

**Would you give your life ?**

Paul Comtois was born in Pierreville, Quebec, on the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, August 22, 1895. He first entered politics in 1930 and was defeated by one vote. In June, 1957, he entered the House of Commons as member for Nicolet-Yamaska. On Oct. 1st, 1961, he was appointed Quebec Lieutenant-Governor by John Diefenbaker, then Prime Minister. When the Conservative Party won the election in 1954, he was chosen as a Cabinet Minister. When the former Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec died, Mr. Comtois was selected to succeed him. Lieutenant-Governor Paul Comtois, was now the personal representative of Her



Majesty, Queen Elizabeth In Canada. In Each Province of the Canadian Confederation, was represented by a Lieutenant-Governor. So, in the Province of Quebec, His Excellency Paul Comtois was holding that high office. Paul Comtois was known to be a most personable man, a popular socialite, with exquisite French courtesy, and most of all, a true Catholic, a faithful servant of the Church. The story of his

devotion to—and martyrdom for—the Eucharist, however, is a little-known story in both Canada and the United States.

Mr. Comtois's story came to light in a booklet published in 1988 by John Cotter of Barrie, Ontario, Canada. The booklet, entitled, *The Affirmation of Paul Comtois*, had an introduction written by Sister Maureen Peckham, RSCJ, who wrote:

***Paul Comtois was a man of the world, a well-known socialite, one who had reached the heights of worldly glory; he was one whom the world could recognize as its own.***

***Furthermore, his chivalrous and brave death should, even on the human and worldly level, have merited him the title of hero. That he, who had been honored by the world during his lifetime, should have been ignored by the world at the moment of his death, can only be explained by the fact that he died for One Whom the world does not recognize and has ever refused to acknowledge.***

Early in the morning of Monday, February 21, 1966, with the outside temperature about 20 degrees below zero, the historic 105-year old mansion that served as Government House in Sillery, Quebec, Canada, caught fire and, as the Fire Chief on the scene later described the scene: "The fire started as though it were in a matchbox. It was incredible to see with what speed the flames spread through the building." The heat of the crackling flames was in stark contrast to the 20-degree-below-zero temperature in Quebec City. Despite the wintry weather, the heat was so intense that firemen could not approach closer than 100 feet, and hoses were continually freezing.

Initial reports told of a man seen shepherding his wife, staff and guests from the house. Then he walked back into the blaze, but he never walked out. Later the full story was told by eyewitnesses and family members. When the fire started, there were ten occupants in the mansion, the family and some visitors. The facts are quite straightforward. Just eight years ago, on Feb. 21st, 1966, fire destroyed the

Lieutenant-Governor's mansion at Sillery, Que-bec. Mr. Comtois was the first to notice smoke. Mrs. Comtois was in bed. Mr. Comtois, who was 70 years old, was the first to act. He took his wife in his arms and brought her outside. His daughter, Mireil, later told reporters: "As I was racing through the building to escape from the fire, I came upon my father in the chapel. As I was going to run to him, he firmly ordered me to jump from a nearby window and I did, wondering why he did not do likewise. The last I saw of him, he was standing under the sanctuary lamp in his pajamas and wearing around his neck the souvenir Rosary from his father which he said every night and wore to sleep." "My father," Mireille continued, "would visit the chapel each night before retiring to say his prayers."

"My father once told me," she continued, "that he had difficulty in being granted the special permission from the Cardinal to permanently keep the Blessed Sacrament in the private chapel. When he finally was given this permission, it was on condition that he be personally responsible for its safe and proper keeping. And my father was a man who lived up to his obligations at all costs." Unfortunately, it could not be determined by fire personnel whether he could not open the tabernacle because of the progress of the fire, or whether the smoke was too heavy. But, as he came down, the stairs collapsed and he was burned alive in the holocaust. Brian Turpin, a Quebec City fireman, was among the first to locate Mr. Comtois's body, said: "We found him face down, his body badly burned amongst the sacred vestments scattered on the chapel floor. The small case for the Host was at his front. His arms were so badly burned that they had been buned off and were separated from his body on the floor." Mareil recounted: "my father was a big stocky man and under the upper part of his body they found the pyx used to carry the Holy Eucharist. His body had saved it from the flames . . . I still picture him standing in the light of the sanctuary lamp."

