



Mass Intentions



Sunday, August 2,

8:00am – For the people of the parish
 10:00am – Colin Supple – remembrance
 12:00pm – Anna Natale- 25th anniversary

Wednesday, August 5

9:00am – Colin Supple – remembrance

Saturday, August 8

4:00pm – John & Angie Guaraldi remembrance
 Frank Famularo - remembrance

Please remember in your prayers

For: Joseph S. Borges, Abigail Fluery, Jeremiah Elija Jean, Ava Nicole McAlear, Jerome Rodney, Jaden Gurdial Singh, & Logan Joseph Singh who will be baptized here this weekend

For : Brady Poz (Chris Poz's nephew) 12months old with liver Cancer & Gerry Coughlin, (Sr. Marie's sister) & Rev. Thomas Gallagher who is seriously ill,

For: Those who are homebound and ill especially: Charlie Dornan, Mary Ellen Bauer, Helen Bath, Joseph Ameri, Jay Balsavich, Catherine Butler, Mary Webby, James Conley, Manuel Jancinto, Francis Gibbs, Marilyn Castillo , Catherine Farmer, Emma Keene, John Hardy, Elaine Sullivan, Fontaine Metta, Judy Wallen, Rita Ritucci & Matthew Danahy

For : Mary Connolly who passed away this past week, may she rest in peace .

For : Maria Gorich, Alice Pedro and Theresa Celia who passed away this past week, may they rest in peace.

For: All civilians, peace workers, relief workers, & military in areas of conflict and war, 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



Parish Calendar



Saturday/Sunday, August 1 & 2

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 2nd collection to pay bills not covered by the regular offertory

Sunday, August 2

1:30pm – Parish Baptism

Saturday/Sunday, August 8/9

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 2nd collection supports the Catholic Relief Services

Monday, August 10

7:00pm – Parish Finance Council (rectory upstairs)

Thursday, August 13

7:00pm – Parish ARISE Committee (rectory upstairs)
 7:00pm – Parish Christian Formation/Religious Education Committee (rectory upstairs)

Sunday, August 16

4:00pm – PPC, PFC & Staff Cookout (rectory)

Volunteers needed for our homebound parishioners. Please contact Jeanne Lafond for more information at 508-586-4715

COPING WITH SUICIDE LOSS

A workshop for anyone experiencing grief and loss because of the suicide of a loved one, family member or friend will be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2009 from 6:00-7:30PM in Plymouth. Participants will receive support, explore the grief process and begin to understand the "why" of suicide. This program is co-sponsored by Beacon Hospice and the Samaritans. This program is free of charge and is open to all members of the community. Pre-registration is required. For more information and/or to pre-register, please call Scott A. Ciosek, Bereavement Coordinator, at Beacon Hospice at 508-747-7222. Location will be announced at time of registration.



Thoughts from Our Spiritual Development Committee

"Some days our schedules are crowded with too many things that must be done. Yet, even the busiest day affords a few spare seconds when you can pause prayerfully. Be still then for a little while, show yourself silently before God, and be aware of His presence!

-Franciscan retreat booklet

Readings for the Week

Monday – Nm 11:4b-15 Mt 14: 13-21 (407)
Tuesday – Nm 12: 1-13, Mt14: 22-36 or 15: 1-2, 10-14 (408)
Wednesday Nm 13: 1-2, 25- 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35, Mt 15:21-28 (409)
Thursday,- Dn7:9-10, 13-14, 2Pt 1: 16-19, Mk 9:2-10 (614)
Friday :Dn4:32-40, Mt 16: 24-28 (411)
Saturday Dt 6: 4-13, Mt 17: 14-20 (412)
Sunday 1Kgs 19::4-8, Eph 4:30-5:2, Jn 6:41-51 (116)



Paint Party

Once our hall entryway to the elevator is in place, we will be ready to paint our hall. Peg Reiche, Bob James & Bob Wegener have begun to look at colors and they are prepared to organize and direct a volunteer painting crew.

There will be a sign up Sunday in the near future for anyone who wishes to participate.

