

The Weave

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A Quarterly Newsletter of St. Mary Parish Family, Franklin MA

Veni, Vidi, Velcro

by Paula Coughlin

My daughter Jennie recently tweeted a variation on an old saying that sums up the Feast of St. Rocco for many people:

Veni, Vidi, Velcro
I came, I saw, I stuck around.

Both in the booths and on the field, you will find many familiar faces from one year to the next.

Many parishioners have been involved from the beginning, changing positions as needed. Other parishioners started as festival-goers and eventually became booth workers and then sometimes took over a booth. Others began working at the festival in the early years, put in their time as volunteers and now come back to enjoy the festival.

Young adults have grown up with the festival, working in a booth or as runners to the supply trucks, or helping with set-up or takedown, or assisting at the Anointing Mass.

Some have learned the art of stuffing cannoli shells, scooping slush, serving

hamburgers and hot dogs, painting faces, squeezing lemons or making pizza while working at the festival.

Parishioners have moved away, but return frequently either to help out in a booth or just to visit with old friends and enjoy the wonderful food.



Visitors, too, come back from year to year. There is a story, from the early years of the festival, that a traveler from New Jersey came to town on business and was looking for a place to eat. Whoever he asked, sent him to St. Rocco's. He had such a great time that he returned every year for many years.

Fr. Brian and Fr. Jack Sullivan, our visiting priest, both knew about our Feast of St. Rocco before they were assigned to St. Mary's.

Local, and not so local, residents come back from year to year as well. Over and over again on the field, you hear the comment, "I haven't seen you since last year!" Followed

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A Season Without a Reason?

by Joan McGuire

After a great explosion the silence is overwhelming. This is how it feels in Ordinary Time. All the big feasts with the preparation and Pomp and Circumstance are over. To some it is a relief and to others a let down. I have seen religious articles that call ordinary times "A season without a reason. I tend to disagree. The major feasts show us God's immense love for us. Ordinary Time is when we have the opportunity to plan and effect ways of showing God our love for Him. We are finite and God our loving parent realizes this, so He gives us quiet time to walk in our way of love.

When I reach out to find the way, I turn to the Book of Exodus. Although I read some portion of the New Testament every day, it is to the people of the exodus I feel a kindred spirit. In the New Testament the people meet Jesus and they go off praising God and we never hear of them again. So we imagine them spending the rest of their lives faithfully doing great things. The people of the exodus are grumpy, stubborn, petty and even belligerent. As bad as it was in

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Walk a Mile in My Shoes

by Helen Brunelle

As you are filling in your calendars for September, please write “**Friends of the Poor Walk**” on Saturday, September 29. **The Walk** is organized locally by our St. Vincent de Paul Society. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. in Sacred Heart Hall (lower level of church). After registering, walkers may begin **The Walk**. We’ll walk a total of 3 miles: along Oak Street, up Iroquois Drive, and back. **The Walk** ends at 11:00 a.m.

Participants collect pledges in a fixed amount. All money is collected at the time the pledge is made, and should be turned in on the day of **The Walk**. 100% of the money raised in Franklin stays in Franklin, to help people who are struggling financially.

To register on-line for **The Walk** or to pledge money on-line, please go to the national website at www.svdpusa.org. Paper regis-



tration packets are available at the front doors of the church, at the rectory, and at www.stmarysfranklin.org. The website features all the necessary information for the local **Walk**. Also, people may register on the day of **The Walk**.

Last year’s **Walk** was extremely successful, raising over \$5600!

We hope to see everyone return this year, along with hundreds more!

We invite the whole community to show concern for friends and neighbors who are heavily burdened by stepping up and joining together for this worthwhile, pleasant fall event. Ready! Set! **WALK!**



Feast of Saint Rocco Liturgical Services

Sunday, August 5
Opening Mass 10:30am

Saturday, August 11
Mass and Sacrament of
Anointing of the Sick
10:00am on the festival grounds

Sunday, August 12
Closing Mass 10:30am
followed by the Procession of the St.
Rocco statue to the festival grounds



Families’ Corner

by Katherine Ginnetty

While we’re waiting for the annual St. Rocco festival this summer, parishioners at St. Mary’s may want to investigate a summer reading website for adults, teens and children set up by a Colorado Catholic book and religious goods store named “Aquinas and more.” This company’s tagline, “Rebuilding Catholic culture, one soul at a time,” reflects the nature of its mission. Only by reading about the Faith can Catholics come to appreciate it and learn about the profound implications of professing oneself as a Catholic.

