

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, January 10

9:00am – Julia DeNobrega – remembrance  
4:00pm – Frank Metta – 64<sup>th</sup> anniversary

### Sunday, January 11

8:00am – For the people of the parish  
10:00am – Ilario Lopes – anniversary  
12:00pm – Bernard Allain – 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary

### Saturday, January 17

9:00am – Immacula & Metelus Desarmes – anniversary  
4:00pm – John Southworth – 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary

## Please remember in your prayers

- For: Ella Marie Devine, Emma Helena Miranda, & Leonardo Monteiro Arias who will be baptized here this weekend
- For: Those who are homebound and ill especially: Helen Bath, Joseph Ameri, Jay Balsavich, Catherine Butler, Mary Webb Webby, James Conley, Joseph & Lorice Hashem, Manuel Jancinto, Olive Burns (John Burns' mother), Peggy Ford, Francis Gibbs, MaryKennedy, John Murphy, Marilyn Castillo, Mary Murphy, Raymond Gadaire Catherine Farmer, Rev. Robert Kelleher, Roberta Willard . Rev. Joseph Callahan, Bob Martin, Mario DiMarzo &
- For: Paul Wetterholm whose funeral will be celebrated here on Monday at 10:30am
- For: Kathleen Watkins and Douglas Allen whose funerals were celebrated here last week
- For: James Duffy whose funeral was celebrated on Dec 27th
- 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, and Darfur.
- For: The people of Mumbai India, 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



*“Prayer is the wing in which the soul flies to heaven”*

### Readings for the Week

**Monday** –Heb 1: 1-6  
**Tuesday** - Heb 2: 5-12 Mk 1: 21-28 (306)  
**Wednesday**, Heb 2: 14-18 Mk 1: 29-39 (307)  
**Thursday**, Heb 3: 7-14 Mk 1: 40-45 (308)  
**Friday**, Heb 4: 1-5 11 Mk 2: 1-12 (309)  
**Saturday**, Heb 4: 12-16 Mk 2: 13-17 (310)  
**Sunday** 1sm 3: 3b-10, 19 1 Cor 6: 13c-15a, 17-20 Jn 1:35-42 (65)

**Special Thanks** to : the children who participated in the 10:00am reenactment of the Epiphany on January 4<sup>th</sup> They were: Arlene& Benjamin Hebshie, Dossha Melendes, Thomas & Emily Craig, Eddie& Rachel Poz & Stephanie Jardon, Arliay Docanto as the baby Jesus &Thank you to Sr. Ann for her efforts in organizing the event

## Parish Calendar

### Saturday/ Sunday January 10/11

Baptism of the Lord Jesus  
2<sup>nd</sup> collection for Parochial School Tax  
Sign up for Religious Observance of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on January 18 at Temple Beth Emunah  
Tickets on sale for **Pasta Dinner at Georges Café Restaurant**

### Sunday, January 11

**8:45am** – Parents of First Communion I meet (church hall)  
**10:00am** – Liturgy of the Word for children Grades 1-6 (church hall)  
Our Cub Scout Pack will host a Bake Sale after the 10:00am Mass with coffee.  
**11:15am**- Youth Group Committee (rectory upstairs)  
**1:30pm** – Parish Baptisms

### Monday, January 12

**4:30pm** – RCIA for children (rectory basement)  
**7:00pm** – Brockton Catholic Collaborative @ St. Edith Stein

### Wednesday, January 14

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

### Thursday, January 15

**10:30am** – Eucharist at Braemore Rehab and Nursing Home.

### Saturday/Sunday January 17/18

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Coffee Sunday with guest speaker: Tom Washington from Father Bill's and Mainspring Shelters  
Tickets on sale for pasta dinner at Georges Café Restaurant

### Saturday/Sunday, January 24/25

Sign up for the Spring ARISE Program

### Thursday, January 29

**6:00pm** – Parish Benefit Pasta Dinner at Georges Café

### Saturday, February 7

**6:00pm** - Brockton Interfaith Community Fundraiser at the Fruth Center (formerly St. Margaret's Parish Center)

### Offertory

Weekly expenses	\$6600
January 4 – Offertory	\$5432
2 <sup>nd</sup> collection for Parish Budget	\$1302
Weekly deficit	+\$134

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

### Presiders

Saturday, January 17	4:00pm	Fr. Butler
Sunday, January 18	8:00am	Fr. Cloherty
	10:00am	Fr. Goss
	12:00pm	Fr. Cloherty

## Parish Social Events

January – February

### A Night Out at Georges Café Restaurant

Thursday January 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

Tickets are \$12.00/ea. & available after Mass or call the rectory

Menu - Spaghetti & Meatballs, salad, rolls,  
Dessert, & coffee,

**Saturday/Sunday February 7/8**

Parish Bake Sale

### Pro-Life Activities:

*Annual Interfaith Assembly for Life:* To commemorate the 36th anniversary of Roe v Wade will be held on Sunday, Jan 25th from 2-4pm at Faneuil Hall Boston.

