

Mass Intentions

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

Wednesday, February 11

9:00am – Julia deNobrega - remembrance

Sunday, February 15

8:00am – For the people of this parish
 10:00am – James Bonner – 1st anniversary
 12:00pm – Victoria Lopes Costa – anniversary

Please remember in your prayers

- For:** Matthew Leach & Mary Ellen Gill who were married here this weekend.
- 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 Mathias Cann, Mario DiMarzo, Mario Cesarini, & Emma Keene who will undergo a serious surgical procedure.
- For:** **Dorothy L. McMorro** whose funeral was celebrated here this past week.
- 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

February 11, 2009 is the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes, the patron on our parish. On that date this year, the Church will celebrate the closing of the 150th Anniversary of Our Lady's appearance to St. Bernadette Soubirous at Lourdes, France on February 11, 1858. Our celebration honoring Our Lady's 150th Anniversary year in the month of October was greatly received by our parish.

We invite all parishioners to come to the 9am Mass on Wednesday, Feb 11, 2009 in thanksgiving to Our Lady of Lourdes for the many blessings and favors she has bestowed upon us and our parish during this Anniversary year. Mass will be followed by the Rosary. Refreshments will be served in the rectory basement.

Parish Calendar

Saturday/Sunday February 7/8

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 2nd Collection for Peter Pence
Scout Sunday

- Cub Scouts Bake Sale after 10:00am Mass
- 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
- **10:00am - Calling to Confirmation for 10th graders & their Parents**
- 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 upstairs)
 4:15pm – RCIA for children (rectory downstairs)

Wednesday, February 11

3:00pm – RCIA for High School Students
 7:00pm – BIC LOC Committee (rectory upstairs)

Thursday, February 12

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

Saturday, February 14

6:00pm – Youth Group's Winter Dance Party (church hall)

Saturday/Sunday, February 14/15

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 2nd collection to cover parish expenses not covered by offertory
 Blessing of Healthcare Workers and Ministers at the
 4:00pm, 8:00am and 10:00am Masses

Sunday, February 15

8:00am – Anointing of the Sick after Mass
 1:30pm – Parish Baptisms

SAVE THE DATE

Monday, February 16

7:00pm – Parish Bereavement Committee (rectory upstairs)

Saturday, February 21

1:00pm – Parish Auction with lunch

Sunday, February 22

1:00pm – Our Cub Scout Pack's Blue & Gold Dinner

Wednesday, February 25

Ash Wednesday

Service Times: 9:00am Mass, & 7:00pm Mass
 4:15pm Prayer service



Prayer Shawl Ministry:

The Prayer Shawl Ministry continues its work of providing shawls for the sick. If you would like to join the group or learn the art of knitting and crochet, while meeting new people & having fun, please call Ann James at 508-586-6223

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 14	4:00pm	Fr. Cloherty
Sunday, February 15	8:00am	Fr. Cloherty
	10:00am	Fr. Butler
	12:00pm	Fr. Goss

Religious Education News

Reminder: No Classes during School Vacation.

Second Graders will make their First Penance on-

Saturday, February 28 @ 11:00am.

First Communion Dates: May 2, at 11:00am & May 9th at 11:00am.

Offertory

Weekly expenses	\$6600
January 24/25 – Offertory	\$5501
2 nd collection	\$1118
Weekly deficit	+19

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

Readings for the Week

- Monday** – Gen 1: 1-19 Mk 6: 53-56 (329)
- Tuesday** – Gen 1: 20-2:4a Mk 7: 1-13 (330)
- Wednesday**, Gen 2: 4b-9, 15-17 Mk 7: 14-23 (331)
- Thursday**, Gen 2: 18-25, Mk 7: 24-30 (332)
- Friday**, Gen 3: 1-8 Mk 7: 31-37 (333)
- Saturday**, Gn 3: 9-24, Mk 8: 1-10 (334)
- Sunday** Lv 13: 1-2, 44-46 1Cor 10: 311-1:1 Mk 1: 40-45 (77)

The 2009 Walk for Hunger

May 3

We've never needed you more!

Hunger affects more than 522,000 people in Massachusetts, If you or someone you know is having difficulty making ends meet then make the call to **Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline** at 1-800-645-8333.- Monday – Friday: 8:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.
Saturday: 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

From Fr. Cloherty

With this weekend we reach the deadline for signing up for the spring session of ARISE. Last fall, 55 members of our parish community participated in 6 weekly small group discussions sharing their lives and their faith as they reflected on short readings from Scripture. Many members of those groups found that these meetings (which were held here on the parish property or in parishioner's homes) were a significant opportunity to meet and know other parishioners. However, more importantly, participants, perhaps for the first time, heard another approach to being a faithful Catholic Christian and came to accept that despite differences, we in the Christian Community can differ and still be one. Levels of toleration, if not total acceptance, of other points of view improved. Their concept of what it means to be a Catholic Christian was broadened and made more inclusive.

After the 6 weeks of sharing, some comments were made by individuals who were involved. One said, "The ability of everyone to respectfully listen, share and pray in a non-threatening way, strengthened my belief in the Holy Trinity. I am in awe of others belief in God and Jesus as friend." Another reported that the groups helped in getting to know members of the parish on a prayerful level and thus developing relationships that carried over to Sunday Mass where it is great to be greeted by name."

I ask that you consider signing up this weekend using the sign up cards or by calling the rectory this week.

ITEMS:

- ❖ To date, 2/2/09, the parish spent \$4,200 on snow removal
- ❖ Every year for the past four years, we have celebrated a liturgy on "Caring" for our First Communion II Children. This liturgy introduces a child and an adult or young person not related to the child. They become Prayer Partners for the year before the child receives First Communion. A number of very nice relationships have come out of this Caring Liturgy over the years, one between a parishioner who is 95 and a child who is 10 years of age.
This year the Liturgy on Caring was scheduled for February 1, but it had to be cancelled. Fifty five parishioners were sent invitations to become a Prayer Partner for a child with a deadline of January 15 to reply. By the 15th of January only six parishioners had said yes and as a result the Liturgy has been cancelled for this year. I find this difficult, but I hope for a better response next year.

Is There Anyone Sick Among You? This question, found in the New Testament Letter of James, gives the response that the sick should call for the priests of the Church who are to pray over and anoint the sick with oil in the name of the Lord. Never hesitate to call our parish's priest(s) to ask for the prayer and Sacrament of the Sick prior to surgery or when diagnosed with serious illness. This Sacrament is not to be looked upon as the "Last Rites" but as a powerful instrument of God's healing presence. Please avail yourself of this gift here on (Feb 15th at 8:00am Mass). Also if someone is dying or near death, please call the parish for pastoral assistance.