

The daily Mass on Monday, July 4th
will be celebrated at 8:30AM

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 2nd

4:00PM

John P. Luddy

Sunday, July 3rd

8:30AM

Dick Daly

11:30AM

Maximina Nunez

Pedro Romero *pedido por su esposa en sus 2 meses de fallecido*

Intention of the Celebrant

5:00PM

Monday, July 4th

8:30AM

Richard White *birthday remembrance*

Tuesday, July 5th

5:30PM

Archbishop Cardinal Sean O'Malley

Birthday request of the Johnston Family

Thursday, July 7th

5:30PM

Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, July, 8th

5:30PM

John P. Luddy

Saturday, July 9th

9:00AM

Special Intention Johnston Family

4:00PM

Frank & Sarah Galinsky Family

The sanctuary lamp will burn before the Blessed Sacrament Altar as a Birthday Remembrance of **Gustave L. Comeau** requested by his family.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Offertory June 26th: \$4,101.20

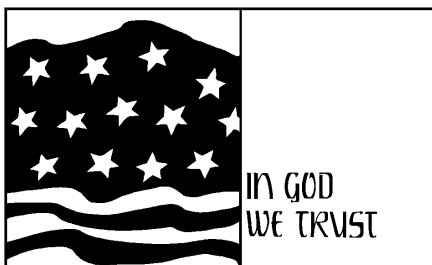
Clergy Benefit Trust: \$2,553.50

THANK YOU!

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Parish Capital Improvements

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND supports the Catholic University of America (CUA) and its scholarship fund for needy students. CUA, located in Washington DC is the national universaity of the Catholic Church. Many priests and professional lay ministers throughout the US obtain their education form CUA. For more information please visit www.cua.edu.



Pastor's Notes Although the weather has not cooperated, we really are in the summer season. One of the great moments of every summer is our national practice of pausing to remember the birth of our nation, which is celebrated on the fourth of July. The fireworks, parades, events of all types and family gatherings all reinforce the idea that we live in a great country that allows us to celebrate and remember annually the great gift of freedom that we have as individuals, families and as a country. On the television we might see and hear the Boston Pops and view thousands of people arm in arm dancing and singing to patriotic music. Over the years in the history of our country that freedom has been challenged and tested. The result has been that thousands have sacrificed their time and talent to serve those whom they might never meet for the future of the country. Others have made the ultimate sacrifice of their lives for all that we hold and treasure and express through our constitution and laws that govern us. For all of us, this day also allows us to remember why and for whom those heroes are and that they are linked to a long line of others who also have served knowing that they too were carrying and defending the banner of freedom we as citizens hold so dear. Despite our differences and many challenges in this country, it is always a privilege to pause and remember what makes us great. We are a nation of people who are united around the principles of freedom and self-governance. This week on July 4th we celebrate all that is implied in the concept of a great nation. Ideals and principles also are a part of our Catholic religion, although lived out within the context of our faith, they have a different meaning. We are a people created by God with a natural desire to know him. Our free will prompts and calls us to follow Him out of devotion through the Church. This is one of the great mysteries to non-believers and those who do not understand our faith. Fortunately, the invitation from Jesus today is one issued to all in freedom to a people who may choose to pick up this yoke and carry it. Although a yoke may seem to be a symbol of burden, this yoke of love paradoxically lightens the load of struggles that we have. Much like service to our country, service to others in Faith gives us a deeper understanding of whom it is that we serve. It is of course that we see and serve in others. We are invited this weekend to walk along with Jesus and pick up his yoke to follow him. I remember from my youth that we were allowed to take our bikes everywhere. One popular destination was the Burgess farm in Dracut, a two or three mile bike ride from where we lived. Hanging on the barn wall above the doors was an old yoke. I always remember that it contained two harnesses. I also remember that watching films of other countries that farmers who plowed often used two oxen to do the work. It is this image that Jesus gives us today. The difference is that the yoke is his love, and the other pulling beside us is Him. Whether we are invited to work in the Church or are challenged in faith, the message is that he will be there all the time pulling along with us. This is the freedom that we celebrate. To know that God loves us and sent his son to us and now the Holy Spirit to pull along with us in all the aspects of our lives. It is not the freedom of the country; rather it is the freedom of choosing to follow God and knowing that we are never alone. As you gather with your families, or thousands at the Pops, I hope all will remember that along side of us always is the Lord. Peace,

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

- Mt 11:28-30

Readings for the Week of July 3, 2011

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Mt 10:24-33

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's reading from Matthew's Gospel comes after a discourse in which Jesus reproaches people who have witnessed his mighty deeds yet still lack belief. In this context, today's Gospel explains the reason for this unbelief and reveals what is necessary for faith. Today's Gospel also continues to enhance our understanding of discipleship as last week's Gospel did.

Jesus first prays in thanksgiving to God who has made himself known to Jesus' disciples. He praises God who has made himself known to the "little ones" and not to the wise and learned. As in other recent readings from Matthew's Gospel, a contrast is made here between the unbelieving Pharisees, who are wise and learned, and the faithful disciples, tax collectors, and sinners with whom Jesus keeps company.

