

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, February 22

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

### Friday, February 27

9:00am – Lucas McGrath Silva – 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary

### Saturday, February 28

9:00am – Paula Franciosi – anniversary

### Sunday, March 1

8:00am – For the people of this parish  
 10:00am – Francis Morano – 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary  
 & Marjorie Morano- 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## Parish Calendar

### Saturday/Sunday February 21/22

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

2<sup>nd</sup> collection to cover parish expenses not covered by offertory

### Sunday, February 22

**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 children and their parents(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

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

### Saturday/Sunday, February 28, March 1

First Sunday of Lent

2<sup>nd</sup> collection to cover parish expenses not covered by offertory

### Saturday, February 28

**11:00am** – First Eucharist for First Communion I children & parents

### Sunday, March 1

**10:00am** – Rite of sending Catechumens to the Cathedral Anointing of the sick after mass  
**4:00pm** – Pot Luck Dinner for First Communion I children and their parents(rectory)

### Monday, March 2

**4:15pm** – RCIA for children (rectory upstairs)  
**7:00pm** – Parish Pastoral Council (rectory basement)

### Wednesday, March 4

**3:00pm** – RCIA Class for high school students  
**6:00pm** – Lenten Wednesday Mass followed by a soup supper  
**7:00pm** – Meeting of Communion ministers to homebound parishioners & Nursing homes (rectory downstairs)

### Saturday, March 7

**9:00am** – Meal Preparation for dinner at Mainspring shelter

### Saturday/ Sunday March 7/8

Daylight savings time

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Annual Catholic Appeal Weekend

## Please remember in your prayers

**For: Manuel and Grace Jacinto on the occasion of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.**

**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, Mary Murphy, Henry Gill, Marilyn Castillo Raymond Gadaire, Catherine Farmer Rev. Robert Kelleher, Bob Martin, Jennifer Briggs – (Daughter of Joe & Diane Clinton) & Mathias Cann,-critically ill Mario DiMarzo, Mario Cesarini, & Emma Keene

**For: Patrick J. Quirk** (son of Joe & Peggy Quirk) who died unexpectedly on January 15<sup>th</sup>.

**For John Murphy, Clement Monsini and Margaret Streeter** whose funerals were celebrated here last 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

“When you’re at a hopeless end, trust God, and you’ll have endless hope!”

The Spiritual Development Committee invites you to join our group. We meet once a month on the third Thursday of the month from September through May usually at 10:00am to plan spiritual activities for the parish. Meetings can be held evenings every other month to accommodate anyone who may be working but would like to be part of this group. No experience necessary just a desire to serve your parish. Please call 508-587-0534 –Louise. Leave a message..

### Presiders

Saturday, February 28	4:00pm	Fr. Cloherty
Sunday, March 1	8:00am	Fr Goss
	10:00am	Fr. Cloherty
	12:00pm	Fr. Visbisky

### Offertory

Weekly expenses	\$6600
February 7/8 – Offertory	\$5219
Parish budget	\$1865
Weekly deficit	+484

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



### 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

### Twentieth Century Catholic Club Night of Recollection

On Thursday, March 5, we will be having a Night of Recollection at the Holy Cross Retreat Center, Stonehill College. The evening will consist of:

- Arrive at 6:00pm
- Rosary at 6:30pm
- Dinner at 7:00pm (roast beef)  
Followed by Meditation, confession and Mass

Cost \$20.00 deadline for reservation is Thursday, Feb 28. Please make check payable to "Retreat House" and mail to Christine Papineau, 78 Malvern Rd, Brockton, 02301. If you have any questions please call her at 508-583-1663

### Catholic Radio

Please tune in to AM 1530 on your Radio, WBVF, for the new Catholic program, "Father Peyton's Family Program". Fathers John Phalen CSC and David Marcham and Brother Joe Esparza CSC host the half hour, which is followed directly by the Rosary. Some of the programs are vintage radio dramas produced by Father Peyton with the well-known stars of Hollywood in the 40's and 50's. Saturdays at 7:00 AM and Sundays at 8:00 AM. Support Catholic Radio



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 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### Readings for the Week

**Monday** – Sir 1: 1-10 Mk 9: 14-29 (341)  
**Tuesday** – Sir 2: 1-11, Mk 9:30-37 (342)  
**Wednesday**, J1 2: 12-18, 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18(219)  
**Thursday**, Dt 30: 15-20 Lk 9:22-25 (220)  
**Friday**, Is 58: 1-9a Mt 9; 14-15 (221)  
**Saturday**, Is 58: 9b-14 Lk 5: 27-32 (222)  
**Sunday** Gn 22:1-2,9a, 10-13, 15-18 Rom 8: 31b-34 Mk 9:2-10(26)

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To the Special Events Committee, all who worked so hard on the Parish Auction and lunch, those who donated items for the auction and those who showed up to build up relationships & support our parish!

**Thank you** to Bob James for the new Capital Campaign posters which are tracking the steps we have taken and need to take to reconstruct our hall. As of Feb 16 – One general contractor has dropped his price \$40,000, and another \$68,000. We are in a bidding war, but decision time is around the corner.

### From Fr. Cloberty

With Wednesday, we enter Lent for 2009. The English word Lent derives from the word length. Lent, describing a time in the year when the days were lengthening with more and more sunlight. In the Northern hemisphere of the globe one could work a symbolism here. The rising sun was an early Christian symbol for Christ the Light who rose from the dead. So we come from the darkest day of the year December 21, and as the sun begins to gather strength, December 25, we celebrate Jesus' birth and as the sun grows decisively stronger and stronger, around the Spring Equinox, we celebrate Jesus rising from the dead and totally overcoming the powers of darkness, sin and death.

In other languages, Lent is not the word used to describe the 40 days before Easter. In Latin, it is *Quadragesima*, which means 40 days and as Christians we are presumed to understand what 40 days means. In Spanish, the word is *Cuaresma* and in French – *Carême* both of which carry with them an implication of 40 days of fasting or some penitential practice. Finally in Gaelic or Irish, the 40 days are referred to as *Carghas* and my guess would be that again the word would mean 40 days during which we do penance of some kind for our sins and selfishness.

In the traditions of Israel and the Christian Church periods of penance called for three kinds of activities:

- *More periods of prayer*
- *Fasting of some kind, &*
- *Finally alms or devotions to the poor.*

In the church these 40 days were used to prepare people for baptism and for the rest of the Church to renew its baptismal commitment. So, we have four parishioners who have been preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil but the rest of us are called during these 40 days to examine and reflect on how well we are doing in following Christ in preparation for renewing our vows at Easter. Are we living self centered or other centered lives? Do we give any regular daily time period to God alone? Are there attitudes or behaviors that we have that have no place in a Christian's life?

As we examine our lives for 40 days, are there any points where our life shows concrete concern for the poor and the weak? Have we excommunicated anyone from our lives? What do we do regularly that tells everyone that being part of a Christian community is a vital element of our lives? (Bodily presence on a weekend alone will not necessarily show that).

So to all I say Happy Lent. My prayer is that our enclosed parish schedule helps us in these lengthening days to let the light of Christ penetrate more deeply into our lives and the lives of those we touch