The website, catholicsummerreading.com, contains a list of recommended reading for all ages, including a list of 100 recommended books for children by grade. Some of the titles for elementary school aged children are *Our Lady of Guadalupe* story book, *Adventures in Art*, and *Celtic Heritage Saints*. For older children and young teens, there is the *Ask the Bible Geek* series; and for teenagers there both classics such as CS Lewis’ *The Screwtape Letters* and practical advice books like *Preparing your Faith for College*.

The website has links for establishing or joining on-line discussion groups, flyers for starting a parish reading group for any age or to supplement children’s reading groups and other interactive opportunities such as nominating best books every year. In 2011 the adult winner was *Fatherless* by Brian Gale, and the teen winner was *Black as Night* by Regina Doman. The website has been recording readers’ votes since 2007, so there are many recommended winning titles. There are also a series of coloring pages for children to complete as they read (http://catholicsummerreading.com/CSR_Packet2012.pdf).

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From the Desk of Father Brian

Time moves ever so quickly in life. When I was in kindergarten, I can remember waiting and waiting and waiting for things to happen: to go to Mt. Hope playground, to go on the bus and the 'elevator' to Boston or to go to Scituate to the beach at my grandmother's. I was always waiting and time seemed never to move. Life has certainly changed. Time moves faster than the speed of a computer! Now I am never waiting and always wishing for more time to get ready, or to breathe or to rest.

Every year, the Church has a "liturgical year." This is the calendar of religious events that we follow and celebrate that lets us tell our story. Some of you may say "What story?" The story of the Church is the story of Jesus Christ. We tell again the story of the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Each year as we tell the story, we are different people who hear it. If we are young with lots of waiting time, we are one year older and have some more experiences. If we are older, then a fast year has flown by and we have had many experiences. During our lives in every year sickness, death, birth, graduation, separation, advancement, doubt, betrayal, and faithfulness may have occurred. When we hear the story of Jesus Christ as proclaimed in the Gospels at Mass, we may hear the same story, but because we have changed in big or small ways, the meaning of the story will be different in our lives.

The Church has set up our scripture at Sunday Mass to be in a three year cycle. Each year we read as the main Gospel Matthew, Mark or Luke. John is injected at various

points for us. The three regular Gospels are called 'the synoptic gospels'. This means they were written from the 'eye witness' point of view. John's Gospel is different. It is a more philosophical and mellow Gospel of thought. Lots less details and lots of thought! It is interesting to note that most people do not realize that we actually read different Gospels in different years. The story over time has become one. It helps to remember and know that each Gospel writer has his own view and subtlety of meaning that he wants us to grasp. The first reading offered at Mass is usually from the Old Testament. This reading has been selected to match thematically with the Gospel. In using the first reading as tool to understand the Gospel, we gain much greater insight. During Ordinary Time, the second reading is mere a continuous reading from one of the epistles. It has meaning on its own, but is not connected to the Gospel. In many other countries, the second reading is not used during Ordinary Time.

It is important when we listen to God's holy word at Mass to frame some questions in our heads. We should be using all the skills that are expected of us when we are listening to a family member telling us something very important. If you do not listen, you will not hear.

Some of us tend to want God to entertain us in Church through his ministers and also the scripture and music. After all "Here I am in Church and what is the priest, the lay ministers and God going do for me?" How often do we say or hear "I do not get anything, or much, out of it." Imagine, being in the presence of the most holy God and not get much out of it!

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View From the Pew

by Joan McGuire

A job for Job

At a Biblical Conference I attended a while ago, a group of the participants got together one night to tell our favorite Scripture story and share its significance. Most of the parables were from the New Testament but for me, possibly because what was happening in my life at that time, my choice was abundantly clear - the Book of Job.

Job is portrayed as a faithful man of God. The Hebrews describe these people as "righteous men." He lived faithfully and appeared therefore to be rewarded in his daily life.

