

# The Weave

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## The Perfect Fit

by Father Frank Campo

In June of 2009 I had one of my first Funeral Masses at St Mary's in Franklin, one of my first Masses anywhere, in fact; for I was just ordained to the priesthood less than a month before at Holy Cross Cathedral in Boston. The Funeral Mass was that of 93-year-old Gioconda "Jackie" Cataldo, one of the matriarchs of Franklin, well-known and loved as an active member of St. Mary's parish and Franklin itself, in a multitude of ways. I recall, as I was compiling notes for the homily, mention of her fondness in telling one and all how much she loved St Mary's Parish; and that **"there was no finer community in which to live than the Town of Franklin."**

Some four years later, as my term as a parochial vicar at St. Mary's is drawing to a close in early June, I find myself in perfect harmony with Jackie Cataldo's sentiments. St. Mary Parish has been what I hoped it to be, prayed it to be, and realized it to be. The Town of Franklin, in addition, is indeed a very fine place to

live. For a priest, moreover, it is a decided, ministerial grace.

I wish to express my appreciation to our Cardinal Sean O'Malley for having sent me here; to our Fr. Brian, a gem of a pastor, for having received me here; to all parishioners, staff, Franklinites in general, and those I have come to know in the greater Blackstone Valley, who have become likewise dear to me. I thank, as well, our Fr. Jack, who has since happily joined St. Mary's Parish.



When I came to Boston for an Archdiocesan get-together back in 2005 for prospective seminarians, we were given a little key ring, with a clever emblem on it that depicted a black clerical shirt with the inevitable white collar. It read, **"This could be the perfect fit!"**

**St. Mary's has been the perfect fit.** I am grateful to one and all who made it so: a church, a town, a people, indelibly etched in my heart.

## After the Resurrection - Go Back to Galilee

by Joan McGuire

In the gospel of John, after seeing the resurrected Jesus in Jerusalem, the apostles went back to Galilee and returned to their previous occupation - fishing. Jesus came to them on the shore and asked if they had caught anything. They hadn't. He then suggests that they cast their nets again to another spot and the nets nearly break with their catch.

We have lived through Lent and have experienced the Resurrection, and now like the apostles we go back to everyday life. But we are different. We know that He has risen and He will show us where to cast our nets. This is all we have to do if we are to fulfill the work for which we were sent to earth. This is what it is to be a saint. Unfortunately many of the canonized saints have had extraordinary things attributed to them. I remember as a first grader being taken into church and being shown the stained glass windows. There was one with St. Sebastian being shot with arrows, another of St. Lawrence being grilled, a third of St. Perpetua and St. Felicitas being consumed by lions and finally the statue of St. Lucy with her eyeballs on a plate. I certainly did not want to be a saint. It was only when I started to read the gospels on my own that I realized that God's plan for me was not necessarily that gruesome. I

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## One in the Spirit

by John M. Ristaino

As Catholics there are many things we believe in. One aspect of faith is the ability to believe in something without seeing it. We walk by this type of faith and are guided by it. The Holy Spirit is an element of our faith which we can't see with the naked eye. Yet the Holy Spirit is present in our lives each and every day. We can't physically see the Holy Spirit daily, but we can sense the presence of the Holy Spirit daily.

One such manifestation of the Holy Spirit in our lives is each edition of 'The Weave.' As I write this article I have been told that the edition has the theme of "Pentecost." All the other contributors have been instructed similarly. We have been given no further insight or instruction in addition to that. However, I know as I type that the Holy Spirit is alive in the hearts and "pens" of each of the contributors to 'The Weave' and that through the intervention and presence of the Holy Spirit, a deeper and truer theme will emerge for this edition. One always does. That's the work of the Holy Spirit. Can you find the threads of our faith which run through this edition?

The Holy Spirit is present in our daily lives when we put Christ into action. The Holy Spirit guides us when we decide to love the person who is perhaps different from us. The Holy Spirit's presence allows us to help the needy and down trodden. The Holy Spirit is certainly alive in the hearts and actions of the St. Vincent

DePaul Society leaders and donors. The Holy Spirit is there when we choose the gentle response, and when we choose the peace-filled response to anger and angry people. The Holy Spirit is present in each and every act of Christian love. The Holy Spirit is love.

The Holy Spirit was with those affected by the terrible tragedy at the Boston Marathon. The Holy Spirit was in the hearts and hands of those who assisted the injured both on the streets of Boston as well in the hearts of those who helped people to pray for those affected and for those who perpetrated such evil. Yes, the Holy Spirit leads us to pray for our enemies no matter how awful their deeds or actions. The Holy Spirit leads us to love when our human hearts do not want to love. Praying for our enemies is an act of Christian love given to us by the Holy Spirit.