Mac Stearns, a Quebec industrialist and overnight guest of the Governor's residence, commented: "Paul Comtois was a very sincere person, deeply concerned with the problems of humanity. His tremendous religious faith and fervor for the Blessed Sacrament impressed me greatly and was no doubt instrumental in my embracing the Catholic faith sometime after his death."

Paul Comtois believed in the Real Presence so much that he petitioned his government and church leaders for special permission to keep the host in a private chapel in his home. He loved the Eucharist so much that he became a martyr to protect and save the Blessed Sacrament from harm. In doing this, he brought others to the Catholic faith. He gave his life for to save Jesus because He knew—without doubt—that Jesus had given His life to save his.



OFFICE HOURS—CONTACT INFORMATION

Collaborative Office Hours

55 Commercial Street Weymouth, MA 02188  
Phone: 781-337-6333 [www.shstm.org](http://www.shstm.org)

*Our offices are open, with restrictions. The lobby is open at this time. Simply come to the front door to enter for safe, no contact, distanced visits and regular business.*

**Summer office hours for July & August**

**Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, 9:30am thru 2:30pm**

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**We are blessed with our new partnership, providing Catholic Education on two campuses for Braintree, Weymouth and the greater South Shore. Tours are available.**

SACRAMENTS & DEVOTIONS

SHSTM Collaborative [YouTube](#) Channel live stream  
**Masses: Saturday 4pm Vigil—Sunday 9:30am & 11:30am**

YouTube site: click the “subscribe button” to be alerted when we post. You can also go to the site anytime to watch posted live stream videos, uploads and Masses.

We already have 540 families subscribed.  
Many families enjoy watching at their familiar Mass times.

Pandemic Restrictions  
still in place



Reconciliation:  
please call the office  
for an Appointment.

Baptism: Monthly and by appointment. Please call the office and ask for Maureen to register.

Marriage: Contact the office at least six months in advance and prior to scheduling your reception.

Sacrament of the Sick: Please see a priest at Mass or contact the office to make arrangements for the Sacrament prior to surgery.

Ambassadors will continue to greet and assist you to find seating. You are no longer required to wear a mask inside the church.

*Of course, those wishing to wear masks may do so, and please respect their desire for safe-distancing.*

**+Though the COVID protocols have eased, we will continue to offer for those who wish, safe distanced seating sections of the church.**

**+Please do not sit in designated Red Taped sections of the church. These sections are reserved for those wearing a mask and desiring safe distanced seating.**

**+Communion ministers will wear masks while distributing Holy Communion.**

**+At this time we are reverting back to reception of Holy Communion in the hands only.**

Hearing Devices Available:

Do you have trouble hearing at Mass?  
**Hearing devices area available.**  
Please see an Ambassaor  
at the entrance of the Church.



**To all former Liturgical Ministers: An update for all volunteers was sent via e-mail to all those who volunteered in the 2019-2020 year. If you did not receive a letter, please call the office and we will make sure you receive one. We also have copies available after Mass for all those who did not receive the email.**

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a moment of receiving the gift of God’s boundless mercy. For now, we are offering confession by appointment or during our monthly Holy Hours. see additional opportunities in the area:**

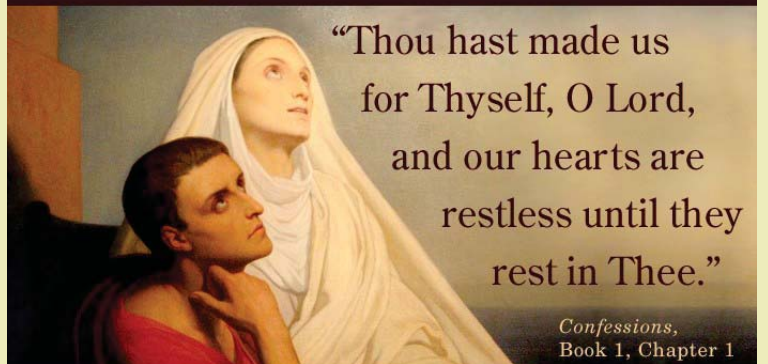
**Weymouth:** Immaculate Conception : Saturdays 3:00-3:45p or Saint Jerome by appointment;  
St. Francis Xavier and St. Albert, by appointment;  
Sacred Heart: by appointment or at Holy Hours.