As the story opens, the devil goads God into proving Job's faithfulness by allowing misfortunes to befall him. Originally, Job accepts his lot but then his friends come to visit and start to ask him what he did to have God punish him in this way. They are operating within the context of retributive theology in which God is the direct cause of the good and misfortunes that occur. Therefore Job must have done some evil to have God punish him in this way. Since he cannot understand what he did wrong he now blames God for being unfair. He is struggling with question of Justice in his life. Although he rejects the advice of his friends, he listens to another visitor (God) who appears. The stranger teaches Job that there is mystery to the happenings in the universe. He keeps asking Job "can you understand this?" and "can you control this?" At the end, Job seems to understand that there is a lot in human life that he could not understand or control.

This story was important to me for a number of reasons. First, I must be careful not to judge the happenings in the life of other people or to give critical advice about their sufferings. Secondly, since I cannot control or understand some of the happenings in my life, I have to trust God that all is for my eternal good.

"Life is a mystery to be lived not a problem to be solved." If I can accept this, I will be transformed even if the particular circumstances in my life may not be changed.



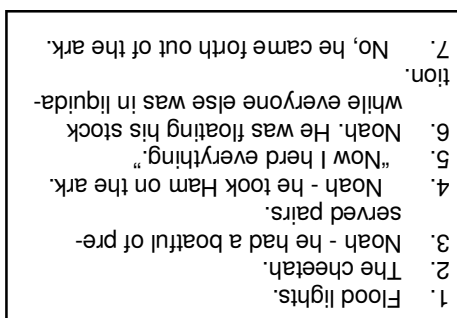
Mark Your Parish Calendar

- Aug. 3** **First Friday Adoration**
Confession - 2:15
Benediction - 2:45
- Aug. 4/5** Food Collection Weekend
- Aug. 5** Opening Mass-Feast of St. Rocco, 10:30
- Aug. 5** Baptisms
- Aug. 8** Mass at Forge Hill
- Aug. 9** **Feast of St. Rocco, 6-10pm**
Rides, midway and limited food booths open
- Aug. 10** **Feast of St. Rocco, 6-11pm**
Rides, midway and all food booths open
- Aug. 11** **Feast of St. Rocco Anointing Mass - 10am**
- Aug. 11** **Feast of St. Rocco 11am-11pm**
- Aug. 12** **Feast of St. Rocco Closing Mass, 10:30am**
- Aug. 12** **Feast of St. Rocco 12-9pm**
- Aug. 14** **Vigil Mass**
Feast of the Assumption
Mass: 4pm
- Aug. 15** **Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Masses: 7am, 9am, 7:30pm
- Aug. 18** Bookbag Collection
- Aug. 19** Bookbag Collection
- Aug. 19** Baptisms
- Aug. 19** Baptismal Catechesis
- Aug. 26** Baptisms
- Aug. 28** Mass at nursing home
- Sept. 1/2** Food Collection Weekend
- Sept. 7** **First Friday Adoration**
Confession 2:15
Benediction 2:45
- Sept. 9** Baptisms
- Sept. 9** Baptismal Catechesis
- Sept. 9** Youth Mass resumes
- Sept. 10** Health Ministry Meeting
- Sept. 11** Book Club Meeting
- Sept. 12** Mass at Forge Hill
- Sept. 16** Baptisms
- Sept. 23** Baptisms
- Sept. 25** Mass at nursing home
- Sept. 29** Friends of the Poor Walk
- Sept. 30** Baptisms
- Oct. 1** Health Ministry meeting
- Oct. 6/7** Food Collection Weekend
- Oct. 7** Baptisms
- Oct. 9** Book Club Meeting
- Oct. 10** Mass at Forge Hill
- Oct. 14** Baptisms
- Oct. 14** Baptismal Catechesis
- Oct. 21** Baptisms
- Oct. 23** Mass at nursing home
- Oct. 27** **Confirmation**
10am & 12pm
- Oct. 28** **Confirmation - 2pm**

Scam Scram

It seems that there is a new scam invented every day. Keep a few helpful tips in mind, and you can tell those who might attempt a scam to just scam!

- 1) Be aware that you can be at risk from strangers, and from those close to you. Keep an open line of communication with a number of relatives.
- 2) Don't isolate yourself. Keep connected to family and friends, and find resources to stay active.
- 3) Tell solicitors or anyone who calls that you only respond to something in writing. Never give a credit card or bank account number over the phone to someone who calls you.
- 4) Sign up for the "Do Not Call" list, and check your credit report at www.AnnualCreditReport.com each year for free.
- 5) Use direct deposit for annuity or pension checks or any other regular income.
- 6) Do your research before donating to a charity.



