

The Weave

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Church Painting Update

by Fr. Brian Manning

This past week end we celebrated the Sacred Liturgy, the Holy Mass, in our church with a gigantic amount of scaffolding in place. This metal spider work that keeps ascending to the heavens reminds me of a movie scene in which Leonardo DaVinci is painting the Sistine Chapel. Leonardo's great masterpiece is only possible because artistic thought, financial means and efforts went into to it. We often forget all beautiful places require practical things, involve hard manual labor and take lots of time. Because we are in the process of painting the upstairs church, this article is a bit of wandering about in the sacred space of sacred space!

My vision and understanding of our church building is that it is the "Domus Dei" the House of God.

Although in many ways materials things must matter less, they do, in



fact, count proportionately. How we care for our holy sanctuary does say something about who we are and in what we believe. As a community of faith, the sacred space where we gather has profound meaning. We

attach a great permanence to these places. Our church is so very important because this is where we meet our God in a very intimate and personal way. I like to keep things clear and simple.

To me, the church

should be the best house in the parish because for us it is the home of our God.

Since the 'dawning of the Age of Aquarius', people have been saying how they can pray or talk to God anywhere. This is all true, but more easily, and even more often, we can meet our God in our local parish

Church. God may be found anywhere, but it is very, very nice to

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Who Do You Say That I AM?

by Joan McGuire

Father William J. O'Malley S.J. in his book **Redemptive Suffering** says that the biggest obstacle to genuine religious experience is second hand knowledge of God. So much depends on our idea of God and yet people seem to be constantly creating God to suit themselves. The people of Hebrew Scripture seem to make God intimidating and vengeful; while the Christians stress the qualities of gentleness and forgiveness to the point of dismissing the challenging qualities that Jesus show in the gospels. During this Lent we can come to truly know the face of God by reading the gospel without prejudice.

First realize that our cultures are entirely different. In our western culture we try to find our own unique identity distinct from other persons. In Jesus' culture a person understood himself or herself only in relationship to family, clan and religion. The word 'Redeemer' that we use so often in regard to Jesus means one who takes on the debts and responsibilities of his family. During these forty days it might be helpful to question whether we act as if we are children of God.

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Lent: A Spiritual Renovation

by John M. Ristaino

So, it is once again Lent. Because of the way the Liturgical calendar falls this year, Lent begins early and Easter comes early. As I write this article the upstairs church is beginning its restorative paint job. The painting of the upstairs church reminds me of Lent. How so? Here is how.

Our church looked O.K. to some. The cracks, the dirt, the dust, the aging paint were not apparent to all. Can't the same be said of our spiritual selves? Are we tired, cracked, dusty and worn spiritually? Even though it may not be visible and clear to all, we can see it in ourselves. We feel the need to renovate and reinvigorate our spirit. That is what Lent is all about; clearing away the old, tired parts of our hearts and souls and creating new hearts, minds and spirits.

Lent begins and we construct the scaffolding in our hearts and the work begins. We peel away the pains and the hurts of the past. We learn to forgive. We learn to

repent. We sacrifice. Lent continues and we scrape the bumps and smooth over the past. We rebuild relationships. We choose love rather than hate. We help the poor and disadvantaged. We seek new opportunities to serve and donate our time and talents. We visit the sick and the elderly. We attend Mass more frequently.

As Lent progresses we decide to cover the walls of our spirit with new colors of vitality. We seek out a forgotten friend. We make time to pray daily. We make plans to attend services during Holy Week. We befriend a colleague at work or a student at school who does not have many friends. We open our hearts to those who are overlooked by society.

With the new colors of love, forgiveness, faith and sacrifice in place, we are ready to celebrate Easter with joy. Just as the inside of our church transforms this Lent, so too can our hearts, minds and souls. Lent is the time. Easter arrives early; start your renovations today.



Families' Corner

by Katherine Ginnetty

In the Catholic Liturgy Rite of Baptism, the celebrant of the sacrament asks, "What do you ask of God's Church for your child?" The parents respond, "Baptism," or simply "Faith." The celebrant then says, "You have asked to have your child baptized. In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of training her (him) in the practice of the Faith. It will be your duty...do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?"

Teaching the Faith to our children is an awesome responsibility, and one that does not end when the christening ceremony and party are over. To fulfill our parental commitment, we need to understand that which we have undertaken, sometimes a task made more difficult by the apparent confusion of Catholics towards Truth. The Church is "the pillar and foundation of Truth" (1 Tim 3:15.) In his second letter to Timothy, St. Paul warned the "time will come when people will not tolerate sound doctrine but...will stop listening to truth and will be diverted to myths." As parents, committed to training our baptized children in the truth of the Faith, we cannot afford to be diverted or confused by opinions.

