



Mass Intentions



Saturday, February 20

4:00pm – Carol Rose Gibbons Ernst Enos –anniversary
 Diane Lynn Gibbons Smith
 Rosemary Gibbons Ripley
 Daniel William Ernst
 Jeffrey Michael Ernst

Sunday, February 21

8:00am – For the people of the parish
 10:00am – Francis & Marjorie Morano – anniversary
 12:00pm – Donald J. Black Sr. – 25th anniversary

Saturday, February 27

4:00pm – Henry Gill – 1st anniversary

Sunday, February 28

8:00am – for the people of this parish
 12:00pm – Domingas Goncalves – 1month anniversary &
 Domingas DaRosa - remembrance

Please remember in your prayers

For: those adults and young people preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil: **Donna Kennedy, Eloisa Teixeira, Alicia Smith & Thomas Craig.**

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 & Grainger Hebshie

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, Edson Batista. Peter Farley, Ryan Moffett, Kevin Murphy, Brian O'Rourke, Robert Packard, & Derek VanDyke 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



"Dear God,

I know that every journey begins with a first step. Be with me today as I take another step in my Lenten journey. I began this journey with the sign of ashes on my forehead, reminding me, that this is no ordinary walk. Today I move one step nearer to the promise of your light. Today, with your help, I will find new meaning in the Easter that awaits us all. Thank you Lord, Amen"



Parish Calendar



Saturday/Sunday February 20/21

First Sunday of Lent
 2nd collection for Rev. Paul Moritz Scholarship Fund

Sunday, February 21

8:45am - 2nd Grade parents reconciliation & making peace
 10:00am - Rabbi Ayre Berk from Temple Beth Emunah preaches & reception in church hall after Mass. Rite of Election for Baptismal Candidates
 6:00pm – St. Edith Stein & Our Lady of Lourdes Marriage Committee meet (church hall)

Monday, February 22

7:00pm – BIC Meeting (church hall)

Wednesday, February 24

6:00pm – Lenten evening Mass
 6:30pm - 8:00pm – Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday, February 25

7:00pm – Parish BIC –LOC Committee (rectory upstairs)

Friday, February 26

3:30pm – Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 27

11:00am – First Reconciliation / Penance

Sunday, February 28

10:00am - First Communion II students & parents celebrate Making Peace.
 4:00pm – Consolation Meal for our Haitian Parishioners (church hall)

Monday, March 1

7:15pm Parish Pastoral Council (rectory downstairs)

Save the Date

Saturday March 13 – Confirmation Mass with Bishop John Doohar.

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.

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 24 at 7:00pm at Christ the King Parish (Life House / Teen Center). Space is limited to 15; please register.

Readings for the Week

Monday –1 Pt 5: 1-4, Mt 16: 13-19 (535)
Tuesday – Is 55: 10-11, Mt 6: 7-15 (225)
Wednesday –Jon 3: 1-10, Lk 11: 2—32 (226)
Thursday - Ect C: 12, 14-16, 23-25 Mt 7:7-12 (227)
Friday :- Ez 18: 21-28, Mt 5: 20-26- (228)
Saturday –Dt 26: 16-19, Mt 5: 43-48 (228))
Sunday - Gn 15: 5-12, 17-18 Phil 3: 17-4: 1 or 3:20-4:1-Lk 9:28b-36 (27)

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.

Mass	Time	Presiders
Sat February 27	4:00pm	Fr. Butler
Sun February 28	8:00am	Fr. Cloherty
	10:00am	Fr. Cloherty
	12:00pm	Fr. Butler

Offerory

Weekly expenses	\$6300.00
February 13/14	\$5384.00
2 nd collection (budget)	\$1180.00
Parish deficit	+\$264.00
Ash Wednesday (poor box)	\$1306.00

Thank you for your generosity

Archdiocese of Boston Lenten Regulations

- **Abstinence:** Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligations of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, meat may not be used at all.
- **Fast:** Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their sixtieth year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the days of fasting. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed. Regarding other weekdays of Lent, participation in daily Mass and the voluntary observance of fasting is recommended.
- **Commendable**, particularly during Lent, is generosity to local, national, and world programs of sharing our abundance.
- The **Stations of the Cross** will be celebrated on every Friday of Lent through 4/2.

2nd collection this week is to support the Rev. Paul Moritz Scholarship Fund

Rev. Paul Moritz Scholarship Fund annually grants scholarships to four qualified high school students who are enrolled in the Project Grads Program at Brockton High School. These young people because they are parents, could end up in a spiral of poverty. These scholarships, which are supported by all the Catholic parishes in the city, encourage the students to continue their education for the benefit of both themselves and their children. Your donation in the 2nd collection this week will support this good effort.

From Fr. Cloherty

In the early 1930's Dorothy Day, a Catholic layperson and writer and Peter Maurin, a French communitarian prophet, founded the Catholic Worker. The Catholic Worker is the name of a bi-monthly newspaper which is still published (copies can be found on the church windowsills as long as they last.) They are also a movement of soup kitchens, houses of hospitality and workers for justice and peace – their principles are based on the New Testament and the teachings of the Catholic Church.

The story of the beginning of the Catholic Worker can be found in "The Long Loneliness," Dorothy Day's autobiography. I just finished re-reading the book and found the last few paragraphs arresting, the lines calling me to stop and reflect. I would like to share them with you as we enter Lent.

They put into words what 75 of us are doing in our ARISE groups and what we hopefully will do if our Lenten parish conversations process comes together. I find in these words what it takes to make Church happen for us:

The Long Loneliness

"We cannot love God unless we love each other, and to love we must know each other. We know Him in the breaking of bread, and we know each other in the breaking of bread, and we are not alone anymore. Heaven is a banquet and life is a banquet, too, even with a crust, where there is companionship.

We have all known the long loneliness and we have learned that the only solution is love and that love comes with community. It all happened while we sat there talking, and it is still going on. "

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.

Guided Retreat:

March 8-12: Women's Wellness Retreat

A Mass and Healing Service

will be held at the **Immaculate Conception Church, 122 Canton St. (rte 27) Stoughton, MA** on Sunday February 28, 2010 @ 2:00pm with Fr. Joseph McDermott. All those with physical illnesses as well as those burdened, or suffering emotionally, mentally, spiritually, psychologically, or financially are cordially invited to come and pray with us. You may pray for your own needs or the needs of others. If you would like a list of all the healing services usually being held on the last Sunday of the month, please call, 781-344-2073