Presiders

Saturday, August 8	4:00pm	Fr. Brian
Sunday, August 9	8:00am	Fr Goss
	10:00am	Fr Butler
	12:00pm	Fr. Visbisky



At the invitation of Cardinal Séan O'Malley,

our parish will continue the process of spiritual renewal and evangelization called

ARISE Together in Christ. Season 3 – *In the Footsteps of Christ* – offers an understanding of discipleship, and how this implies active commitment to charity and justice. All parishioners are most welcome to participate in this process.

Offertory

Weekly expenses	\$6600
July 18/19 – Offertory	\$4714
Eastern & Central Europe	\$1258
Dominican sisters Pies	\$620
Weekly deficit	- \$1886

If every adult gave \$3.00 more per week, we would not have a deficit. Average amount given in offertory envelopes = \$18.00
Average amount given by people who do not use envelopes=\$7.00
Please remember the parish in your will. A gift for future generations

From Fr. Cloherty

Thomas Merton was a Trappist Monk who belonged to the Monastic Community at Gethsemani, Kentucky. He died on December 10, 1968. His vast numbers of books, journals, articles, audio and video recordings of his conferences continue to have enormous impact on Christian Spirituality and even on traditions beyond the borders of the Christian Community. Many say that he was the most important spiritual writer of the twentieth century.

This year, I decided to reread all his works. Currently, I am reading what he and many consider his best work, *"New Seeds of Contemplation"*. I first read it twenty years ago and as I read it again, I find it slow going; there is too much to ponder, which is ok. Here are a few paragraphs. Perhaps they will tempt you to meet Fr. Merton in one of his many books.

"There is no true solitude except interior solitude. And interior solitude is not possible for anyone who does not accept his right place in relation to other men. There is no true peace possible for the man who still imagines that some accident of talent or grace or virtue segregates him from other men and places him above them. Solitude is not separation.

God does not give us graces or talents or virtues for ourselves alone. We are members one of another and everything that is given to one member is given for the whole body. I do not wash my feet to make them more beautiful than my face.

The saints love their sanctity not because it separates them from the rest of us and places them above us, but because, on the contrary, it brings them closer to us and in a sense places them below us. Their sanctity is given them in order that they may help us and serve us- for the saints are like doctors and nurses who are better than the sick in the same sense they are healthy and possess arts of healing them, and yet they make themselves the servants of the sick and devote their own health and their art to them.

The saints are what they are, not because their sanctity makes them admirable to others, but *because the gift of sainthood makes it possible for them to admire everybody else*. It gives them a clarity of compassion that

can find good in the most terrible criminals. It delivers them from the burden of judging others, condemning other men. It teaches them to bring the good out of others by compassion, mercy and pardon. A man becomes a saint not by conviction that he is better than sinners but by the realization that he is one of them, and that all together need the mercy of God!"

Items:

Our Parish Christian Formation/Religious Education Committee and I have settled on a plan to administer to our children and parents the **Religious Education/Formation Program for this year-2009/2010**. This will involve hiring four part-time people -

-Marcia Walkama is a member of the parish with an education and background in Early Childhood Development with years of involvement in St. Margaret's Religious Education Program Classes. She will direct **First Communion I & II, which will be held on Sunday mornings at 8:45am**.

-Joe Moore is a resident of Easton who has a significant background and education in Religious Studies, both as a Director of Religious Education and as an author of textbooks and programs for Parish Confirmation Programs. He will direct **9 & 10th grade classes** for young people preparing for Confirmation. The sessions for these grades will be held on **Sunday from 5:00pm to 6:00pm** with occasional longer sessions to allow for special programs and an informal Eucharist.

-Carol Kiernan, a parishioner, will assist Joe Moore and manage details and materials for grades 9 & 10. In addition, Carol will manage our *"Talking about Touching"* program- (child protection).

The Formation / Religious Education Committee have interviewed three candidates for our classes for grades 3-8 which the Archdiocesan Office of Religious Education referred to us. The committee has chosen a candidate and will interview that person for a second time this week and make a final decision.

The committee and I believe that we will have good people in place this fall for our programs for grades 1-10 and for these children's parents. The schedule for classes for grades 3-8 is not settled as of this writing, (more later).

Thank you to Bob James for organizing our Parish Afternoon at the Rox Ball Game. 67 of us were there and more Community building was done!