

The Parish Council met this past Monday and reported the following. Plans for the parish dinner dance at the Venus on Saturday, November 7th are progressing very well. They will be serving assorted hors d'oeuvres at 6:30 PM and dinner at 7:00 PM with a choice of beef or stuffed sole. The tickets will go on sale soon for \$40.00. The raffle is moving along with the committee out getting prizes. If you wish to donate a prize from your company or personally, contact Fr. Barry. The raffle tickets will \$5.00 or 3 for \$10.00.

The visitation committee will start looking for people to visit. They will offer to bring communion or a friendly visit or simply offer to be of assistance when needed. If you know anyone who might like a visit, please contact the rectory.

The parish picnic on Sunday, September 6th is being planned. The Columban Fathers site has been reserved from 12noon until 3:00 PM. They have secured a face painter and magician and have games and events planned. The parish will supply beverages and tables. The families must bring their own food and chairs. So far about 100 have signed to attend.

Monday the Pro-Life Committee will meet to discuss future plans. There is a fashion show at the Venus on Monday, September 14th. The tickets are \$35.00.

Prudence Island seems to be doing fairly well with Fr. John providing Mass every Saturday at 4:30 PM. The stipend is \$250.00; however this is much cheaper than flying a priest from Ghana and paying and feeding him for the summer.

It was decided that all committees working within St Mary's should report in writing to the council. This will allow the council to be aware of what is happening and to centralize the calendar.

The council recommends to the finance council to raise the rates for weddings in the parish. We have a beautiful church that is very expensive to maintain and insure. The true cost should be passed on to couples. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 14th at 7:00PM in the auditorium.

Pro-Life Committee invites all interested persons to a meeting on Monday, August 17th at 7:00PM in the home of Gilles and Cynthia Bruneaux at 837 Hope Street. Parking is available across the street at the VFW hall. Any questions call Cynthia at 253-4616 or email to cbbristol@cox.net

Parish Picnic meeting on Thursday, August 20th at 6:00PM in the auditorium – all are welcomed!

Armed Forces

We are in the process of planning a Mass that will focus on the men and women in the military. We will pray in thanksgiving for their service, we will pray for their protection, for their families and friends who wait and worry and we will pray for those who have died in service to me, you and country. In the mean time, we invite you to keep all these men and women in your prayers and especially:

Brian Pavao – 3rd class Petty Officer in Navy

Jonathan Cameron – Major in Army

Stephen Holmes - SSgt

Anne Lero – Captain in Army

Margaret Lero Larson – Captain in Army

Brendan Hewett– Lieutenant in Marines

Nathaniel Patterson – E2 in Navy

Matthew Patton – Private in Army

Sylvanna Waghelstein – Captain in Army

Michael Weaver – MA2 Navy

Porche Bragg – Air Force

James Pheffer – Sr Chief in Navy

Thomas Camara – 3rd class Petty Officer – Navy

Elevator

The repair company was here on Wednesday. Again apologize for the inconvenience and I will keep you informed.

Respect Nature

We will offer a workshop on Sunday, September 13th in the auditorium from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM. This event will focus on our stewardship of the earth. The program is called “Cool Congregations”. It will deal with our impact on the environment – it will measure our ‘carbon footprint’ and suggest ways to lower the harm we do to nature. It will discuss global warming and energy. The earth is a gift from God and we need to respect it and protect it.

Religious Education

Why not volunteer to work with a small group of God's children. We need adults for each grade level. The committee has met and set the times and schedule.

Grades 1,2 &3 Sunday 9:30 AM until 10:15 AM

Grades 4,5&6 Sunday 11:00 AM until 12:00 AM

Grades 7&8 Sunday nights 6:15 PM until 7:15 PM

Grades 9 and 10 Sunday nights 7:30 PM until 8:30 PM

Classes will begin on Sunday, September 20th

If interested, contact Fr Barry or Deacon Paul

“Alive”

Will have its first offering of the year on Friday, September 11th at 7:00PM. It will feature Fr. Barry on the topic of living in God's love and mercy.