Fortunately, we have the season of Lent to set aside time to deepen our own understandings. We are particularly fortunate because His Holiness has set aside this year as a Year of Faith, beginning on the twentieth anniversary of the publication of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, the document providing clear enunciation of what we believe, and concluding on the Solemnity of Christ the King on November 24. In his apostolic letter, *Porta Fidei* (the Door of Faith) the Holy Father writes, "To enter through that door is to set out on a journey that lasts a lifetime. It begins with baptism through which we can address God as Father, and it ends with the passage through death to eternal life..."

"The Pope encourages Catholics to use

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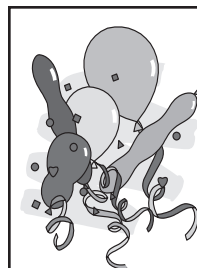
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Church Painting Update...

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know where you can always find Him – right there, in his holy sanctuary at Saint Mary's. In today's world of religion and spirituality, it is a great blessing to have a serene and beautiful space to go to in order to commune with God.

Do you know the definition of Sacred Space? Sacred Space means a place that is set aside; it is a plane of existence that is not ours, but actually God's. There is physicality to the space, but there is so much more. When we come through the doors (the portals) of the church, we come to a metaphysically difference place. We come to "Holy Ground".

"Holy Ground" is where we gather to celebrate the Eucharist – the Mass. This timeless ritual of our belief in the Crucified and Risen Savior gives grace, strength and light to our lives. Our God is truly and really present in the Bread and Wine. The ritual may take different shapes and forms over time or at various occasions, but our central, constant and core belief sustains us as we gather in the sanctuary of the Lord.

Although there is a sacred and mystical reality to our Holy Ground, we must also accept a practical reality of its maintenance. Like the Sistine Chapel that was cleaned inch by inch by q-tips and sterile water by hand about 20 years ago, our work is also slow and very manual in painting our church. We are using sponges! Our time line, however, is shorter. Our work should be completed in 2 months. We are blessed that the Pastor of St. Jude's Norfolk, Monsignor Conley, has graciously allowed us to celebrate our funerals in St. Jude's church. We "make due" with the scaffolding, drop cloths and obstructed views for our weekend Masses. Each week on Saturday the painting company hand washes each bench and kneeler so that our clothes remain clean. There is a great deal of dusting, vacuuming and venting in the church.

On behalf of our Parish, I want to say thank you to all those who are helping support this undertaking by means of the Grand Annual Collection. All of us benefit from your financial support. The House of God is our home and we thank you for making it so beautiful for us to be with our God.

Lenten and Easter Liturgical Celebrations

Ash Wednesday
February 13th
Mass with distribution of ashes
7am, 7:30pm

Prayer Service
with distribution of ashes
12:10pm, 4pm

Daily Mass
Mon. - Fri. 7am, 5:15pm
Saturday 8am

Confession
February 20th, 27th
March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
6:30-8pm

Stations of the Cross
Fridays after the 5:15pm Mass

Holy Thursday
March 28th
Morning Prayer at 7am
Mass at 7:30pm

Good Friday
March 29th
Morning Prayer at 7am
Stations of the Cross at 3pm
Good Friday Service at 7:30pm

Holy Saturday
March 30th
Morning Prayer at 7am
Easter Vigil at 7:30pm

Easter Sunday
March 31st
Masses:
7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 12 noon

View From the Pew

by Joan McGuire

For Lent, I'll Give Up Anchovies

As a child in parochial school, Ash Wednesday meant "getting ashes" which I constantly reapplied with any available dust I could find for the entire day because it was important that everyone I met knew I was Catholic. It wouldn't do if my ashes faded or I forgot and washed my face. The other constant on that day was the large cross we drew and divided into boxes to represent the days of Lent. This was to keep track of how faithful we were in what we gave up for Lent. Most of us at that age gave up candy. I even tried to coax my friends to do this. It was harder to get my Jewish friends to participate but I suggested that they make a synagogue to color each day. Many of the "public school" kids dropped out because they didn't have the incentive of having their crosses hanging up on the cork board around the classroom wall. Each morning we took our cross down and colored in the success of the day before. Of course if anyone failed but colored on the block anyway it was a "confession sin!" This practice backfired. Instead of learning the power of sacrifice, those who filled in their entire cross gloated over their success and gave themselves the MVP award (Most Virtuous Penitent)

Unfortunately rules and regulations can become a habit and the meaning can be lost. It is not a matter of giving up food to lose the ten pounds we gained over Christmas or to try to stop smoking for Lent because it's bad for your health. At Baptism we become children of God. Would people meeting us today see a resemblance with our brother Jesus? By reading the gospel daily we can learn how Jesus talked and acted daily as he lived on earth. Lent is a good time to check and see how successful we are in fitting into the skin of Christ.





