

# ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR PARISH BULLETIN

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Please note that **DEADLINE FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR BULLETIN PUBLICATION IS MONDAY AT 12 NOON.** All announcements must be submitted in writing to the Parish Office or e-mailed to office.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK November 23, 2008—November 30, 2008

Sat 7AM No Intention  
Sat 4PM No Intention  
Sun 8AM Our Parish Family  
Sun 10AM James P. McQuade  
Sun Noon Isabelle Medeiros  
Mon 7AM The Cabral Family  
Tue 7AM Jeannette Lavoie  
Wed 7AM Catherine Rogers  
Thu 7AM **A Blessed Thanksgiving To All**  
Fri 7AM No Intentions  
Sat 7AM No Intentions  
Sat 4PM Ana Marie Silva, Anthony Paris, John and Sandra Gonsalves  
Sun 8AM Our Parish Family  
Sun 10AM Ambrose J. Hogan, Mary Hogan Trott & Timothy P. Hogan  
Sun Noon No Intention

### Financial Report

Week of November 16, 2008

Budget Envelopes \$2937.00  
Loose Monies \$ 644.43  
Total Weekly Collection \$3581.43

Envelopes Used 155

Other Income \$110.00

*"When the Son of Men comes in glory, may we be among those who have fed the hungry, welcomed the stranger, and clothed the naked. For Jesus tells us clearly that it is those who have demonstrated good stewardship by sharing their gifts with the less fortunate who will receive God's blessing and inherit the kingdom."*

Second Collection this weekend for Human Development.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

#### Christ the King

Ez 34: 11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15: 20-26, 28; Mt 25: 31-46

#### Monday

Rv 14: 1-3, 4-5; Lk 21: 1-4

#### Tuesday

Rv 14: 14-19; Lk 21: 5-11

#### Wednesday

Rv 15: 1-4; Lk 21: 12-19

#### Thursday

Rv 18: 1-2, 21-23; 19: 1-3, 9; Lk 21: 20-28

#### Friday

Rv 20: 1-4, 11-21; 2; Lk 21: 29-33

#### Saturday

Rv 22: 1-7; Lk 21: 34-36

Please Remember In Your Prayers the following who are sick and/or hospitalized: Taylor Jade Nunes, Reinaldo A. Oliveira III, Erica Leonard, Arlene Vieira, Ann Mahoney, Emily Matiskella, Kathy Nicholas, Brendan Whalen, Kathleen Fletcher, Joan & Robert Ferreira, Arnaldo Monteiro, Debbie Caron, Gertrude Hinkley, Betty Tomko. **Names are placed in bulletin for one month then removed unless there is still a need. Printed only with consent.**

### Parish Religious Ed and HFHN School News!

#### Religious Education Classes

Children attending Level K-5 including transitional classes meet on Mondays from 3-4:15 in our Parish School

Confirmation 1-2-3-4 Students meet on Sunday mornings from 8:30am-9:45 am. Please feel free to contact our Director of Religious Education Teresa Ouellette with any questions at 508-993-3547 or [touellette@hfhn.org](mailto:touellette@hfhn.org)

#### November Calendar of Classes

Levels K-5-**No afternoon class on November 24th** in order for families to come for Mass in the evening! November 24<sup>th</sup> all families are requested to attend the Thanksgiving Mass @ 7pm to give thanks and praise to God! Please bring in food for those in need. Simply place your donations at the Church doors.

C. 1-2-3-4 Sundays....November 23\*\* from 8:30am-9:45am

**No class Sunday Nov 30<sup>th</sup> due to the long week-end**

#### Just Announced

**\*\*November 23<sup>rd</sup>** special presentation for **Confirmation 3 and 4** at St. Anthony's from 1:30pm-5pm ... A Program on the Virtue of Chastity will be presented by Chris Godfrey, former professional Football player and Super Bowl Star athlete and Mrs. Marian Desrosiers, Pro-Life Apostolate Director . Chastity is a virtue that recognizes the beauty of human sexuality as a gift from God. Parents are urged to support and have their child attend this important program. You will have received communication via the mail about it, please review the information and respond with confirmation of attendance to the Religious Education office! This presentation is in place of morning class!

