



Mass Intentions



Sunday, February 28

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

Saturday, March 6

4:00pm – Thomas Francis Reardon – 25th anniversary

Sunday, March 7

8:00am – For the people of this parish
 10:00am – Dorothy Venuti -4th anniversary &
 Matthew Venuti 3rd anniversary
 12:00pm – Cuong Dinh – 5yr anniversary

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 , Patricia Smith, Deletta Froio, Helen Sheehan, & Nora Cronin
- For :** **Cecile Fournier**(Jeanne Lafond's aunt) who died this past Week. May she rest in peace.
- For:** **Patricia O'Donnell** whose funeral will be celebrated here on Monday, March 1 at 9:00am
- 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

The good God wishes us never to lose sight of the Cross; therefore, it is placed everywhere, by the roadside, on the heights, in the public squares, in order that at the sight of it, we may say, "See how god has loved us" -St. John Marie Vianney
 Jesus, by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

Offertory

Weekly expenses	\$6300.00
February 13/14	\$5334.00
Fr. Moritz Scholarship	\$1310.00
Parish deficit	-\$966.00



Parish Calendar



Saturday/Sunday February 27/28

Second Sunday of Lent

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)

Wednesday, March 3

6:00pm – Lenten Mass
 6:30-8:00pm – Sacrament of reconciliation /confessions

Friday, March 5

3:30pm – Stations of the Cross

Saturday/Sunday, March 6-7

Third Sunday of Lent
 Catholic Appeal Weekend

Sunday March 7

6:00pm – St. Edith Stein / OLOL Marriage Prep Committee (church hall)

Save the Date

Saturday March 13

11:00am - Confirmation Mass with Bishop John Doher
 4:00pm – Model one-on-one person conversations

Sunday, March 14

10:00am – Model one-on-one person conversations
 Girl Scout Sunday
 6:00pm – Marriage Preparation Committee (church hall)

Mass	Time	Presiders
Sat March 6	4:00pm	Fr. Butler
Sun March 7	8:00am	Fr. Butler
	10:00am	Fr. Callahan
	12:00pm	Fr. Visbisky



Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.- Lk 9:35-36

Parents of 3rd and 4th graders

Janice D'Avignon will be giving a talk downstairs in the Church Hall during the religious ed classes this Sunday at 11:15. She will be discussing the needs and challenges children in grades 3 and 4 face, and strategies for parenting children at this age .

First Lutheran Church 900 Main St. Brockton

will hold an organ recital for the benefit of Haitian relief on March 6 at 3pm. Admission will be by free will offering 100% of which will aid relief efforts in Haiti.

Readings for the Week of February 28, 2010

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20 4:1/Lk 9:28b-36
 Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
 Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

Project Rachel Healing Retreats

Do you know someone who is carrying grief and sorrow over past abortions? Project Rachel is the post-abortion ministry of the Catholic Church to help those dealing with the pain of abortion. Project Rachel will offer three "Come to the Waters" post abortion-healing retreats this spring: Sunday, Feb 28, March 13 and Saturday, June 5. For more information and registration for the date of your choice, contact Project Rachel at 508-651-3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.

Jesus in the North End

Attention all young adults! Come join us for holy hour and Mass at St. Leonard's Church in the North End of Boston on the following Friday evenings: March 26, May 21. Adoration begins at 7:30pm followed by Mass at 9:00pm. Immediately following Mass, please join us at local North End Cafes for fellowship. Questions? Contact Lauren Hardegen Coordinator of Young Adult Ministries 617-74-5812 or youngadults@rcab.org

Catholic Appeal

Next weekend, March 6/7, will be Catholic Appeal Weekend here at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. As a catholic community, we are called during this season of Lent to love and share our blessings with our brothers and sisters in Christ. We do so by continuing to participate as fully as we are able in the building up of His kingdom. This month, Cardinal Seán is asking every Catholic household to participate in the 2010 Catholic Appeal, which funds the many central ministries and services of the Archdiocese of Boston. The Appeal is to our Archdiocese what the weekly offertory is to our parish- so your participation and support are critical. Because of economic downturn, support of the Catholic Appeal is even more urgent this year. On Appeal Weekend, we will be showing a video message from Cardinal Seán and asking every Catholic household to make a pledge. Cardinal Seán thanks all the families from Our Lady of Lourdes Parish that contributed \$31,866 to the 2009 Catholic Appeal.

This year we hope to have 201 households participate. Our financial goal is 38,500. If we exceed our financial goal, we will receive 25 percent of all funds raised above goal for use in our parish. Please know that your participation is important and that all gifts matter. We encourage you to take home an information packet from Mass this weekend so that you can prayerfully consider how you will participate. Those of you that gave to the Appeal last year should also receive a letter this week from Cardinal Seán. Please bring your completed pledge card and pledge envelopes next week to place in the collection basket. Thank you.

From Fr. Cloherty

Last Sunday at the 10:00am Mass Rabbi Ayre Berk from Temple Beth Emunah gave his reflection on our scripture readings. He remarked how since he does not go to church regularly, he was surprised at the similarities and differences between his Sabbath synagogue service and our Catholic Mass. After Mass, we welcomed him to coffee and real kosher desserts. We bought 100 pieces of pastry and they were all gone by the end of coffee hour.

The next day, Rabbi Berk and I were at Boston College, part of a small group of Jewish and Catholic leaders in the metropolitan Boston area. The event was sponsored by the college's Center for Jewish /Christian Studies. The subject was the current controversy over the proposed beatification of Pope Pius XII. The controversy revolves around his actions, or lack of actions, during the Holocaust (or Shoah) period in the 1930's and 40's.

After stopping for a bite to eat at a Kosher restaurant in Brookline, we drove home. Rabbi Berk began asking me about Lent and the discipline of this season. As I began, I told him how after the Second Vatican Council, the type and the number of Lenten disciplines had expanded. Instead of a narrow focus on only fasting from food or giving up certain entertainments, which are certainly legitimate, the lists of Lenten disciplines were broadened to include a greater emphasis on doing service for others.

I also confessed to him that until he raised the question, I had not decided on a discipline for myself for Lent 2010. My energies for the past 10 days have been consumed with getting over my recent illness and clearing my desk of the papers that piled up during that illness. So right then and there, with my Rabbi, I decided on my Lenten commitment. Three years ago, I decided to visit one of our homebound parishioners each week to make the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick available to them but I have not been faithful to this. (Our Ministers of Communion visit monthly). If I did that weekly, I would get into these homes twice a year. I decided to do it 3 years ago, but have been distracted by other things.

Since I have been in Brockton 17 years, it has been great to see how other Catholic priests take care of and support one another. However, in my experience, when Rabbis and the Protestant clergy reach out, as Rabbi Berk did to me this week, I find in this a special grace from God. I can see the headlines -

"Rabbi Gets A Catholic Priest's Act Together for Lent."

Item:

- The Hospitality Committee, which prepares our monthly Sunday coffee hour and arranges other hospitality events in the parish, is looking for more volunteers. If you are open to helping to this great group of people, call the rectory, leave your name, and phone number.

Coffee House: Evening of Contemporary Christian Inspiration Healing Music with Anne DiSanto, pianist, singer and songwriter. March 7, from 7 to 8:30 pm at The Father Peyton Center, 518 Washington Street, North Easton, MA 02356. Free and Open to the Public. Refreshments will be served. For more information call Holy Cross Family Ministries at 508-238-4095 or