Mark Your Parish Calendar

- Feb. 13 Ash Wednesday**
Mass: 7am, 7:30pm
Prayer Service with
Distribution of Ashes:
12:10pm, 4pm
- Feb. 15 Stations of the Cross**
following the 5:15 Mass
- Feb. 16 Lenten Food Collection**
- Feb. 17 Lenten Food Collection**
- Feb. 17 Baptisms**
- Feb. 20 Confession, 6:30-8pm**
- Feb. 21 CWC Meeting**
- Feb. 22 Stations of the Cross**
following the 5:15 Mass
- Feb. 22 Rock Night**
- Feb. 23 Lenten Food Collection**
- Feb. 24 Lenten Food Collection**
- Feb. 24 Baptisms**
- Feb. 26 Mass at nursing home**
- Feb. 27 Confession, 6:30-8pm**
- March 1 Stations of the Cross**
following the 5:15 Mass
- March 2 Food Collection Weekend**
- March 3 Food Collection Weekend**
- March 3 Baptisms**
- March 5 Rel. Ed. Penance Services,**
4pm, 7pm
- March 6 Confession, 6:30-8pm**
- March 8 Stations of the Cross**
following the 5:15 Mass
- March 9 Lenten Food Collection**
- Mar. 10 Lenten Food Collection**
- Mar. 10 CWC Communion Breakfast**
- Mar. 10 Rock Night**
- Mar. 10 Baptisms**
- Mar. 13 Mass at Forge Hill**
- Mar. 13 Confession, 6:30-8pm**
- Mar. 15 Stations of the Cross**
following the 5:15 Mass
- Mar. 16 Respect Life Baby Shower**
- Mar. 17 Respect Life Baby Shower**
- Mar. 17 Baptisms**
- Mar. 17 Baptismal Catechesis, 1:30**
- Mar. 20 Confession 6:30-8pm**
- Mar. 22 Stations of the Cross**
following the 5:15 Mass
- Mar. 23 Lenten Food Collection**
- Mar. 24 Lenten Food Collection**
- Mar. 24 Palm Sunday**
- Mar. 26 Mass at nursing home**
- Mar. 27 Confession, 6:30-8pm**
- Mar. 28 Holy Thursday**
Morning Prayer 7am
Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:30pm
- Mar. 29 Good Friday**
Morning Prayer, 7am
Stations of the Cross, 3pm
Good Friday Service,
7:30pm

- Mar. 30 Holy Saturday**
Morning Prayer, 7am
Easter Vigil, 7:30pm
- Mar. 31 Easter Sunday**
Masses: 7:30, 9, 10:30, 12
- Apr. 6 Anointing Mass at Central**
Park Terrace, 10:30am
- Apr. 6 Food Collection Weekend**
- Feb. 7 Food Collection Weekend**
- Apr. 7 Baptisms**
- Apr. 10 Mass at Forge Hill**
- Apr. 14 Baptisms**
- Apr. 18 CWC Meeting**
- Apr. 21 Baptisms**
- Apr. 23 Mass at nursing home**
- Apr. 23 Book Club w/guest speaker**
- Apr. 25 Bereavement Support Group**
begins; pre-registration req'd
- Apr. 27 First Communion**
10am, 12pm
- Apr. 28 Baptisms**
- Apr. 28 Baptismal Catechesis**
- May 4 First Communion**
10am, 12pm
- May 4 Food Collection Weekend**
- May 5 Food Collection Weekend**
- May 5 Baptisms**
- May 8 Mass at Forge Hill**
- May 8 Vigil Mass for Ascension**
Thursday, 4pm
- May 9 Ascension Thursday**
Masses: 7am, 9am, 7:30pm
- May 12 Baptisms**
- May 19 Baptismal Catechesis**
- May 19 Baptisms**
- May 19 Pentecost**

Who Do You Say That I AM...

