

**SAINT MARIA GORETTI PARISH, LYNNFIELD, MA**

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

- Saturday, March 6**  
 4:00 pm (Vigil Mass) **Jamie Murphy, Memorial**
- Sunday, March 7**  
 9:00 am **Florence, Angelo and Edward Caramanica**  
 11:00 am **Catherine Cerniglia, Month's Mind**
- Monday, March 8**  
 7:00 am **Ed Klingenberg, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary**
- Tuesday, March 9**  
 7:00 am **Pro Popolo**
- Wednesday, March 10**  
 7:00 am **Intention of the Celebrant**
- Thursday, March 11**  
 7:00 am **Jennie Polcari, Memorial**
- Friday, March 12**  
 7:00 am **Intention of the Celebrant**
- Saturday, March 13**  
 4:00 pm (Vigil Mass) **Marie Carter and Robert Carter, Memorial**
- Sunday, March 14**  
 9:00 am **Jack Bird, Memorial**  
 11:00 am **Intentions of the Confirmation Students**

Families who endow a Memorial Mass are welcome to bring up the gifts. Please identify yourself to an usher.

**Liturgical Ministers - Weekend of March 6/7**

4:00 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
<b>Sacristans</b>		
Elizabeth Barrett	Hope Nutter	Suzanne Lepke
<b>Cantor/Choir</b>		
Pat Campbell	Jaymie Wolfe	Choir
<b>Lectors</b>		
Chris Barrett	Tom O'Shea	Marlene Hoyt
<b>Communion Ministers</b>		
Elizabeth Barrett	Beverly Merritt	Donna Hegan
Shirley Brown	Hope Nutter	Jim McGovern
Patty Colby	Ron Nutter	Alberta McMahon
	Carol O'Shea	
<b>Altar Servers</b>		
Robert LoConte	Tommy O'Shea	Nick LaRovere
Tia Patterson	Jack Rondeau	Vince LaRovere

**Liturgical Ministers - Weekend of March 13/14**

4:00 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
<b>Sacristans</b>		
Elizabeth Basile	Beverly Merritt	Anne Patriquin
<b>Cantor/Choir</b>		
Jack Greenler	Jess Kaptcianos	Choir
<b>Lectors</b>		
Dora Morelli	Bethany Kilroy	
<b>Communion Ministers</b>		
Elizabeth Basile	Glenn DeRosa	Joyce Calogero
Paulette Folkins	Jean Goguen	Reid Lavoie
Fred Santangelo	Beverly Merritt	Jim McGovern
		Alberta McMahon
		Anne Patriquin
<b>Altar Servers</b>		
Emily LaRovere	Emily MacIntyre	Austin Wolfe
Mike LaRovere	Mike McNamara	Kyryl Wolfe

FYI

From Fr. Tom Powers



**March 3, March 10, March 17, March 24 and March 31**

The following is Fr. Richard Erikson's from "The Pilot" last month. His insightful words are worth repeating here.

**Why go to Confession during Lent?**

by

Very Reverend Richard M. Erikson, Ph.D., V.G.  
 Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia

Lent reminds us that God is gracious and merciful to those who come to Him with contrite hearts.

This season is one of penance, reflection, prayer, almsgiving and fasting in order that we can prepare ourselves to better celebrate and live Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday and beyond. God's divine mercy is a central theme of Lent. The priceless gift of God's mercy is highlighted and celebrated by the Church in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

I have often been asked why we need to go to confession, especially when we can pray to a God of mercy on our own, one on one. Why do we need the mediation of a priest and the Church? Here are three reflections on why we need to go to Confession.

**Why Confess Your Sins to a Priest?**

Why is it necessary to go to a priest for confession if I can pray to God on my own? Sacramental confession allows God's loving mercy and His grace-filled absolution to be confirmed to us through the ministry of the priest. When we pray to God, we do not necessarily hear God's response. We are often far more harsh on ourselves than God could ever be. God sees us with love, mercy and an abundance of forgiveness. We see ourselves and our sin through the eyes of guilt and shame. It is important for us to receive from a priest the unconditional love and mercy of God, as expressed and experienced in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Christ, through the priest, invites us to let go of anything that gets in the way of our relationship with Him. Christ, through the priest, encourages us to open ourselves to the peace and grace which can only be found through God's forgiveness. In sacramental confession, we hear the direct expression of God's love, through the priest and the ministry of the Church. In sacramental confessional, we know we have received the gift of absolution from our sins by God's chosen instruments, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the ministry of the priest.

**The Communal Nature of Sin**

When we sin we not only offend God, but we also offend the individual(s) against whom we have sinned, if not the entire community of faith. Sin uproots us from our real home, the heart of God the Father. Sin also uproots us from the communion of the

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Church and the mystical body of Christ, which is the Church. We need to receive not only God's forgiveness, but the blessing of the Christian community. The Letter of James (5:16) speaks to the communal nature of sin and of forgiveness when James writes, "Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed." In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the priest represents both Christ and His mercy, and he represents the joy and the welcoming of the Christian community over one who repents of his or her sins.

### Because Christ Said So

Finally, and most importantly, we should go to confession to a priest because Jesus told us to do so. In His first appearance to the apostles after His Resurrection, Christ breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (John 20:22-23). By these words, the Church and the priest have been entrusted with one of the most sacred and awesome ministries of Christ, that is, the ministry of reconciliation. I want my sins to be forgiven, not retained. I want them to be loosed, not bound. Through the sacramental ministry of the Church and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, our sins are forgiven and we are given the grace to be more like Christ. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation we experience and embody the saving ministry and healing grace of Jesus Christ.