Here at St. Mary Parish the Holy Spirit is present in each and every one of our hundreds of volunteers. The Holy Spirit is present in the hearts and loving actions of the St. Mary Bereavement Team who reach out and comfort those in our parish who experience the death of a loved one. The Holy Spirit is in the hearts of our RCIA Team who reach out to welcome and instruct non-believers about the elements of our Catholic faith. The Holy Spirit leads and guides the volunteers in our Religious Education Program. The Holy Spirit is in the action of each and every volunteer at the St. Rocco Festival. The Holy Spirit leads us to service and is present in the hearts of those who serve as Leaders of Song, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Lectors, and Ushers at Mass. The Holy Spirit can be found in the humble service of those who clean our beautiful church. We witness the Holy Spirit in the hearts and actions of those who visit prisoners. The Holy Spirit is with them as they do as Christ would do.

The Holy Spirit is truly present when people visit and spend time with the elderly whether in their homes or in the

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## Families' Corner

by Katherine Ginnetty

As the weather allows New Englanders to move outside and enjoy the Spring, thoughts may turn to personal improvement in our external appearance. We hear radio ads trumpeting the benefits of exercising with friends; committing to exercising with other like-minded people provides immediate reinforcement as well as a sense of fun and accomplishment. Growing in faith and improving our inner self takes exercise, too, and reading spiritual books and studying Scripture are activities also best shared with friends. Unfortunately making time for fellowship can be difficult for stay at home mothers with young children, and new mothers frequently can feel isolated when they are home without other adult communication. Joining the St. Mary's Parish Mom's Bible Study Group is one excellent way to grow in faith while



developing friendships.

Now in its fifteenth year, the St. Mary's Mom's Bible Study group was formed by a group of young women in the parish who were looking for a way to grow in their faith through their shared connection as mothers. The group still offers an informal and welcoming way to learn more about scripture and explore the faith with like-minded Catholic mothers; today, in fact, there are grandmothers as well as mothers involved in the bi-weekly Thursday sessions. In the morning session, children who are old enough play together quietly, while the adult women meet in the conference room of the Church. According to Karen Tardiff, one of the parishioners who

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## Change Happens

by Father Brian Manning

Sometimes we look forward to change, and sometimes we do not. I do know that change happens whether we want it to or not. I know that some folks look forward to change with hope or anticipation, others do not. Some resist change, and some even try to change things back. Some folks are never happy, whether things change to their liking or not. Zeno of Elea said “panta rei” “all things flow.” Change happens sometimes for the better and sometimes not. In fact, often the problem is that we cannot really know whether particular change is for the apparent better. The definition of a good change is if we like it, a bad change is if we do not. Why all the musing about change in this article? In our Church and Parish we are in the midst of lots of change.

We have a new Pope. Pope Francis certainly is a dramatic change for us. His style of leadership and his example are very, very impressive. His energy, enthusiasm and daily practical life are examples to all of us. He certainly seems to hold his faith close to his heart, but has his hands extended far out in embracing and holding everyone. I like his basic theme of “Believe, but go out and do something for Christ.” We are blessed to have him as Pope. Perhaps we all will have a hard time keeping up with him. Change is not always easy!

Father Frank Campo, our Parochial Vicar, is being transferred. Yes, change is on the way for him and for us. Fr. Frank is only recently ordained and it helps recently ordained priests to have a few different assignments in their early years. Fr. Frank had a year’s extension here in Franklin, but now he must move on. Certainly all of us will miss him greatly. We should know that his beloved St. Thérèse will guide and protect him as he goes along. Change will not be easy for him, but he will continue to grow in grace and in fulfilling priestly service as a result.

We will welcome a new Parochial Vicar. What will he be like? Will he bring us change that we want, or even change we do not want? Will we bring change to him? Change brought us Fr. Frank Campo, so maybe this coming change will bring us another special gift of grace.

Our Music Director unexpectedly and suddenly resigned the Tuesday before Palm Sunday and Holy Week, the busiest time of the year for a church musician. Despite this change, our Holy Week and Easter Services were spiritually moving and profound in their worship of our God. In fact, we had the largest attendance all week in the last 5 years. We are now searching for a new Music Director and Organist. What will this change mean? We have over 60 resumes of people who want the position. Obviously many, many professional pastoral musicians want to change and come here. The Music Director at St. Mary’s is a most highly desired position, so that I am not worried about this change.

