

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 16

4:00pm – John Southworth – 5th anniversary

Sunday, January 17

8:00am – For the people of the parish
10:00am – Patrick J. Quirk – 1st anniversary
12:00pm – Ameilia Mendes – Birthday remembrance

Thursday, January 21

9:00am – Santi Presti – 9 yr anniversary

Saturday, January 23

4:00pm – Charles E. Cloherty - anniversary

Please remember in your prayers

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, Mary Webby 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, Phylis Hancock, Terri Resnack, & Barbara Foley

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

Acknowledge Him

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways, acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths"

Proverbs 3: 5 & 6

Readings for the Week

Monday – 1 Sm 15: 16-23, Mk 2: 18-22(311)
Tuesday – 1 Sm 16: 1-13, Mk2:23-28 (312)
Wednesday – 1 Sm17: 32-33, 37, 40-51, Mk3: 1-6 (314)
Thursday - 1 Sm 18: 6-9, 19: 1-7, Mk 3: 7-12 (314)
Friday :- 1Sm24: 3-21/Mk3: 13-19(315)
Saturday – 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27, Mk 3: 20-21 (316)
Sunday - Neh 8: 2-4a, 5-6, 8-10, 1Cor12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27 Lk1:1-4,4: 14-21 (69)

We are collecting Christmas Card Covers again this year. If you would like to recycle them into ornaments for the Giving Tree, please drop them off at the Rectory. Thank you.

Parish Calendar

Saturday/ Sunday, January 16/17

Russian Orthodox Nuns from St. Elisabeth Convent, Minsk, Belarus will be here after all Masses to sell the goods from their workshops – icons, carved crosses etc.

Tickets for Our Lady of Lourdes Pasta Dinner at Georges Café - January 21 on sale at the front doors
2nd Collection to pay bills not covered by the regular offertory

Sunday, January 17

Coffee Sunday after the 8am & 10am Mass
1:15pm – Religious celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King at Temple Beth Emunah

Monday, January 18

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday.(Parish office closed)

Tuesday, January 19

Election day for the U.S. Senate

Thursday, January 21

10:30am - Eucharist at Braemoor Nursing Home
6:00pm – Parish Pasta Dinner at Georges Café (fundraiser)
7:00pm – Holy Hour for Life at St. Edith Stein

Saturday, January 23

9:30am – Fr. Cloherty does the homily for the Sabbath service at Temple Beth Emunah (corner of Pearl St. and Torrey St.)

Saturday/Sunday January 23/24

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Signup for Spring ARISE Groups
2nd Collection – for The Church in Latin American

Sunday, January 24

10:00am – Call to Confirmation for 10th grade candidates
1:30pm – Class for parents and godparents planning to baptize and infant. (Rectory basement)
3:00pm – Prayer Vigil and procession to the High School over Youth Violence. (Church hall)

Thursday, January 28

7:00pm – Parish Arise Committee (rectory upstairs)

Save the Date

Sunday, January 31

10:00am – Anointing of the sick after Mass
1:30pm – Parish Baptisms

Monday, February 1

7:15pm - Parish Pastoral Council (rectory upstairs)

Wednesday, February 3

7:30pm – Parish Finance Council (rectory upstairs)

Thursday, February 4

7:00pm – Parish Hospitality Committee (rectory upstairs)

February 7

4:00pm – Religious education committee (rectory upstairs)

Sunday, February 8

7:00pm – Brockton Interfaith Action (place to be announced)

Presiders		
Sat January 23	4:00pm	Fr. Cloherty
Sun January 24	8:00am	Fr. Callahan
	10:00am	Fr. Cloherty
	12:00pm	Fr. Visbisky

Offertory	
Weekly expenses	\$6300.00
January 9/10	\$5302.00
Budget	- \$1002.00
Parochial School	\$1463.00

ARISE Together in Christ

Sign up for season 4 will be held the weekend of January 23/24. It is never too late to join ARISE! Groups will meet once/wk for 6wks during Lent beginning February 15. Why not give it a try?

Elizabeth Seton Academy - Open House Announcement Sunday, January 24th from 12:00 - 2:00 pm.

