

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 31

4:00pm – John F. Sheehan – 2 month anniversary

Sunday, February 1

8:00am – For the people of this parish
10:00am – Bob & Ann James – 50th Wedding Anniversary
12:00pm – Stacy Middleton – 15th anniversary

Monday, February 2

9:00am – Angelo Sarcia - Birthday remembrance

Saturday, February 7

4:00pm Derek Hughes – 1st anniversary

Sunday, February 8

8:00am – For the people of this parish
10:00am – Carol Gibbons Enos, Diane Gibbons Smith & Rosemary Gibbons Ripley – remembrance
12:00pm – Frank Carchidi – 2nd anniversary

Please remember in your prayers

For: Bob and Ann James on their 50th Wedding Anniversary

For: Matthew Leach and Maryellen Gill who will be married here this week.

For Lily Mary Small who will be baptized here this weekend.

For: The individuals and their families of those who were victims of violence in Brockton this past week,

For: Those who are homebound and ill especially: Helen Bath, Joseph Ameri, Jay Balsavich, Catherine Butler, Mary Webby, James Conley, Joseph & Lorice Hashem, Manuel Jancinto, Olive Burns (John Burns' mother), Peggy Ford, Francis Gibbs, Mary Kennedy, John Murphy, Marilyn Castillo, Mary Murphy, Raymond Gadaire, Catherine Farmer, Rev. Robert Kelleher, Roberta Willard Rev. Joseph Callahan, Bob Martin, Mario DiMarzo & Emma Keene who will undergo serious surgical procedure.

For: All civilians, peace workers, relief workers, & military in areas of conflict and war, that they be protected from all harm.

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

Dear God,

Let us live this day the way you want us to live.
Let us think the way you would want us to think
Let us be instruments of your love, peace and your
grace every day of our lives. Amen

Vocation Prayer Vigil

Come join us on Friday, February 6, 2009 @ 1:00pm in the *Gift of Adoration Chapel*. Fr. Goss will lead us in one half our of prayer for vocations. This will continue each First Friday.

Parish Calendar

Saturday/Sunday January 31/February 1

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd Collection to meet parish expenses not provided for by our offertory.

Sign up for ARISE Program

Tickets on sale for Youth Dance Feb 14th

Sunday, February 1

10:00am - Blessing for Bob & Ann James 50th wedding anniversary.

11:00am - Parish Youth Group (Church hall)

Monday, February 2

4:15pm – RCIA for children (rectory downstairs)

7:00pm - Parish Pastoral Council (rectory downstairs)

Wednesday, February 4

3:00pm – RCIA for High School Students

Thursday, February 5

3:30pm – Eucharist at Heights Crossing

Friday, February 6

1:00pm - Adoration of the Eucharist in the Chapel at Our Lady of Lourdes

Saturday February 7

9:00am - Preparing Meals for the Homeless (church hall)

6:00pm – Brockton Interfaith Celebration Dinner and entertainment at the Fruth Center (formerly St. Margaret Center)

Saturday/Sunday February 7/8

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd Collection for Peter Pence

- Guest speaker Tom Washington from Fr. Bills & Mainspring house speaks at all Masses
- Coffee Sunday after 8:00am & 10:00am Mass
- Last chance to sign up for ARISE Program
- Last chance to purchase Youth Group's Winter Dance Tickets for February 14th
- 10:00am - Calling to Confirmation for 10th grade
- Cub Scouts Bake Sale after 10:00am Mass
- Special Events Committee Bake Sale after 4:00pm , 8:00am, & 12:00pm Masses.
- 1:30pm – Parish Baptism Class for parents preparing to baptize an infant

Monday, February 9

2:30pm Special Events Committee (rectory downstairs)

Thursday, February 12

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

7:00pm – ARISE Committee (rectory upstairs)

DATES TO KEEP

Saturday, February 21

12noon – Lunch and Parish Auction (



FEBRUARY 14TH @ 6:00PM
YOUTH GROUP
WINTER DANCE

From Fr. Cloherty

Last Saturday morning after fighting fatigue for two days, I knew I had the flu and I better just stop. In effect I gave myself permission to be sick. Once that fight was over, and I called off Saturday and Sunday, things became much easier than they had been on Thursday and Friday.

Usually it takes me until Wednesday or Thursday each week to finish all the Sunday newspapers- the Enterprise, the Globe and the New York Times. This week, between naps, I killed the three of them by 9:00pm Sunday night. That is a record. I also had a healthy reminder that I am not indispensable. People are quite willing to fill in for me and to allow me to be sick, which is the first step in recovering from illness.

