

Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 1

8:00am – For the people of this parish
 10:00am – Francis Morano – 3rd anniversary
 & Marjorie Morano- 13th anniversary.
 12:00pm – Adaobi Onujiogu – Happy 6th Birthday

Sunday, March 8

8:00am – For the people of this parish
 10:00am – Cuong Dinh – 4th anniversary
 12:00pm – Carolyn Moreau – Birthday remembrance

Parish Calendar

Saturday/Sunday, February 28, March 1

First Sunday of Lent
 2nd collection to cover parish expenses not covered by offertory

Sunday, March 1

8:45am – First Grade I class
 10:00am – Rite of sending Catechumens to the Cathedral
 Anointing of the sick after mass
 4:00pm – Pot Luck Dinner for First Communion I children
 and their parents(rectory)

Monday, March 2

4:15pm – RCIA for children (rectory downstairs)
 7:00pm – Parish Pastoral Council (rectory downstairs)

Wednesday, March 4

3:00pm – RCIA Class for high school students (rectory)
 6:00pm – Lenten Wednesday Mass followed by a soup supper in
 the church hall
 7:00pm – Meeting of Communion ministers to homebound
 parishioners & Nursing homes (rectory downstairs)

Thursday, March 5

7:00pm – BIC meeting (rectory upstairs)

Friday, March 6

3:30pm – Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 7

9:00am – Meal Preparation for dinner at Mainspring shelter

Saturday/ Sunday March 7/8

2nd Sunday of Lent
 Annual Catholic Appeal Weekend
 Daylight savings time

Sunday, March 8

Anointing of the sick after the 8:00am Mass

Monday, March 8

4:15pm – RCIA for children (rectory downstairs)
 6:00pm -7:00pm Confessions (10th graders)

Wednesday, March 11

6:00pm – Lenten Wednesday Mass followed by a soup supper in
 the church hall
 6:30pm – confessions for 10th graders

Thursday, March 12

7:00pm – Second Grade Teachers meeting

Friday, March 13

3:30pm – Stations of the Cross

Dates to Save

Tuesday, March 31

7:00pm – All Catholic Parishes in Brockton Sponsor
 Reconciliation/Penance service here.

The Rosary for early risers: tune in radio WXBR at 5:45am
 starting March 1

Please remember in your prayers

For June Jurek, Arlene Docanto, Ardley Docanto, Mishelle Hebshie, & Benjamin Hebshie who will journey to Holy Cross Cathedral this Sunday to have their names inscribed in the records of the Archdiocese and meet Cardinal O'Mally.

For: Manuel & Grace Jacinto celebrating their 25th anniversary of their marriage this week.

For all who will be anointed at the 10:00am Mass this weekend.

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, Peggy Ford, Francis Gibbs, Mary Kennedy, Mary Murphy, Marilyn Castillo Raymond Gadaire, Catherine Farmer Rev. Robert Kelleher, Bob Martin, Jennifer Briggs – (Daughter of Joe & Diane Clinton) & Mathias Cann,-critically ill Mario DiMarzo, Mario Cesarini, & Emma Keene

For Henry Gill whose funeral was 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, 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

The God of Second Chances

Come now, O God, and grant compassion.

Open our hearts to love.

May we let go of all our hurt

Help us to move on.

Come now O God of second chances,

may we forgive ourselves

May we become your living sign

Children of God's love.*

-Haas

Presiders

Saturday, March 7	4:00pm	Fr. Cloherty
Sunday, March 8	8:00am	Fr Goss
	10:00am	Fr. Cloherty
	12:00pm	Fr. Visbisky

The applications for affordable BIC Nehemiah Phase II homes are now available. They can be picked up at City Hall, the Mail Library and at all BIC churches or via email from John Hixson – jhixson@southshorehousing.org. Applications must be received by April 10, 2009 A public information session will take place on Monday March 9 at 7:00pm to answer any questions.

RITE OF ELECTION: On the first Sunday of Lent each year, there takes place at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston the Rite of Election. At the 10:00am Mass this Sunday, we will joyfully send forth to the Cathedral **Ms. June Jurek, Arlene Docanto, Ardley Docanto, Mishelle Hebshie** and **Benjamin Hebshie** who will be baptized and confirmed at the Easter Vigil and **Ms. Mbom Ngu** who will complete her Christian initiation through First Eucharist and Confirmation. Through the parish rite, we assure them of our parish's prayerful care and support.

From Fr. Cloherty

In the 11th chapter of the book of the Prophet Ezekiel, the prophet speaking for God says to his people that a day will come when "I will give them a new heart and put a new spirit within them; I will remove the stony hearts from their bodies and replace them with natural hearts," – hearts of flesh. The theme for our Lenten ARISE groups this year is "Change our hearts."