An all-girls, accredited, private, Catholic high school located in the heart of Boston. We are located at 2220 Dorchester Ave, Dorchester Lower Mills, MA (behind Pope John Paul Academy's Lower Mills Campus). Come visit us and learn more about our unique, college preparatory educational experience happening in a small, nurturing environment! For more information, please call the Admissions Office at 617-296-1087 Ext. 18 or visit our website at www.esaboston.com.

Grief Series for Younger Spouses and Partners

Beacon Hospice will offer a grief series and support group for younger spouses and partners (in their 20's, 30's and 40's) who have lost their life partner much too early in life. This group will meet for 8 weeks on Thursday evenings at 7:00PM in Plymouth beginning February 4, 2010. This group is free of charge and is open to the community. Pre-registration is required to attend by calling Scott A. Ciosek, M.Div., Bereavement Coordinator at Beacon Hospice at 508-747-7222.

Annual Interfaith Assembly for Life: to commemorate the 37th Anniversary of Roe v Wade will be held on Sunday January 24, from 2- 4pm at Faneuil Hall Boston.

2010 National March for Life: Jan 22, 2010 Washington D.C. Bus will depart from Immaculate Conception East Weymouth on Thursday

For more information call Bill Gilmore at 508-583-3352 or check the website: www.masscitizensforlife.org

Donation Envelopes

This is a friendly reminder regarding your church donations and taxes. Please note that we will only be able to verify your church donations if you use the parish envelopes. The new tax laws state that your charitable donations must have a paper backup. Checks thrown loosely into the collection box will not be recorded. You may call the rectory during regular business hours, send us a note, or email us at Our.Lourdes@comcast.net

From Fr. Cloherty

Last Monday, the parish staff held an evaluation of the Advent-Christmas celebration at Our Lady of Lourdes. High praise was given to all who decorated the church and created our Advent /Christmas wreath in the middle of the church. Praise also for the hard work of our choir members at our Eucharist's here and their collaboration with the choirs from St. Edith Stein and Christ the King Parishes on Dec 12. For those who sang Christmas carols to the homebound and those who delivered poinsettias to parishioners in nursing homes and homebound. The flowers were appreciated by all who received them. The faithfulness of the altar servers, lectors and ministers of Communion contributed greatly to this whole effort. The staff also appreciated the increased attendance and participation of our parishioners whenever the weather permitted.

It is our hope all these efforts helped us get more in touch with the mystery of the Incarnation – God who has become our brother and who wants to be our friend in Jesus

Items:

- On Saturday, January 23, I will be giving the homily at the Sabbath service at Temple Beth Emunah. The service begins at 9:30 am. This is the first public step of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in forming a dialogue relationship with the temple. Last November, I asked Steve Doherty, Cheryl Gymiski, Diane Leason and Jack McNamara to be part of a joint committee with some members of Temple Beth Emunah to give some direction to this joint endeavor. Rabbi Berk will speak at our 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, February 21.

In the past 200 years, it has become more and more apparent to theologians, scripture scholars, and church leaders that we need to pay a lot more attention to our relationship with the Jewish people. It became obvious that unless we understand Judaism and Jewish practice and values, it would be virtually impossible to understand who Jesus and the apostles were and the teaching that came from the first three centuries of the Church. Reading and understanding the scriptures - the Old or New Testament would be hampered apart from understanding the worship and faith of the Jewish people. Sixty percent of the writings we hold as scripture came from the Jews. Both our sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist have their roots in current day Jewish practice.

In 1965, with the document of the 2nd Vatican Council in Nostra Aetate (In our day), the Church officially and publically called for a more serious and fuller engagement with our Jewish sisters and brothers. This effort was blessed and endorsed by Pope John XXIII, Pope Paul V, and Pope John Paul II. Pope Benedict has continued this support.

Recently I was reappointed to the Archdiocesan Ecumenical and Interfaith Commission. I hope to serve on this commission as a member of the Interfaith Task Force. I fully expect that our joint effort with Temple Beth Emunah will be a model that will be studied. We hope to encourage others to follow our example.