In our lives there is always a lot of change, no matter our age. Most of the time it has nothing to do with morality, it has simply to do with living life. Complaining, grumping, resisting or denying change is a waste of living and of life. Cooperating, accepting or compromising with change usually leads to a better life. Central heat, supermarkets and stoves were all changes. How many of us want to be cold, eating canned food most of the time or cook on an open fire?

In our Church we see significant change as something very spiritual. We are a people who believe in the three Persons of the one God: the Trinity. We hold and believe that the Holy Spirit empowers our Church, our faith and our life. We envision that the Holy Spirit guides and sustains all the great changes of life, and in fact in many ways our daily actions. We hold that the power of God animates us to live as baptized children of God. Did we not receive the Sacrament of

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## View From the Pew

by Joan McGuire

### The Bicycle Wheel

I was waiting for a friend and found a comfortable bench outside a bicycle shop. The sign above the door was a bicycle wheel turning in the wind. Watching the sun light bounce off the hub got me to musing about the dynamics of the entire wheel. The spokes evenly attached along the entire rim balanced the wheel by their connection with the center hub.

It seemed to me to be a graphic description of all the people of the universe. We all begin in a certain place and the days of our lives are the spokes leading inevitably back to God, the hub. Each path is separate; we must walk alone. The spokes in the beginning seem far apart and at different angles but as the spokes get closer to the hub the distance between them gets closer. As the spokes connect to the hub we see that each spoke is specifically placed in space and their closeness as they connect to the hub accounts for the perfect balance of the wheel.

When we are very young we only know our family and think that is the only way to live. As we expand our relationships we see other people as very different. The distance seems very great between our spokes and theirs. This sometimes leads to criticism and prejudice. If we continue to walk towards God we will see that others have different paths, different but not wrong.

As we get closer to the hub the distance will seem smaller. Hopefully, we will stop thinking or using terms like **them** and **us**. We will see that others who dress differently, who live differently and who even pray differently are God’s children in His human family - a great garden of vast variety.

As we finish the journey and reach the Hub of God’s Love we will realize that every bit of variety was necessary for the balanced functioning of His universe.



## Mark Your Parish Calendar

- May 19** Baptismal Catechesis
- May 19** Baptisms
- May 19** Baptism Catechesis, 1:30
- May 19** Pentecost
- May 22** New Eucharistic Minister training, 7pm
- May 25 Electronic Recycling, 9am-2pm, parking lot
- May 27 Memorial Day  
Mass at cemetery, 9am
- May 28 Mass at nursing home
- June 1 Food Collection Weekend
- June 2 Food Collection Weekend
- June 2 Baccalaureate Mass, 10:30
- June 2 Prolatio Concert
- June 9 Mass and reception for Fr. Frank
- June 9 Baptisms
- June 9 Baptism Catechesis, 1:30
- June 12 Mass at Forge Hill
- June 16 Baptisms
- June 23 Baptisms
- June 25 Mass at nursing home
- June 29 Freedom From Hunger Food Drive
- June 30 Freedom From Hunger Food Drive
- June 30 Baptisms
- July 10 Mass at Forge Hill
- July 14 Baptisms
- July 14 Baptism Catechesis, 1:30
- July 21 Baptisms
- July 28 Baptisms
- Aug. 4 Feast of St. Rocco  
Opening Mass
- Aug. 8 Feast of St. Rocco  
Rides & Limited food booths open, 6-10pm
- Aug. 9 Feast of St. Rocco  
All booths and rides open 6-11pm
- Aug. 10 Feast of St. Rocco  
Anointing Mass, 10am
- Aug. 10 Feast of St. Rocco  
11am-11pm
- Aug. 11 Feast of St. Rocco  
Closing Mass and procession of statue, 10:30
- Aug. 11 Feast of St. Rocco  
12-9pm

## Feast of Saint Rocco Schedule

**35th Annual  
Feast of St. Rocco  
August 4-11**

**August 4  
Opening Mass  
10:30 in the church**

**Thursday, August 8  
6pm-10pm  
All rides open  
Limited food booths open**

**Friday, August 9  
6pm-11pm  
All rides and food booths open  
Entertainment on the bandstand  
by The Reminisants**

**Saturday, August 10  
10am  
Anointing Mass and Sacrament of  
the Sick  
on the festival grounds  
11am-11pm  
All rides and food booths open  
DJ Bobby Costello in the afternoon  
Sea Breeze in the evening**

