Mary, friend and mother to all,
through your Son, God has found a way
to unite himself to every human being,
called to be one people,
sisters and brothers to each other.

We ask for your help in calling on
your Son,
seeking forgiveness for the times when
we have failed to love and respect
one another.

We ask for your help in obtaining from
your Son
the grace we need to overcome the evil
of racism
and to build a just society.

We ask for your help in following your Son,
so that prejudice and animosity
will no longer infect our minds or hearts
but will be replaced with a love
that respects
the dignity of each person.

Mother of the Church,
the Spirit of your Son Jesus
warms our hearts:
pray for us.

Amen.
Please remember to call in to the Parish Office to sign up for Mass, as we are currently limited to 50 people per Mass. Also, feel free to call the parish office with any questions as well; protocols have been changing quickly at times and can cause confusion.

Fr. Tim will be away on vacation for the next few weeks —

Deacon Kelly will have a communion service on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

No Confessions on Wednesdays while Fr. Tim is away.

We will continue to have Adoration until noon on Wednesday.

Face masks are still required to attend Mass. This is not optional. Your safety and health are too important, and no one is “collateral damage!”

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen

Please pray for: John Reilly, Steve Torscenson, Fr. Tom Caswell, Leo DiValentino, Marlene Bumbeck, Tina, Stephanie Folster, Marlena Pethers, JoAnn Hamad, Justin Futia, Nancy Brady, Terri Sanders, Karen Crum, Laurel Reilly, Darlene Daul, Peggy Smet, Joyce, Ben Trudeau, George Swagel, Danielle Basta, Joan Hastings, Bailey Cooper, Sean, Susan, Clara Fischer, Peg Walsh, and all who are sick or recovering from surgery. If you have a prayer request for the bulletin, please call Barbara Rice (327-8124) or Kathryn Overland (328-8523).
Fr. Tim is away on vacation for the next two weekends, hiking in the mountains of Colorado. He keeps us all in his prayers during this time.

We will welcome Fr. Stephen Hess, SJ here for the weekends of July 11-12 and 18-19. We are always grateful to have him here in our parish, and especially this year, with all that is going on, the number of priests available to help out is very limited. We are indeed blessed by his presence!

After the final notes concluded at a recent symphony performance in Boston, the conductor hadn’t yet lowered his baton when a child exclaimed, “Wow!” The break in protocol, magnified by excellent acoustics, didn’t upset the participants or audience, however. Instead, several later said it brought them great joy. One even called the moment life-changing.

The incident was especially meaningful because the child, a 9-year-old named Ronan, has autism and is generally nonverbal. Music, his family says, tends to attract his interest and make him happy. When symphony officials learned Ronan’s identity, they arranged a private performance so he could meet some musicians.

How often do you shout “Wow!” — in a good way — at what you see and hear? You may tend to do so on vacation or while observing God’s natural wonders, but what about during your day-to-day life? Think about the people you encounter and their talents — and your own. When have these sparked a “Wow!” of thanks to God?

Every blessing, large or small, is a wow-moment — a gift from God that warrants our praise.

—adapted from HomeTouch Ministry

Prayer is a dangerous business. Pursued seriously, it will modify the way we think, act, feel, deal with others, work in the world, behold the universe.

It will change us in ways we can never have imagined; it will alter our perspective and transfigure our lives.

More than an aesthetic vision and deeper than a moral stance, prayer—by virtue of opening ourselves to God—produces a transformation that will somehow be perceived by others.

When we really pray, our interior life takes precedence over the exterior...

The life of the spirit, the direction of ourselves toward God, is something like taking a deep breath and leaping into waters whose depths we cannot plumb, where we risk exposure to an unknown temperature.

We entrust ourselves to the power of change, to transformation at the core of our being.

This usually occurs in a long, slow process—by small steps, of which we are mostly unaware.

But the change does occur, the transformation happens.

—Donald Spoto, In Silence: Why We Pray

Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer (Matthew 12:12)