

ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR PARISH BULLETIN

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS DAY).....DECEMBER 25, 2011
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Please note that DEADLINE FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR BULLETIN PUBLICATION IS MONDAY AT 9AM. All announcements must be submitted in writing to the Parish Office or e-mailed to office.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK December 25, 2011—December 31, 2011

Sat 4PM Donald & Paula Brown
Sat MIDNIGHT Open Intention
Sun 8AM Open Intention
Sun 11AM Open Intention
Mon 7AM Joseph P. Harrington
Tue 7AM Pauline Lane
Wed 7AM William Brown
Thr 7AM Open Intention
Fri 7AM The deceased parishioners of the former St. Stephen's parish in Attleboro
Sat 7AM Pia Morello
Sat 4PM Mary Clarke

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday from 7:30AM - 1PM in the Chapel.

Financial Report

Week of December 18th, 2011

First Collection--\$2976.50
Maintenance --\$823.00
Flowers --\$380.00

Second Collection this weekend is for:
Maintenance

**Second Collection next weekend,
December 31st and January 1st will be for:
Maintenance**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/
Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/
Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt
10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Mt 2:13-18

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-
6; 21:1-3 or Col 3:12-21 or
3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-
12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or
2:22, 39-40

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

Next Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk
2:16-21

Faith Formation & Religious Education News

Faith Formation News for ALL AGES! ALL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES FOR ALL LEVELS ARE HELD ON SUNDAY MORNINGS starting at 9am with Hospitality! All Parents and the entire family are asked to please come with their child of all levels! As we make faith formation a part of our parish, the entire parish community is welcome to attend the upcoming monthly presentations to grow in faith.

Calendar For Religious Ed Classes and Events/Presentations for all Parish Community

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Sunday, Jan 8, 2012 - Class Levels K-C4 will meet.

PARISH EVENTS

Sunday, Dec 25 - The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Mass at **8AM** and **11AM**.

Novena to Saint Therese of Lisieux is prayed every Tuesday morning at 6:50AM.

Ecumenical Service

For the inauguration of the new mayor, **Jon Mitchell**, an Ecumenical Service will be held on **January 2, 2012 @ 11:30AM** at St. Lawrence Church. All are invited!

2nd Annual Bell Tower Concert

Saint Lawrence Martyr Parish presents the 2nd Annual Bell Tower Concert on **Sunday, January 29, 2012 at 4:00PM**. Tickets are now available for purchase at only \$15 per person. The concert will feature NB Idol Erika Fournier, Marcin Malewski, and guest. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses or contact Suzanne at (508) 525-0660.

Beautiful Magnets by Joanne Butler

These beautiful magnets are for sale in Church. They depict the Angels at the top of the stained glass windows. They make lovely gifts.

Book of Intentions 2012

Book of Intentions for 2012 is now available. Anyone wishing to have a Mass please call the rectory at (508) 992-4251.

Holy Family Holy Name School News

Ways To Help HFHN

Volunteer: HFHN is always in need of volunteers. Consider signing up for 1-2 hours per week as an aid in class room, office, cafeteria, or in after school program. No task is too small. Whether it is sharpening pencils, or helping a child learn math facts, any help you can give will be appreciated. Call 508-993-3547 for information.

Visit www.labelsforeducation.com for details on how points can be earned for HFHN so that valuable supplies to help students can be obtained. This is no cost to you. Just save various labels from qualifying products.

January 3, 2012 - School resumes.

January 2012 - Open registration to the public for 3 and 4 year old Pre-school KINDERGARTEN Programs will begin. Call Mrs. Hirst for more information on how to register your child at (508) 993-3547.

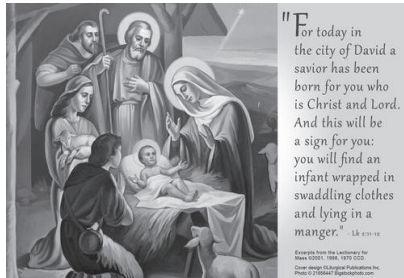
Sun, Jan 29, 2012 at 11AM at St. Lawrence Church, Grade 1 will host an Opening Mass for the Catholic Schools Week. Come and join us in song and prayer to thank the Lord for the gift of Education. Registration for the 2012-2013 school year follows. Refreshments will be served.

