

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

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Our Mission Statement

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish is a Christian Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition. We are committed to journey together to God in prayer, community awareness and service. As a parish, we foster spiritual formation, ministry to those in need and active love for all
"Together to God"

Parish Staff

Pastor	Rev. Francis J. Cloherty
Program Assistant	Jeanne Lafond
Music Director	Richard Cesarini
Secretary	Karen Danahy
Bookkeeper	Janice Loonie

Senior Priest in Residence Fr. Francis Goss

Weekend Mass Schedule - Saturday 4:00pm,
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am, & 12:00pm
Daily Masses – Monday, Wed, Thurs, Fri, & Sat 9:00am
Daily Rosary after 9:00am Mass
Novena in Honor of Our Lady is after 9:00am Mass on Wednesdays

Sacrament of Baptism: Please phone the rectory for information and registration. Pre-Baptismal Instruction for parents and godparents. Attendance is a requirement

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 3:00pm-3:30pm and by appointment

Sacrament of Matrimony: Six months notice is required and attendance at Pre-Marital Classes is part of the preparation. Please call the Rectory for appointment to see a Priest



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):

If you are an adult interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your initiation into the Church through Confirmation, please call the rectory

Religious Education Class Schedule

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
Grade 1 & 2	Sunday	8:45am -9:45am

Classes for grades 3-10 are in the process of being scheduled

Registration will begin again in late August.

For more information on Religious Education Classes, please call Karen at the Rectory
Mon – Fri 508-588-1484

Prayer for Vocations with Fr. Goss are held on the first Thursday of each month from 1:00pm – 1:30pm in the church. All are welcome

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound:
Please notify us if someone you know would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, or if someone is unable to come to Mass because of illness, we will make sure they receive Holy Communion regularly.

New Parishioners:
Welcome! If you are new in the Parish, please introduce yourself after Mass and fill out yellow registration card found on the windowsills of the church. We have a Coffee Hour once each month after an 8:00am and 10:00am Mass and would enjoy meeting you.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 18

4:00pm – Gertrude Duford – 5th anniversary

Sunday, July 19

8:00am – For the people of this parish

Monday, July 20

9:00am – Evelyn Sarcia – 10th anniversary

Saturday, July 25

9:00am – Rita Booth

Please remember in your prayers

- For:** **Nicholas David Navin** who will be baptized on July 19 and **Colton Philip Sweeney** who will be baptized this week
- For:** **Paul Walker** and **Janice Harris** as well as **Yolanda Cruz** and **Richard DiFalco** who will be married here this week
- For :** Brady Poz (Chris Poz's nephew) 12months old with liver Cancer & Gerry Coughlin, (Sr. Marie's sister) & Rev. Thomas Gallagher who is seriously ill,
- For:** Those who are homebound and ill especially: Charlie Dornan, Mary Ellen Bauer, Helen Bath, Joseph Ameri, Jay Balsavich, Catherine Butler, Mary Webby, James Conley, Manuel Jancinto, Francis Gibbs, Marilyn Castillo , Catherine Farmer, Mario Cesarini, Emma Keene, John Hardy, Elaine Sullivan, Fontaine Metta, Judy Wallen, Rita Ritucci & Mat Danahy
- For:** All civilians, peace workers, relief workers, & military in areas of conflict and war, 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

“May our vacation days not merely be empty labor, but full of true joy. May we take full advantage of the free time given to us to encounter the love, truth and beauty of Christ in the myriad ways He comes to us.”

-Fr. Richard Veras

*We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,
Amen.*

Readings for the Week

- Monday** – Ex 14: 5-18, Mt 12:38-42 (395)
- Tuesday** – Ex 14: 21-15:1 Mt 12:46-50 (396)
- Wednesday** -Ex 16: 1-5, 9-15, Jn 20:1-2, 11-18 (603)
- Thursday**,- Ex 19: 1-2, 9-11, 16-20b Mt 13: 10-17 (398)
- Friday** Ex 20: 1-17 Mt 13: 18-23 (399)
- Saturday** 2Cor 4: 7-15 M20:20-28 (605)
- Sunday** Jer 23 ; 1-6/Eph2: 13-18 Mk 6: 30-34 (107)



Parish Calendar

Saturday / Sunday July 18/19

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Second collection for parish bills not covered by the offertory

**Tickets for the Parish Day at the Rox Game are on sale
now at the rectory**

Sunday, July 19

12:00pm – Parish Baptism

Monday July 20

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

Saturday / Sunday July 25/26

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd Collection for The Church in Central & Eastern Europe
Dominican Sisters sell pies, cakes and bread to support their work with lepers in the Pacific Islands.

Sunday, July 26

1:30pm – Class for parents preparing to baptize an infant

5:05pm – Parish Day at the Rox Game

Monday July 27

6:00pm – Brockton Parish PPC, PFC and Staff Cookout at
Christ the King Parish

Dates to save

Sunday - August 16

Our Lady of Lourdes Church's
Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Finance Council and staff
cookout.