The second part of this reading calls to our attention the unity between the Father and the Son. God has made himself known through Jesus, and in knowing Jesus, we come to know the Father. In Jesus' life and in his person, God reveals himself to us.

In the concluding sentences of today's Gospel, Jesus' teaching is again contrasted to the teaching of the Pharisees. This common theme of Matthew's Gospel probably reflects tension that existed between Jesus and the Pharisees and between the Pharisees and the community of Christians for whom Matthew wrote. Pharisaic Judaism became the predominant form of Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem about 70 A.D. Here that tension is expressed as alternative paths of holiness. The careful observance of the Mosaic law taught by the Pharisees could be experienced by some as difficult and burdensome. In contrast, Jesus' way of holiness is presented as uncomplicated and even restful.

REGISTRATIONS are being accepted for students entering grades K – 10 who are new to the parish and have not been previously enrolled. Please register your child early to be certain that he/she has a place.

THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM is in need of teachers and assistants! If you feel that you would like to explore this possibility, please give Larry Webster a call at 978.372.8537. LET'S TALK!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS BACK! St. James Parish will join with St. John the Baptist Parish to sponsor a week-long **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** the week of August 1st – 5th at St. John the Baptist Church, from 9am – Noon each day. It is open to children ages 4 through Grade 4. Students in Grades 9 & 10 will be most helpful as Jr. Counselors. The cost for the week is \$35 per child with a cap of \$60 per family. You may register for VBS by calling Larry Webster at 978-372-8537 or by stopping by the rectory Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. High School students who wish to be Jr. Counselors for the week should also call Larry Webster.

MUSIC CAMP IS HERE AGAIN! Our **THIRD Music Camp** Day will take place on **Tuesday, August 16th from 9am-5pm** at St. James Parish-lower church. Registration forms will be out in the church on the Information Racks in the vestibule of the church and on the welcoming table. Registration is \$15.00 PER child and includes snacks and drinks during the day, lunch and craft items and goodie bags for each child. At the end of music camp day, the children will put on a short performance of things they learned during the day. Registration is for grades 3 and up, however if an older sibling will be attending, we will accept a younger child. This year we have a fun field trip planned to a nearby church to see the inner workings of a pipe organ! Lots of other fun games, crafts and songs to learn will be part of the day. For more information stjamesmusic@hotmail.com or call 978.372.8537 x202 and I will get right back to you!

JOB OPPORTUNITY - Sacred Heart's Parish, Bradford, MA
Administrative Assistant to Religious Education Office *Part time position (15 hours/week, 38 weeks per year)* This position provides administrative support to the Religious Education office. The RE Assistant works directly with the Director of Religious Education and collaboratively with all staff, interacting with church members, students, teachers and parents. This is a part time position and hours include evenings and weekends. Please forward your resume with letter of interest to Holly Roche, hroche@sacredheartparish.com or 978-373-1281.

Mass Schedule July 2-3

4:00 PM St. John's Fr. Murray/Deacon Tom

4:00 PM St. James Fr. Walsh

7:00 PM St. James (Vietnamese) Fr. Joseph

8:30 AM St. John the Baptist Fr. Leo

8:30 AM St. James Fr. Murray

10:30 AM St. John the Baptist Fr. Felix

11:30 AM (Spanish) St. James Fr. Murray

5:00 PM Mass Fr. Walsh

Mass Schedule July 9-10

4:00 PM St. John's Fr. Walsh

4:00 PM St. James Fr. Murray/Deacon Leo

7:00 PM St. James (Vietnamese) Fr. Murray

8:30 AM St. John's Fr. Walsh/Deacon Tom

8:30 AM St. James Fr. Felix

10:30 AM St. John the Baptist Fr. Walsh

11:30 AM St. James Fr. Murray

5:00 PM Mass Fr. Murray

JULY 3, 2011



Save the Date. On Sunday Sept 11th at 2:00pm, in the Upper Church, we will commemorate the 10th anniversary of "9-11" with a concert entitled "**We Must Never Forget/ Concert of Peace**" If you have any relatives or friends who perished on this day, I would love for you to contact me as we would like to include their names in the program and perhaps have family members participate in some way at this event. Contact: Cynthia Arsenault, Director of Music at 978.372.8537 x202 or email at stjamesmusic@hotmail.com

Angels, Altars and Arches" Tour one of the great Cathedrals of the Western Hemisphere, the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, located at 1400 Washington Street, Boston, MA. On Saturday July 16 at 6:00 pm, **members of St James and St Augustine Music Ministry** (Andover) will offer a prelude and music during the Cathedral's annual tour! The Cathedral, built in 1861, encompasses the main nave, two Victorian Chapels and a lower Cathedral. The church features wood carvings by noted Boston carvers, angels, stained glass and massive marble altars soar to the height of 40 feet above the main floor and are supported by 20,000 bricks! The Cathedral houses one of the most beautiful historic organs, a 1985 Hook and Hastings Organ that has 5,290 pipes. The South Tower is 150 feet high. Its circular staircase, "Stairway to Paradise", leads to a 15 foot attic with great views of downtown Boston. Many historic Cathedral Plans will be on view. Parking is available in the Cathedral Parking lot, at the corner of Harrison and Malden Street. The event is free and comfortable footwear is suggested!