**Braintree:** St Francis of Assisi, Saturdays 12:30p - 2 pm and St. Clare, Saturday 8:30 - 9:00 am.

**Hingham:** St Paul and Resurrection from 3-3:45 pm on Saturdays at Resurrection, only.

**Quincy:** St John - St. Joseph at St. John Church: Wednesdays 6:45-7:45PM (drive thru), Saturdays 12-2:00pm.

St. Augustine and St. Monica



“Thou hast made us for Thyself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee.”

Confessions,  
Book 1, Chapter 1

To understand today's Gospel, we must remember that Jesus had already declared:

"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe. All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me but raise them up at the last day. For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.' At this the Jews there began to grumble about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They said, 'Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I came down from heaven?'" (Jn 6: 35-42).



Once again, the Jews are blind to who Jesus is, even though He has healed the blind and lame, even though, at the beginning of His ministry while teaching in the Temple, He had told them directly:

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing" (Lk 4:18-21). Still, in their eyes, He was just the carpenter's son and they wanted a Messiah that would be a powerful king who would make Israel great again as in the time of David. Why did they not hear Him, when He told them that He was fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah (61:1-2)?

Even as "a large crowd followed him, and he healed all who were ill and warned them not to tell others about him." Why did they not see that "This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: 'Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations. He will not quarrel or cry out; no one will hear his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out, till he has brought justice through to victory. In His name the nations will put their hope.'" (Mt 12: 16-21). Why, when Jesus went about doing God's will, fulfilling prophecy after prophecy, why did they not hear? Why did they not see?

As Jesus continued to quietly, but powerfully, heal the sick, to teach the way of Love, to gather more and more followers, many Jews began to believe Jesus could indeed be the Promised One, the One who would save Israel. The same followers who numbered in the thousands and were miraculously fed by a few barley loaves and fish continued to follow Him...until His Bread of Life discourse. When Jesus said: "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in

me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." When Jesus began with "very truly I tell you," all his listeners would pay close attention. But when they listened, it seemed Jesus was telling them to "eat His flesh," and "drink His blood," and thereby encouraging his followers to cannibalism. Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, "This is a hard saying, who can accept this?"

Jesus responds with a challenge: "What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?" Would they believe what their eyes told them or continue to doubt what they heard and saw, just as they were not doing? Jesus knew there would be some who would not accept "the spirit that gives life," and so He was not surprised when "many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him." And so he turns to the Twelve that have been with Him since the beginning of His ministry and asks them if they want to leave Him, too. It is Simon Peter, who becomes the rock of His followers when he answered: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God."

In today's Church, there are many who receive the "Bread of Life," as if it were only bread, a symbol of the Life and Love of Jesus, a sign of their faith in Him, but do they, like many disciples in Jesus' time, believe that what they receive is the Real Presence of Jesus alive in our world today? Like those in Jesus' time, there are some who find the Bread of Life too difficult to accept and they stay away from Mass. Even more, statistics say only a third of those who attend Mass and receive the bread and wine believe Jesus' words: "This is My Body... This is My Blood" for the life of the world. Sadly, we see this unbelief at Mass whenever we see people who do not genuflect to the Presence of Jesus in the Tabernacle, or people who turn their back on Jesus to speak with a neighbor, or who treat His Temple, His Church, as merely another house where people gather to socialize and be filled, not to give the adoration due the Real Presence of the Lord in their midst. Many Catholic Christians today forget that Jesus, the Bread of Life, has said: "My house shall be a house of prayer" (Mt 21:13).

Celebrating Mass on the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (June 6, 2021), Pope Francis noted the Upper Room, where Jesus celebrated the First Eucharist, was "a large room for a tiny piece of Bread," symbolizing how "God makes Himself tiny, like a morsel of bread", and why we "need a great heart to be able to recognize, adore and receive Him." The Pope went on to say that we need to open up the spaces of our hearts to break out of ourselves and enter the large space of the Upper Room to experience "the vast expanse of wonder and adoration" of God's humble, boundless, loving presence. That is why adoration represents "the attitude we need in the presence of the Eucharist," he said." (Vatican News)

From the moment a Catholic Christian enters the Church, a deep sense of reverence should permeate their whole being. Their hearts should cry out: "My Lord and My God!" We cannot decide to believe some of Jesus' words, but not all of them. And so we must believe-and act like we believe—that the Eucharist IS His Body and His Blood. Our behavior at His table will testify to our belief so that all who witness our adoration and reception of Him will also come to believe **that He IS the Bread of Life for our world.**

**Our celebration begins**

on September 26 with Mass celebrated by Cardinal Sean O'Malley at 11:30 am at King Oak Hill Park, Weymouth.

