

"To Everything There Is A Season..."

"...and a time for every purpose under heaven..."

"...a time to be born in the Spirit of Baptism..."

Alec Michael Jenkins

"...a time to heal..."

Stephanie Mihaliak, Lucy Hebert, Richard Lamelin, Lisa Trapp, Anna Hurchala, Anita Durant, Larry Nicewicz, Ken Neumann, George Lirot, Katherine Mordasky, Rose Laroche, Anne Stauffer, Silvio Sfredo, Frank Campanelli, Yvonne Lanagan, Andrew Fortuna, Ralph Guerra, Eteo Canestrari, Rebecca Judd, Mary Lou Colozzi, Michelle Ouellette, Sam Tripoli, Mary Kubacka, Beth Syphers, Sr. Gertrude Amenta, Helena Daly, Rose Alves, Barbara Geary, Edward Ostrowski, Ian Howe, John Dormer, Paul McDonald, John Panciera, Nina Murphy, Rita Wetzler, Kailyn Howe, Edward Stawicki, Dolores Talamini, Dina Francini, Bill Turner, Mary Adamek, Brenda Jackson, Danielle Works, Louise Julian, Linda Fontanella, Anna Logoyke, Lenny Boudreau, Joseph Dunn, Barbara Keirans Welling, Jane Keirans Porterfield, Evelyn Furness, Katherine Leahy, Nicole Smith, Elliott Wetzler, Sean Soucy, Jill Rivers, John Mordasky, John Lee, Eileen Pratt, Linda Niederwerfer, Gloria Slate, Gert Linz, Yvonne Triska, Theresa Guerra, Rita Moran, Karen Claing, Irene Williams, Adam Casale, Nicholas Klecak, John Mihaliak, Helen Dombek, Christine Hughes, William Mihaliak Sr., Laura Nadeau, Olga Kubacka, Arthur & Helen Stein, Steve Martel, The Richards Family, Christine Nick, Laurie Putriment, Theresa Guerra, Arthur Guerra

"...and a time of peace..." Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Let us continue to pray for our Service Men and Women

Time, Talent and Treasure

— *Stewardship as Our Way of Life*

Sunday Offering last week \$7,587.38

Thank you for placing God first!

The Sanctuary Candle

In Memory of
Allen Peirolo by his Family

The Blessed Mother Candle

In Memory of
Katy Perlot by Herman Perlot

The Saint Joseph Candle

In Memory of
Dennis J. O'Konis by his Family



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

Isaiah recounts the awe he felt the first time he saw the Lord, who was surrounded by angels. He began to feel despair because he was a man of unclean lips, until an angel touched an ember to his lips and pronounced them clean. The Lord asked who he should send forth, to which Isaiah replied, "Here I am, send me!"

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Paul reminds the Corinthians that Christ died for us to free us from our sins. He encourages them to remember the importance of Jesus' death and resurrection. He admits that he initially failed to believe, and therefore was very grateful to be called an apostle and preach in the name of Christ.

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Luke tells of Jesus preaching to a crowd, then joining Peter who was about to end a fruitless day of fishing. He told Peter to lower his net back in, and a great number of fish were caught. Upon seeing this, Peter and his companions, James and John, immediately abandoned their nets to follow Jesus.

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Music for this weekend

Entrance -Holy, Holy, Holy, Missal 214

Offertory -The Servant Song, Missal 385

Communion -Only a Shadow, Missal 451

Please join us in learning this new hymn this weekend

Recessional -Anthem, Missal 517

Safe Net Ministries Meeting- The next meeting will be held on Saturday, February 20, 2010 at 9a.m. at 68 Main Street, Stafford. Volunteers are always needed and are encouraged to attend. Safe Net Ministries offers temporary assistance in the following areas: food, clothing, utilities, and transitional short term housing. If you know of someone who needs assistance, please call Safe net at 860-851-9987.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

World Day of Consecrated Life

For those of you old enough, can you finish the following commercial jingles and name the company? "My bologna has a first..." "Plop, Plop, fizz, fizz..." "I'd like to teach the world to sing in perfect harmony..." These catchy jingles stand the test of time because they touch something pressed upon our psyche. Once heard again, we cannot get the tunes out of our heads- especially during the rest of this homily and Mass! Give them credit; the jingle song writers have caught us forever in their whimsical trap.

Not unlike these writers, we Catholics have some good inspirational song writers with their catchy tunes. One such song "Here, I am Lord: whose refrain is : Here I am Lord, is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

Are these lyrics just as appealing as the commercial jingle? Are they so pressed upon our minds that we could burn them into our I-Pods? Have these words got us caught forever in a whimsical trap of God's call? Or, have we discarded them because we believe that the words apply only to those called to seek a vocation in the consecrated life? Maybe we believe only those who are worthy and holy, such as Isaiah, Paul, Peter or women in scripture, can be called to such a noble task.

Well, guess what? These scripture figures, as well as saints, and those men and women called to live the consecrated life are not the only one's called. Isaiah, Paul, and Peter are proof of that. They were ordinary people like us with shortcomings and sins. They felt unworthy to serve. However, like the people pressing upon Jesus in today's Gospel, God's relentless song of the call compelled them to change and follow Christ.

God always takes us as we are and where we are! God's lyrics of the call have been pressing upon our minds since our existence. It should be a familiar tune that calls all of us to a vocation to serve God as a person of any age, physicality or state of life.