#### December Calendar of Classes:

Levels K-5 classes on Mondays, December 1, 8, &15, from 3-4:15pm.

**No class on December 22-29 due to Christmas Break. Classes resume January 5.**

Confirmation 1-2-3-4 classes on Sundays- December 7,14 from 8:30am-9:45am

**No class on December 21-28 due to Christmas break.** Classes resume January 11.

#### Special Advent Mass and 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Enrollment on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at the 10AM Mass

Students and families of all levels are requested to attend this Mass and celebrate together. During the offertory time of the Mass families who have participated with the Gift Giving Tree are requested to please bring up their gift.

**Weekly Need**-Please bring in food for those in need. Simply place your donations at the Church doors weekly.

#### School Information

**Kris Kringle Fund Announced:** Last year, the HFHN Administration, in cooperation with the HFHN Advisory Board, created the St. Nicholas Fund. Through the generosity of it's benefactors, the St. Nicholas Fund was able to assist over 25 HFHN families make Christmas morning a little brighter for their children. As we all work to face the challenges from the current economy, we would appreciate any financial assistance you could give the St. Nicholas Fund. Please make your tax deductible donation to the St. Nicholas Fund by December 6, 2008 (The Feast of St. Nicholas). Donations may be made in memory of loved ones who have passed on to their eternal reward, or in honor of a special person, example: your child! Please make checks payable to: HFHN--St. Nicholas Fund.

**Breakfast With Santa:** Saturday, December 6, 8:30am-10:30am. There will be food, crafts, pictures and lots of family fun!...Call HFHN to buy your tickets!



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

*Fr. Sullivan and the Parish Staff wish all of Our Parish Family a Very Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving.*

### Some Items from the News

Several interesting items recently caught my eyes as I was reading the newspapers or listening to the news. The first one was a job satisfaction survey conducted by the University of Chicago. The survey questioned a large sample, 27,587 people, in face-to-face interviews in 2006. The survey found that 87% of clergy reported they found their jobs satisfying. That was 7% higher than the next ranking profession, firefighters. The survey found that people who had jobs caring for, teaching, or protecting others had the highest job satisfaction.

The fact that clergy who are perceived as some of the most under-appreciated and on-demand workers found their jobs so satisfying might be a surprise. Even more surprising is the finding that of all clergy Catholic priests are the most satisfied. The tragedy is that we have such a shortage of priests in our church. How is it that for some reason Catholics do not seem to see our joy and encourage young men to enter the priesthood?

Recently, I spoke with a woman about her nephew. From what she told me about him, I felt he would make a wonderful candidate for the priesthood. She said she thought so too but did not know how to speak to him about it. She had talked with her husband and he had said, "Oh, but it is such a lonely life!"

The truth is that it is not so at all. Like everyone, I experience moments of loneliness. That happens to married couples with a house full of children too. As a priest, I experience many times of aloneness. I do not know if that is really a word but it is different from loneliness. It is the feeling of quiet that helps me discover more of a relationship with God and others.

One day a few months ago, I was walking in the neighborhood. A man who I see from time to time said hello to me. He is not a churchgoer. Most of his contact with me is through our occasional meetings. He said, "Father, how come you always seem so happy!" I was taken back because like most people I can feel grumpy sometimes. I felt good to know that most of the time I appear joyful. I hope you agree. If not please tell me.

It is not that God is calling fewer men to the priesthood these days. The problem is that fewer are answering the call. That is often because they do not get encouragement from their families or the parish community. If you know any men, whom you believe would be good priests, please encourage their vocation. I would like to share the joy of the priesthood with them.

