



Mass Intentions



Saturday, February 6

4:00pm – Trudy Carr – 1 yr anniversary

Sunday, February 7

8:00am – For the people of this parish

12:00pm – Victoria DaCosta - anniversary

Saturday, February 13

9:00am – Juvinal and Aris Goncalves – remembrance

4:00pm – John F. Murphy – 1st anniversary

Please remember in your prayers

For: Brady Poz (Chris Poz's nephew) 12months old with liver Cancer. Those who are homebound and ill especially: Charlie Dornan ,Helen Bath, Joseph Ameri, Jay Balsavich, 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, Steven Hashem, John O'Brien – (Jean Rowan's brother who is critically ill), Lottie Doyle, Marge Murray, Edda Tuite, Phyllis Hancock, Terri Resnack, Barbara Foley & Ann Flynn

For : Fr. Henry Mahir from the Chapel of Our Savior, at the Westgate Mall, who died suddenly this past week, may he rest in peace.

For : Our brothers and sisters who were injured and those who died in the recent earthquake in Haiti

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

Mary, if you see us skidding onto the side of the road, stop like the Samaritan and pour over our wounds the oil of consolation and the wine of hope. Then put us back on our journey. Through the fog of this "valley of tears", in all our afflictions, turn our eyes toward the mountains, from where our help comes.

-Bello

Readings for the Week

Monday –1 Kgs 8: 1-7, 9-13, Mk 6: 53-56 (329)

Tuesday – 1 Kgs8, 22-23, 27-30 Mk 7: 1-13 (330)

Wednesday –1Kgs 10: 1-10, Mk 7: 14-23 (331)

Thursday - 1 Kgs 11: 4-13/Mk7: 24-30 (332)

Friday :- 1Kgs 11: 29-32, 12: 19 Mk 7: 31-37 (333)

Saturday –1 Kgs 12: 26-32, 13: 33-34 Mk 8: 1-10(334)

Sunday - Jer 17:5-8.1Cor 15: 12, 16-20 Lk6:17,20-26 (78)



Parish Calendar



Saturday/ Sunday, February 6/7

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sprinkling with Lourdes Water at Penitential Rite

Blessing of Healthcare workers &

Ministers to the sick at all Masses

We collect palms to make ashes for Ash Wednesday

Second collection to support the charitable work of

Pope Benedict XV

Saturday, February 6

4:00pm – Procession to the Blessed Mother's Statue from
Boylston St. Church

Anointing of the sick after Mass

Sunday, February 7

8:00am – Anointing of the sick after Mass

10:00am – Model one on one conversations

4:00pm – Religious Education Committee (rectory upstairs)

Save the Date

Thursday, February 11

Our Lady of Lourdes Day



Sunday February 14

Coffee Sunday after the 8:00am & 10:00am Mass

Wednesday, February 17

Ash Wednesday – Masses 9:00am & 7:00pm.

Prayer service at 4:30pm

Saturday, February 20

10:30am – Mass for victims of Haitian earthquake at
Christ the King Church.

Morning of Prayer for Ministers of Communion to the Sick, Homebound & Nursing Homes:

Saturday, February 27, @ 10:00am -12:00pm at Holy Family Church, Duxbury. Sponsored by the Archdiocese. There is no charge for the Morning Prayer but we need to register. If interested, please leave a message for Jeanne Lafond at the rectory by Sunday, Feb 20.

Upcoming Events with dates under discussion

Citywide Reconciliation Service – probably 3/24 - 7:00pm
at St. Edith Stein Parish

Brockton Catholic Response to the Grief of Brockton Haitians

We are holding a *Haiti Earthquake Victims Memorial Mass* on Saturday, February 20 at 10:30am at Christ the King Parish. All of you are welcome and encouraged to attend. Marie Pierre Victor, a Psychotherapist and member of the Haitian community, has offered her services to lead a Grieving and Prayer Workshop on three consecutive Wednesdays beginning February 24th at 7:00pm at Christ the King Parish (Life House / Teen Center). Space is limited to 15; please register.

Religious Education News

Our Religious Education program has a need for a 6th grade and 7th grade teacher. and some volunteers as elevator monitors during the Wednesday classes The class meets Wednesdays 6-7 in the church hall. There is also a need for a 10th grade teacher for Monday evenings 6-7pm. Training and support will be offered. Please call the rectory and leave a message for Amy or Joe if interested. **Classes on Wed., February 10 and Sunday, February 14 are cancelled** because of the public school schedule. There are parent/teacher conferences on the 10th, and Presidents' Day/February Vacation affect the classes on the 14th.