Saturday, Aug. 15 th	
1:30 PM	Wedding: Charles P. Kenny and Julie C. Ciarlone
4:00 PM	Russell & Theresa Donovan and James & Vivian Sullivan requested by their family
4:30 PM	<i>Prudence Island</i> : Special Intention for Vanessa Vargas requested by her grandparents
Sunday, Aug. 16 th	
8:30 AM	Thomas and Elsie Douglas requested by their family
10:00 AM	Raymond J. Fournier requested by his family
11:30 AM	Sal Parella requested by his grandson Gregory
Monday, Aug. 17 th	
8:00 AM	Lisa Hendrick requested by Joseph and Martha Gomes
Tuesday, Aug. 18 th	
8:00 AM	George Sisson requested by Dr. Raymond C. Dyer
Wednesday, Aug. 19 th	
8:00 AM	In thanksgiving for the 25 th anniversary of ordination of Rev. Fr. Cosmas Osei-Amponsa requested by Russell and Irene Head
Thursday, Aug. 20 th	
8:00 AM	Joan Craig requested by Paula DuPont Gladue
Friday, Aug. 21 st	
8:00 AM	Sister Carol Mary Morrison requested by Sr. Joeline & Sr. Edwin RSM
Saturday, Aug. 22 nd	
1:30 PM	Wedding: Patrick L. Brilliant and Jennette J. Bishop
4:00 PM	Robert Carmone (2 nd anniversary) requested by his wife and family
4:30 PM	<i>Prudence Island</i> : David Donati requested by Carl & Paula Palumbo
Sunday, Aug. 23 rd	
8:30 AM	Elizabeth Meiggs requested by her family
10:00 AM	Rosemarie Fludder (5 th anniversary) requested by her family
11:30 AM	Salvatore Parella requested by Tom and Ann



This week the Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of **Joseph and Frances Silvia** requested their daughter Janice. Please remember them in your prayers.

Processional **315** Gather Your People
Responsorial Psalm: page 201 (spoken)
 Offertory **708** Hail Mary: Gentle Woman
 Communion **solo**
 Recession **748** Alleluia! Sing To Jesus



Those who are sick:

John Carmone, Ken and Joyce Bryant, Nevan DiMucci, Edmund Oliver, Sheila Montgomery, Tarynn Blais, Lorraine Cipriano, Vera Kavonogh, Colin Pickering, Dolores Santos, Gregory Conrad, Ernesto Morales, Ann Marie St. Pierre, Aoife Molly Blais, Margaret J. Camara, Elizabeth and Douglas B. Baker, 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, Lynn Perry, Beth Baker, Helga Sousa, Ann Marie Fortin, Adam McCauley, Doreen Ruggiero, Harold Bannister, Sarah Enna Bill Pineda, David Smith,, Doris Baggett, Wendy Winn, Joan Simonds, Bella Lima, Clare Correia, Marie Manchester, Dorothy Kowal, Frank Silvia, Cheryl Carvalho, Pat Faria, 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



Our Harbor Lights group in conjunction with Conway Tours will have their monthly bus trip to **Foxwoods** on **Monday, August 24th**. The trip departs at 7:30 AM and returns at 5:00 PM. The cost is \$17 including food and Keno coupons. Contact Dave Barboza, Sr. at 253-6696 for information/reservations.



On August 24, 2009, volunteers will span Bristol and surrounding communities as Roger Williams University, Brown University Project 20/20 and the East Bay Community Action Program do a day of service by installing CFL energy efficient light bulbs throughout the area to homeowners and renters. **Energy efficient light bulbs will be provided at no cost.** An average user can expect to save \$36.00 per bulb when using Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs over incandescent bulbs. Most bulbs last 5-7 years. By replacing your bulb, you will reduce your energy consumption, help the environment and save money. To sign up, please call East Bay RSVP at 435-7876



PRAY FOR PEACE