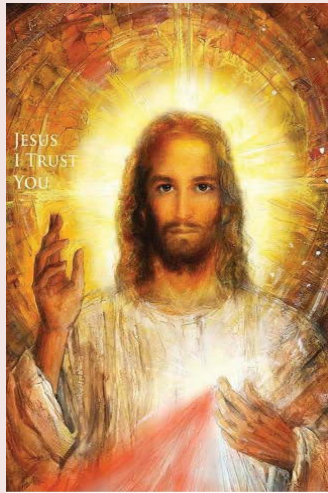
Bring your own picnic lunch or purchase your lunch from available food trucks.

We hope you will join us for this wonderful celebration, please **click below:**

**Register for the 150th Anniversary Mass and Picnic.**

*Updates will be regular for our Mass and picnic*

Please take a bookmark home with you this week so that you may be prepared for our monthly events and celebration this year. We are blessed to join our brothers and sisters in Hingham, Weymouth, Braintree and the greater South Shore, celebrating a 150 years of ***One Faith and One Family in Jesus Christ!***



**Come Celebrate!**

**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Sacred Heart Church  
Braintree—Weymouth, MA**



**Adult Confirmation:** There are many reasons that a person might not have achieved full communion with the Church by receiving this final Sacrament of Initiation:

If you are over 18 years old and would like to receive this Sacrament in October, or if you would like more information about being baptized into the Catholic Church, or you would like to receive the Eucharist for the first time (First Communion), please call Maureen at the collaborative office (781-337-6333) for more information.

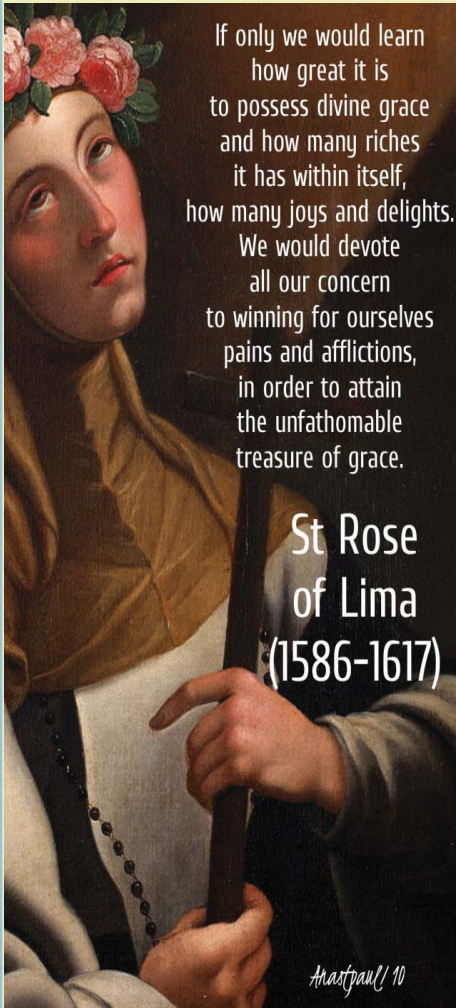
**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN.**

Registration for families with children in Grades 1-6 (Sunday 4-5 pm, or Monday, 6-7 pm), or youth in Grades 7 & 8 (alternating Tuesdays, 6-7 pm, or Discipleship I, (6-7 pm) and Discipleship II, (7:15-8:15 pm) is now open. Please visit our collaborative website ([www.shstm.org](http://www.shstm.org)) to register for any of these sessions. The registration fee will be \$50/child, and no more than \$150/family. We look forward to this year's program, which will include on-site sessions in Sacred Heart Church and school and on-line learning opportunities between sessions. Please register now so that materials may be ordered for you and your family. Thank you!