Youth (6th, 7th, 8th Graders)

Explore and become more involved in your Catholic faith by participating in Religious Recognition Program, sponsored by Catholic Youth Ministry. A meeting will be held on Monday, February 8 at 6:30pm -7:00pm in the rectory basement. Join us!

Mass	Time	Presiders
Sat February 13	4:00pm	Fr. Cloherty
Sun February 14	8:00am	Fr. Butler
	10:00am	Fr. Cloherty
	12:00pm	Fr. Visbisky

<u>Offertory</u>	
Weekly expenses	\$6300.00
January 30/31	\$5084.00
Budget	\$1030.00
Parish deficit	-\$186.00

St. Joseph Retreat Center,

339 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset invites you to the following programs. Besides scheduled events, the retreat house is often available for individual or group private retreats. For more information and to register, visit our website www.csjretreatcenter.org, call 781-383-6024/6029, or email retreat.center@csjboston.org.

- Morning of Prayer 9:00 --12:15:
- February 22: Encountering Jesus at the Well
- Private or Directed Retreat:
- February 21-26

From Fr. Cloherty

On January 29, 2010 I was asked to do the blessing at the Mayors Inaugural Gala. Mayor Linda Balzotti hosted what she referred to as "*Her Big Fat Italian Non-Wedding.*" Betty, her mother, said she has been waiting 49 years for her wedding. I thought I would share the blessing with you.

"Lord, we are old and young; black and brown, white and yellow. We are Muslim, Protestant, Jew, Catholic, and people of no faith, but we are all citizens of this city. We are all Brocktonians

Today we have a new city administration that has broken precedence based on race and sex that tells us in not so subtle ways that if this city is to reach its full potential, everyone needs to know that she or he has a representative voice at the table where directions are decided and decisions made.

Lord God, at this point in our history, our city faces some serious challenges in the areas of budget and public safety and to some extent, these issues are connected. We

also have many sisters and brothers who have lost jobs and homes. We ask that Your spirit of wisdom, providence and counsel be generously given to our School Committee, our City Council and to our new Mayor and her administration. Give them the courage that is needed to do what must be done. Help them to work as a team for the good of the whole city.– Help them to use well the resources that **are** available to them to face our challenges and help them to not be paralyzed by the absence of other resources.

Help the rest of us provide them the support they need to keep the vision of a renewed Brockton before their eyes. Help us to become a city that bears the marks of the city that is put before us in the Book of Nehemiah and the book of Revelation. A city that is strong because its citizens are in relationship with one another, focused on the common good and not just individual good. A city where there is no more crying out or pain and if there is a tear, it will be wiped away by a caring hand.

And now finally in a world, a nation, a state and a city where hunger is unfortunately no stranger, we thank you for the gifts of this food that we are about to share. May it nourish us for the work that we are about to begin for all who live and work in this city. We pray this in Your Holy Name."

Items:

- **Ash Wednesday is Feb 17.** Starting the following Wednesday 2/24, there will be a Mass at 6:00pm each Wednesday except the Wednesday of Holy Week. There will be no soup suppers due to a poor attendance the last two years.
- On February 19/20 a committee from both St. Edith Stein Parish and our parish will offer a **Marriage Preparation Program** to engaged couples here in our hall . They will be present at our 4:00pm Mass on 2/20
- Every Wednesday starting 2/24 through 3/31 from 6:30pm - 8:00pm, the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be celebrated in every Church and chapel in the Archdiocese including here. There could be one exception-3/24 when we probably will have a Citywide Reconciliation Service at St. Edith Stein Parish.
- On Feb 28 @ 4:00pm, a committee from this parish and some outside advisors will offer a **Consolation Meal** here to members of our parish whose country of origin is Haiti. Many of our Haitian parishioners have lost multiple members of their family. One person lost five family members and eleven are still missing. We want to stand with them in their time of grief. You may support this effort by dropping donations in our poor boxes designated "Haitian Meal"
- On May 2, at 10:00am, we will celebrate a **Memorial Mass for our late pastor, Fr. Joseph Manning** who died on January 24. There will be a reception after Mass for his sister, Alice Schmidt and her family. This is the earliest date we could set because of event on her schedule and those on the parish schedule.