

Annual "Giving Tree"

Why change something that has been so successful in the past?

God says in Deuteronomy 15:7-8, 10-11 "If one of your kinsmen in any community is in need in the land which the Lord, your God, is giving you, you shall not harden your heart nor close your hand to him in his need. Instead, you shall open your hand to him and freely lend him enough to meet his need. When you give to him, give freely and not with ill will, for the Lord, your God, will bless you for this in all your works and undertakings. The needy will never be lacking in the land; that is why I command you to open your hand to your poor and needy kinsman in your country."

Why change? Because times change: In the past the "Giving Tree" focused primarily on children. We will continue to serve the children and have many tags for gifts on the tree. However, this year we recognize that there are families with greater needs than gifts for their children. This year the giving tree will work in conjunction with the St Vincent DePaul society of the parish to provide for the basic needs of the family. With your support, the parish will be able to provide oil, food, prescriptions and other basic needs. The St Vincent DePaul group, which is well established and has been working in the parish for years and years, will contact each potential family to find their real need. Then through your generosity will provide for their basic needs. No cash will be handed out. On this year's "Giving Tree" you will see tags with envelopes attached. We invite you to take one and return it with your generous response to the needs of your fellow parishioner. We will report back to you what has been done (without disclosing any names) for others. Thank you for considering the needs of your brothers and sisters. May God bless you abundantly!

A.L.I.V.E. News

December 12th at 7:00pm:

Bring this Advent season to life by sharing in the often overlooked faith journeys of Mary and Joseph. Ever wonder what it might have been like to be them? At this **Faith Sharing Friday** our discussion titled: **"Walk a Mile in Their Sandals"** will help you to do just that. Chuck and Shannon Rozea will share their thoughts on the parallels between our lives and Mary and Joseph's. Take a break from your holiday shopping for this evening of reflection, prayer and Christmas merriment! Please bring your favorite holiday dessert or appetizer to share and a hat or pair of gloves to donate to the local shelter.

Location: John and Paula Andrade's home, 55 High St., Bristol

RSVP: John and Paula Andrade, 254-9687

THANKSGIVING

This Thursday as a nation we will celebrate the holiday of Thanksgiving.

We invite you to come to Mass at 8:00AM Why? Because we don't know any better way to express our thankfulness than through the Eucharist: Join us as we give thanks to God for all His blessings.

For your information

The rectory will be closed on Thanksgiving and also on Friday. The staff will have eaten too much. (not the pastor) to work.



Saturday, Nov. 22 nd	4:00 PM	Virginia Dyer requested by her family
Sunday, Nov. 23 rd	8:30 AM	David Camara (6 th anniversary) requested by his family
	10:00 AM	Harvey and Delcia Plamondon requested by Manny and Bunny Correia
	11:30 AM	Manuel B. Plamondon (3 rd anniversary) requested by his family
Monday, Nov. 24 th	8:00 AM	Mary Mulcahy requested by Jim and Anne Welch
Tuesday, Nov. 25 th	8:00 AM	Thomas Quinn requested by Joseph Benevides
Wednesday, Nov. 26 th	8:00 AM	For the captive souls in Purgatory
Thursday, Nov. 27 th	Thanksgiving Day	
	8:00 AM	Sister Ruth O'Reilly requested by Sr. Edwin and Sr. Joeline RSM
Friday, Nov. 28 th	8:00 AM	Intention Available
Saturday, Nov. 29 th	4:00 PM	Eva Relle (birthday remembrance) requested by her grandson David E. Barboza
Sunday, Nov. 30 th	8:30 AM	Frank and Maria Enos requested by John and Hilda Andrews
	10:00 AM	Gordon W. Meiggs (birthday remembrance) requested by his family
	11:30 AM	Salvatore Malafronte Sr. requested by his children

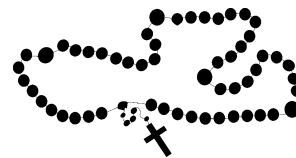
Those who are sick:

Buck Hakes, George Mansi, Margaret J. Camara, Elizabeth and Douglas B. Baker, Nick Mascagna, Bob Kavanagh, Naomi Frias, Lisa Franco, Duane Downs, Hailee Nova Ferreira, Patricia Lousen, John R. Partington, Theresa Carlos, Cathryn Charpentier, Hilda Raposa, Alda Arruda, Joseph Dalton, Rosa Elena Ortuno, Jacqueline Gorman, Ronald Rielly, Rita Zinno, Grace White, Cindy Carreiro, Tony Escobar, Joan Roth, Lynn Perry, Beth Baker, Helga Sousa, Joseph D. Santos, Sr., Ann Marie Fortin, Adam McCauley, Christopher McCarthy, Doreen Ruggiero, Arlene Krave, Harold Bannister, Enna Bill Pineda, David Smith,, Sarah Winn, Joan Simonds, Doris Baggett, Bella Lima, Clare Correia, Wendy Foley, Ali Lamora, Marie Manchester, Dorothy Kowal, Frank Silvia, Cheryl Carvalho, Pat Faria, Valerie Bazinet, Makalya Rose Bennett,, Sister Hope Warburton, Ruth Parella, Mike Davis, Alicia Arevalo, John F. McKenna III, Jerry Bergeron, Mary Santos, Edward Raposa, Mike Panarello, Dan Mello, Kate Richard, Josephine Favro, Peter Drolet, Joseph Silva, Bob Larisa, Paul Theroux, Margaret Haray, & Angela Lynn Aubin



PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

The Sisters of St. Dorothy will be celebrating several jubilees in 2009. As part of their celebrations they will be having a pilgrimage March 3rd to the 12th 2009 to Rome, Florence, Assisi, and an audience with the Holy Father. There will be a meeting at Our Lady of Fatima High School at 3 PM on Sunday, November 30th for those wishing to make deposits. For further information please contact Sister Colleen Matarese at 253-5434 or Sister Mary Sardinha, pilgrimage coordinator in Texas at 956-565-9430.



The Women's Guild and Divine Mercy Prayer Cenacle of St. Mary's of the Bay & St. Jean Baptiste are sponsoring a retreat on the Rosary. "What does the

Rosary have to say to our lives?" The history of the Rosary. Reflection on the mysteries. Life Application. Saturday, Dec. 6th 9 AM-1 PM, St. Mary of the Bay Chapel, 645 Main St. in Warren. Light refreshments will be served. Free will offering will be accepted. (\$5 donation suggested)

The Santo Cristo Feast Committee of Saint Elizabeth's Church, 577 Wood Street, Bristol, will hold a **Malassada Sale Fundraiser** to benefit their celebration of the 2009 Santo Cristo Feast expenses this Sunday, November 23rd from 7:00 to 11:30 am at the Saint Elizabeth's Hall.

PRAY FOR PEACE



This week the Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of **Joseph E. Doran** requested by his daughter Dorothea. Please remember him in your prayers.

- Processional **742** The King Of Glory
- Responsorial Psalm
- Offertory **743** Hail Redeemer King...
- Communion **solo**
- Recessional **739** To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King

