

Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 15

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

Sunday, February 22

- 8:00am – For the people of this parish
- 10:00am – Donald Joseph Black – 24th anniversary
- 12:00pm – Nancy Niccoli – 1yr anniversary

Please remember in your prayers

- For:** Javien Jeremiah Rodrigues who will be baptized here this weekend.
- For:** four engaged couples of the parish attending the Marriage Prep program at St. Edith Stein Parish 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, Peggy Ford, Francis Gibbs, Mary Kennedy, John Murphy, Mary Murphy., Marilyn Castillo Raymond Gadaire, Catherine Farmer, Rev. Robert Kelleher, Bob Martin, Mathias Cann, Mario DiMarzo, Mario Cesarini, & Emma Keene
- For:** Joseph McCarthy (Evelyn McCarthy's husband) & Steven Loud whose funerals were 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

Time is
 Too slow for those who wait,
 Too swift for those who fear.
 Too long for those who grieve.
 Too short for those who rejoice
 But for those who love,
 Time is eternity.
 Happy Valentine's Day!

Presiders

Saturday, February 21	4:00pm	Fr. Butler
Sunday, February 22	8:00am	Fr. Cloherty
	10:00am	Fr. Goss
	12:00pm	Fr. Cloherty

Offertory

Weekly expenses	\$6600
January 24/25 – Offertory	\$6181
Peters Pence	\$1672
Weekly deficit	-419

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

Parish Calendar

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

Saturday, February 14

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

Sunday, February 15

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

Monday, February 16

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

Saturday, February 21

- 1:00pm – Parish Auction with lunch

Saturday/Sunday February 21/22

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 2nd collection to cover parish expenses not covered by offertory
- 8:45am – First Communion I burning of Palms to make ashes for Ash Wednesday
- 1:00pm – Cub Scout Blue and Gold Dinner (church hall)
- 4:00pm – Pot Luck Dinner for First Communion I (rectory)

Monday, February 23

- 4:15pm – RCIA Class for children (rectory upstairs)

Wednesday, February 25

- 3:00pm – RCIA Class for high school students

Wednesday, February 25

Ash Wednesday

- Eucharist at: 9:00am Mass, &, 7:00pm Mass
- 4:15pm Prayer service
- Offertory to support our Poor Box Fund

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, February 28

- 11:00am – 1st reconciliation / Penance for First Communion II children and parents

Sunday, March 1

- First Sunday of Lent
- 10:00am – (RCIA) Rite of sending for the Catechumens and Candidates
- 11:00am – RCIA - light lunch followed by the departure to Boston for the Rite of Election (Sr. Ann requests a count this week to prepare food and transportation).and Celebration at the Cathedral in Boston for Catechumens, Candidates, God-parents and Sponsors at 1:30pm

Monday, March 2

- 7:00pm – Parish Pastoral Council (rectory upstairs)

Wednesday, March 4

- 6:00pm- Lenten Soup Supper begins after Mass



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, February 21 @ 12:00noon
Parish Auction with Hotdogs, burgers, & refreshments
New items wanted please contact Pat LeBlanc at 508-588-3798

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 9, at 11:00am

There is a meeting Sunday, 3:00pm in the Parish hall for parents and children being taught at home in Grades 3 & 5 Please bring in the quiz paper with you so we can discuss it together.

Readings for the Week

Monday – Gen 4: 1-15 Mk 8: 11-13 (335)
Tuesday – Gen 6: 5-8: 7: 1-5, 10 Mk 8: 14-21 (336)
Wednesday , Gen8: 6-13, 20-22 Mk 8: 22-26 (337)
Thursday , Gen 9: 1-3, Mk 8: 27-33 (338)
Friday , Gen 11: 1-9 Mk 8: 34-91 (339)
Saturday , Heb 11: 1-7, Mk 9: 2-13(340)
Sunday Is 43: 18-19, 21-22, 24b-25, 2Cor 1: 18-22 Mk 2: 1-12 (80)

Thank you to all who helped with the baking and selling of bake goods at our Parish Bake Sale last weekend. The parish realized \$279.80 in this sale.

