



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 29

8:00am – For the people of the parish
 10:00am – Patrick Gillis -7th anniversary
 12:00pm - Matthew Walsh – 3rd anniversary

Monday, August 30

9:00am – Murielle Jean-Francois- Thanksgiving Mass

Tuesday, August 31

9:00am – Arlene Saba – 16th anniversary

Saturday, September 4

4:00pm – John Cronin Jr. (Jackie) – 1st anniversary

Sunday, September 5

8:00am – For the people of the parish
 12:00pm – Marilyn McMaster – 5th anniversary

Please remember in your prayers

For our Muslim sisters and brothers in the United States & everywhere that their holy month of Ramadan may bring them deeper faith and peace.
 For **Ko Her**, mother of Ter Yang who died last week, and **Mary Brooks**, mother of Susan Brooks-Bath. May they rest in peace.
For: Those who are homebound and ill especially: Helen Bath, Joseph Ameri, Edda Tuite, James Conley, Manuel Jancinto, Francis Gibbs, Marilyn Castillo, Catherine Farmer, Lorice Hashem, Deletta Froio Maria R. Eduardo, Terri Resnack,, Helen Sheehan and her sister Nora Cronin, Marian Cole, Alfred Melchionda , Susan Rogers, Rodrigue Desrosena, Dorothy Puliafico & Sandy Graves who is seriously ill.
For: the unemployed and those under- employed.
For: all civilians, peace workers, relief workers, & military in areas of conflict and war, especially: Edson Batista, Peter Farley, Ryan Moffett, Kevin Murphy, Brian O'Rourke, Robert Packard, Derek VanDyke & Kenneth Weiner that they be protected from all harm.,
For: the earth and all of us affected by the Gulf oil spill tragedy.
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**

Why do people grow old?

God's response is, "for me the most beautiful moments on earth are old people. They are my human sunsets."
 Just as sunsets provide some of Gods most awesome art-work in nature, so also can the elderly inspire.

Offertory

Weekly expenses	\$6300.00
Offertory -8/21-8/22	\$4567.00
Home Missions	\$1233.00
Parish Deficit	-\$1733.00



PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday/Sunday August 28/29

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 2nd collection to help pay for parish bills not covered by the regular offertory such as our property insurance/liability bill of \$12,397

Sunday, August 29

1:30pm – Baptism Instruction class for parents and godparents preparing to baptize an infant.

Saturday, September 4

9:00am – Preparing Meals for the homeless & needy (church hall) All are welcome to help.

Saturday/Sunday September 4/5

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Fr. Bill Mauric, St. Patrick Missionary Society gives the homily at all Masses.
 2nd collection will support the work of the St. Patrick Society

Sunday, September 5

1:30pm – Parish Baptism

Wednesday, September 8

7:00pm – Child Abuse Prevention Committee (CAP) rectory upstairs
 7:00pm – Parish Finance Council (upstairs rectory)

Thursday, September 9

7:00pm – ARISE Lenten Mission Team (rectory upstairs)

Saturday/Sunday September 11/12

Sign up for fall ARISE Group

Religious Education News

We would like to thank the people that have come forward to volunteer as catechists for next year so far. At this point we are in need of a 4th grade teacher 11:15-12:15 Sunday mornings. On Wednesday night 6:30 to 7:30 we are in need of one more 6th and 7th grade teacher and as of yet have no one to teach our 8th graders. If you would consider helping with our Religious Education program for next year please call Marcia Hoyle Walkama at 508 587 3257 or email mhwalkama@aol.com.

It is also very important if you have not registered your child for next year you do so soon by calling the rectory at 508 586 4715; you may also print off the form on the parish web site <http://www.ourladyoflourdes-brockton.com>

ARISE

Together in Christ

Why not be part of something that has positively and deeply touched the lives of over 30,000 Catholics in the Archdiocese of Boston? ARISE Season 5 is open to anyone. It is an opportunity to get to know others from your parish. You may sign up for a group on the weekend of Sept 11/12 or call Jeanne Lafond at 508-586-4715



"When you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.' For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.
- Lk 14:10ab, 11

Readings for the Week of August 29, 2010

Sunday:	Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14
Monday:	1 Cor 2:1-5/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday:	1 Cor 2:10b-16/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday:	1 Cor 3:1-9/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday:	1 Cor 3:18-23/Lk 5:1-11
Friday:	1 Cor 4:1-5/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday:	1 Cor 4:6b-15/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday:	Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

