the Hermit is one such saint who gives a certain radiance to the county of Molise in Italy, a part of the over-all Abruzzi region of Italy where a good number of St. Mary parishioners trace their roots. His birthplace is thought to be in the town of Isernia or Saint' Angelo in Grotte. He was a Benedictine monk living as a hermit in the Abruzzi Mountains, who had healing powers and worked miracles, like St. Rocco. Yet Peter the Hermit drew the attention of Rome itself, as well as King Charles II who was Kingdom of Naples-Sicily which, at the time, included Abruzzi/Molise. There was division and discord in the Church in those times. The Holy See had been vacant for three years in 1291. The cardinals were desperate. The king was desperate. Unity was greatly needed.

The humble monk was persuaded to come out of his cell and become Pope, taking the name of Celestine V (“**the heavenly one**”). It was said he first had to be all but dragged out of his humble abode, sometimes a cave, sometimes a tiny room called a cell in an Abruzzi monastery. His one request was a small wooden cell to be built for him to live in

when he accepted the papacy. He was anointed and crowned at L'Aquila on August 29, 1294. It quickly became obvious that Pope Celestine V had no talent for governing the Church. At the mercy of those who had such talents and who sought to manipulate him, the hermit/pope longed only for a return to his solitude. He was thinking of abdicating. No pope had done so before. None has done so since. Four months later, in a public ceremony, he solemnly took off his papal garments, replacing them less solemnly with the habit of the monk, a simple, grey, woolen garment. A pope had been lost, but a saint had been made.

He fled to his Abruzzi-Homelands, but was not left alone due to further intrigue. Nevertheless, he was canonized in 1313 as St. Celestine V. **A Sabine Journey** written by the late British author, Anthony Rhodes, is excellent summer reading for those who would like to read more about Peter the Hermit and Abruzzi-Molise, which Rhodes considered the most Catholic region in all of Italy. There is also a play “**L'avventura di un povero Cristiano**” by Ignazio Silone which throws further light on this remarkable monk/hermit/ pope/saint.

Under the radiance of our primary patroness, the Blessed Mother, St Mary Parish can pray for the intercession of Peter the Hermit/St Celestine V who has such close ties to the Franklin community, making him, along with St. Rocco and all of our particular members in the “**clouds of witnesses**,” a secondary patron for the parishioners of St Mary, for all who seek his intercession.



Anointing Mass

The Saint Rocco Anointing Mass with Sacrament of the Sick will be held on Saturday, August 13th at 10am under the tent on the festival grounds. All are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served after Mass.

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can be purchased in packets of 20, 30 and 55, or individually. On three days ride bracelets are available, allowing you to ride all the rides for a 4-hour period for \$18. The bracelet days are: Thursday, 6-10pm; Saturday, 11-3pm; Sunday, 12-4pm.

There is free entertainment on the bandstand throughout the festival. Bring your own chair or sit in one of our dining tents and enjoy the shows. Friday night the Reminisants are playing. Saturday night brings Itamia to the bandstand and on Sunday night you can listen to the music of the Jerry Seeco band.

For the kids we have Kizzy the Clown walking around, making balloon creations for everyone. We are also hoping to have an animal show on either Saturday or Sunday afternoon. Check the bulletin for details. During Saturday and Sunday afternoon there is a DJ providing music and entertainment.

The food booths are always popular places. On Thursday night there are limited food available, pizza and hot dogs and hamburgers.

All the food booths open Friday night at 6pm and remain open for the rest of the festival.

This year in an effort to keep it affordable for families young and old the Festival is holding all food prices to last year's rates. We hope this will enable families to come and enjoy themselves.

Most food items are available for under \$5.00, everything from beverages to pizza slices, manicotti, burgers and fries, hot dogs, corn on the cob, onion rings, clam chowder, calzones, various appetizers and stuffed quahogs.

For dessert we have everything from fried dough and fried cheesecake

sticks to Belgian waffles, and of course all kinds of Italian pastries. Each of them is available for under \$5.

Many of the more expensive (but still under \$10) items are perfectly sized for kid-sharing, including whole pizzas, subs, and the Rocco Dinner (chicken fingers or buffalo wings, corn on the cob and French fries or onion rings) and the Poco Platter (chicken fingers or buffalo wings, toasted ravioli and mozzarella sticks).