**To speak to the Pope, push 1 now.** That is something you will not hear if you call the Vatican. A Boston Globe article reported that if you call the Vatican you always hear a real voice answer. The Vatican switchboard has been the ministry of the Sister Disciples of the Divine Master for the last fifty years. The sisters answer the over half million calls to the Vatican 24/7. One of the sisters said, "I like to think we are the most human call center there is. We can treat people the way others do not." The article reported that almost everyday some one frantically calls the Vatican and wants to speak to the pope. The sisters never say no, but try to understand the person's problem and then forward them to a priest, the Vatican media room or a church official who can help. They try very hard to give the Vatican an understanding voice.

Unfortunately, there is not always a human voice to answer your call when you call the rectory here at St. Lawrence. Debbie Pelletier, our parish secretary is in the office Monday-Friday 8AM-2PM. Other times we have to depend on an answering machine when there is no one in the rectory. If no one is in when you call, please be sure to leave a message so we can get back to you and be of assistance.

### Parish Thanksgiving Mass Monday Night

Our annual Thanksgiving Mass will be held on Monday evening November 24, 2008 at 7:00 PM., Parishioners are asked to bring a canned good for our food pantry. You are also invited to bring food that you are preparing for your family meal to be blessed during the Mass. The Holy Family Holy Name Junior Choir will join our choir to provide the music. Come start your Thanksgiving preparation celebrating the Eucharist with the parish family!

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

Every Sunday at the 10 AM Mass we offer a Children's Liturgy of the Word. The Children's Liturgy offers children between the ages of 5-10 an opportunity to hear the scriptures proclaimed in simpler language and to reflect on them in a way that is easier for them to understand. The liturgy is lead by two adults and parents are invited to attend if they would like to witness, for themselves, what the liturgy is like for their children.

### Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

St. Lawrence Food Pantry distributes food to many of our neighbors in need. Every other Friday morning from 10:30 AM – 12 Noon food is distributed. The pantry staff is looking for some new volunteers. Volunteers who own a truck and would be available on Monday mornings when the workers go to pick up food would be most helpful. If you would like to volunteer, please call the rectory 508-992-4251. Please remember to bring with you to the weekend Masses nonperishable food items which can be donated to the food pantry.

### Advent Folders in the Mail

This week the annual Advent Folders were sent to parishioners. Please consider using the folders as part of your Advent preparations for Christmas. Parishioners are asked to put aside in the folder 50c per day and \$1 on Christmas Day for a total of \$15. The money we collect is to be sent to Market Ministries here New Bedford. Market Ministries operates a homeless shelter for men, a soup kitchen, and other out reach programs to the poor and needy. In this difficult time it is so necessary that we all take seriously this opportunity to help the poor.

**OUR KARD PROGRAM** offers prepaid cards which can earn rebates for you and your church every time you shop. Last weekend a sign up sheet for this program was inserted in bulletin. Please complete the form and put it into boxes at Church Entrances, or drop off to parish office. A representative will be in touch with you to begin the process. These prepaid cards can be used at many retail and grocery stores. Save-a-lot-Shaws, Macy's, Home Depot, CVS are just some of the stores in this program. Remember, the cash back rebate is split 50/50 between you and your church. A representative for Our Kard will be at HFHN School on Dec. 6 at Breakfast with Santa from 8:30-10:30AM to answer questions and process applications for the prepaid cards.

**Parish Office will be closed** on Thursday, November 27th and Friday, November 28th for the Thanksgiving recess. The office will re-open on Monday, December 1st at 8AM.

**THANK YOU**, dear friends, for your kind welcome and hospitality this summer. It was a great honor to be able to visit with you and your parish to preach the good news about vocations. God indeed is calling us—we owe it to Him and to ourselves to listen, because our happiness depends on it. If you are interested in more information about vocations, I encourage you to check our [www.fallrivervocations.com](http://www.fallrivervocations.com) or my personal blog, [vineyardopus.blogspot.com](http://vineyardopus.blogspot.com) where you will find my summer homilies as well as pictures from my ordination, and other interesting information. As I return to complete my studies, I pray that you will keep me in prayer. Many thanks in Christ,  
Fr. Ron Floyd

**Please Pray For Peace In Our World**