**Sunday, August 11  
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 12-4, 7-9  
Jerry Secco 4-7pm  
Raffle drawing at 8:30pm**

## Easter Baskets

*by Joan McGuire*

With joy and sadness, the staff and children from Religious Education delivered Easter baskets for the last time to the Cathedral Grammar School, which is closing in June. This is the eleventh year in a row that the students have completed this project. Each Religious Education class fills a basket for one of the students at the Cathedral Grammar School. 117 baskets were distributed there this year to very happy and appreciative children. This year we also had extra students who needed baskets. An email was sent to all the families in Religious Education and before the end of the day, families had volunteered to make baskets for these students as well. The older children at the school were each given \$30 in gift certificates to various stores and restaurants - CVS, Stop and Shop, McDonalds, Dunkin Donuts, etc. This was made possible by all of the older children in our program, as well as, some family donations. It shows that when you have all those generous children in Religious Ed. look at the parents. The apple doesn't fall far from the tree.

The baskets were delivered and the children were thrilled. Our Religious Ed. coordinators reminded Sister Dorothy, the Principal of the Cathedral Grammar School, that the people of St. Mary's get more out of this than her students do! Thank you to everyone who made this possible for the last eleven years. It will be hard for these children to go to another school next year so please remember them in your prayers.





## Living Each Day With Chronic Cancer

by Nan Rafter, Parish Nurse

When you hear the word cancer you immediately think terminal diagnosis or will there be a cure? I think that is the way most people look at cancer. However with new treatments and medications the diagnosis of cancer has changed. Cancer can be considered incurable but quite treatable and people can live a long time with cancer...with being the key word.

My neighbor down the Cape lives each day to the fullest. She was diagnosed many years ago with cancer and embraces each day as a gift. She compares herself to people who need insulin to live... people like her need chemotherapy to live. And live she does. She travels to exotic lands in the winter and "beaches" in the summer, all scheduled around her treatments. She enjoys lunches and movies with friends and family enjoying the life she has "for today."

Having a cancer diagnosis is not always a terminal diagnosis. Living with chronic cancer can be compared to training for an athletic event. It is important to pace yourself, take care of yourself, and listen to your body. The goal of treating chron-

ic cancer is to maintain a balance between treatment and quality of life. There are many coping strategies for living a full life with cancer:

It is important to **ask questions**. Knowing the facts will help to make an informed decision. It will also help you to stay in charge and take an aggressive role in your health care decisions.

Keep a **logbook** of symptoms and questions for visits with your healthcare providers. Discuss concerns with your healthcare providers.

**Be honest** about side effects and how they affect your quality of life. Ask for help managing pain, fatigue and other side effects.

Maintain consistent **follow-up visits**.

It is important to stay **positive** and **surround yourself with positive people**.

Take **time and care for yourself**, eat healthy foods, get plenty of rest and make time do to the things you love, like going to the beach! Take advantage of complementary treatments such as

acupuncture and massage therapy.

**Pray, meditate** and find a **spiritual practice** that soothes your soul.

Living with cancer is to embrace each day to the fullest and to focus on a life with faith, hope and love. Isn't that an important life philosophy for us all?

God will give us the strength to carry the burden of cancer, a burden which he shares with us.

*"Jesus gives me, at every moment, what I am able to bear and nothing more. If in the next moment, he increases my suffering, he also increases my strength. (St. Thérèse of Lisieux)"*

## Go Back to Galilee...

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just had to be myself and use the talents He had given to me wherever I was. This is true for all of us. We have to be attentive to the "sacrament of the present moment" and put aside our own agenda. God needs hands to do His work not advisors. It is hard to put aside the noise of everyday living and listen to Him. This is why the Paraclete was sent to be with us. Through the power of the Holy Spirit we are called to restore renew and rebuild the Community of the people of God each day. In the Hebrew Scriptures people who devoted themselves to the service of God were frequently compared to trees. Isaiah called them "Oaks of Righteous" because they transformed everything around them for the glory of God.

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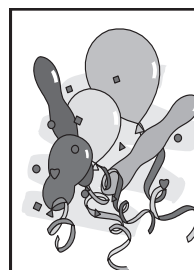
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If your parish group or organization would like to place a notice in the bulletin, we must receive it **in writing** by 5pm Sunday afternoon for the following weekend. Information can also be submitted for inclusion on the parish website at any time.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

**If your organization is planning to use any parish facilities**, such as the church, church hall, lower church meeting rooms or the 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](http://www.stmarysfranklin.org). There is a wealth of information available there.