Lent is the season the church uses to help us review our baptismal commitment to follow Jesus. This requires us to look into the depths of our hearts and see how there needs to be a change-how we might, in some of our relationships, or attitudes betray a certain hardness or stony quality. This all ends up at Easter when having done this examination of our hearts and called on God to remove any hardness of heart found there, we renew our baptismal vows and recommit ourselves to a life of love and service of others, all others.

When we enter our parish place of worship we usually bless ourselves with holy water. That water is a reminder of our baptism and a call to renew our commitment to die with Christ so as to live with him or to live with hearts like Christ- with no hardness of heart.

We have removed the water from those fonts for Lent and filled them with stones. The stones remind us that Lent is different than the rest of the year. The stones raise the question, how do we think or act with a stony heart? In addition at the church doors we have baskets of stones. We invite you to take one of these stones and to carry it during Lent to focus you on the question, how might my heart be hard or stony? When we have located that stoniness, you are invited to write the first letter of that forged quality on that rock, e.g. **A** for anger, **R**-refusal to give God time daily, etc, and place it at the cross in front of the altar. This is a symbolic way for all of us to invite God to change our hearts from hearts of stone to hearts of flesh.

Items:

- On Sunday February 21, the Parish Building Committee voted unanimously to engage Auburn Construction Co. of Whitman to proceed with phase 1 of our hall reconstruction. The work of this committee and the contractors has reduced the cost of this phase of the work from \$648,000 to \$563,512. This reduction in cost will allow us to meet other expenses such as contingency costs (10%), Archdiocesan fees (2%), the final architect fee, and to do some cosmetic work on the interior of the hall. Construction will begin sometime in April
- On Thursday February 11, the Parish Finance Council voted to create a parish position of Program Assistant. The responsibilities will be to oversee; ministry to the sick at our nursing homes and homebound parishioners, the ARISE Program, our weekend Lectors and ministers of communion and help create a baptismal committee. The position will be for 10 hours per week and with the full support of the council, I have asked Jeanne Lafond to take this position. She has agreed to do so.
- Given the economy, there are places to get help.
 1. Our parish belongs to Brockton Interfaith Community which is in relationship with the Brockton Housing Partnership, (13 area banks). Each of those banks has designated people to help those facing housing foreclosures. See the bulletin board for specifics.
 2. **My Brother's Keeper** (508)238-4416 can help with food and household furnishings.
 3. The Charity Guild, (508)583-6680, and Catholic Charities (508)587-0815 can help with food.
 4. We have a small Poor Box fund that can help people within our parish territory.



Prayer Shawl Ministry:

The Prayer Shawl Ministry continues its work of providing shawls for the sick. If you would like to join the group or learn the art of knitting and crochet, while meeting new people & having fun, please call Ann James at 508-586-6223

Twentieth Century Catholic Club Night of Recollection

On Thursday, March 5, we will be having a Night of Recollection at the Holy Cross Retreat Center, Stonehill College. The evening will consist of:

- Arrive at 6:00pm
- Rosary at 6:30pm
- Dinner at 7:00pm (roast beef)

Followed by Meditation, confession and Mass

Cost \$20.00 Please make check payable to "Retreat House" and mail to Christine Papineau, 78 Malvern Rd, Brockton, 02301. If you have any questions please call her at 508-583-1663

Catholic Radio

Please tune in to AM 1530 on your Radio, WBVF, for the new Catholic program, "Father Peyton's Family Program". Fathers John Phalen CSC and David Marcham and Brother Joe Esparza CSC host the half hour, which is followed directly by the Rosary. Some of the programs are vintage radio dramas produced by Father Peyton with the well-known stars of Hollywood in the 40's and 50's. Saturdays at 7:00 AM and Sundays at 8:00 AM. Support Catholic Radio



We invite all parishioners to participate in the ARISE prayer network. Prayer commitment cards may be completed and placed in the baskets at the doors of the church. Small community groups will begin meeting the week of February 22nd.



To Mr. Joe Spinalli (10:00am Mass Usher) who cleaned up all the junk stored in the choir loft and organized all the remaining items so that we can find them!

Rogers Organ: There is a fully operating Rogers Organ in the choir loft for someone who can cart it away. We will take any donation to the church.

Offertory	
Weekly expenses	\$6600
February 21/22 – Offertory	\$5021
Parish budget Collection	\$1204
Weekly deficit	-\$375
Parish Auction	\$2365
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	