Thank you

To all who volunteered to park cars in our parking lot during the Brockton Fair. There were about 50-55 parishioners involved in this fundraising effort for the parish!. The income realized from this event will be posted next week. A special thank *you* must go to Patricia LaBlanc who organized this event and all the details that successfully made it all happen. **Great Job Everyone!**

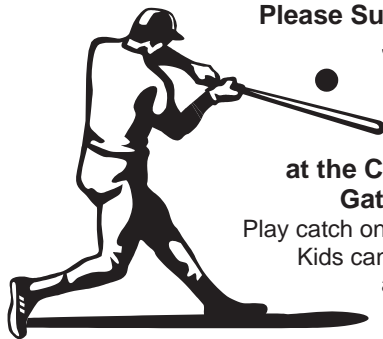




Gail Russell is a member of this parish and serves us on the Parish Finance Council. Last month she received *"The Living Legend Award"* from N.E. Sinai Hospital for the many contributions she has made to the profession of nursing. She is only the second person to receive this award in the 82-year history of Sinai. Gail serves on the Board of Directors of Sinai, the Board of Trustees of the Brockton Neighborhood Health Center and is an Associate Professor of Nursing at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth. Congratulations Gail from all of us here at Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Fostering and or Adopting-

There is a dire need for loving, temporary Foster care in our area. You can help! Whether you are young, old, single, or married, you can help by becoming a Foster Parent. My wife, Joan and I have been fostering little babies for more than a year; but you can foster children of any age. It is very rewarding and you get more from it than you give. If you are interested in fostering or adopting, there is an eight week- (1 night/wk) training course that are held periodically in our area. For more information or to get in touch with a social worker from the Mass Dept of Children and Families, call Richard Carey at 781-449-0495 In the meantime, please continue to pray for all children, born and unborn. Thank you.



Please Support our Paris Activities!
Join the Crowd Sunday
July 26 -5:05pm for
Our Lady of Lourdes
Parish Family Fun Day
at the Campanelli Stadium!!
Gates open at 4:05

Play catch on the field! Free face painting. Kids can run the bases, get players autographs & a salute to Star Wars. Call Karen 508-586-4715 or Bob 508-586-6223 to

reserve your tickets now. Tickets are \$4.00/ea

From Fr. Cloherty
Continued from last weekend...
Part II

An article on prayer, entitled *"The Ignatian Examine, Rummaging for God: Praying Backwards Through Your Day."* By Dennis Hamm, S.J. (Boston College / C21 Recourses / Spring 2009.

The Biblical phrase, "If today you hear his voice," implies that the divine voice must somehow be accessible in our daily experience, for this verse expresses a conviction central to Hebrew and Christian faith, that we live a life in dialogue with God. We are creatures who live one day at a

time. If God wants to communicate with us, it has to happen in the course of a 24-hour day, for we live in no other time. and how do we go about this kind of listening? Long tradition has provided a helpful tool, which we call the examination of consciousness today. "Rummaging for God" is an expression that suggests going through a drawer full of stuff, feeling around, looking for something that you are sure must be in there somewhere. I think that image catches some of the feel of what is classically known in church language as the prayer of "examen." I wish to propose a way of doing the examen, as an approach in five steps: (*steps 1 & 2 are in last week's bulletin*)

3. *Replay of the day.* Our feelings, positive and negative, the painful and the pleasing, are clear signals of where the action was during the day. Simply pay attention to any and all of those feelings as they surface, the whole range: delight, boredom, fear, anticipation, resentment, anger, peace, contentment, impatience, desire, hope, regret, shame, uncertainty, compassion, disgust, gratitude, pride, rage, doubt, confidence, admiration, shyness—whatever was there. Some of us may be hesitant to focus on feelings in this over-psychologized age, but I believe that these feelings are the liveliest index to what is happening in our lives. This leads us to the fourth moment.

4. *Choose one of those feelings (positive or negative) and pray from it.* That is, choose the remembered feeling that most caught your attention. The feeling is a sign that something important was going on. Now simply express spontaneously the prayer that surfaces as you attend to the source of the feeling—praise, petition, contrition, cry for help or healing, whatever.

5. *Look toward tomorrow.* Using your appointment calendar if that helps, face your immediate future. What feelings surface as you look at the tasks, meetings, and appointments that face you? Fear? Delighted anticipation? Self-doubt? Temptation to procrastinate? Zestful planning? Regret? Weakness? Whatever it is, turn it into prayer—for help, for healing, whatever comes spontaneously. To round off the examen, say the Lord's Prayer.

If we are to listen for the God who creates and sustains us, we need to take seriously and prayerfully the meeting between the creatures we are and all else that God holds lovingly in existence. That "interface" is the felt experience of our days. It deserves prayerful attention. It is a big part of how we know and respond to God.

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My Brother's Keeper has begun a way to help families with infants at a time of great economic pressure by collecting diapers and baby wipes. They will be distributed free of charge through their food assistance program to families in Brockton and Easton. A box for your donations is next to the piano. Thank you for your help.

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