So for all of us with colds, flu, or worse, brought on by the winter season, there are lessons to be learned in these temporary winter illnesses. At root, of course, the basic lesson is that we are finite, limited, and human, which is to say, not God. So for accepting that I am not God, all my responsibilities Saturday and Sunday and part of Monday were covered in good style and all the newspapers (to which I am addicted) were read. Not bad.

Item:

- On the hall reconstruction, last week Gary King, our chair of our building committee, Bob Wegener, our architect and I met with a General Contractor who had the lowest union shop bid price for phase 1 of the reconstruction.. That bid of \$648,000 came in at a price we cannot afford, because of additional fees attached to this project.

The policy of the Archdiocese is to use Union Contractors for work over \$370,000, so we have been instructed by the Archdiocese to work with the General Contractor to lower his bid. We are doing that, and he is working with the union subcontractors who are telling him that they can do something to help us. He thinks that within 10-14 days he should have a good number for us.

More on this ongoing saga later.

Once again the final decision on all of this will be made by the Parish Building Committee and me. Please feel free to speak to them. They are:

Craig Carter, Jane Corcoran, Tim Cruise, Dick James, Gary King (chair) & Sisto Volpe.

Parish Social Events

February Events

Saturday/Sunday February 7/8

Parish Bake Sale! At the 4:00pm, 8:00am, & 12Masses

Saturday, February 21 @ 12:00noon

Parish Auction with Hotdogs, burgers, & refreshments

New items wanted please contact Pat LeBlanc at 508-588-3798

Presiders

Saturday, February 7	4:00pm	Fr. Cloherty
Sunday, February 8	8:00am	Fr. Goss
	10:00am	Fr. Cloherty
	12:00pm	Fr. Visbisky

Religious Education News

February 8, and 15:

There will be baskets at the entrance doors of the church for the collection of old palms. These will be burned on Feb. 22 as part of a First Communion 1 class teaching on the meaning of Lent and Ash Wednesday.

Second Graders will make their First Penance on Saturday, Feb 28 @ 11:00am. First Communion Dates are: May 2 at 11:00am and May 9th at 11:00am.

Calling to Confirmation for Grade 10 Students accompanied by parents at 10:00am Mass on February 8

Brockton Interfaith Community Hosts

Family Event with Dinner, Raffle, & live entertainment including

Magician Todd Migliacci

Saturday, February 7 2009 from 6pm to 10pm

At the **Fruth Center**

891 Montello ST.

\$20.00/adult

\$5.00/child 12 & under

\$50.00/ family 2 adults, 3 children 12 & under

Join us in celebrating 19yrs of accomplishments

Readings for the Week

Monday –Mal 3: 1-4 Heb 2: 14-18 Lk 2: 22-40 or 2:22-32 (524)

Tuesday - Heb 12: 1-4 Mk 5: 21-43 (324)

Wednesday, Heb 12:4-7, 11-15 Mk 6: 1-6 (325)

Thursday, Heb 12: 18-19, 21-24 Mk 6: 7-13 (326)

Friday, Heb 13: 1-8 Mk 6: 14-27 (327)

Saturday, Heb 13: 15-17, 20-21 Mk 6: 30-34-(328)

Sunday Jb 7: 1-4, 6-7 1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23, Mk 1: 29-39 (74)

Special Thanks to all who made the Parish Pasta Dinner event at Georges Café on January 29 a success. A good time was had by the 90+ who purchased tickets and to the Special Events Committee – Al Amoroso, Barbara Latham, Pat LeBlanc, Evelyn McCarthy, & Carmella McCourt.

Offertory

Weekly expenses \$6600

January 24/25 – Offertory \$5916

Church in Latin America \$1618

Weekly deficit - \$684

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

Mardi Gras Book Fair

The Daughters of Saint Paul will be sponsoring a religious book fair for Trinity Catholic Academy. On Monday, Feb, 23rd the books will be available for viewing. On Tuesday evening, all are welcome to come to purchase their selections at Saint Edith Stein Lower Church. Tuesday is the day before the start of Lent and we would like that evening to be a celebration with a Mardi Gras atmosphere. Compliment coffee and desserts will be served. Everyone is invited. Please save the dates: Monday, February 23rd and Tuesday, February 24th.