- Oct. 31** **All Saints Day**
Vigil Mass - 4pm
- Nov. 1** **All Saints Day**
Masses: 7am, 9am, 7:30pm
- Nov. 2** First Friday Adoration
Confession: 2:15
Benediction: 2:45
- Nov. 3/4** Food Collection Weekend
- Nov. 4** Baptisms
- Nov. 13** Book Club Meeting
- Nov. 14** Mass at Forge Hill
- Nov. 18** Baptisms
- Nov. 18** Baptismal Catechesis
- Nov. 22** Thanksgiving
Mass at 8am
- Nov. 27** Mass at nursing home
- Dec. 1/2** Food Collection Weekend
- Dec. 2** First Sunday of Advent

Vehicle Donation Program

by James Manning

Looking for a way to make a difference in our community? Then why not donate your old vehicle to the St. Vincent de Paul Society? Your donation will be converted into critical items for those in need, including food, clothing, shelter, medicine, and care for the elderly. Depending on its condition, your old vehicle may provide transportation to a family in need to allow them the dignity of keeping a job to support their family. And unlike other vehicle donation programs, your donation will be tied directly to our community. You will help someone in the immediate area. We also accept trucks, motorcycles, RVs, boats, and jet skis. If it rolls, floats, or flies, we can accommodate the donation. For more information, visit www.svdpusacars.com or call James Manning at (508) 341-2293.

...Fr. Brian

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I think we confuse ourselves with who God is. We come to Church to praise and give glory to God. As a gracious gift from Him, we receive The Risen Christ in Holy Communion and encounter Him in the Words of Scripture. Entertainment is at the Comcast Center or the various cinemas, God is in the Church.

So during this time of summer, it is very good time to reflect on why you come to Church and Mass and what you bring to Church. Reflection does not have to take a lot of time. When you are driving to Church, or when you are crossing the street to get to the doors, some private and quiet thought would be good. You could ask yourself: "what I am bringing to God today? Will I listen to what God is saying today, instead of what I want Him to say? What can I discover today that will help me this week?"



by Nan Rafter, Parish Nurse

A Time to Rest

In the last issue of the Weave, I wrote about having balance in your life. So many of you told me that they needed to look at their schedules and how they spend their time. I continue to challenge you, in a gentle way to take care of yourself.

As we enter the summer season, I find it important to take time to slow down and rest. Our society promotes an increase in stress and productivity by measuring our "worth" by how busy we are. Our stress levels are also increased through the vicarious trauma we receive from the media or just everyday life.

All of this stress can affect our sleep, which can affect our health. It is our responsibility to take care of ourselves and rest.

Speaking of rest, to help with a good nights sleep, here are some helpful hints;

Walking one mile at a leisurely pace can help you to fall asleep up to 33% faster and deliver the same results as an over-the-counter sleep medication without the

groggy side effects or addiction risk.

To help avoid waking up at 3 a.m., eliminate "the nightcap" glass of wine. Alcohol can disrupt sleep by triggering a mini-withdrawal effect several hours after taking your last sip. An evening cup of coffee or a dish of coffee ice cream can keep you tossing and turning well into the early morning hours.

If you eat high-protein foods that take a long-time to digest too close to your bedtime, stomach rumblings from digestion can actually wake you up.

If you snack late at night choose easy to digest simple carbs like ice-cream, but don't forget portion control and do not have coffee ice cream!

Challenge your mind 15 minutes before you go to bed. Doing a cross-word puzzle or sudoku can tire and refocus your mind off the things that interfere with sleep.

Ordinary outside sounds like birds

singing, car-honking or dogs barking may not wake you up each time but can keep you from entering a deep, restful sleep. A solution could be listening to "white" noise like a fan or machine that causes a steady humming. If you have a television in your bedroom, turn it off at night or you may incorporate the nightly news or talk shows into your dreams!

I invite you to take the time to let your thoughts wander, rest your mind and dream

Lord, the more we dream the farther our hopes will take us. Let us be carried on the wings of our dreams with a confidence yet unknown. May we accept our challenges with unfounded enthusiasm and naïve expectations, for nothing is impossible in your midst. Let us be blind to obstacles and limitations as we build your glorious kingdom.



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.