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will give us the right as family members to claim Jesus as our Redeemer.

Second, read carefully the Gospel of St John. The church divides the new Testament into cycles A,B and C to be read different years, but it makes an exception for three readings of St. John which are read every year during Lent. They are the Samaritan woman at the well (John4), the healing of the man born blind (John 9), and the raising of Lazarus (John 11). Read these three stories over and over until you have gleaned the meaning of faith and discipleship at least for this year. There is always more to learn next year.

In the gospel of John, more than any other gospel, Jesus shows himself as regal, awe-inspiring and divine. He does not inspire fear, rather wonder and reverence. Listen as Christ speaks to us this Holy Season.

"I am the Bread of Life"

"I am the Light of the World"

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"



Bereavement Support Group to begin

A 7-week Bereavement Support Group will begin on Thursday, **April 25th** from 7-9pm in the lower church. This group is for anyone who has experienced a recent loss.

Please call Nan Rafter at 508-528-0020 to register. Pre-registration is required.





Finding a Path Towards Wellness

by Nan Rafter, Parish Nurse

As we begin 2013, I decided not to make any New Year resolutions. This is what I call reverse psychology. In years past I have usually chosen several unattainable, impossible to reach goal and have become discouraged by February. So this year I decided to take the "one day at a time" philosophy and make very small changes towards a healthy way of life.

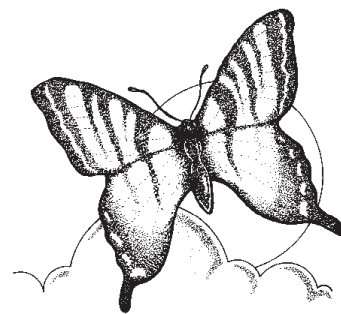
A healthy body is the beginning path to wellness. Eating provides the nourishment of our body as well as our mind and spirit. Eating in moderation from all food groups is now recommended. Whole grains are good carbohydrate choices. Fats from vegetable sources, like olive oil help the body stay in balance. Eliminating a certain food group from your diet may cause increase in cravings and actually cause deficiencies in needed nutrients. I personally would like to see dark chocolate added as a food group because again in moderation, it can increase serotonin levels which can comfort our body.

On our way to wellness, it is important to look at the amount of stress in our life.

Stress produces a chemical, cortisol, which increases blood pressure, abdominal body fat and can cause gum disease. Meditation has been proven to lower blood pressure and relax the tension in our bodies. Moderate exercise, such as walking not only can help decrease tension and stress in our lives. It can also help to lower blood pressure and decrease depression. A brisk walk increases our hormonal levels which helps us to relax and become calm.

To spiritually care for ourselves we need to be attentive to our spiritual needs. I try each day to take time to read and reflect on the readings of the day. Meditation or centering prayer helps to relax our body and our minds, which can help us to listen to God.

I also take care of my spirit by taking in God's creation when I see purple and orange sunsets or the contrast of the red cardinal on the white snow. Sacred moments can bring us peace and remind us that God is with us on our journey. In the book of Revelation 21:5 Jesus tells us... "I make everything new." May the Lord bless all of our good intentions this new year.



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this holy year as a good opportunity to rediscover and reflect on Truth, and he quotes Saint Augustine in telling us that believers "strengthen themselves by believing." (*Porta Fidei*, note 12.) The Holy Father also reminds Catholics that belief is a public act and as such demands the courage to profess witness publicly; he reaffirms the fact that there is no conflict between faith and genuine reason, since both tend toward Truth.

To clarify the dogmas and doctrines of the Faith, the Catholic Conference of Bishops hosts a website (www.usccb.org) on which there is a Family Resource for the Year of Faith, called Read and Reflect. Over the forty days of Lent, Catholic parents can read various letters from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and documents written by Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI on topics of particular interest to families and the current culture in which we are raising our children, such as Defense of Marriage, and the Nature of the Family, and important foundations for morality, such as the responsible practice of freedom and protecting religious liberty. Lent also provides a natural time for families to recite a new and special prayer, and the CCB has created one for the Year of Faith:

O God our Father, In Jesus you call all Christian families and homes to be signs of living faith. By the light of the Holy Spirit, lead us to be thankful for the gift of faith, and by that gift, may we grow in our relationship with Jesus your Son, and be confident witnesses to Christian hope and joy to all we meet. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, AMEN

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.