Please Remember In Your Prayers the following who are sick and/or hospitalized:

Annie Dawson, James McCoy, Vivian M. Moniz, Hannah Bruce, Thomas Wholley, Sam Murphy, Carlos Vieira, Ginger Lamoureux, Theresa Ferreira, Dorothy Hogan, Betty Tomko. **Please call the parish office if you know of someone in need of prayers. Names are printed only with consent.**

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS DAY)

"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." - Lk 2:11-12. Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD



Come Follow Me: HOW You Get There Determines WHERE You Arrive is a Young Adult Retreat for **men and women between College Age and 35 years old** who are married or single. The weekend will be held at the Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham, MA beginning at **6PM on Friday, January 20th and concluding with lunch on Sunday, January 22nd.** This retreat will be facilitated by Deacon Bruce Bonneau, Asst. Dir. Adult Evangelization & Spirituality; Crystal-Lynn Medeiros, Asst. Dir. Youth & Young Adult Ministry; and Fr. David Frederici, UMass Dartmouth Chaplain. The cost of the weekend is **\$150 per person which includes meals and accommodation.** A discount is offered to those willing to share a room if additional space is needed. To register, download the form at www.fallriverfaithformation.org registrations deadline is Friday, January 13th. For more information, contact Crystal-Lynn Medeiros at (508) 678-2828 or via email at cmedeiros@dfrcec.com.

Essay Contest

The Pro-Life Apostolate is sponsoring its Annual Essay Contest to focus on the upcoming anniversary date of Roe vs. Wade and Doe vs. Bolton, the decisions which legalized abortion-on-demand in this country. Our theme this year is **"I came so that all might have life and have it to the full!"** which calls us to reflect on the value of every human life. Essays will be grouped and judged in two categories according to grade level:

Grades 6, 7, and 8 comprise the first category and Grades 9-12 comprise the second category. First prize winners will be awarded one \$200 US Savings Bond and Second Prize will be a \$100 US Savings Bond. Call parish office for further information. Deadline submission of entries is February 10, 2012.

Give Thanks to our Advertisers by calling them first. We appreciate our advertiser's gracious support of our weekly bulletin. Please check the back page of the bulletin and see if any of our advertisers can assist you.

Epiphany Breakfast

A St. Lawrence Martyr Parish Gathering Continuing Our Celebration of Christmas at Epiphany! The event will be held at 9AM, Sunday, January 8, 2012 at HFHN School. Enjoy our breakfast with family and fellow parishioners. All are welcome! Bring the family, invite a friend! An \$8 donation per adult and children are free! Please RSVP by our extended date of January 3rd, 2012. All children must be accompanied by an adult please! Please call the rectory to make your reservations at (508) 992-4251. Reservation forms are also available. We are looking forward to seeing you at our Parish New Year Celebration!

Scripture Alive

Bible Sharing - 1st Letter of the Corinthians will be the focus for Tuesdays beginning Jan 10, 2012, offered from 10AM to 12PM at St. John Neumann Hall, E. Freetown, MA; or from 7-9PM at the Office of Faith Formation, 423 Highland Ave.,



Fall River, MA., facilitated by Frances Thomas, RSM. \$20 fee for books and materials but please bring your own Bible. Bible Sharing necessitates that the group be limited to 15 participants. Please register by contacting the Office at (508) 678-2828 or online at www.faithformation.org no later than Jan 4, 2012.

Catholic Cruise to the Exotic Eastern Caribbean

Come and sail away on a 8-night Catholic Exotic Eastern Caribbean Cruise with Father Michael Sullivan April 28-May 6, 2012 on the Carnival Miracle out of New York, NY. Ports of Call: Grand Turk, Half Moon Cay, (The Bahamas), and Nassau (Bahamas). Prices begin at \$1692 for two passengers which includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass and Rosary offered. Deposits of only \$50 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further info or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at (860) 399-1785/ dpayttc@aol.com. Thanks and God Bless.

Please keep in your prayers our service men and women deployed in Iraq, Afghanistan and all over the world. May the Lord keep them safe and return them home soon..

Please Pray For World Peace.

