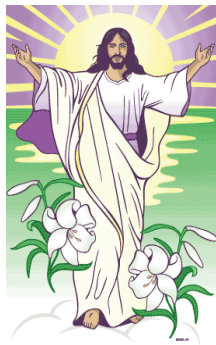


Mass Intentions



Saturday, April 3

8:00pm – For the people of this parish

Sunday, April 4

8:00am – For the people of this parish
 10:00am – For the people of this parish
 12:00pm - For the people of this parish

Please remember in your prayers

- For:** those adults and young people preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil: **Donna Kennedy, Eloisa Teixeira, Alicia Smith & Thomas Craig.**
- For:** Brady Poz (Chris Poz's nephew) 12months old with liver Cancer. Those who are homebound and ill especially: Charlie Dornan , Helen Bath, Joseph Ameri, Jay Balsavich, Catherine Butler, James Conley, Manuel Jancinto, Francis Gibbs, Marilyn Castillo, Catherine Farmer, John Hardy, Judy Wallen, Rita Ritucci, Lorice Hashem , Harry Owens, Maria R. Eduardo, Steven Hashem, John O'Brien – (Jean Rowan's brother who is critically ill), Lottie Doyle, Edda Tuite, Phyllis Hancock, Terri Resnack, Deletta Froio, Barbara Foley, Helen Sheehan and her sister Nora Cronin, Marian Cole ,& Alfred Melchionda
- For** **John Berksza & Joseph Falanga** whose funerals were celebrated here this past week, may they rest in peace,
- In** : thanksgiving for the missing who have been found in the aftermath of the Haitian earthquake and for those still missing especially the relatives of our parishioners
- For:** the unemployed and those under- employed.
- For:** All civilians, peace workers, relief workers, & military in areas of conflict and war, especially: Sam Bath, Edson Batista. Peter Farley, Ryan Moffett, Kevin Murphy, Brian O'Rourke, Robert Packard, & Derek VanDyke that they be protected from all harm.
- That** the recent incidents of domestic violence may serve as an alert to family members and helping professions for the need to get people help before people are hurt.
- For:** All those working for peace and justice in Pakistan, Israel, Burma, Palestine, Iraq, Afghanistan, Darfur, and the eastern part of the Congo.
- For:** The young people and others in our city who have been murdered and for a greater commitment from the community to address the seed beds of this violence



**Thoughts from
 Our Spiritual Development Committee**

Joyful, Joyful - Christ has Risen!

You have spent your Lent awakening to the presence of God. Think back on the last 40 days and pick one spiritual discipline you want to continue.

Lord, keep my eyes ever fixed on you. Let my entire life be dedicated solely to your service. Amen

The Easter collection supports the retirement, medical care, and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. We ask that you give generously on behalf of the priests that have devoted their lives to faithfully serve God and the good work of the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all our priests, thank you for your generosity.

Parish Calendar

Saturday/Sunday April 3/4 Resurrection Sunday

Thursday, April 8

7:00pm – Parish ARISE Team (rectory upstairs)

Saturday, April 10

10:00am – Worship Committee (rectory upstairs)

Saturday/Sunday April 10/11

2nd Sunday of Easter

Holocaust Memorial Day

2nd collection to help pay parish bills not covered by offertory

Sunday, April 11

Religious Education Registration for 2010-2011 after the 8:00am and 10:00am Masses (church hall)

8:45am – 1st Communion II Parents meet (church hall)

11:00am - **Grade 9 will be required to attend** a talk on sexuality by Linda Thayer author and developer of The Vocation of Love: A Christian View of Human Sexuality, as their final class, while their parents will be meeting with Janice D'Avignon

1:30pm – Class for parents/Godparents preparing to baptize and infant. (rectory basement)

Wednesday, April 14

7:30pm – Holocaust Memorial Service (Martin Center at Stonehill college)

Thursday, April 15

6:30pm – BIC Action on staff diversity in the Brockton schools (Messiah Baptist Church on Legion Parkway)

Sunday, April 18

1:30pm – Parish Baptisms

3:30pm – Thank you reception for parish donors to our Capital Fund Raising Drive and re-dedication of the church hall by Bishop John Doohar

Save the Date

Sunday April 25

11:15am – Parish Finance Council

Help Wanted

Teachers, hall monitors, and classroom helpers for grades 3-10 for fall 2010 religious education classes. Please contact the rectory at 508-586-4715

<u>Offertory</u>	
Weekly expenses	\$6300.00
March 27/28	\$5606.00
Parish budget collection	\$1400.00
Parish deficit	+\$706.00
Thank you for your generosity	

Rice Bowls- Catholic Relief Services

This year we did not make Rice Bowls available as we usually do-it was overlooked and our bad. There are parishioners however, who have saved their "Rice Bowl Money" On Saturday/Sunday April 10/11 larger Rice Bowls will be placed at the church doors for any and all contribution for this cause. This money will be used to support food programs in third world countries to feed people but also to help them grow their own food.

