

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, January 17

4:00pm – John Southworth – 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary

### Sunday, January 18

8:00am – For the people of the parish  
12:00pm – Doris Hickey Angelini – 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary

### Saturday, January 24

4:00pm – Robert Pozerski – 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary

### Sunday, January 25

8:00am – For the people of this parish  
10:00am – Alfred Niccoli – 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary  
12:00pm – Joseph L. Maraglia – 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary

## Parish Calendar

### Saturday/Sunday January 17/18

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

2<sup>nd</sup> collection for parish expenses not being met by offertory  
Tickets on sale for pasta dinner at Georges Café Restaurant  
for January 29<sup>th</sup> - (only 25 tickets left!)

### Sunday, January 18

After 8:00am & 10:00am mass - Coffee Sunday with guest speaker: Tom Washington from Father Bill's and Mainspring Shelters

10:00am – Children's Liturgy of the Word

1:15pm – Religious observance of Rev Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday at Temple Beth Emunah

### Monday, January 19

Holiday, NO RCIA for children

### Tuesday, January 20

Inauguration of President Barack Obama

### Wednesday, January 21

3:00pm – RCIA for High School Students – rectory upstairs

7:00pm – ARISE presenters at the rectory

7:00pm – Brockton Catholic Parishes Holy Hour for Life at St. Edith Stein Parish.

### Saturday/Sunday, January 24/25

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for the Church of Latin America

Fr. Jose Abalon, Pastor of St. Patrick's Parish visits us for the weekend. Fr. Cloherty visits St. Edith Stein Parish.

Sign up for the Spring ARISE Program

### Saturday, January 24

4:00pm – Anointing of the Sick after Mass

### 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)

## Please remember in your prayers

- 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, Olive Burns (John Burns' mother), Peggy Ford, Francis Gibbs, Mary Kennedy, 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 & Noel Fortuna 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, 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

Greatness does not consist in outward show,  
but in faithful devotion in love.

### Presiders

Saturday, January 24	4:00pm	Fr. Abalon
Sunday, January 25	8:00am	Fr. Butler
	10:00am	Fr. Abalon
	12:00pm	Fr. Goss

### Readings for the Week

**Monday** – Heb 5: 1-10 Mk 2: 18-22 (311)  
**Tuesday** - Heb 6: 10-20 Mk 2: 23-28 (312)  
**Wednesday**, Heb 7: 1-3, 15-17 Mk 3: 1-6 (313)  
**Thursday**, 1sm 24: 3-21: 1Mk 3: 13-19 (315)  
**Friday**, Heb 8: 6-13 Mk 3: 13-19 (315)  
**Saturday**, Heb 9: 2-3, 11- 14 Mk 3 : 20-21 (316)  
**Sunday** Jon 3: 1-5, 10 1Cor 7: 29-31 Mk 1: 14-20 (68)

Immaculate Conception Church of Stoughton will hold a  
Mass and Healing Service on Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at  
2:00pm. Rte 27 Stoughton MA. With Fr. McDermott



FEBRUARY 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00PM

YOUTH GROUP

WINTER DANCE

### Offertory

Weekly expenses	\$6600
January 11 – Offertory	\$4197
Parochial School	\$1260
Weekly deficit	-\$2403
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	

## 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 includes: Spaghetti & Meatballs, salad, rolls, Dessert, coffee, & gratuity

**Saturday/Sunday February 7/8**

Parish Bake Sale

## Trinity Catholic Academy in Brockton-

Open House and registration for the 2009-2010 school year will be held on Sunday January 25, 2009. For grades pre K – 3 open house and registration will be held at our Lower Campus located at 631 North Main St., and for grades 4-8 open house and registration will be held at our Upper Campus located at 37 Erie Ave. For more information please call our Lower Campus at 508-583-6231 or our Upper Campus at 508-583-6225

### 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

It is time for an update on the process to reconstruct our church hall. My last report was given in late November (or early December). In that report, I told you that the final architectural drawings had been reviewed and some changes were approved by our parish building committee. With that, the Archdiocese sent the drawings to five General Contractors. Three bid on the work. The numbers from the three are \$972,400, \$869,823, \$648,000. If we were to take the lowest bid, rounding it off to \$650,000 we would need to add three more items: \$65,000, the customary 10% of the cost of a job needed for contingencies, \$25,000 the balance of the architects fee, and \$14,800 for the Archdiocese fee for overseeing the bidding and construction process.

In addition, I would remind you that water is still coming into the church building through the bell tower at the front of the church. After a long search, we finally have found two contractors to bid on the masonry work and the 5% of that tower in need of immediate work, (re-pointing of the brickwork). Their bids were \$17,500 and \$11,000. We went with the \$11,000 bid, with work to start in March or April or as soon as it's warmer. This work must be done before we start reconstruction.

This means that the total bill for reconstruction and the tower would amount to \$765,800. The issue we face is that we have pledges from our Capital Campaign in the amount of \$653,000 and \$50,000 given to us by the Archdiocese as a gift, which means we would be \$65,800 short if all goes as planned.

The General Contractors figure for the reconstruction of the hall of \$650,000 came in at that level in part because of an archdiocesan policy that requires all work on Archdiocesan building s costing more than \$340,000 to be done by union contractors.

On December 29<sup>th</sup>, at the request of the Building Committee, I sent a letter to the Chancellor of the Archdiocese, asking permission to rebid this work using "open shop" or non-union contractors. We know from discussions with various contractors that if it were bid open shop, we could do it all, i.e. the hall and the tower and have money left over to do some cosmetic work on the hall.

The Chancellor should have seen the letter by January 5. I have been led to believe that he now has two other requests from parishes to bid work with "open shop" contractors. This week, if there is still no response, I will send yet another letter to find out did he get the letter and if he did, when can we expect a response. The members of the Parish Building Committee are able to answer any questions you may have are:

Craig Carter	Jane Corcoran	Tim Cruise
Dick James	Gary King (chair person)	Sisto Volpe.

*Patience for all of us is not just a virtue;  
it is a necessity in all of this.*

### Items:

- On the weekend of January 24/25, all the priests in the city will swap churches. Fr. Jose Abalon will be here, I will be at St. Edith Stein, Fr Brian Smith, and Fr. Brian Flynn will be at Christ the King and Fr. David O'Donnell will be at St. Patrick Parish. We have planned to do this swap every other month to accustom all Brockton Catholics with the Priests in the city. By 2015 it is expected that we will have about 292 priests in this Archdiocese, which in this vicariate, will translate into 10-12 priests serving 14 parishes. Every parish will clearly not have a resident priest. Today there are six fulltime priests and one halftime priest in this city. That number will drop in the future and if the church is to fulfill its mission to serve the world, more laity will need to step forward with gifts of their time, talent, and money for alternate staff, e.g. business managers, pastoral associates and youth ministers and clergy will have to adjust to serving more than one parish.

This rotation of clergy in our Brockton parishes is one step in preparing ourselves for what could be not only a different future, but a rather exciting one at that, with more involvement of more people with many gifts.