St Mary's CYO Basketball Players Helping Sandy Survivors

by Joe DePalo

Many of the 200 players in St Mary's CYO Basketball Program have been working hard to perform selfless acts of service. We are proud of them and their efforts to help the victims of Hurricane Sandy in New York and New Jersey. Together our CYO Basketball Program raised \$2,520. These donations have been offered to the Archdiocese of Boston for distribution to the dioceses of New York and New Jersey with the victims most devastated by the storm.

We've all seen photos of the devastation brought on by Hurricane Sandy. We were moved by the destruction in Queens, with over 100 houses destroyed in the inferno of Breezy Point or the flooding in Rockaway. The images of Long Beach Township, NJ were shocking

with 6 feet of floodwaters and 4 feet of beach sand that destroyed everything in its path. Many of us have family and friends that are victims to this massive devastation and they're struggling to get back on their feet. Rebuilding their lives and homes is a daunting task.

During a basketball try out session, shortly after the storm, the coaches in the CYO Basketball Program talked about how fortunate we were to have escaped this monster storm while so many people were hurting so badly, that basketball was the furthest thing from their minds in NY and NJ. As a part of the Youth Ministry at St Mary's Parish in Franklin, the CYO Basketball coaches, decided to take action so that in some small way our players and their families might offer help and assistance to those in the direst need. They contacted Mr. Charlie Clark, the

Director of Evangelization for St Mary's CYO Basketball Program, and together they developed a plan to help.

Mr. Clark contacted all the other parishes within the CYO Basketball League and encouraged them to get involved along with St Mary's parish. He then challenged our own players to perform acts of service as a means of collecting donations for the victims. He said, "We recognize that many of our own families are struggling through difficult economic times so it was important to let the



parents know that our intent was to insight acts of service by the players and not to levy another tax on them." Mr. Clark encouraged St. Mary's 15 teams to participate in the collection. As an added incentive, he offered a team Pizza Party to the team that raised the most money. What happened next was amazing! Many of our players were very creative. They offered many selfless acts of compassion and service to their families, their neighbors, and strangers alike.

Some of the 5th and 6th grade players collected cans from their neighbors to gather their donations. Many of our 9th grade players went door to door in their neighborhoods asking simply for a \$1.00 donation. Together they raised over \$468 from their team alone. One of the most inspiring efforts, came from one of our 7th Grade players. He came to practice with bloodied and blistered hands! He told his coach that he spent the entire weekend raking leaves for his neighbors and his family. His efforts along with those of his teammates helped to

Winter Safety



Every season has its own safety challenges, but winter presents some that can have life-changing consequences.

Here are some timely reminders:

- 1) Inspect space heater cords before using and keep children and pets away from any units in use.
- 2) Make sure that furnaces, fireplaces, and wood stoves are venting properly and install at least one carbon monoxide detector in your home.
- 3) Keep a winter emergency kit (blanket, flashlight, water, snack bars, road salt, emergency flares, bright colored flag, shovel) in your car.
- 4) Shovel safely: don't overexert; do a little at a time; when using power equipment keep scarves, coats, and winter clothing away from machinery.
- 5) If confined to home, do some simple indoor exercise each day to maintain mobility.



collect an awesome donation of over \$780 guaranteeing them the highly sought after pizza party!

CYO Basketball and St Mary's parish offers our support and prayers to those trying to recover in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. We congratulate the players within program for leveraging their numbers, for becoming part of the solution, and for stepping up to help those in dire need. These initiatives are what differentiates the CYO Basketball Program from other sports programs in the area.

Lenten Offerings

by Helen Brunelle

The Origin of Ash Wednesday



Ash Wednesday entered the calendar in the early sixth century when the desire arose to have forty actual days of fasting before Easter.

Sundays were never fast days, so to get to forty, one had to add four days to the six weeks of Lent. In the Christian lands along the Rhine River the devotional practice of imposing ashes arose as people imitated what they heard in Bible passages such as 2 Samuel 13:19, Ezekiel 27:30, Job 2:12, and Jonah 3:6.

What was once a private devotion came to be practiced publicly in the eighth century, and by the year 1000 it was commonplace in many celebrations at the beginning of Lent.

The distribution of ashes was formally added to the *Missal* at Rome in the thirteenth century and this ancient symbol of repentance is now widely used among most Christian denominations at the beginning of Lent.

Do you wish your prayer to fly toward God? Give it two things: fasting and almsgiving. – Saint Augustine

In observance of the Season of Lent, our St. Vincent de Paul Society is asking parishioners to consider bringing one item for the food pantry on each weekend of Lent.