RETRouvaille...A Lifeline

Rediscover a loving marriage with a Retrouvaille (pronounced re-tro-vy) weekend. If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are considering separating or divorce, we believe Retrouvaille can help you. The next New England Retrouvaille marriage renewal weekends will be held in Massachusetts on September 24, 26, 2010, To register visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230

Paper Retriever Bin

Our Lady of Lourdes is now the host of the **Paper Retriever Recyclable Bin** located in the parking lot by the dumpster. This is a wonderful way to recycle your **newspapers, old magazines, mail, office & school papers** while raising money for the church. All these types of paper are highly recyclable. Because of the proliferation of paper created by offices and schools, please use the Retriever bin to recycle all that you can. **The Retriever bin can recycle window envelopes, paperback books, workbooks, and staples without a problem, also shredded paper, but please bag the shreds** before putting them in the Retriever bin. **Please do not put in colored paper, wrapping or tissue paper, carbon paper, sticky notes, cardboard, no food boxes fiberboard, or chipboard**

Thank you for your support and please pass the word!!

PARISH FUNDRAISER

We will have a **Parish Rummage Sale** on Saturday, September 18 from 9AM-1PM in our parking lot. If you have something good and saleable for this event and wish to donate it, a time will be set up for drop-offs closer to the event. In addition, any parishioner who would like to sell some of their own items during this event can call the rectory and leave contact information. A fee of \$10.00 will be charged and you must have your own table and all left over possessions must be removed at the end of the sale. **We will not be responsible for any unsold goods.**

From Fr. Cloherty

One of the on-going issues in parish life across the Archdiocese is un-churched families who drop their children off for religious education classes. After these children receive their First Eucharist, they disappear only to resurface for confirmation classes. Then they are gone.

In 2009, I knew seven of the fifty or more young people who were confirmed. This year I knew six of the thirty who were confirmed. Parent accountability is lacking. And

perhaps to some extent among the young people we prepare for confirmation. How do we hold people accountable, and yet be a welcoming parish?

In the past year, we have developed a two-part approach to the problem:

First, we have reached out to parents at all levels in helping them see that their role as parent is a Christian Ministry. The most important ministry they have. Dr. Janice Davingon, a psychologist and therapist, has provided parent gatherings where human psychological and spiritual development is discussed and how parents can best support that development.

The second approach to un-churched families is focused on young people in the 9th and 10th grades preparing for Confirmation. Starting this year, our 9th and 10th grade will be invited to be members of a **Youth Ministry Group (YMG)**. This will be a two-year commitment. YMG will have prayer, education services and social aspects or dimensions. The group's purpose is to help young people to become a true part of our parish. Only if a young person has demonstrated that he or she is truly part of our parish, that is, part of the Youth Ministry Group, only then, will they be invited to enter the classes to prepare them for Confirmation. These classes will probably cover a 10-week period. In 2011 confirmation to be celebrated on Saturday, April 11. However, in the following years, Confirmation will be celebrated in the fall. This will give us two full years to engage these 9th and 10th graders in a significant way and as well give us a better chance at a program that makes sense. Obviously, this new approach to confirmation preparation will require significant parental support. We look forward to it.

Our Religious Education Committee Members are:

Dr. Robert Adams,- (Chair), Joseph Duford, Tom Hatchfield, Katie Homer, John Polvere, Jean Rowan, and James Rober.

Staff: Shirley Beaucaire,- (Secretary), Carol Kiernan, Joe Moore, Linda Purnell, and Marcia Hoyle-Walkama.

Items:

- Next weekend Fr. Bill Mauric will give the homily at all of our Masses. He is a priest of St. Patrick's Monastery Society and from Michigan. Ordained in 1992, he spent 12 years working in pastoral ministry in São Paulo, Brazil and then in the state of Mato Grosso in the Amazon Basin. He will be sharing on his own work and the importance of missionary work in our lives as Catholic Christians. There will be a second collection that weekend to support missionary work. I invite your generosity.
- **Volunteer needed** to bring Communion about once a month to residents of our local nursing homes. For more information call Jeanne Lafond at the rectory 508-586-4715
- **Trinity Catholic Academy** is now accepting applications for Kindergarten thru eighth grade and for their new Preschool Center. Please call 508-583-6231 or 508-583-6237 or visit www.TCABrockton.org.