

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 24

4:00pm – Robert Pozerski – 3rd anniversary

Sunday, January 25

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

Monday, January 26

9:00am – Rev. Daniel J. Kennedy – 1yr anniversary

Thursday, January 29

9:00am – Alice Gillis – 15th anniversary

Saturday, January 31

9:00am – William A. Brown – 14th anniversary &
Alicia Frawley – Birthday remembrance
4:00pm – John F. Sheehan – 2 month anniversary

Sunday, February 1

8:00am – For the people of this parish
10:00am – Bob & Ann James – 50th Wedding Anniversary
12:00pm – Stacy Middleton – 15th anniversary

Please remember in your prayers

That the new administration in Washington DC, White House, and the Congress, will work with the leaders of all Nations to promote justice and peace, especially in as it impacts the elderly, children, the weak and marginalized.

That our gratitude for the life and witness of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. may be shown by our commitment to justice and equality.

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 & Emma Keene who will undergo serious surgical procedure.

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

Parish Calendar

Saturday/Sunday, January 24/25

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd 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
Last call for tickets to the Pasta Dinner at Georges Café on January 29th

Saturday, January 24

4:00pm – Anointing of the Sick after Mass

Sunday, January 25

8:45am – First Communion I Parents meet (church hall) with Cathy Bendixon

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

11:00am – Parish Youth Group Grades 8-12 (church hall)

Monday, January 26

4:15 pm – RCIA for children (lower rectory)

6:30pm – ARISE Leader workshop-(meet in parking lot @ 6:25pm)

Wednesday, January 28

3:00pm – RCIA for high school students (rectory upstairs)

Thursday, January 29

6:00pm – Pasta Dinner at Georges Café

Saturday, January 31

10:30am - Worship Committee (rectory upstairs)

11:00am – First Communion II parents – (church hall)

Saturday/Sunday, January 31/February 1

Sign up for the Parish Lenten ARISE Program

Tickets on sale for the Youth Group's Winter Dance Feb 14th

Sunday, February 1

11:00am – Youth Group meets (church hall)

Monday, February 2

4:15pm – RCIA for children (downstairs rectory)

7:00pm – Parish Pastoral Council (downstairs rectory)

Saturday, February 7

9:30am – Meals for the Homeless (church hall)

6:00pm – BIC Fundraiser at the Fruth Center (formally St. Margaret's Parish Center)



Thoughts from Our Spiritual Development Committee

Live Jesus Live!!
So live in me, that all I say,
do and think may be your
Words and thoughts today!



FEBRUARY 14th @ 6:00PM

YOUTH GROUP

WINTER DANCE

Parish Social Events

January – February

A Night Out at Georges Café Restaurant

Thursday January 29th 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!

Saturday, February 21

Parish Auction

New items wanted please contact Pat LeBlanc at 508-588-3798

Presiders

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| Saturday, January 31 | 4:00pm | Fr. Cloherty |
| Sunday, February 1 | 8:00am | Fr. Goss |
| | 10:00am | Fr. Cloherty |
| | 12:00pm | Fr. Cloherty |

Religious Education News

Feb. 1, 8, and 15:

There will be baskets at the entrance doors of the church for the collection of old palms. These will be burned on Feb. 22 as part of a First Communion 1 class teaching on the meaning of Lent and Ash Wednesday.

Second Graders will make their First Penance on Saturday, Feb 28 @ 11:00am. First Communion Dates are: May 2 at 11:00am and May 9th at 11:00am.

Calling to Confirmation for Grade 10 Students accompanied by parents at 10:00am Mass on February 8

Notice: Due to the lack of volunteers this year, we are unable to have Prayer Partners for the First Communion II children. Therefore the Liturgy for February 1, at 12:00noon has been cancelled.

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

Readings for the Week

Monday –2 Tm1: 1-8 or Ti 1: 1-5 (520) Mk 3: 22-30 (317)

Tuesday - Heb 10: 1-10 Mk 3: 31-35 (318)

Wednesday, Heb 10: 11-18 Mk 4: 1-20 (319)

Thursday, Heb 10: 19-25 Mk 4: 21-25 (320)

Friday, Heb 10: 32-39 Mk 4: 26-34 (321)

Saturday, Heb 11: 1-2, 8-19 Mk 4: 35-41 (322)

Sunday Dt 18: 15-20 1 Cor 7 32-35 Mk 1: 21-28 (71)

From Fr. Cloherty

For the first thirteen years after Ordination in 1962, I served in two parishes in wealthy towns in the Archdiocese. In the 1950's, Catholics were systematically excluded from purchasing homes in precinct 1 of those towns. A parishioner in one of those towns actually told me that a real estate agent in 1956 told him and his wife, "We don't sell houses in this area of town to Irish Catholics."

Shortly after my arriving in both towns, the clergy in those towns began what was called in those days, an "Open Housing Campaign." Our goal was to promote with our parishioners and town real estate dealers, an openness to selling and welcoming anyone into any part of town. At that time, the issue of course was the ability of black families to buy a house This involved clergy visiting real estate dealers, preaching and handing out literature. The fear that, "if black people moved into our neighborhood, it will bring our property values down," really puzzled me. I tried to suggest again and again that if a person had the money to buy a home in an upscale neighborhood, then he/she would have an investment for which to care. Why would they not take good care of their property and be good neighbors? In one of those towns, at one point, U.S Senator Edward Brooke was considering buying a home on a main street with very expensive houses. Needless to say, this had that part of town in an uproar.

A number of times, I walked away from some conversations on this totally confused as to how to respond to what I saw as an out of control irrational response. At times, I found myself the object of nasty phone calls and threatening letters, unsigned of course. Sometimes I even had people driving by the church as I greeted parishioners coming out of church and giving me what I will politely refer to as a defective peace sign. But in time, I also had strong and overwhelming support for this work in both parishes.

Over the years many of us have consistently done our bit to promote racial equality through our churches and community involvement. As a result, I need to tell you that it has been quite a week for me, as it has been for many of you, to see a black man being sworn in as President of the United States of America, and his wife, a great granddaughter of a slave or great, great granddaughter, living in the White House, and no one is saying that this will destroy the neighborhood.

Initially, as we approached the primaries, Barack Obama was not my candidate. I was not against him, but preferred someone else. However, I have to say, that the symbolism of a black US President has given me pause and some rather surprisingly deep feelings of pride in our country. I say this as I am connecting my involvements in the 1960's and 1970's efforts by many on behalf of open housing for all. Back then, I never crossed my mind that the White House could or would ever be home to a black family. It has happened. How far we have come as a country and what a sign to the world that our words about "liberty and justice for all" are more than just words.

Offertory

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| Weekly expenses | \$6600 |
| January 17/18 – Offertory | \$4049 |
| Parochial School | \$761 |
| Weekly deficit | -\$1790 |

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