



**Mass Intentions**

Saturday, April 11

7:30pm – For all the people of this parish

Sunday, April 12

8:00am - For all the people of this parish

10:00am –For all the people of this parish

12:00pm – For all the people of this parish

Monday, April 13

9:00am - Richard Brennan – 1 month anniversary

Saturday, April 18

10:00:am – Ronald E. Puricelli Funeral

4:00pm – Domenic Paparo – 9yr anniversary

**Parish Calendar**

*Saturday / Sunday, April 11/12*

*Festival of the Resurrection of the Lord*

*The offertory will benefit the Clergy Benefit Trust for Retired and Disabled Priest.*

**Saturday, April 11**

7:30pm – Vigil and First Mass of Easter

**Sunday, April 12**

8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00pm – Easter Mass

**Monday, April 13**

4:15pm - RCIA for Children (rectory downstairs)

**Wednesday, April 15**

3:00pm – RCIA for High school students (rectory)

**Thursday, April 16**

7:00pm – Spring ARISE Program Evaluation/Celebration in The lower rectory

**Saturday/ Sunday, April 18 & 19**

Second Sunday of Easter

Coffee Sunday after the 8:00am & 10:00am Mass

12:00pm Mass – Anointing of the Sick after mass

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection will help us meet parish expenses not met by the offertory

**Monday, April 20**

6:30pm – Dinner and Rehearsal for Confirmation Candidates and Sponsors (church hall)

**Thursday, April 23**

7:00pm- BIC Local Organization Committee (rectory upstairs)

**Saturday, April 25**

11:00am & 4:00pm - Confirmation Masses with Bishop Robert Hennessey

**Sunday, April 26**

10:00am – Children’s Liturgy of the Word

1:30pm – Class for Parents and Godparents preparing to Baptize and infant

**Please remember in your prayers**

**For: June Jurek, Arlene & Ardley Docanto, Benjami & Mishelle Hebshie** who will be baptized here this Easter

**For: James Morgan & Jennifer Aites** who will be married this coming weekend.

**For: Elizabeth Mbom Ngu** who will be making her First Communion and Confirmation here at the Easter Vigil

**For: Those who are homebound and ill especially: Marie Shields, Helen Bath, Joseph Ameri, Jay Balsavich, Catherine Butler, Mary Webby, James Conley, Manuel Jancinto, Peggy Ford, Francis Gibbs, Mary Kennedy, Mary Murphy, Marilyn Castillo Catherine Farmer, Mario Cesarini, & Emma Keene**

**For: All civilians, peace workers, relief workers, & military in areas of conflict and war,** that they be protected from all harm.

**For: Alice Durant** whose funerals was celebrated here this past week, may she rest in peace.

**For Ronald E. Puricelli** whose funeral will be celebrate on Saturday, April 18 at 10:00am

That the recent incidents of Domestic Violence may serve as an alert to family members and helping profession 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**

The sooner a child of God discovers the great delight of moving in harmony with the will of God, the sooner he has set his feet on the threshold of heaven.

**Presiders**

Saturday, April 18	7:30pm	Fr Butler
Sunday, April 19	8:00am	Fr Cloherty
	10:00am	Fr Goss
	12:00pm	Fr. Cloherty

**CATHOLIC APPEAL**

Our appreciation goes out to all parishioners at Our Lady of Lourdes who have made a gift to the 2009 Catholic Appeal. The Appeal is to our Archdiocese what the weekly offertory is to our parish. If you have not yet made your gift, please consider making a pledge this weekend. We have received \$19,036 from 108 households, reaching 48.2 percent of our parish goal of \$39,500. Remember; our parish will receive 25 percent of all funds we raise above our goal. For more information please visit [www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com](http://www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com) or call 617-779-3700. Thank you!

**April is Child Abuse Prevention Month**

April has been designated as National Child Abuse Prevention Month by presidential proclamation. The observance seeks to raise awareness about how they can help prevent the attention to, and educating individuals and communities about how they can help prevent the abuse or neglect of children. Nationwide, annual reports show that staggering numbers of children continue to be victims of child abuse and neglect – most at the hands of those who are supposed to protect them. 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

**Notice: Parishioners who have Gluten Intolerance**

We now have low gluten altar bread available for parishioners who have gluten intolerance. The center for celiac Research, Maryland call these altar breads “perfectly safe.” That said, perhaps Celiac sufferers should consult with their physicians before consuming these breads. Those who would receive these breads should speak to the priest 10 minutes before Mass. He will place these altar breads on a separate place and you must take that consecrated host off the plate and consume it. Questions call the rectory or speak to Fr. Cloherty.