Special Thanks to Mrs. Carmella McCourt

Who for the last 9 years has faithfully prepared coffee 5 days a week every week for our 9:00am Mass parishioners. That probably will be the record here for that service.

Thank you also to Rich Loonie for picking up that ministry,

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.



: We invite all parishioners to participate in the ARISE prayer network. Prayer commitment cards may be completed and placed in the baskets at the doors of the church. Small community groups will begin meeting the week of February 22nd.

From Fr. Cloherty

We are all aware of the recent troubling public exchange between the international Jewish Community and the Vatican. This was triggered by a Bishop Richard Williamson's public denial of the Holocaust or Shoah –the murder of over 6 million Jewish people by the Nazi machine during 1936-1945. Bishop Williamson is a member of the Society of Pius X, many of whose members reject the basic teaching of Vatican II and in particular its fundamental rejection of all forms and roots of anti-Semitism.

The Pius X Society is not in full communion with the Catholic Church but Bishop Williamson and three other bishops of that society, who were illicitly ordained, have been reconciled with the church. The fact that a bishop holding these views was accepted as a bishop in our church has added yet another bump in the road of Catholic –Jewish relations during the time of Pope Benedict.

Now the Vatican has publically decried Bishop Williamson's statement and the Pius X Society has silenced him on that issue. Yet the fact that his position on this was not dealt with before his reconciliation to the church is troubling. The Second Vatican Council made clear that the Jews as a people cannot be held liable for the death of Jesus, that our roots as Christians are planted in Jewish soil e.g. Jesus, Mary, Joseph, the Apostles, & the Prophets. We share over ½ of our bible with the Jews and received it from the Jews and finally the council made it clear that the death of Jesus and the birth of Christianity does not translate into God's rejection of the Jews. The Jews as a race are still God's chosen people. The rejection of these teachings puts one outside the pole of tradition of the church as clarified by the 2nd Vatican Council.

There are some thorny theological issues raised by these teachings that need more study. The issues revolve around the teaching that the Jews are saved or made righteous before God through the covenants God made with Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Moses. That the Jews are not rejected by God is clear if we look at Paul's letter to the Romans 11: 1, 25-29. On the other hand we have this passage in John's Gospel Chapter 14: 6 where Jesus says, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

On the logical black and white level, one cannot reconcile these two positions. How can Jews be right before God through an arrangement God has with them exclusively and Jesus the only way to the Father?

As Catholic Christians we have no choice except to hold both teachings and to expect that the Holy Spirit working through Bishops, theologians, and the faithful will in time, reveal to us the way to understand all this. In the meantime, as we work this all out, expect more dust ups between Catholics and Jews. In Italy, Germany and France Jews have walked away from the dialogue with us. This is not true in the United States yet, and I do not really expect that to happen. As one involved in Jewish Catholic dialogue for over 45 years, I sense that levels of friendship, affection, and trust between Jews and Catholics here are too deep to be disrupted by events like these despite our unhappiness with all of it. Let us pray about that.

ITEMS:

- Every winter my brother John hands me six or seven dates for skiing. Last Monday was one of them. So Thursday we went to Mt. Sunapee with about seven others. It was sunny, no wind but never got above 0°. The delight of the day, however, was that a full lift ticket was \$66.00, senior (or Geezer) rate was \$45.00 and Super Senior or (Super Geezer) rate was \$36.00. It's probably 20 years since I paid that little for a lift ticket. In a few years perhaps they will be a U-ber Geezer rate and I will only have to pay \$10.00??

• Poor Box Fund

For some time, the parish has been working to set up a committee of 4 to 5 people who would manage requests for assistance from people who contact the parish. To date three people have come forward: Elisabeth Gillis, Elaine Hallisey, and Margaret (*Peggy) Lang. We really need a few men. Some people we assist are men. When we have some men that will come forward, we will have a little training and Fr. Cloherty will be freer to do some things around here with people who could use some attention.