Suggestions for each weekend follow:

- 1st Sunday of Lent: paper products
- 2nd Sunday: personal hygiene items
- 3rd Sunday: juice
- 4th Sunday: cleaning supplies
- 5th Sunday: donations for Respect Life Baby Shower
- Palm Sunday: cereal

Because of the painting of the church, donations may be placed in the boxes outside the conference room in the lower church hall. We are all working together to make a difference in our corner of the world. God bless.

Lenten Prayer

God of love and forgiveness, you give us this season of Lent to call us back to you through repentance and acknowledgement of our sins and offenses.

Through our prayer draw us closer to you and help us to know the depth of your love.

Through our fasting help us to rely on you as we put aside our own wants and needs.

Through our almsgiving make us aware of the needs of our brothers and sisters whose only hope is often in you alone.

In your great mercy, heal us from our sins and wipe out our offences, so that, renewed in your grace and revived by your love, we may rejoice in your saving power.

Amen.

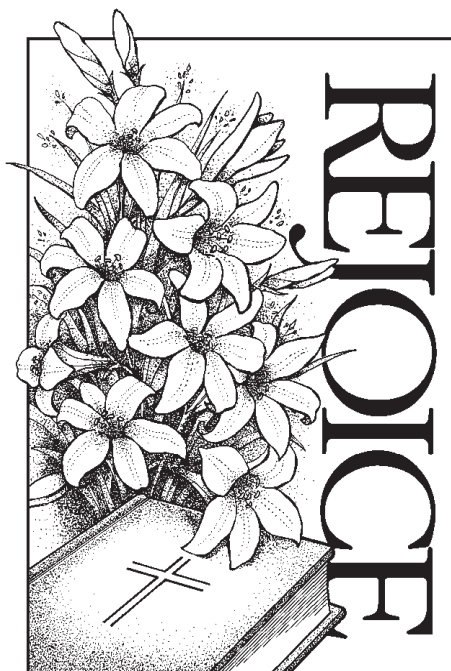
The Light Is On For You



On Wednesday February 20th from 6:30-8:00pm, and on all Wednesdays in Lent, we will be offering confessions here at St. Mary's, together with all the Catholic parishes and chapels in the Archdiocese of Boston. This outreach is called "**The Light is On For You,**" and is an effort on the part of our Archdiocese to highlight the importance of the Sacrament of Confession in the life of Catholics and to make it as easy as possible for every Catholic to come or to return to this great source of God's mercy and healing love.

You are welcome to come here or to go to any other Catholic parish or chapel.

The Archdiocese has set up a website, www.TheLightIsOnForYou.org, with lots of great material and videos to help you prepare. Please make plans to come yourself and please invite others take advantage of this great opportunity to be reconciled and begin anew your journey in faith this Lent.



St. Mary's Book Club Hosts Book Signing with Local Author

by Joan McGuire

On April 23rd, at 7pm in the lower church hall, the St. Mary's Book Club will sponsor a book signing by author Jennie Coughlin in conjunction with the book club's April meeting. Jennie, a former parishioner who currently lives in Virginia, grew up and attended school in Franklin. She was also a reporter and columnist for *The Country Gazette* and a reporter for the *Milford Daily News*.



Her novel, "All That Is Necessary" explores the collision between past and present, between memory and reality and between two former friends whose lives changed one summer twenty years ago.

This is her second book. Her first

book, "Thrown Out: Stories from Exeter," is a series of short stories that is set in the fictional Blackstone Valley town of Exeter. This first short story collection introduces readers to some of the characters they will meet in "All That Is Necessary" and subsequent novels, but it is not necessary to have read "Thrown Out" to enjoy "All That Is Necessary."

Both of her books may be purchased in the paperback version from Amazon.com or ordered from Barnes and Noble. The e-book version is also available from Amazon. She will also have paperback copies of "All That Is Necessary" with her at the book signing.

As she did at the book signing for her first book, Ms. Coughlin will

not only sign books but stay and discuss this new book and answer any questions about the characters, the development of the story and future plans for these characters.

The signing will start at 7pm so that people who only wish to get the book signed can do so before the book club meeting begins. However all visitors are welcome to stay for the lively discussion to follow.



St. Mary's Book Club meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month between September - June from 7 to 8:30pm. New members are always welcome. Please contact Joan McGuire, 508-528-3789 or joanmcg1@verizon.net for more information about the book signing or the book club in general.

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