Buenos días a todos. No he escrito mucho en las semanas pasadas porque he estado un poquito ocupado. Hemos celebrado el tiempo pascual y ahora estamos en tiempo ordinario. También hemos tenido celebraciones de los sacramentos de iniciación, bodas y otras celebraciones aquí y en San Juan Bautista. Gracias a Dios el verano está aquí y puedo tomar tiempo para escribir un mensaje a ustedes en español. Primero quiero dar las gracias a toda la comunidad que ha colaborado en los eventos de la Iglesia y los eventos sociales que apoyan los proyectos de la parroquia. Especialmente quiero dar gracias por su flexibilidad en cambiar el tiempo de la Misa en el día de Pentecostés. Fue una gran oportunidad poder celebrar el Espíritu Santo y la manera en que damos testimonio de Dios en nuestra parroquia. En algunas ocasiones podemos imitar las palabras de la Biblia perfectamente, yo pienso que hemos realizado esto con esta celebración de Pentecostés. Gracias también a la gente que colaboró en la preparación, sirviendo y las labores de limpieza de la escuela para este evento. Ahora estamos en el tiempo del verano y ordinario. Espero que todos tengan tiempo para descansar un poquito y disfrutar el clima. Quiero avisarles que pronto van a ver un cambio en el espacio del coro. El órgano y el piano se van a mudar a la parte posterior de arriba y el coro anglo también. Esta acción va a dar más espacio al coro hispano que continúa creciendo. También hemos comprado nuevos equipos para mejorar su sonido. Gracias a ellos por su colaboración en todas las Misas. La paz, P. Roberto

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CATHOLIC PARISHES OF HAVERHILL ANNUAL RAFFLE

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Winning ticket will be drawn on July 10th

1:00PM at All Saints Parish.

Please return your tickets to St. James Rectory no later than Friday, July 8th. Thank you and good luck!

INFANT – TODDLER SUMMER CLOTHING NEEDED New or gently used, clean clothes (sizes: 3 months to 2T) are desperately needed at the Hispanic Pro-Life Office, Lawrence. A collection receptacle will be placed at the back of the church. Please help in any way you can. If you have any questions or suggestions please call Gerald & Ann Johnston 978-372-3824. Bless you!

Suy Niệm CN. XIV. TN.

Anh chị em thân mến, Đức Giêsu không những dạy chúng ta về đời sống đức tin, về những nhân đức siêu nhiên, mà còn dạy chúng ta cách sống nhân bản. Làm theo giáo huấn của Ngài, chúng ta sẽ trở thành những con người rất dễ thương dễ mến và do đó sẽ dễ thành công trong cuộc đời. Hôm nay Đức Giêsu dạy ta học gương của Ngài sống hiền lành và khiêm tốn. Chúng ta hãy lắng nghe giáo huấn của Ngài và xin Ngài giúp chúng ta thực hành được giáo huấn ấy.

Trong nguyên bản Hy Lạp, thánh Matthêu dùng chữ *praus*. Chữ này có nghĩa là dịu dàng, ngọt ngào, không thô bạo cứng cỏi. Như thế, "hiền lành" bao gồm một tâm thế bên trong và một cách phản ứng bên ngoài.

- Tâm thế bên trong là luôn êm ái hoà nhã: nghĩ về người khác thì nghĩ tốt, yêu thương, khoan dung, thông cảm. Đón nhận những lời nói và cách cư xử của người khác đối với mình thì không thành kiến, biết phải quấy, sẵn sàng đối thoại, chấp nhận sửa đổi.

- Phản ứng bên ngoài: nhẹ nhàng, tôn trọng, không thô bạo.

Chúa Giêsu hiền lành: trong lòng Ngài luôn yêu thương người khác (đặc biệt là những người khốn khổ hèn mọn), luôn muốn điều tốt cho người khác (nhất là muốn cứu độ người ta), không thành kiến đối với những người mà xã hội quen coi là xấu xa tội lỗi; lời nói và hành động của Ngài luôn tỏa ra sự dịu dàng, nâng đỡ, khích lệ, ủi an. Ngài không nặng lời, không lên án. Ngài chủ trương sống bằng tình thương, Ngài không bạo động.

Trong Thánh lễ hôm nay, Đức Giêsu đã mời gọi chúng ta học gương hiền lành và khiêm tốn của Ngài. Trong tuần này, chúng ta hãy cố gắng sống hiền lành và khiêm tốn theo gương Chúa.

Lm. Carôlô Hồ Bạc Xái



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