New this year is a Blueberry Pie Eating Contest. The contest will be held on Sunday afternoon from 1:30-2 and will accept 35-40 contestants. Preregistration is required. See the bulletin or call the rectory for registration information.

As you can see, we have something for everyone. Bring your family and your lawn chair and come enjoy the fun, food and entertainment at the Feast of Saint Rocco.

...Family Corner

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Our Lady of Loreto Shrine: *In Worcester is a model of Holy House in Loreto, Italy. Tiny in space, 12 people can fit in its brick building at one time. Call the shrine at 508-753-5001 to find out when it is open; daily Mass is celebrated next door at Our Lady of Loreto Church, 33 Massasoit Road.*

National Shrine of Divine Mercy: *Many people go to Stockbridge for its "Americana" landscape, the homes of American artists, and because they know it from the lyrics sung by James Taylor. Stockbridge is also home of the National Shrine of Divine Mercy, staffed by the priests and brothers of the Congregation of Marians of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary. The Shrine was built after the Second World War and hosts an image of the Divine Mercy and a gift shop for religious articles. Many pilgrims visit the shrine on Divine Mercy Sunday, but it is open year-round. See the website for specific hours and events at marian.org/shrine.*

Shrine of the Little Flower: *"Little Rhody" is practically next door to Franklin, and there is a shrine to one of our parish's favorite saints, the Little Flower, in Nasonville. This shrine, dedicated in 1923, was one of the original shrines to St. Theresa in America and bears her title "of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face." Beside the shrine is a grotto decorated with pious sculpture as well as an outdoor walk of the stations of the cross. For a schedule of outdoor Masses and other events happening on the feast day, August 21st of this year, see www.sainttheresashrine.com*

The Shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes: *Not too much further to the south is Litchfield, Connecticut, home to county-style B&Bs and open fields. Also nestled in Litchfield is a replica of the Lourdes grotto in France, which some of our parishioners visited on a pilgrimage in 2003. An unusual feature of this shrine is its stations of the cross,*

as visitors are invited to participate with Christ in his walk to Golgotha. Also on the grounds are smaller shrines to a variety of saints including St. Louis de Montfort. For information, call the shrine at 860-567-1041.

St. Anne's Shrine: *In our northern neighbor, Vermont, on the shores of Lake Champlain, is St. Anne's Shrine on Isle La Motte. Reputed as the site of the first Mass said in Vermont, the shrine is staffed by the Edmundite Missionaries. Unique to this shrine is the "pilgrims' camping area" where visitors may stay overnight. Make your reservation by calling 802-928-3362.*

Shrine of Our Lady of Grace: *The Shrine of Our Lady of Grace is the setting for the annual Blessing of the Bikes (motorcycles) on the weekend after Father's Day. In addition to this long-weekend celebration, the shrine is also open year round on route three, in Colebrook, New Hampshire. For information, call 603-237-5511.*



Good News!

by Paula Coughlin

Congratulations to Therese and Charlie Shannon who will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 16th.

Congratulations to Florence and Jim Kelleher who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary earlier this year.

May God continue to bless them all.



Love is to the heart what the what the summer is to the farmer's year - it brings to harvest all the loveliest flowers of the soul. *Author Unknown*



Better to understand a little, than to misunderstand a lot.

A child was watching his mother sift through and delete a long list of junk e-mail. On the computer screen. "This reminds me of the Our Father," he said. "What do you mean?" the mother asked. "You know, that part about 'deliver us from e-mail.'"

A grandson was visiting his grandmother one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" The Grandmother mentally polished her halo as she asked, "No, how are we alike?" You're both old," he replied.

How do we know that men, not women, made the coffee in Biblical times? The Bible clearly states that He brews.

One particular four-year old prayed, "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets.

Casey asked her Religious Education teacher a question: "If the people of Israel are Israelites, and the people of Canaan are Canaanites, Are the people of Paris called Parasites?"

Good Advice from Children

Never try to baptize a cat.

If you want a kitten start out by asking for a horse.

When your Mom is mad, don't let her brush your hair.

When you get a bad grade in school, show it to your Mom when she is on the phone.

If you want to draw on the wall, do it behind the sofa.

A puppy always has bad breath, even after eating a breath mint.

Never try to hide broccoli in a glass of milk.

The Weave

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