



**Mass Intention**



**Saturday, December 5**

4:00pm - Mary Connelly – 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary

**Sunday, December 6**

8:00am – For the people of this parish  
12:00pm – Robert W. Fay – 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary

**Monday, December 7**

9:00am – Evelyn P. Smith – 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary

**Tuesday, December 8**

9:00am – Angie & Mauro Sardella – remembrance

**Thursday, December 10**

Julia deNobrega – remembrance

**Saturday, December 12**

9:00am – John F. Danahy – Birthday remembrance

**Please remember in your prayers**

- For:** Brady Poz (Chris Poz's nephew) 12months old with liver cancer & Gerry Coughlin (Sr. Marie's sister).
- For:** Those who are homebound and ill especially: Charlie Doman, Helen Bath, Joseph Ameri, Jay Balsavich, Mary Webby Catherine Butler, , James Conley, Manuel Jancinto, Francis Gibbs, Marilyn Castillo, Catherine Farmer, John Hardy, Judy Wallen, Rita Ritucci, Lorice Hashem , Harry Owens, Maria R. Eduardo, Maria R. Eduardo, John O'Brien (Jean Rowan's brother who is critically ill), Lottie Doyle & Mary Larkin.
- For:** the unemployed and those under- employed.
- For:** All civilians, peace workers, relief workers, & military in areas of conflict and war, especially: Sam Bath, Ryan Moffett, Brian O'Rourke, Peter Farley, Robert Packard, Derek VanDyke, Edson Batista & Kevin Murphy 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**

Our Father, pour your love into our hearts so that we may love more fully all those whom you love. Help us to be understanding of the needs of others, as you were understanding of the needs of all men and sent your Son Jesus Christ to redeem us. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Readings for the Week**

- Monday** –Is 35; 1-10 Lk, 5:17-26 (181)
- Tuesday** – Gn3: 9–15, 20 Eph1:3-6, 11-12,Lk1:26-38 (689)
- Wednesday** – Is 40:25-34, Mt 11: 28-30(183)
- Thursday**-Is 41: 13-20, Mt 11: 11-15 (184)
- Friday** :- Is 48: 17-19, Mt 11: 16-19 (185)
- Saturday** – Zec2: 14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12: 1-6a 10ab Lk1:26-38
- Sunday** - Zep 3: 14-18a, Phil 4: 4-7, Lk 3: 10-18 (9))



**Parish Calendar**



**Saturday/Sunday, December 5/6**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Sign up for Christmas Caroling to homebound parishioners  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection to pay parish bills not covered by regular offertory

**Saturday, December 5**

4:00pm – Rite of Acceptance as Catechumens for Eloise Teixeira and Donna Kennedy

**Sunday, December 6**

10:00am – Rite of Investiture for 9<sup>th</sup> grade students  
Anointing of the sick after 10:00am Mass  
11:00am – Meeting of parents of 9<sup>th</sup> grade students in our church hall  
1:00pm –Advent Workshop (grades 1-4)with parents–church hall

**Monday, December 7**

4:00pm – RCIA for children (rectory basement)

**Tuesday, December 8** (Holy day of obligation)

Festival of the Immaculate Conception of Mary  
Eucharist at 9:00am and 7:00pm

**Wednesday, December 9**

7:00pm – Joint Temple Beth Emunah-Our Lady of Lourdes Committee (rectory upstairs)

**Thursday, December 10**

2:00pm – Eucharist at West Acres Nursing Home  
7:00pm – Parish Bereavement Committee (rectory upstairs)

**Saturday, December 12**

1:00pm – Brockton Advent /Christmas concert at Christ The King Church

**DATES TO SAVE**

**Monday, December 14**

7:15pm - Parish Pastoral Council (rectory downstairs)

**Sunday, December 20**

4:00pm – Christmas Caroling to home bound parishioners followed by a pot luck dinner (church hall)

**Thursday, December 24**

4:00pm – Mass in Church and Church hall  
5:45pm – Family Christmas Mass

**Friday, December 25**

8:00am & 10:00am Mass



**Christmas Decorating**

Volunteers needed to help decorate the church for Christmas. Please come to the church on Tuesday, December 22 at 10:00am to help Nancy put up the decorations. Also, there are “**Flower Envelopes**” on the windowsills for those who would like to donate to our decorations

**Presiders**

Sat December 12	4:00pm	Fr. Cloherty
Sun December 13	8:00am	Fr. Butler
	10:00am	Fr. Callahan
	12:00pm	Fr. Cloherty



For the first time in Brockton history, the Catholic Music Ministries of our city will collaborate on an Advent Christmas concert. This will be held at Christ the King Parish on Saturday, December 12 at 1:00pm. This performance will feature the choirs of Christ the King, Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Edith Stein Parish. We hope you will attend.