35<sup>th</sup> St. Rocco  
Festival

August 8-11

See You There!

## Random Acts of Kindness

by Joan McGuire

This is an interview I had with two Religious Education students, Grace Bower and Caroline Gleavy, who understood the meaning of Lent. Grace's family decided to perform 26 random acts of kindness during Lent, in honor of the 26 people who died in the Newtown, Connecticut massacre. Grace, along with her friend, Caroline, decided to challenge all the 4<sup>th</sup> grade religious education families to join them in performing acts of kindness. They made charts for the many families who accepted the challenge, to fill in showing all the things that their families did during Lent. Hopefully, in the next issue of *The Weave* we will print the statistics that they have compiled.

To help the students to reach their goal they gave a list of suggestions:

- Put together Easter baskets for the children of Cathedral Elementary School and deliver them
- Volunteer for food drives, car washes to get money for the needy
- Stock the shelves at Food Pantries

Around school:

- be friendly to new students and show them around without being asked
- if you see a student sitting by his/her self in the cafeteria join them. No one should eat alone!
- pick up trash left around in school
- open the door or hold it for others

One family had received two gift certificates to the Longhorn Restaurant. When they went to the restaurant they gave one away to an elderly couple who was sitting at a nearby table.

This is a well thought out plan to make Lent a time of kindness and sharing. I look forward to seeing the replies to the 4<sup>th</sup> grade challenge and the many different acts of kindness that the students and families performed.

**Go St Mary's Students!**

## A St. Mary's Tradition

In 1996, St. Mary's parish began its current Baccalaureate Mass tradition.

Each May, all high school seniors in the town of Franklin and their families are invited to St. Mary's for a Baccalaureate Mass to celebrate their graduation.

This year's Baccalaureate Mass is Sunday, **June 2<sup>nd</sup>**, at **10:30am**.



lectors, Eucharistic ministers and speaker.

After Mass there is a reception for the graduates and their families in the lower church hall.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the parish community to celebrate this special time in the graduates lives and to recognize and appreciate the many young people who are active in the life of

this parish.

This is always a memorable and heartwarming celebration.

Graduates are asked to wear their caps and gowns and process in at the start of Mass. Members of the graduating class participate in the Mass as

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hospital. The Holy Spirit is evident when we volunteer at soup kitchens and food pantries. The Holy Spirit is manifested when we do what is right and just rather than what is quick and easy. The Holy Spirit reminds us that living as Christ would have us live is not always convenient, but it is of great value and produces much fruit.

With each and every Christ-like action we can see the power of the Holy Spirit alive in our lives. There are many, many more examples of the Holy Spirit's presence in our lives. So you see the Holy Spirit is alive in our daily world. Each one of these examples illustrates that there are different gifts. Each of the people mentioned above are blest with different and wonderfully unique gifts of the Holy Spirit. Yet as different as these gifts may be they come from the one Holy Spirit who accomplishes each of them. We are each uniquely different. In our individual faith journeys the Holy Spirit guides us and nurtures us with the right gifts and strengths at the right time. No one of us can do all of Christ's work on earth. But each of us as Christians can do our part with the help of the Spirit.

The Holy Spirit, through our prayers and our faith, is there to help us and to fortify us to be better Christians, to be more Christ-like, to be Christ to others. The Holy Spirit is in us as we are in Christ. The Holy Spirit is a wonderful element of our faith which is alive in our hearts.



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Confirmation as the sealing of God's Spirit in our lives? Many of us are old enough to remember Pope John XXIII. Did he bring change in his time as Pope? Certainly! The breathe of the Holy Spirit was blowing then. So, in terms of our lives and Church, let us remember it is the Holy Spirit who leads us and guides us.

## ...Families' Corner

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coordinates the Bible Study group, anywhere from one to four children from toddler to preschool age regularly attend. The children draw or play with their toys, and they are allowed to have a snack in the conference room while the adults are meeting.