*2009 National March for Life:* Thursday, January 22, 2009 in Washington, D.C. Bus will depart from Immaculate Conception Church, E. Weymouth on Wed 1/21 at 9:00pm

For more information call Bill Gilmore at 508-583-3352 or visit [www.masscitizensforlife.org](http://www.masscitizensforlife.org)

### Brockton Interfaith Community

Hosts

Family Event with Dinner, Raffle, & live entertainment including

#### Magician Todd Migliacci

Saturday, February 7 2009 from 6pm to 10pm

At the **Fruth Center**

891 Montello ST.

\$20.00/adult

\$5.00/child 12 & under

\$50.00/ family 2 adults, 3 children 12 & under

Join us in celebrating 19yrs of accomplishments!

### Volunteer Alert

Help needed to bring Communion to homebound parishioners once a month. If you think you are able to help, please call Fr. Cloherty at the rectory

### From Fr. Cloherty

The six week period of Advent /Christmas which ends this weekend with the festival of the Baptism of Jesus, is a period given to us each year to reflect on what it means to say; *that God has become our brother in Jesus*. My reflection this year seemed to be about how God limited himself in doing this. That is to say, that in Jesus, God limited himself to a 33 year life span, to a specific geographical area that was 125 miles by 75 miles in area and a public life of ministry that, as far as we know, was either three years (Matthew, Mark and Luke) or one year,(John). He could not be in two places at once, therefore he could only influence and touch a limited number of people. When he died, there were still lepers that needed to be healed, people who needed to be comforted, poor that needed to be fed, clothed and sheltered, and people who needed to be freed from oppression and brutality by economic and government systems.

In the documents of Roman Historians of the 1<sup>st</sup> Century, there is only one mention of Jesus and it is a rather brief and confused statement about "a so-called Christus who rose from the dead."

All of this tells us two things, first, that Jesus had a limited impact on his generation and secondly, it makes clear that God

never intended that Jesus would get the world "straightened out" or "saved." This of course, is where you and I come in.

In baptism, we are enlisted by God to be the Body of Christ and to join Jesus in healing and saving this world that God so loves. The limitedness of Jesus and the limited impact he had, should be a consolation for those who work for justice and peace for years and see so little happen. God, in Jesus, let himself be limited. God made peace with this and we are invited to do and be the same.

A sentence from the Talmud (the Jewish commentary of Scripture) is perhaps appropriate here, "*We are under no obligation to complete our work, but we are not at liberty to quit.*" Let me end with a Gaelic Blessing for Christmas and New Year.

*"May the blessings of God be with you ever and always.*

*May the Christ child light the road before you every night and day.*

*May God take the harm of the year away from you."*

### Items:

- There is a Mentor Recruitment Dinner happening on Thursday January 22, 2009, The Mayor has asked that clergy types bring two or three people who would be open to the possibility of mentoring some young people in the city. Call the rectory if you are interested.
- We have two parishioners who have volunteered to manage our ministry made possible through the poor boxes. We need two more and that ministry can be shifted from Fr. Cloherty's list of responsibilities. Call the rectory
- The Brockton Religious Observance of the Birthday of Rev Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will happen this year on Sunday, January 18 with a free lunch at Temple Beth Emunah. Reservations must be made. Please sign up this weekend-(last call)
- On Sunday February 7 at 6: pm, Brockton Interfaith Community (of which we are a member) is holding a benefit for BIC at the Fruth Center (formerly St. Margaret's Parish's center). Call the rectory for tickets. These are two events where the Faith Communities of the city will be coming together and it is my hope that we will be visible as a parish and well represented.
- Two parishioners have already responded to the call to pick up our former pastoral associates responsibilities. For your convenience and consideration, I repeat **Jeanne's list of responsibilities**. IF you can give the parish some time, please call the rectory.
  - Coordinating visitation/Communion to the homebound and to nursing homes
  - Training Eucharistic Ministers for Mass
  - Helping to train lectors (with Joe Duford)
  - Coordinating RCIA /Adult Confirmation program
  - Serving Baptism program
    - - Assist with Baptism preparation classes
    - - Assisting at Baptism ceremony
  - Helping process annulments for parishioners
  - Serving as staff person for the ARISE group
  - Serving on BIC/LOC group
  - Serving on Community Outreach Committee
  - Leading Wake Services when needed
  - Serving as a back up in emergencies (Holy Week last year)