Feast of St. Rocco August 5-12

Thursday, August 9

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

All rides and food booths open

Friday, August 10 6pm-11pm

Saturday, August 11 11am-11pm

Sunday, August 12 12noon-9pm

Liturgical Services

Sunday, August 5

Opening Mass

10:30am in the upper church

Saturday, August 11

Mass and Sacrament of

Anointing of the Sick

10:00am on the festival grounds

Sunday, August 12

Closing Mass

10:30am in the upper church

followed by the

Procession of the St. Rocco statue
to the festival grounds

Summer Reading “And Then Some”

by Father Frank Campo

What the ancients called “*Time’s Winged Chariot*” applies to how fast this summer has come upon us and how fast it is coming to an end. Yet I will still suggest four modern books for summer reading, which are as beautifully written as they are a joy to read.

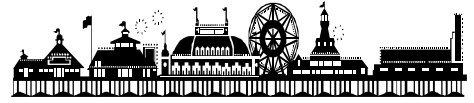
The first is **Illustrissimi** (“*To the Illustrious Ones*”), a collection of letters by Pope John Paul I. He wrote 40 of them, under a pseudonym and they were published by the Italian Catholic newspaper, “*Messaggero di S. Antonio*” in the early 1970’s, when he was Cardinal Albino Luciano, archbishop and patriarch of Venice. They are highly unusual, written to people as far back in history as the Greek philosopher Hippocrates, covering saints, sinners, poets, authors through the centuries, and even including such fictional characters as Pinocchio. One of the letters is addressed to Jesus Christ Himself (“*I write trembling.*”) Each letter is gem in itself.

The second book is **Joseph and Chico** (“*The Life of Pope Benedict XVI as Told by a Cat.*”) Chico, the cat, describes his “best friend,” then Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger. There is a drawing of Chico held by the Pope on the cover. The book is simply delightful and wonderfully illustrated. It is the Vatican authorized biography of the Pope for young people around the world. Yet adults can benefit from it, as well.

The third is **The Diary of a Country Priest** by the French novelist George Bernanos, a fictional journal about a young priest assigned to a small country town. It is a primer on what priestly life is. Furthermore, through its characters, it contains a positive, yet critical discussion of not only the life of a priest, but that of lay people, religious and the Church itself. The novel, also, deals with human frailties, such as gossip spread by some mean-spirited parishioners who hearing of the priest’s stomach problems conclude he is a secret alcoholic. Actually, the priest is suffering from stomach cancer. One of the most beautiful descriptions of the Blessed Mother ever written, appears in its pages, “**She is younger than sin; Younger than the race from which she came.**”

The fourth is **Lamb in His Bosom** by the American novelist, Caroline Miller. An unforgettable description of what the South was before the Civil War. A young mother, faced with the hardship of pioneer life in South Georgia, experiences a series of challenges including the death of her husband, leaving her alone with their small children in the wilderness. A stern country preacher visits her, but can only quote from the Old Testament Book of Job, “*God giveth and God taken away.*” The mother asks him instead, in the midst of her grief, “**Tell me of the Woman who walked the Moon.**” Caroline Miller’s lovely, singular description of Our Lady, based on the New Testament Book of Revelations, was written before her conversion to Catholicism.

These five books are summer reading for sure; and “*then some*” as they are not bound by any time or season.



**Feast of St. Rocco
August 5-12**

**August 5
Opening Mass
10:30 in the church**

**Thursday, August 9
6pm-10pm
All rides open
Limited food booths open**

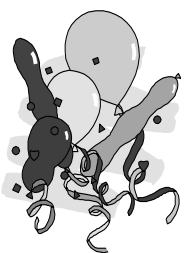
**Friday, August 10
6pm-11pm
All rides and food booths open
Entertainment on the bandstand
by The Reminisants**

**Saturday, August 11
10am
Anointing Mass and Sacrament of
the Sick
on the festival grounds**

**11am-11pm
All rides and food booths open
Chocolate Chip Cookie Contest 1pm
Entertainment on the bandstand
DJ Giacomo in the afternoon
Itamia in the evening**

**Sunday, August 12
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**



**34th St. Rocco
Festival**

August 9-12

See You There!



...A Season Without Reason?

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Egypt, every time they met obstacles they whined for the good times in Egypt. They were saved from the Egyptian army and they complained (probably that they got wet feet). They were given manna to eat and they complained (where's the jelly?). When Moses went up the mountain and they felt abandoned they turned back to old ways and worshiped the golden calf. And God still didn't desert them. He offered them the Promised Land and He led them there in spite of themselves.