**To register for Faith Formation programs please Visit:**

[Register for FFF - Sacred Heart Parishioners](#)

[Register for FFF- St Thomas More Parishioners](#)



If only we would learn how great it is to possess divine grace and how many riches it has within itself, how many joys and delights. We would devote all our concern to winning for ourselves pains and afflictions, in order to attain the unfathomable treasure of grace.

**St Rose of Lima (1586-1617)**

*Anastasia 10*

— AUGUST IS THE MONTH OF THE —

*Immaculate Heart*

— OF MARY —

THE CATECHISM (CCC#368) STATES THE HEART IS "THE DEPTHS OF ONES BEING. WHERE THE PERSON DECIDES FOR OR AGAINST GOD."  
- BECAUSE OF THIS MARY'S HEART CAN BE THOUGHT OF AS A SYMBOL OF PURE SELF GIVING LOVE FOR JESUS AND FOR GOD.

TWO PLACES IN SCRIPTURE REFER TO MARY'S HEART:  
LUKE 2:19 AND LUKE 2:51

IN THE APPARITIONS OF OUR LADY IN FATIMA SHE REVEALED GOD WISHED TO ESTABLISH DEVOTION TO HER IMMACULATE HEART THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

IDEAS TO INCREASE YOUR DEVOTION:

CHANGE YOUR PHONE WALLPAPER TO AN IMAGE OF THE IMMACULATE HEART

PRAY THE "LITANY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY" OR "THE LITANY OF THE IMMACULATE HEART"

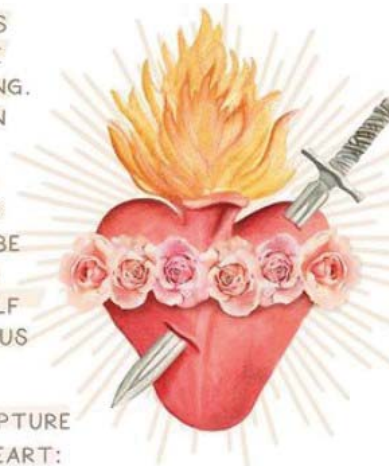
CONTEMPLATE / MEDITATE ON WHAT MARY PONDERED IN HER HEART

GO TO MASS ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

PRAY THE PRAYER TO THE IMMACULATE HEART

GO TO CONFESSION AND HAVE GOD MAKE YOUR HEART CLEAN AGAIN!

SING / LISTEN TO / PRAY THE SALVE REGINA IN FRONT OF A STATUE OR IMAGE OF THE BLESSED MOTHER



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 21ST**

**BAPTISMS**

**SATURDAY, VIGIL 4 PM-LIVE STREAMED**

**MARTIN J. GORMAN**

**FLORENCE A. WEST & THE MEMBERS OF THE DUNLOP & WEST FAMILIES**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 22ND 9:30AM —LIVE STREAMED**

**MICHAEL FLAHERTY (MONTH'S MIND), MARGARET FLAHERTY (20TH)**

**11:30AM—LIVE STREAMED**

**JOSEPH YUSKA & SUE VO**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 23RD—LIVE STREAMED 9AM**

**SAINT ROSE OF LIMA**

**PAULA ROGERSON**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 24TH- LIVE STREAMED 9AM**

**SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE**

**THE VICTIMS OF NATURAL DISASTER AND WITH SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE OF HAITI & AFGHANISTAN**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25TH-**

**SAINT LOUIS**

**DAVID JOHNSTON**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST**

**26TH—**

**LIVE STREAMED 9AM**

**WEEKDAY**

**GERALD FORD**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST**

**27TH—**

**SAINT MONICA**

**ROSEMARIE BRADLEY**

**22ND SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**



**ST. MONICA : AUGUST 27**

O Lord, Who taught Monica to persevere for the good of her family, help me to be a better parent to my children. Help me to have patience with them when they misbehave and give me the strength to guide them gently to the right path. Permit me always to forgive their misdeeds and keep me from speaking harshly or punishing unwisely. Please help me to be a beacon of goodness for them as they grow to adulthood and to be a good example to them in all that I say and do. Amen.