Readings for the Week of April 4, 2010

Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12
Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday:	Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/ Jn 20:19-31



The women who had come from Galilee with Jesus took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. - Lk 24:1b-3

Mass	Time	Presiders
Saturday April 10	4:00pm	Fr. Cloherty
Sunday, April 11	8:00am	Fr. Butler
	10:00am	Fr. Cloherty
	12:00pm	Fr. Visbisky

The Hospitality Committee, which prepares our monthly Sunday coffee hour and arranges other hospitality events in the parish, is looking for more volunteers. If you are open to helping this great group of people, call the rectory, leave your name, and phone number. **The committee picked up one new member. What about you?**

Religious Education Reminders - First Communion I & II

- **Sunday 4/11** required meeting for First Communion 2 parents. for a half hour with Fr. Cloherty then do a project with your child in class for the New Life Mass. Also Eucharist Books for FC2 are due
- **Sunday 4/18 no class** beginning of school vacation
- **Sunday 4/25** Last class for both FC1 and FC2 for the year Also required "Mass New Life" for FC2 at the 10am Mass
- **Thursday 4/29** required rehearsal for Group 1 5/1 First Communion

OUR FAITH, OUR COMMUNITY, OUR RESPONSIBILITY" DEDICATION

All supporters of our Capital Campaign, "Our Faith, Our Community, Our Responsibility" are cordially invited to the dedication of our new elevator and improved community hall. Bishop Dooher will be joining us for the celebration. If you have not yet supported the campaign, you are still welcome to participate. Envelopes are available on the windowsills of the church to assist you in making a pledge or one-time gift. Donations of any amount are welcome and appreciated.

Dedication Day
 Sunday, April 18, 2010
 3:30 PM
 Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall
 Most Rev. John A. Dooher
presiding
Light refreshments will be served

From Fr. Cloherty

My usual daily schedule finds me in my prayer place every day looking out the front window of the rectory by 6:30-6:45am. The revival of nature has become more pronounced in the past 2 or so weeks.

The sun is rising earlier so no electric light is necessary with the exception of some heavily overcast days. As I glanced out the window, I recently saw more birds of many varieties. Our resident squirrel has also returned to its nest in a tree in front of the rectory. Squirrels and birds in the southern hemisphere are seeing days with less sunlight as fall approaches signaling approaching winter and less activity. But for us there are signs of new life.

Jesus' death and resurrection are the central mysteries around which our faith revolves. The English word "Easter" comes from the Anglo-Saxon word "Eastre," the name of an ancient Teutonic goddess of spring.

In other languages the word for this Christian festival are rooted in the Hebrew word "Pesah" or Passover. The Latin is "Pasch," Spanish is "Pascuas," French is "Pâques" and Italian, "Pasquas."

Passover began last Monday evening for our Jewish sisters and brothers, a celebration of the chosen people's journey from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land. Our Pasch (or Easter) is meant to celebrate the journey we are all to take from the slavery of fear, self-centeredness, sin, oppression and death to new life in Christ; new life that destroys the powers of darkness whatever that may mean for us. We receive that power in baptism and it is nurtured in the church community and in the church's meal - the Eucharist.

We have the power to make that journey, but we only receive it if we decide to take the first step. We receive that power when we act to move from a more self-centered life to a life centered more on others. We receive that life when we decide to surrender some of our time and energies to a cause that will not benefit us in any obvious or direct way such as being involved with the Brockton Interfaith Community (BIC) and its effort to alleviate the spate of home foreclosures in Brockton.

We receive that life when we choose to try again to make peace with someone from whom we are estranged. If we take the first step, we will find God with us and we will be more full of life. So Easter or this Paschal festival and season is not only a call to new life but more precisely a call to take a risk and live a life we already have, but may not have activated to live to the fullest in Christ.

Happy Pasch, Happy Easter.

As we celebrate the new life for **Donna Kennedy, Eloisa Teixeira, Alicia Smith & Thomas Craig**, our newly baptized sisters and brothers on Holy Saturday night let us be moved to use the seeds of new life in Christ we received in our own baptism.