**The Giving Tree**



There are paper ornaments on our Giving Tree at the front and rear of the church. These ornaments have directions as to how we can give a gift to needy families during the Christmas Season. My Brother's Keeper will take **our unwrapped gifts**, wrap them, and deliver them in Christ's name. All gifts need to be in the church by Sunday December 13. After that date, you are free to give your gift directly to My Brother's Keeper at the corner of Rte 13 and Rte 123 in Easton. We did a great job last year.

**Thank you** to: Peg Reiche, Victor & Manuela Santos and Sr. Ann Boland for the big, beautiful Advent Wreath that hangs from our church ceiling.

<u>Offertory</u>	
Weekly expenses	\$6300.00
November 28/29 – Offertory	\$5426.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection (budget)	\$1013.00
Budget	+139.00
Thank you for your generosity	

**The upcoming Christmas Collection** supports the retirement, healthcare, and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. We encourage you to please give generously on behalf of the priests that have devoted their lives to faithfully serving God and the faithful of the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Mini Open House at Cardinal Spellman High School**, Brockton on December 6, 2009 from 1:00pm – 3:00pm There will be presentations, tours, and continuous information sessions with students, faculty, and parents. The Catholic School Placement Test for schools in the Archdiocese of Boston will be administered at Cardinal Spellman High School on Saturday, December 12, 2009 at 8:15am, Students must be pre-registered. Please call the Admissions Office at 508-583-6161 if you have any questions.

**The United States Census Bureau** is hiring Census Takers in you local community. These part time, temporary jobs offer good pay, flexible work hours and the chance to work close to home. For more information, call 1-866-861-2010 or visit [www.2010censusjobs.gov](http://www.2010censusjobs.gov)

Correction to the Nationwide Bulletin Insert regarding Healthcare: Rep Steven Lynch Tel: 508-586-5555

From Fr. Cloherty

In my homily last Sunday, I shared some reflection on prayer, what kind of God we pray to when we pray and what we pray for.

While I respect the freedom we all should have in talking/praying to God, increasingly it does not make sense to me to pray for certain things such as good weather or passing a test. I have come to believe that the heart of what our God is about is rather simple, that God just wants to be with us. In fact, in chapter 1 of St Matthews Gospel, we read that another name for Jesus is "God who is with us".

So what does make sense in prayer is to ask God to help us drop our barriers to him so that he will have a fair chance to be with us. All the rest doesn't make sense to me anymore.

I preface these comments with some reflections on the level of freedom and random activity that exists in the world that God created. This is not just true with humans, but also with material creation. Things that appear to us as solid and unchangeable, such as rocks, are in reality made up of molecules in constant motion and all of this motion is not always predictable. So God cannot control creation and the reality he has created and our prayers to him to do so are of no avail.

Like us, God must often cry over human events and natural disasters, as I am sure he wept when Jesus experienced abandonment on the cross.

So Christmas is the day we celebrate God's coming to be with us in Jesus. While advent is the time to quietly, reflect on how we might be straight-arming God and keeping God at a distance – this God who so dearly wants to be with us.

I had a great conversation with a woman in the parish after Mass about the homily. If others want to have a conversation on prayer and things we should pray for, I will be happy to choose a date and get people together.

**Items:**

- The elevator has passed state inspection and has been in service since Monday.
- The total income to the parish from the parish bazaar was \$503.00. Moving the date two times made it impossible for many vendors to show up.
- **The Christmas Mass schedule is as follows;**

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

**Thursday, Dec 24<sup>th</sup>**

- 4:00pm upstairs in church
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- 5:45pm Family Mass

**Friday, December 25 Christmas Day**

- 8:00am & 10:00am only

**Reminder:**

20<sup>th</sup> Century Club Meeting / Pot Luck Supper – Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at Fr. Peyton Center, Easton Ma. Bring a wrapped Nursing Home Gift -