

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 18

4:00pm – Domenic Paparo – 9yr anniversary

Sunday, April 19

8:00am – For the people of this parish
 10:00am – Joseph Castano – 9yr anniversary
 12:00pm – Thanksgiving for Devine Mercy Sunday

Friday, April 24

9:00am – Arthur Lane – anniversary

Saturday, April 25

4:00pm – Joseph Niccoli – 5 yr anniversary

Parish Calendar

Saturday/ Sunday, April 18 & 19

Second Sunday of Easter
 2nd Collection will help us meet parish expenses not met by the offertory
 Free will offertory (at the church doors) for the survivors of the Italian earthquake

Sunday, April 19 **Coffee Sunday**

after the 8:00am & 10:00am Mass
10:00am - Children's Liturgy of the Word
12:00pm – Anointing of the Sick after mass

Monday, April 20 **Patriot's Day**

No RCIA classes for children during school vacation
6:30pm – Dinner and Rehearsal for Confirmation Candidates and Sponsors (church hall)
6:30pm – BIC Youth Committee (rectory upstairs)

Thursday, April 23

7:30am – Construction Review Committee (rectory upstairs)
7:00pm - BIC City Wide meeting at Central United Methodist Church.

Saturday, April 25

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

Saturday/Sunday, April 25 & 26

2nd Collection will help us meet parish expenses not met by the offertory

Sunday, April 26

10:00am – Children's Liturgy of the Word
1:30pm – Class for Parents and Godparents preparing to Baptize and infant

Registration for Religious Education Classes
 after each Mass in the Church hall

Thursday– April 30

2:00pm – Eucharist at West Acres Nursing Home
7:00pm– Evaluation of First grade program, (rectory downstairs)

Friday, May 1

4:00pm – Rehearsal for First Communion

Saturday, May 2

9:00am – Meals for the homeless (church hall)
11:00am – First Communion Eucharist

Dates to Save

May 7

7:00pm - Parish Finance Council
7:00pm - Parish ARISE Team

May 20

7:00pm – Parish Pastoral Council

May 21

7:00pm - BIC Action Meeting

May 27

7:00pm – Prayer Service for Christian Unity –Messiah Baptist church

Please remember in your prayers

For: James Morgan & Jennifer Aites who will be married this coming weekend.
For: For the adults and young people who will be confirmed here this coming Saturday.
For Edith Crowell (Bill Crowell's sister) who is ill.
For: Those who are homebound and ill especially:, 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: Joseph McPherson, Carole Lindh, Matthias Cann, Theresa Pitaro and Ronald E. Puricelli whose funerals were celebrated here this past week, may they rest in peace.
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

Sunday, April 19th is Devine Mercy Sunday.

“Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world”

Prayer from the Chaplet

Devine Mercy Chaplet pamphlets are available at the church doors. 1 per family

Presiders

Saturday, April 25	4:00pm	Bishop Hennessey
Sunday, April 26	8:00am	Fr Goss
	10:00am	Fr Cloherty
	12:00pm	Fr. Visbisky

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 \$22,464 from 124 households, reaching 56.9 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 or call 617-779-3700. Thank you!

Seán Cardinal O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap.

Invites all couples of the Archdiocese of Boston who are marking their 25th and 50th wedding anniversaries in 2009 to join him for the annual celebration at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Sunday, June 7, 11:30am Mass. Mass will include a renewal of marriage vows by all participating anniversary couples. Family members and friends of participating couples, as well as the general public, are welcome to attend. Please register with the parish office by May 11, 2009 if you would like to attend this celebration. A formal invitation and more information will then be sent to celebrating couples from the Archdiocese. Congratulations on your anniversary!

Offertory

<i>Easter- Retired Priests</i>	\$11,959
<i>Holy Land</i>	\$983
<i>Rice Bowls</i>	\$1,061.

*Thank you for your generosity to our retired priests.
It is greatly appreciated!*

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.

Religious Education Classes for Grades 2 and 4 will finish the week of April 26. First Communion is scheduled for May 2nd and May 9th. 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

Hospice of Boston & Greater Brockton
500 Belmont St. Suite 215
Brockton, Ma 02301
Tel 508-583-0383

Hospice of Boston and Greater Brockton is seeking volunteers, age 18 and over, to provide practical and emotional support for terminally ill patients and their families in your community. No experience is necessary and hospice training will be provided free of charge. If you would like to volunteer, or if you have a loved one in need of our service, please call our office at 5018-583-0383

From Fr. Cloherty

I sense that Holy Week –Easter was a moving prayerful time for all of us. It all came together with the help of many hands. To give a sense of this, let me just list the groups involved: the choir, those who decorated the church and made the banners near the altar, RCIA teams for adults and for children, the Worship Committee, the Prayer Shawl Ministry, the managers of details especially for Holy Thursday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. My guesstimate would total a minimum of 48 people who gave time to the parish to put this all together, most of them behind the scenes and in some cases with hours of preparation and conversation.

I would highlight is a group of people who were companions to the four youngsters who were baptized here at the Easter Vigil. As they met during the year, the group of twelve became friends. The eight companions had the responsibility of welcoming these new Christians and parishioners in our Christian Community
Thank you: RCIA Team: Norma Poz, Manuela Santos, Eddie, & Rachel Poz who acted as companions, Ann James and the Prayer Shawl Ministry for the white robes, Nelda Jarvis-photographer, and Sr. Lorraine Sirois who helped Sr. Ann. This is a great true model for all of us who are concerned about empty seats in church.

I hope it is clear that none of this would have been done so well without all these volunteers. For a parish to operate well, there are literally thousands of details. If you would like to help with some of those details and tasks, speak to a member of the staff – preferably with a phone call or a note.

Items:

- During our period of hall reconstruction, on Mondays through Fridays, we will only be able to celebrate funerals at 9:00am. If a family wishes a later time for the funeral, we will try to find another Catholic Church in the city that can accommodate us. Construction work will probably continue until mid September.
- The US. Bishops are asking that we come to the aid of survivors of the recent earthquake in Italy. Baskets are at the doors to receive your donations. Checks should be made payable to *Our Lady of Lourdes Parish*; we will pass the money on. Thank you for whatever you can do.
- Ms. Celia Sirois is a scripture scholar who works primarily in the south region of the Archdiocese. She is doing a series in various parishes on St. Paul to mark the 200th anniversary of his birth. She will be here on Monday, May 18th at 7:00pm to give a presentation on St Paul and the Mosaic Law. Rabbi Joshua Cohen of the Temple Beth Emunah will respond to her presentation. This should be good. Save the date.
- **Correction:** please note in last week's bulletin: Fr. Cloherty inadvertently left out Rich Cesarini as part of the parish staff wishing you a Happy Easter. He in fact wishes you a Happy Easter!