

# Mass Intentions

**Saturday, April 17**

4:00pm – Gloria Silva -21<sup>st</sup> anniversary

**Sunday, April 18**

8:00am – For the people of this parish  
 10:00am – Gordon & Claire Kelley – anniversary  
 12:00pm – Nicholas Metta – Birthday remembrance

**Saturday, April 24**

4:00pm – Joseph Niccoli – 6 yr anniversary

**Sunday April 25**

8:00am – for the people of this parish  
 12:00am – Elizabeth Bassett – 1yr anniversary

# Parish Calendar

**Saturday/Sunday April 17/18**

Third Sunday of Easter  
 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for parish bills not covered by the offertory collection  
 Rice Bowl Donations for Catholic Relief Services at the doors (last call)

**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 Dooher

Thursday, April 22

2:00pm – Eucharist at West Acres Nursing Home

**Saturday/Sunday April 24/25**

Fourth Sunday of Easter  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for parish bills not covered by offertory

**Saturday, April 24**

6:00pm – Girl Scout Dance (Church hall)

**Sunday, April 25**

10:00am – New Life Celebration by 1<sup>st</sup> communion II children & parents

**Religious Education Registration for September 2011**  
 after the 10:00am Mass in Church hall.

11:15am – Parish Finance Council (rectory upstairs)

**Wednesday, April 28**

7:00pm – BIC /LOC (rectory upstairs)

**Thursday, April 29**

6:30pm – First Communion Mass Rehearsal (church)  
 7:30pm – ARISE Program Celebration (church hall)

**Saturday, May 1**

9:00am – Meals prepared for the Homeless in church hall  
 11:00am - First Communion Mass  
 1:00pm – Cub Scout's Pinewood Derby (church hall)

**Sunday, May 2**

10:00am – Memorial Mass for Fr. Joseph Manning & Reception in church hall

We hope that each of you had a wonderful Easter. As a reminder to you all, the Easter Collection supports the retirement, medical care, and financial needs of the priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. If you have not done so already and you wish to do so, you may include your completed collection envelope in today's collection basket. Thank you for your continued generosity to the church.

**2010 Catholic Appeal** - Called to Love and Share  
 Thank you to all supporters of the 2010 Catholic Appeal. Our parish has raised \$20,878 from 119 households, reaching 54.2 percent of our parish goal of \$38,500. If you have not yet pledged, please consider a gift today and help us meet our goal. Remember, our parish will receive 25 percent of all funds we raise above our goal. Please remember to make your pledge now even if you plan on fulfilling that pledge later in the year. You can pick up information packets with pledge forms in the back of the Church to be mailed in, or for more information please visit [www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com](http://www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com) or call 617-779-3700. Every gift matters. Thank you!

## Please remember in your prayers

**For:** Hayden Thomas Craig, Olivia Alexandra Drosos, Natalia Alyse Flores, Ava Jean Fong, Nathan Levi Shelton and Dylan Matthew Spadea who will be baptized here this week-end

**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, Rita Ritucci, Lorice Hashem, Harry Owens, Maria R. Eduardo, 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:** Judy Wallen whose funeral was celebrated here this past Week. May she 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

We are the channels through which God's love flows from the source into the world. As God's only channels, how important it is that we open our life to the motion and flow of His spirit. The flow must be from Him to others.

**Offertory**

Weekly expenses	\$6300.00
Offertory	\$5371.00
Budget collection	\$1433.00
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Thank you for your generosity



Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." - Jn 21:15

#### Readings for the Week of April 18, 2010

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14  
 Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29  
 Tuesday: Acts 7:51---8:1a/Jn 6:30-35  
 Wednesday : Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40  
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51  
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59  
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69  
 Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

## 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

### Religious Education Reminders - First Communion I & II

- **Sunday 4/18 no class** - 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 6:30pm** required rehearsal in church for Group 1 May 1<sup>st</sup> 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  
*Light refreshments will be served*

### In Memory of Fr. Joseph Manning

Our Lady of Lourdes Church will celebrate a Memorial Mass for Fr. Joseph Manning, Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church from 1991-2005 on Sunday, May 2 at 10:00am

There will be a reception after Mass hosted by the Catholic Daughters of America in the church hall.  
Please save the date!



### Our Lady of Lourdes Annual Parish Picnic

It would seem to the staff that Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> 11:00am -3pm might be the best date and time for our annual picnic, however the hospitality committee will need help. Willing volunteers are encouraged to call the rectory at 508-586-4715, leave your name, and phone number. Thank you.

### From Fr. Cloherty

The first time I became a pastor, I invited a Canon lawyer friend to do a little workshop for our pastoral council, finance council, and staff. The topic was "*How do we make decisions in the church?*"

He began by talking about power and authority in the church. He said: "A pastor's power comes from his appointment from the Archbishop. When he comes to a parish he can make decisions, sign checks, set out a parish direction and so forth. A pastor has the power to do all these things but authority is a totally different animal."

"A pastor or church leader, especially today, begins his time in a parish or diocese with little or no authority. Authority is something a pastor or church leader receives from the people. Authority is a stamp of credibility and trust that encourages people to follow someone and to respond positively to initiatives he or she suggests."

The Canon lawyer added that since a leader can receive authority from the people, so could a leader lose it by way of the people. The people can decide that a person has lost credibility. In such cases, it is time for a leader to go. Spiro Agnew and Richard Nixon, both elected officials, come to mind in this respect.

The church needs leaders who have both power and authority. Without both, the church, its mission, and the world suffer.

The lawyer also said that as a new pastor I had no authority and that if the people did not give it to me by the time I was in the parish for 1 ½ to 2 years, I should leave.

Fortunately, I did receive authority from the people, but his talk put me on notice – that as a church leader I should never presume upon this authority. I always understood that integrity, honesty, and openness are needed to keep that authority.

As we live through these troublesome days in our church, it seems to me that leaders at all levels would do well to heed the Canon lawyer's wisdom.

#### Item:

- Our Child Abuse Prevention Committee (C.A.P) has expanded to include members - Carol Kiernan, Michael Homer, Jane Daly, Marie Cribben, Joe & Diane Leason, & Lisa Cunningham, Michael Homer is its chair person. I am grateful for the service this committee has, and will give to our parish as we do all we can to keep our children protected from abuses of any kind.
- If on the occasion of the death of a loved one you would like to buy and or donate an item to the parish in memory of that person, please consult Fr. Cloherty before doing so. Your generosity is greatly appreciated; however, we are limited on storage space and currently have an overstock of items that we are unable to use. Thank you.
- From time to time, people drop clothing off on the church property. We have no way of handling such items. Please bring them to Catholic Charities on North Main street or to the Charity Guild on Main street.