Yahweh went before them by day in the form of a cloud to show them the way, and by night in the form of a pillar of fire to give them light. - Exodus 13: 21-22

We too are pilgrims and God is our guide on our journey through the wilderness of life. However it must be pointed out that the Israelites had

to focus carefully to observe His cloud from the others. At night God appeared as pillar of fire but He did not take away the darkness.

Any good leader must be in sync with those he guides.

God our leader:
dwells in us - He knows our needs better than we do

Is alive in us - encouraging us to move on through the wilderness and stays with us when we rest

Is a giver - bestowing special graces for each day's journey

Is an friend - asking us to let go, to have faith in his molding us through some event

Is a surpriser - showing us unexpected panoramic views after terrible terrains

To be a good pilgrim we must try imitating an **apple - ripe, red, and juicy.**

An apple does not reach maturity squirming on its stem muttering" I must work hard to be red, ripe and juicy. Two things are necessary for the apple's development: Nutrients -the apple's stem must have open channels to receive them.

For us it is the graces God is willing to bestow if our channels are open

The Sun - the apple needs the sun to get the energy to grow and mature. We are the sun to each other. As the sun warms it matures the apple so it can reach its full potential. So our kind words and actions to others warms their spirit and increases their confidence and self-esteem. We are essential to the spiritual growth of our neighbor. Therefore we share in their success. We are truly our brother's keepers.



...Veni, Vidi, Velcro

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by a catching up of news from both parties.

Jennie, who moved to Virginia ten years ago, but returns every year for St. Rocco, still meets people who don't realize that she no longer lives here since they see her every year in August.

If you are a returning participant or visitor, welcome back. If you are new to our St. Rocco Festival. I hope to see you next year and in the years to come.

Veni,  Vidi,
Velcro

The 34th annual Saint Rocco festival runs from August 5-12, beginning with the Opening Mass on Sunday, August 5 at 10:30am.

The Healing Mass with the Anointing of the Sick will be held on Saturday, August 11 at 10am on the festival grounds. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

The Closing Mass will take place on Sunday, August 12. This will be followed by the procession of the statue of St. Rocco from the church to the festival grounds.

The field events begin on Thursday at 6pm with rides and limited food booths open.

All the food booths open beginning on Friday at 6pm. Rides and food booths will be open from 6-11pm. Food booths and rides will be open Saturday from 11am-11pm, and Sunday from noon-9pm.

St. Rocco Entertainment Schedule

Friday, August 10

Kizzy the Clown
6-11pm on the bandstand
The Reminisants

Saturday, August 11

1:30-4:30pm DJ on the bandstand
Kizzy the Clown
6-11pm on the bandstand
Itamia

Sunday, August 12

12-5pm on the bandstand
Bob Costello DJ
1:00-2:00pm
Chocolate Chip Cookie Contest
5-9pm on the bandstand
Jerry Seeco Band
Kizzy the Clown
8:30pm Raffle drawing



Meet Father Jack Sullivan

*by Father Jack Sullivan,
Parochial Vicar*

On Super Bowl Weekend, I was visiting a longtime friend who is pastor of San Roque Parish, Santa Barbara CA. I assured Mike that I had heard of Saint Rocco. I recalled my visits to Franklin's annual festival.

My assignments in the priesthood have been several; St. Patrick, Natick; from 1974-1976; graduate studies at Harvard, 1976-77 and the Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome, 1977-1980. Teaching Biblical studies at St. John

Seminary, Brighton kept me busy from 1980 until 2005. After one year at St. Columbkille, Brighton the Cardinal asked me to serve the people of St. Gerard Majella Parish, Canton.



Father Jack Sullivan

I am grateful for the warm welcome and hospitality that Father Brian and Father Frank have extended to me. I trust that they and you will find in me a helper who is alert and generous in pointing to the Lord Jesus. When

you see me walking through town as part of my wellness exercise program, please wave or honk.

Ark-eology Quiz

1. What kind of lights did Noah have on the ark?
2. What animal could Noah not trust?
3. Who was the first canning factory run by?
4. Who introduced salted meat to the Navy?
5. What did Noah say as he was loading the ark?
6. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?
7. Was Noah the first one out of the ark?

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