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 28TH—**

**SAINT AUGUSTINE, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

**BAPTISMS**

**WEDDING: JAMES PATRICK DOSSETT & MARINELA MINCHEVA KIRILOVA**

**VIGIL 4 PM-LIVE STREAMED**

**ANNE ROGERS (SPECIAL REMEMBRANCE OF WEDDING ANNIVERSARY)**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 29TH**

**9:30AM —LIVE STREAMED**

**PRO POPULO**

**11:30AM—LIVE STREAMED**

**MARGARET & DANIEL GREEN**



*In your kindness,  
please pray for:*

- |                   |                    |                          |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Peter Aitken      | Christine Marshall | <u>Our young people:</u> |
| Linda Antoniou    | John Mastrangelo   | Amelia Driscoll          |
| Marianne Bagley   | Elizabeth          | Carly Silva              |
| Mary Baker        | Mastropole         | Maeve Wilson             |
| Berte Family      | Michelle Matrone   | Isabella & Arianna       |
| Darren Best       | Richard Maurano    | Gill Dolan               |
| Paul Boback       | Bill McCaffrey     | Dylan McClorey           |
| Joyce Brancaccio  | Chris McCarthy     | TJ Genzale               |
| Jill Burton       | Robert McDermott   | Keegan Dinger            |
| Ruth Campbell     | The McIntyre       | Liam Kaszinek            |
| Alberto Canas     | Family             |                          |
| Bob Clifford      | Theresa McIsaac    | <u>Our little ones:</u>  |
| Betty Clifford    | Patricia           | Mark Mondello            |
| Pat Coleman       | McLaughlin         | Ethan Mondello           |
| Pat Creighton     | Paul McNamara      | Wil Rooney               |
| Denise Cremins    | Elizabeth Meola    | Quinn Waters             |
| Tracey Cronin     | Margaret Micele    | Caleb Delgado            |
| Raeanna Cronin    | William Morales    | Little Lucas             |
| Marianne Crooks   | Daniel Morin       | Baby Dylan               |
| Rose Curry        | Meaghan Morneau    | Baby Emma                |
| Noreen Curtis     | Michelle M.        | Baby Jacob               |
| Gregory DiBella   | Mullen             | Baby Lincoln             |
| Paul Donohoe      | Francis Murphy     | Baby Owen                |
| Bridget Dunn      | Jack Murphy        | Baby Roland              |
| Bill Earle        | Marjorie Murphy    | Baby William             |
| Colman Feeney     | Bob Murray         | Baby Liam                |
| Francis Finnegan  | Ellie Nyland       | Baby Thomas              |
| Jackie Fuller     | Dan O'Brien        | Baby Kinsley             |
| Mary Gallegos     | Jean O'Loughlin    |                          |
| Joseph Gavin      | Bob O'Loughlin     |                          |
| John Gifford      | Marie O'Neill      |                          |
| Leo Gibbons       | Laura O'Neill      |                          |
| Herbert Gillis    | Joseph O'Reilly    |                          |
| Lauren Gray       | Donna O'Reilly     |                          |
| Irene Griffin     | Robindra Panalal   |                          |
| Peg Hart          | Gina Pappas        |                          |
| Cara Holbrook     | Richard Pattison   |                          |
| Rosemary Haley    | Barbara Pugliese   |                          |
| Robert Harrington | Claire Rice        |                          |
| John Hastie       | Kenneth Rice Jr.   |                          |
| Roseanne Hood     | James Roche        |                          |
| Paul Hughes       | Dorothy Rocks      |                          |
| Tom Itri          | Bill Romanoff      |                          |
| Dan Jansen        | Carolyn Ryan       |                          |
| Amber Johnson     | Ginny Salvaggio    |                          |
| Mary Anne K.      | Antoinetta Sheehan |                          |
| Esther Keeley     | Janet Shiels       |                          |
| John & Mary       | Robert Shiels      |                          |
| Keeley            | Karen Stachelek    |                          |
| Anita King        | Sean Sullivan      |                          |
| James Larson      | Donna Tocchio      |                          |

**A psalm  
of David.**

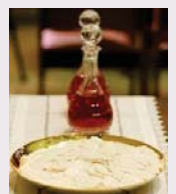
**LORD,  
I call to you;  
hasten to me;  
listen to my plea  
when I call.**

**Let my  
prayer be  
incense  
before you;  
my uplifted  
hands an  
evening  
offering.**

**Ps 141**

**The gifts of hosts, bread  
and wine this week are offered in  
memory of:**

**Martin J. Gorman**



***“Whatever you do for the least of these, you do for Me.” Matthew 25. Ministries***

We give thanks to God and to you that we will always be able to respond to those among us who need the support of our food pantry, because you have responded to Jesus, fulfilling His Word.