**Offertory**

Weekly expenses	\$6600
March 29/30 – Offertory	\$6200
2 <sup>nd</sup> collection	\$1355
Weekly deficit	+955

*Thank you for helping us meet our parish expenses. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!*

**Readings for the Week**

- Monday** Acts 2: 14, 22-33 Mt 28:8-15 (261)
- Tuesday** Acts 2: 36-41 Jn 20:11-18 (262)
- Wednesday** Acts 3:1-10 Lk 24: 13-35 (263)
- Thursday**, Acts 3: 11-26 Lk 24: 35-48-(265)
- Friday** Acts 4; 1-12, Jn 21: 1-14 (265)
- Saturday** Acts 4:13-21, Mk 16: 9-15 (266)
- Sunday** Acts 4: 32-35 1Jn 5:1-6 Jn 20: 19-31 (44)

**Religious Education Classes** for Grades 2 and 4 will finish the week of April 26. **First Communion** is scheduled for May 2<sup>nd</sup> and May 9<sup>th</sup>. Rehearsal Friday, May 1 at 4:00pm and for the second group, May 8 at 4:00pm.

**Confirmation** supper and rehearsal Monday, April 20 at 6; 30 for students and sponsors. Saturday, April 25, Confirmation at 11:00am and 4Pm

**From Fr. Cloherty**

Fr. Ronald Rolheiser is a Canadian priest, a prolific author and much sought after speaker. In one of his recent articles, he offers the following which I found a good reflection piece for Good Friday – Easter.

“When we look at the drama of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, the drama in which he struggles to give his death over to us as he had been giving his life over, we see that this drama is precisely a drama of love, not a physical one. Unlike Mel Gibson’s film, The Passion of Christ, the gospel accounts of Jesus’ passion and death do not emphasize his physical sufferings, in fact they almost write them out. What they do emphasize rather is his moral and emotional loneliness, his distance from others, his being cut out of the circle of human understanding, and his exclusion

from human intimacy. The gospel tells us that he “was a stone’s throw from everyone”,

As Jesus approached his death, his earthly experience paralleled that of Cain. His offering, it seemed, was not being accepted, either by God or everyone, around him. He felt the radical isolation that comes precisely from exclusion, from misunderstanding, from being the object of hatred. The human temptation, surely, must have been towards bitterness, anger, self-pity, and hatred. But his actions are the antithesis of Cain’s and his response to the bitter feelings that surely must have arisen inside of him constitute precisely his real sacrifice and are the great moral challenge he left us.

Surrounded by jealousy, hatred and misunderstanding, he gives his life over in trust. When everything tempts him toward bitterness, he moves towards graciousness. When everything tempts him toward hatred, he moves towards love. When everything tempts him towards shutting others out, he makes himself still more vulnerable so that others can come in. When all around him there is coldness, paranoia, and curses, he affirms others, blesses them, and affirms warmth and trust. What a person does when love turns sour is the real drama of love. Cain gives us one answer. Jesus gives us another.”

Jesus dies with a heart of flesh, a heart marked by all the qualities that let us know that he is no companion to stoniness. It is precisely because of this, that it becomes so easy for God to gift the human Jesus with the new life of Easter.

As we celebrate Jesus being raised from the dead by his Father and ours, for the next 50 days, may it help us to rid ourselves of all that places a barrier to the new life that God is always offering us

**ITEMS**

- Fr. Goss, Sr Marie, Karen, Jan, Jeanne, Bill, Christine, Shirley (our volunteer staff person) and I wish you and your families the full life and joy of Easter
- On March 31, we had over 160 people from the four Catholic Parishes of the city for a Lenten evening celebrating God’s forgiving and reconciling power. It was a time of deep prayer and healing. This is twice the number we had at our City Advent Reconciliation Service at Christ the King Parish in December. This is a good sign for hope as we share our future as Catholic Christians with the three other parishes in Brockton.
- Mathias Cann, 87 years is a long time parishioner usually at daily mass and the 4pm Saturday Mass. On April 4<sup>th</sup> he married, Evelyn Napoleon (only 70 years) a long time friend. Matt is currently at New England Sinai Rehabilitation Center, Stoughton on the mend from illness. You can send him congratulation cards at Sinai 150 York St. Stoughton, MA
- Theresa Pitaro, a very long time parishioner will be 99 years old on Easter Monday. Some of the Staff will be going to West Acres Nursing Home to celebrate Eucharist with her on that day. Birthday cards can be sent to West Acres 804 Pleasant St, Brockton, MA 02301
- The Cardinal signed a contract with Auburn Construction in March to complete Phase 1 of the reconstruction of our church hall. The work begins in earnest this week. When the work begins, the door to the church facing the rectory **will not be accessible**. Please use the other entrances (i.e.) Torrey St. or the front doors. Thank you.

**Happy Easter** from all the priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. Today’s collection supports the retirement, medical care, and financial needs of the priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. Please be generous to this important collection.