

In this Plainville-Wrentham Catholic Update:

- **Wednesday Mass** and “Coffee & Chat” **Moved to St. Martha** Tomorrow
- **Special Collection** This Weekend for **Haiti Earthquake** Victims through Catholic Relief Services
- Save Sunday **Oct. 3** for our PWC “**BIG EVENT**” Celebration

Also, don't forget:

- **Tonight** (Tuesday, 8/17) Mary Garden **Rosary and Prayer** outside at 7:30 pm
- Our next “St. Joseph **Family Fun Day**” is at St. Mary church on **Sunday, Aug. 29** starting with the 9:30 Mass

Dear Brothers & Sisters of St. Martha and St. Mary Parishes,

Tomorrow, the **Wednesday 9:00 am Daily Mass and the new “After-Mass Coffee & Chat”** are both **moved to St. Martha Church** (due to slight delays in the sealcoating at St. Mary). Please join us for a more intimate celebration of the Eucharist and a time for casual conversation with other parishioners over a beverage and snack. Come to the lower church hall after Mass upstairs (elevator lift available). **All are welcome!** (Sponsored by the Senior Connections Committee of our Welcome Back Initiative.)

This week, in addition to the tragic turn of events in Afghanistan, **our sisters and brothers in Haiti suffered a massive new Earthquake, followed by a tropical storm.** Well over a thousand people died, *including 18 people in a church that collapsed during a Baptism.* Catholic Relief Services announced that it “is sending teams to provide clean water, sanitation, shelter and emergency supplies in response.” 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 up in all parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston. In our parishes, the collection will be taken **this weekend, August 21-22** (in place of the usual second collection). We will also setup a fund for those who use Online Giving, and you can always mail your donation to the parish office with “Haiti Earthquake” written on the envelope.

Finally, as we continue to celebrate our own coming through difficult times over the past year, **the centerpiece of our “Welcome Back Initiative”** has been scheduled for **Sunday morning, October 3** – so save the date for what we have been calling “**The Big Event**”. It will start with a **Welcome Back Mass at each parish** (9:30 at St. Mary and 10:00 at St. Martha, **followed by a big celebration for BOTH parishes** that will include games, lunch, and concerts – all on the parish field at St. Martha. Come to reconnect with your parish and collaborative community, meet new people who share many of your values, and strengthen relationships in the Body of Christ so we can be there for each other going forward! More details to follow... but **mark your calendar now!**

Fr. Joe