In addition to the morning meeting with children present, there is an evening session just for moms held the second and fourth Thursdays of the month in the same conference room. According to Sarah Drake, the coordinator of the evening session, there are usually six to ten women in regular attendance at these sessions that last about an hour and a half. All members are welcome even if they haven't had time to do the reading for the week, since the members present read the scripture together and voluntarily contribute to the questions and discussion. Those participants who haven't read ahead often contribute anyway, or they may choose to just listen to the discussion. Sarah stresses that the group is really more about fellowship and growing in faith than in making sure everyone has prepared to participate in the particular assigned reading. Sarah says, "We have a lot of "ah ha!" moments - something we've read in the bible that we've all heard before, but strikes some-

one differently. Often the discussions about how God shows His love for His people that we are discussing from scripture take a turn to discussions about how we, as mothers, show our love for our children. Funny how discipline, obedience, patience, love and so many other characteristics are as important for us to practice in our relationship with God, as we teach our children to practice in life." Members purchase a guided scripture study using various workbooks that include passages from the bible and questions for reflection and discussion. At the moment, the two groups are just finishing a study called *God and His Creation*, which focuses on the first books of Genesis and beginning the second book in the series, called *God and His Family*, on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Sometimes the group chooses to use studies based on particular books of the Bible, but at other times their topics are thematic. To make the choice of which study to use, a group member does some research about potential resources and sends the links about those studies to the members of the whole group who can then voice their selection via email. The women try to find Catholic studies that reference the Catechism, and no previous bible study experience is necessary to participate. Members can come to all or some of the meetings, and as expected,

get the most out of the discussions when they've had the opportunity to do the readings and reflections ahead of time. However, Sarah emphasizes that it's stimulating to be around other Catholic women with similar values and interests just for conversation if not Biblical examination!

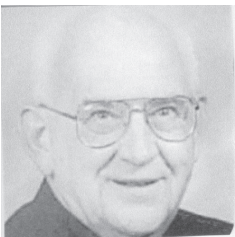
According to the coordinators, the group consists of women of all levels of faith. Sarah Drake says, "We have those who are new to the Church, those who have been lifelong Catholics but didn't know much about their faith, those who are completely unfamiliar with the bible, and those feeling the pull of the Holy Spirit to explore their faith. We also have mothers who have had strong faith their whole lives and those who are very familiar with the bible, but are still exploring their faith. And we have every level of faith in between. We don't have an expert or teacher - we rely on the books to guide us and each other to nourish us. After all, isn't our faith a journey? And isn't it nice when we can choose who to travel with?"

The Mom's Bible Study Group publishes in the bulletin an invitation to join them on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 9:30 am or 7pm in the conference room in the lower church.

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### Our Beloved Father Frank Beksha Has Gone Home To God

by Joan McGuire



Father Frank Beksha, a senior priest in residence at St Mary's from 1990 until 1998 died in his home in Medway on April 17<sup>th</sup> after a period of declining health.

He was born and raised in Medway and was ordained on June 14<sup>th</sup> 1946 by Cardinal Richard Cushing.

During his career Father was assigned to Immaculate Conception in Cambridge, Sacred Heart in Lynn, St Matthew in

Dorchester, St Joseph in Malden and served as Pastor at St Thomas in Millis.

Even after he went to Regina Cleri, Father Beksha came back to say Mass on the weekends here at St. Mary's. He will be remembered for his great kindness, his sense of humor and his ability to put problems in perspective.

He was buried from St. Joseph Church in Medway on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> after his 11 o'clock Funeral Mass.

Although we will all have our favorite "Father Frank" story to console us, we will still miss him very much. He was truly the "Good Shepherd."

#### Feast of Saint Rocco Liturgical Services

**Sunday, August 4**  
**Opening Mass 10:30am**

**Saturday, August 10**  
**Mass and Sacrament of**  
**Anointing of the Sick**  
**10:00am on the festival grounds**

**Sunday, August 11**  
**Closing Mass 10:30am**  
**followed by the Procession of the St.**  
**Rocco statue to the festival grounds**

## A Farewell to Father Frank Campo

by Joan McGuire

The committee who planned this event as a tribute to Father

Frank's selfless service to the people of St Mary's Parish fam-

On Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup> the parish is planning a farewell for Father Frank Campo. It will begin with the Mass at noon followed by a reception until 3PM downstairs in the Sacred Heart Hall of the parish center.

All parishioners are invited to come to offer Father Frank their good wishes for his new assignment.



*Pictured: Peter Brunelli, Anne King, Dolores Brunelli, Father Frank Campo, Lucy Negrone, Pandora Carlucci, Gene Negrone. Missing: Frank Fiorillo, Faith Flaherty, John Ristaino, Dorothy Steeves.*

ily consisted of Chairwoman Dolores Brunelli assisted by Peter Brunelli, Pandora Carlucci, Frank Fiorillo, Faith Flaherty, Lucy and Gene Negrone, John Ristaino, Dorothy Steeves and Anne King.

We look forward to seeing many of you there to say goodbye to Father Frank.

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