Consequently, we're all worth to serve! All of us can attain holiness!

God is Love  God is Love

Prayer Shawl Ministry- The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be held in the Board Room of Stafford Library at 6:30p.m. on Monday, February 8. You do not need to know how to knit or crochet-we will teach you. Quilted lap robes are needed if you are a quilter. If you need transportation or know of someone who could benefit from a prayer shawl, please contact Karen Goodwin at 860-684-3384 or Ashley Kowalyszyn at 860-487-9449.

Thank you for your donation to:

St. Edward School Memorial Fund

In memory of:

†Claire Bachiochi	\$25.00
†Elia Rogledi	\$375.00
†Antoinette Carter	\$45.00
†Esther Carpenter	\$25.00
†Francis "Zip" Barsaleau	\$50.00
†Sally Grenier	\$20.00
†Eva Trapp	\$65.00

In Honor of Gordon & Barbara Frassinelli's
50th Wedding Anniversary \$225.00

In Loving memory of the Dunay and Hanley
family members who have passed on in recent years.
\$600.00

St. Edward Church Memorial Fund

In memory of:

†Sally Grenier	\$170.00
†Francis Barsaleau	\$300.00
†Antoinette Carter	\$354.06
†Claire Bachiochi	\$200.00
†Erma Pallanck	\$ 25.00



**The Spirit of God
dwells in you**

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT for Healing after Abortion. If you or someone you know is grieving from a past abortion, then experience the healing love of Christ. Retreat combines discussions, spiritual exercises, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Memorial Service and Mass. Participation is confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love and forgiveness. For information or to register for the upcoming Retreat on March 19-21, 2010 in Hamden, CT, call Mary Hayden at 203-882-1326. For the Holyoke, MA Retreat on March 19-21, 2010 call Mary Petisce at 413-783-8619. Rachel's Vineyard Website: www.rachelsvineyard.org.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 6

4:00 PM †DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE JOHN KUREK FAMILY by the Family

Sunday, February 7

7:30 AM †JOSEPH HURCHALA AND †MICHAEL ZUK JR. by the Family
 9:00 AM †DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE FRASSINELLI FAMILY by the Family
 11:15 AM †ALLEN PEIROLO by the Family

Monday, February 8

7:30 AM †MICHAEL SHAMY AND †ROSE SHAMY FILIP by the Family

Tuesday, February 9

7:30 AM †MARSHALL BELLANTÉ by the Family

Wednesday, February 10

7:30 AM †FRANCIS BARSALÉAU by K of C Council #1395

World Day for the Sick, Thursday, February 11

7:30 AM †EVA TRAPP by Ella

Friday, February 12

7:30 AM INTENTION OF LIVING AND DECEASED PARISHIONERS

Saturday, February 13

4:00 PM †GREGG FITZGERALD by Joan & Andy Fortuna

Sunday, February 14

7:30 AM †MODESTO FESTI by his Daughter
 9:00 AM †GREGG FITZGERALD by Jacob & Joshua
 11:15 AM †HAZEL PITKAT by the Family of Francis Jacobsen



BENEFIT DINNER for ST. MARY'S ABOVE ROCKS

This weekend, Brother Michael Duffy will be speaking to us again about St. Mary's Above Rocks in Jamaica. In addition to the special collection being taken this weekend, we will be sponsoring a benefit dinner for St. Mary's on Saturday, March 6th after 4:00 mass. A pasta dinner will be served. Please save the date on your calendars, this is a great opportunity to support St. Mary's as well as share a meal with members of our parish family. Tickets go on sale in mid February.

MEETINGS, EVENTS AND PROMOTIONS

Sunday, February 7

7:30AM-11:00AM K of C Breakfast (Hall)
 9:00-10:00AM &
 10:00-11:00AM Religious Education (School)
 6:30 PM Children's Choir Practice

Monday, February 8

6:30 PM Secular Franciscan Formation (Cross & Crown)

Tuesday, February 9

6:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Wednesday, February 10

6:30 PM Boy Scouts (Hall)

Thursday, February 11

12:00-7:30PM Adoration (Church)

Sunday, February 14

Coffee & Donuts will be served in hall after 9:00am Mass
 9:00-10:00AM &
 10:00-11:00AM Religious Education (School)
 6:30 PM Children's Choir Practice

"Everybody's doing IT...does that make IT right?"
Catholic Morality and Moral Decision Making.
Featured Speaker: Deacon Dennis Dolan
Catholic Chaplain, Conn. Dept. Fo Corrections
York Women's Correctional Institution

Decision-making in today's world is complicated and influenced by societal pressures. We are all pressured to make fast, accurate decisions, according to what the world wants of us, sometimes with NO time to think about what GOD wants of us.

On Saturday, February 14th, 3-5p.m., the St. Bernard's Adult Faith Formation team invites you to come and participate as Deacon Dennis Dolan, Catholic Chaplain for the Conn. Dept. Corrections, discusses decision-making in today's complicated world. Deacon Dennis is an energetic, engaging speaker who will help us understand our Catholic moral identity and its impact on our decision-making. He will help us learn who we are in God's sight, and how we can take steps to include God in all our decisions.

Please come and learn some valuable tools for everyday Catholic living. The talk will be presented in the church with a question-and-answer period, followed by refreshments and fellowship in the rectory. Admission is free.

For more information, please contact: Linda Howlett at 860-896-3359, or e-mail at linda@howlett.com. Please come join us!