Understanding our need for repentance and the grace which is conferred through this healing sacrament, Cardinal Seán is calling us back to confession this Lent. Through the wonderful initiative, "*The Light is on for You,*" every church and chapel in the Archdiocese of Boston will have individual and private Confession available, every Wednesday in Lent from 6:30 - 8:00 pm beginning this week. I urge you to be open to God's love and grace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Lent. Encourage family members and friends to do the same.

Some of the most powerful experiences of God's grace in my life have been as a Confessor and as a Penitent in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. May the power of God's grace and mercy bless us in abundance this Lent.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MARCH

7	Sun.	Family Mass	9:00 AM	Church
7	Sun.	Baptism Catechesis	10:00 AM	Church
9	Tue.	A A Meeting	7:30 PM	Hall
10	Wed.	Reconciliation and Holy Hour	6:30 PM	Church
14	Sun.	C L O W	9:00 AM	Church
14	Sun.	Confirmation	11:00 AM	Church
16	Tue.	Finance Committee Meeting	7:40 AM	PC
16	Tue.	Reconciliation and Holy Hour	6:30 PM	Church
19	Fri.	Chowder Supper and Stations	6:00 PM	Church
20	Sat.	Baptisms	4:00 PM	Church
21	Sun.	C L O W	9:00 AM	Church
21	Sun.	Parish Pastoral Council Mtg.	6:00 PM	Church

Wedding  Banns

II Peter Graham and Claire Durkin



### Lenten Regulations on Abstinence

**ABSTINENCE** from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years and older on **Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays during Lent.**



### SOMETHING FOR JESUS THIS LENTEN WEEK...

1. **The Light is On For You...** go to Confession on Wednesday 6:30-8pm
2. Refuse to gossip
3. Refuse to whine
4. Consider the forgiveness option and then do it
5. Make socially responsible investments
6. Thank God for the gift of the present moment
7. Pray for a friend



### VOLUNTEERS-WASHING OF THE FEET

We are looking for 12 volunteers for the Washing of the Feet at Holy Thursday Mass - April 1 - 7:30 PM. The washing of the feet is ceremonial to honor the actions of Jesus at the last

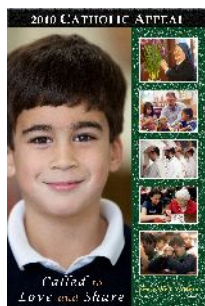
supper, when he washed the feet of twelve apostles to teach them to serve one another. We welcome everyone of all ages. There is a sign up sheet on a table in the front foyer of the church. Questions: contact Beverly Merritt [beverly@stmaria.org](mailto:beverly@stmaria.org)

### FAMILY



### AND LENTEN SUPPER MARCH 19<sup>th</sup>

Our third grade students are making beautiful posters to be displayed at each station in the Church. Please join us for a pizza and chowder dinner at 6 PM followed by Stations of the Cross. We need families to read at each station. If you are interested in reading, please contact Robyn Yannone at [yannone15@hotmail.com](mailto:yannone15@hotmail.com).



This is **CATHOLIC APPEAL WEEKEND**. Our parish goal is **\$31,500**. Through the Appeal, we have the opportunity to help our brothers and sisters throughout our Archdiocese. Giving is a way of answering God's call to love and share. By doing so, we are not only helping to renew the strength and vitality of our Church, but

recognizing a need within ourselves to sacrifice for the Lord. A gift is important, not so much for how much it is, but because of what we become through the act of giving. In this spirit, please prayerfully consider a 2010 Catholic Appeal gift.



Our Men and Women in the Service

Our parish prays for those currently serving in the military

Sean Gill, US Army  
Enzio Goble, US Army, Airborne Infantry  
Steven J. O'Connell, USMC  
James Papagni, US Army

Please call the parish office to add a loved one to this list or email Janine [office@stmaria.org](mailto:office@stmaria.org)

**JUBILEE GALA TICKET INFORMATION**

Tickets are available after all weekend Masses

\$55 per person

Reserved tables of 10 are available

Seating is limited

Choice of entrée

Chicken Picatta or Baked Stuffed Schrod

For information or tickets call

Ellen Crawford (781) 334-2823 or

Fred Santangelo (781) 334-4971



Kindly remember in your prayers the deceased members of our parish, all who have asked for our prayers and for those who have no one to pray for them by name.

**In Your Charity, Pray For**

Rita Anzuoni      Rev. Jim Field      Matthew Kane  
Ann LaCourt      Dr. Thomas O'Shea      Francis Sousa



**Donna Hegan – Coordinator of Catechetical Services and Evangelization**

**Robyn Yannone – Catechetical Associate**  
Religious Education Telephone 781.334.6443

**CCD REGISTRATION/RENEWAL FOR SEPTEMBER**

**Deadline for Discount Payment – before March 15, 2010**

**Renewal** forms for September 2010 were mailed on February 1<sup>st</sup> to families whose children are already registered for CCD. Only those payments for next year which are **received by March 15** will be eligible for a discount.

**Any student not enrolled by June 15 will be asked to seek services at another parish or to opt for home schooling.**

Any parents of currently registered students who have not yet received their renewal letter should contact the office as soon as possible at (781) 334-6443.

**ATTENTION**

**GRADES 1 THROUGH 4**

**No Religious Education classes the week of March 14<sup>th</sup>**



**“ZIPLOCK YOUR CHANGE FOR FOOD” FUNDRAISER**

Donations will be accepted **through March 15<sup>th</sup>**

Students may drop off their donations in the basket in the foyer of the church or to their Religious Education teacher.

**Confirmation**

**GRADE 10 CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES IMPORTANT DATES**

**Rehearsal – Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup> 7 PM – 8 PM**

Sponsors and catechists are asked to attend

**Confirmation Mass – Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 11 AM**

**Please pray for our 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Students who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next Sunday.**



**DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCK AHEAD ONE HOUR NEXT WEEKEND DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>**