We are so grateful for your response to God’s call to be ever ready to assist “the least of these.” It seems whenever we have a need, you have fulfilled it. As times have changed for all of us, our needs, too, have changed as new families come to us for support. For example, there is a need for gas cards for a person who must drive herself to Boston each week for treatment for her cancer, your gas cards make this possible. Your gift cards to Stop and Shop, which can also be used for gas, was a great gift to her. Another person, who is looking for employment asked for clothes and shoes so that he would look better in his interviews. Fortunately, your donations of gift cards to Walmart and Target allowed us to respond to his need. As our supply for toiletries and cleaning supplies and paper products rise with the rise in the number of families seeking our assistance, and we all know we have been able to supply those in need with CVS and supermarket gift cards in lieu of these necessary items. In the meantime, our needs remain relatively the same each week, with the exception of peanut butter, jelly, cereal and pasta, all of which we have an ample supply every week. **In the following weeks we anticipate a greater need for: paper products, sauce, canned vegetables, yellow rice, cooking oil, fruit juices, coffee, SPAM and low sodium SPAM, snacks and cookies, crackers and cleaning and laundry supplies.**

Dear Friends:

This past Saturday, August 14th, an earthquake struck Haiti causing enormous damage and resulting in a significant loss of life.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) announced that it “is sending teams to provide clean water, sanitation, shelter and emergency supplies in response to a major earthquake that struck southern Haiti early Saturday morning. While the severity of the damage is still being determined, with communications down in parts of the country, hundreds of deaths have already been reported as well as extensive damage to buildings and homes.”

Recognizing the suffering of the Haitian people and growing need for assistance, Cardinal Seán has asked that a special collection for Catholic Relief Services and the Church in Haiti be taken the weekends of August 21-22 or August 28-29 in all parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston. **We will take up our second collection the weekend of August 28-29 as a second collection. Feel free to also support on-line or drop off during the week anytime through our secure drop-box at the office.**

The parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston have consistently stepped forward during times of natural disasters to assist our brothers and sisters in other parts of the world. Following the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, where CRS reports “more than 300,000 people were killed and another 1.3 million left without homes”, the parishioners of the Archdiocese generously raised more than \$2 million for relief efforts.

**To process this collection, please ask parishioners to address their checks to your parish, with “Haiti Earthquake Relief” in the memo.** On behalf of the Cardinal, thank you for your attentiveness to this important collection and expression of our solidarity with those who are suffering.

Fraternally yours in Christ, Very Rev. William P. Joy, Special Assistant to the Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia

Sacred Heart	Mail-in 8/9-8/15	Vigil Mass Date 8/14/21	9:30am Date 8/15/21	11:30am	Totals	
Attendance		168		108	87	362
Offertory	\$ 3,317.00	\$ 1,782.00		\$ 839.00	\$ 1,081.00	\$ 7,019.00
2ndColl #2120	\$ 00.00	\$ 00.00		\$ 00.00	\$ 00.00	\$ 00.00
Other *	\$ 2,459.00	\$ 288.00		\$ 185.00	\$ 2,223.00	\$ 5,155.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 5,776.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,070.00</b>		<b>\$ 1,024.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,307.00</b>	<b>\$ 12,174.00</b>

Saint Thomas	Mail-in	Vigil Mass	9:30am	11:30am	Totals	
Offertory	\$ 2,249.50	\$ 925.00		\$ 330.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 3,634.50
2ndColl #2120	\$ 00.00	\$ 00.00		\$ 00.00	\$ 00.00	\$ 00.00
Other *	\$ 565.00	\$ 163.00		\$ 25.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 773.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 2,814.50</b>	<b>\$ 1,088.00</b>		<b>\$ 355.00</b>	<b>\$ 150.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,407.50</b>

\*Other= #42000 Group = Sacraments, Funerals, Mass Cards, Mass Intentions, Shrines, Flowers, Gifts, Grand Annual, etc.  
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