

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY – APRIL 26
4:00pm – Joseph Niccoli – 4th anniversary

SUNDAY – APRIL 27
8:00am – For the people of this parish
10:00am – Pauyo Family – thanksgiving for the living
12:00pm – W. Clifton Horsley – 10th Anniversary

MONDAY – APRIL 28
10:00am – Kathleen Murphy (Funeral)

WEDNESDAY – APRIL 30
9:00am – Evelyn V. Connors – anniversary

FRIDAY – MAY 2
9:00am – Margaret Fernand – remembrance

SATURDAY – MAY 3
4:00pm – Leo P. Smith Sr. – memorial

SUNDAY – MAY 4
8:00am – For the people of this parish
10:00am – Anthony J. Anzalone – 20th anniversary
12:00pm – Michael O'Connor – 20th anniversary

Please remember in your prayers

- For:** The families of Fr. Clyde Chetwynd, pastor of St John Parish, Swampscott and Bishop Kristen Stendahl. Fr. Clyde was a parishioner of mine in 1974 when I baptized him, and Bishop Kristen, former Lutheran bishop of Stockholm, was my advisor when I was a Merrill fellow at Harvard Divinity School in the Fall of 1975. Good men who made a great contribution to ecumenical and interfaith relations
- For:** Those who are homebound and ill especially: Helen Bath Eleanor Briscoe, Mary Webby, Evelyn LeBrun, Phyllis Hancock, Anne Courtemanche, James Conley, Joseph and Lorice Hashem, Sr Jane E. O'Connell, John Dennis, Manuel Jancinto, & Donald Cashman who is seriously ill.
- For:** All civilians, peace workers, relief workers & military in areas of conflict and war, especially: Ryan Moffett, Brian O'Rourke, Peter Farley, Timothy Lawton, Robert Packard, Derek VanDyke, Edson Batista, & Kevin Murphy (former altar boy) that they be protected from all harm
- For:** All those working for peace and justice in Pakistan, Israel, Palestine, Burma, Iraq, Afghanistan and Darfur.
- For:** Kathleen Murphy whose funeral will be celebrated here on Monday April 28 at 10:00am
- 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

“ Lord Jesus, what a joy it is to work in your Most Holy Name as a member of your Church! Help me to spend my days wisely, eagerly sharing your merciful love with others. You are Savior of all. Amen”

MEALS FOR THE HOMELESS

Volunteers will not be cooking this weekend because of First Communion, Saturday May 3rd, but we will be serving a meal and we will need desserts. People can bring them to the church hall, as usual, or drop them off at the rectory. Thanks so much.

Parish Calendar

SATURDAY / SUNDAY APRIL 26/27
Sixth Sunday of Easter

SUNDAY – APRIL 27
11:00am – 1st grade teachers meeting (rectory upstairs)
1:30pm – Class for parents and godparents preparing to baptize an infant.

TUESDAY – APRIL 29
7:00pm - Training for new lectors in church

WEDNESDAY – APRIL 30
7:00pm – Brockton Parishes Collaborative (Christ the King Hall)

THURSDAY MAY 1ST – ASCENSION THURSDAY
(Holy day of Obligation)
9:00am & 7:00pm – Eucharist

FRIDAY – MAY 2
3:30 pm – First Communion Rehearsal (church)
6:00pm - Youth Group (rectory basement)

SATURDAY – MAY 3RD
11:00am – First Communion Eucharist.

SUNDAY – MAY 4
Greater Boston Walk for Hunger
1:30pm - Parish Baptism

MONDAY- MAY 5
7:00pm – Parish Pastoral Council (rectory basement)

HOME FORECLOSURES

The Mayor's Office, Brockton Interfaith Community, and the Brockton Housing Partnership with Brockton Neighborhood Housing Services is sponsoring a series of clinics to help families facing foreclosure. The Clinics will be at The Multi-Cultural Banking Center Harbor One 68 Legion Parkway Brockton, MA 02301 Thursday, May 1, May 15, & May 29 from 6:00 -8:30pm Reservations are required. Call 508-895-1783



GREATER BOSTON'S WALK FOR HUNGER
Sunday, May 4

Fr Cloherty is planning to do the 20 miles – He would love some companions and pledges. Please call him at 508-586-4715

Offertory

\$5195. For week of April 19/20

Please remember the parish in your will, a gift for future generations at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

“Language has created the word loneliness to express the pain of being alone and the word solitude to express the glory of being alone.”

- Paul Tillich

Wedding Banns

- I. Sarah Ann Hanloy & Miguel A. Espada

APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

*Promise, Protect, and Pledge to Heal
A Prayer for Healing*

Victims of Abuse

"God of endless love,
Ever caring, ever strong,
Always present, always just:
You gave your only Son
to save us by the blood of his cross.

Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,
Join to your own suffering
The pain of all who have been hurt
in body, mind, and spirit
By those who betray the trust placed in them.

Hear our cries as we agonize
over the harm done to our brothers and sisters.

Breathe wisdom into our prayers,
Soothe restless hearts with hope,
Steady shaken spirits with faith:
Show us the way to justice and wholeness, enlightened by truth and
enfolded in your mercy.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,
Heal your people's wounds
And transform our brokenness.
Grant us courage and wisdom, humility and grace,
So that we may act with justice
and find peace in you.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

"Seek and You Will Find"

"It can happen that God seems to become distant. Some people are disconcerted by the impression that God is silent. Could the trusting of faith consist in saying "yes" to God's love even if there is a deep silence within us? (See Ps 42:3 and 5). Faith is like a surge of trusting repeated a thousand times over the course of life.

We need to remember that it is not our faith that creates God, and it is not our doubts that can cast him into nothingness. Even were we to feel no apparent resonance, the mysterious presence of Christ never disappears (see Mt 28:20). Although we may have the impression of an absence, there is above all the wonder of his continual presence.

When worries succeed in distancing us from the trusting of faith, some people ask themselves: have I become a nonbeliever? No, they are gaps of unbelief, nothing more.

The Gospel invites us to place our trust in Christ again and yet again, and to find in him a life of contemplation (see Mt 28:20). And Christ speaks these Gospel words to each of us: "Seek and you will find" (Mt 7:7).

For my part, I can say that when I was young, at a certain moment my faith seemed to be shaken; I did not really call into question the existence of God. What I doubted was the possibility of living in communion with him. I wanted to be so honest that there were times when I no longer dared to pray. I thought that I needed to know God in order to pray.

One fine day, when I was still young, I opened an old book and my eyes fell on some lines written in archaic French. The author wrote that although God was not communicable, Christ made him known: "Christ is the resplendence of God." I never forgot that. It is Christ who enables us to understand that God loves us (Jn 17:26).

In the summer of 1937 Lily, one of my seven sisters, the one to whom I dedicated my childhood poems and to whom I was very attached, fell seriously ill. She was the mother of five children. I realized that she was expected to die. Then I was able to say a prayer, these words of a psalm: "My heart says of you: seek his face. I am seeking your face O God," I was able to kneel down and say that prayer. I realized that faith was in me and that it could be nothing other than a quite humble trust in God." God Is Love Alone, 65-67

Items:

- We have reached \$652,150 in gifts and pledges to our Parish Capital Campaign to reconstruct our parish hall as of April 21st. Our goal was \$650,000. In addition the Archdiocese has been observing our effort and in order affirm and support us, the Archdiocese has given us a gift of \$50,000. for repairs on our buildings. This will allow us to move forward to finish the remaining work that will stop water from getting into our church building through our bell tower. The one estimate we have on just that piece of work is \$99,000. But that figure may go up or down when we finish a structural engineering study and put the work out to bid.

It was hoped that we could defer the work on the bell tower for a few years or do some work that would stop the water at least till we got a breather from the Capital Campaign, but looking at potential water damage and costs, it would appear at this point, that we will be spending a substantial amount of money to point the brick work, & secure all water intrusion on that tower. This of course has caused the parish building committee to take a second look at the list of things that we hoped to accomplish in phase 1 of our hall reconstruction.

I will keep you informed as we move forward. However, all that said, I am told by fundraising experts that for a parish in Brockton to raise over \$650,000. in gifts and pledges in a Capital Campaign in this economic climate is HUGE!!! Hurray for us!

2008 Catholic Appeal***Handing on the Light of Christ***

Thank you to all supporters of the 2008 Catholic Appeal. Our parish has raised \$22,310 from 116 households, reaching 56.5 percent of our parish goal of \$39,500. 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 towards the end of 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 or call 617-779-3700. Every gift matters. Thank you!

CCD News

Rehearsal for First Communion

Friday, May 2 at 3:30pm

Friday, May 9 at 3:30pm

First Communion will be held on

May 3 at 11:00am & May 10 at 11:00

Annulment Information Evenings

You may desire to learn more about what the Catholic Church teaches about annulments or you may be interested in beginning the process. The following meeting is designed to offer basic information and provide the opportunity to seek answers for any questions you may have. No registration is required. For further information or if you have questions please contact Joanne Curry at 617-746-5820.

The following sessions are scheduled for spring, and begin at 7pm

Wednesday May 7 St. Bridget's in Abington

Saturday, May 31 Holy Family in Duxbury (10:00am)

Thursday, June 12 at St. Helen, Norwell

From Father Cloherty

I share with you yet another excerpt from the writings of Brother Roger Shultz, the founder of the Ecumenical Community at Taizé France. I think this is a good Easter meditation on Christ and God's Presence in our lives.