

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 7

4:00pm – Maria Metta – 26yr anniversary

Sunday, March 8

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

Wednesday, March 11

9:00am – Julia DeNobrega - remembrance

Sunday, March 15

8:00am – For the people of this parish
10:00am – Christopher Norwood – Birthday remembrance
12:00pm – Khugen Ngugen – 24th anniversary

Parish Calendar

Saturday/ Sunday March 7/8

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

Sunday, March 8

8:00am - Anointing of the sick after the Mass
4:00pm – Pot Luck Supper for First Communion | Children & Parents

Monday, March 8

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

Wednesday, March 11

3:00pm – RCIA for High School Students (rectory upstairs)
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 Teacher's meeting

Friday, March 13

3:30pm – Stations of the Cross

Saturday/Sunday, March 14/15

3rd Sunday of Lent

2nd collection to cover parish expenses not covered by offertory
Fr. David O'Donnell, Pastor of Christ the King Parish will be here for the weekend; Fr. Cloherty will be at Christ the King Parish.
St. Patrick Day Flower Sale sponsored by the Catholic Daughters at all Masses.

Coffee Sunday after the 8:00 & 10:00am Mass with special speaker from St. Paul's Table

Dates to Save

Tuesday, March 31

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

Notice: Parishioners who have Gluten Intolerance

We now have low gluten altar bread available for parishioners who have gluten intolerance. The center for celiac Research, Maryland call these altar breads "perfectly safe." That said, perhaps Celiac sufferers should consult with their physicians before consuming these breads. Those who would receive these breads should speak to the priest 10 minutes before Mass. He will place these altar breads on a separate place and you must take that consecrated host off the plate and consume it. Questions call the rectory or speak to Fr. Cloherty.

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.

Please remember in your prayers

- For June Jurek, Arlene Docanto, Ardley Docanto, Mishelle Hebshie, & Benjamin Hebshie** as they continue on their journey toward baptism, confirmation & Eucharist.
For: Manuel & Grace Jacinto celebrating their 25th anniversary of their marriage this week.
For: those who will be anointed after the 8:00am Mass this Sunday
For: Sheila Ann Fortune who will be baptized this weekend (Fr. Cloherty's 29th grand niece.)
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: John Amoroso (Al Amoroso's brother) who died this past 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

Heavenly Father open my heart to your love. Help me to trust others as your Son has taught us. Help me to be merciful, kind, patient and forgiving. I ask this through Christ your Son and our Lord. Amen

Presiders

Saturday, March 14	4:00pm	Fr O'Donnell
Sunday, March 15	8:00am	Fr Goss
	10:00am	Fr. O'Donnell
	12:00pm	Fr. Butler

Affordable Housing for First Time Home Buyers

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.

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

Offertory

Weekly expenses	\$6600
March 1st – Offertory	\$5334
Ash Wednesday	\$1221
Budget	\$1299

Thank you for your support in helping us meet our Parish Offertory during these past few weeks. It is most appreciated!

The Italian Women's Club

Meeting Tuesday, March 17 at 7:00pm in the downstairs rectory

Readings for the Week

Monday – Dn 9-4b-10

Tuesday – Is 1:10, 16-20 Mt 23:1-12(231)

Wednesday, Jer 18: 18-20, Mt 20:17-28(232)

Thursday, Jer17: 5-10 Lk 16: 19-31 (233)

Friday, Gen 37: 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Mt21: 33-43, 45-46 (234)

Saturday Mi 7: 14-15, 18-20, Ik 15: 1-3, 11-32 (235)

Sunday Ex20:1-17 or 20:1-3 7-8, 12-17, 1cor 1:22-25/jn2:13-25(29) or for year A Ex17:3-7/Rom5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 29a, 40-42 (28)

April 24-26, 2009 at Glastonbury Abbey in Hingham, Mass Women's Retreat—"For lo, the winter is past. The rains are over and gone. Flowers are appearing on the earth. The season of glad songs has come." Celebrate the Season of Easter as we rejoice in the return of light and warmth and New Life, and explore the gift of the Presence of God in our lives through prayer, song, and sharing of life experience.

Facilitator: Sandra DeRome, Obl. SB

Suggested donation - \$160.00

The 2009 Walk for Hunger

May 3

We've never needed you more!

Hunger affects more than 522,000 people in Massachusetts, If you or someone you know is having difficulty making ends meet then make the call to **Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline** at 1-800-645-8333.- Monday – Friday: 8:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Saturday: 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

From Fr. Cloherty

For a few months some members of the parish have been meeting to prepare themselves to provide a new and needed ministry for our parish, - a ministry of Bereavement. Last year, 63 funerals were celebrated in this parish. This translates to a lot of people who are grieving and currently we have no organized outreach to walk these people through a difficult time. As I get to know the members of this parish better, this bothers me.

At this point, we have seven parishioners who have been meeting monthly since October and they are ready to move on a few things to assist the grieving. Although they are still in an education phase, their thought is when a call came to the rectory for a funeral; a parish staff person would call the family of the deceased and express condolences. The staff person would also tell the family that two members of the Bereavement committee would be coming by to bring some baked goods and to ask how the parish might help. Those two members would also come to the wake and, if possible, to the funeral again, making visible the parish's concern and condolences.

Their agenda probably will expand down the road, but at this point this is what is comfortable for them.

So if this ministry were to go forward, this group would like to invite some more parishioners to be part of it. Specifically, this ministry needs bakers. We need people who would be willing to bake a loaf of bread, or pie on the occasion of a death in the parish and drop that item off at the rectory for the Bereavement Ministry members. We would like a list of 15 people, who would bake perhaps 4 or 5 times a year on a rotating basis. Those in the ministry will do the rest.

If you can bake and would like to support this important ministry, please call the rectory; leave your name, and phone number.

How are we doing with the journey of letting God change our hearts from hearts of stone to hearts of flesh?

ITEMS:

- Joe Spinalli, has volunteered to organize a group of parishioners to clean the panels in the chandeliers in the church and then replace the bulbs that will draw 1/2 to 2/3 less electricity while producing more light. As announced last weekend, he wants to begin this week and will schedule times that meet people's schedules. We need more people. Call the rectory if you can give the parish 2 or 3 hours this week.

- The Catholic Appeal supports the Central Administration of the Archdiocese. These offices support local parishes in their mission to spread the gospel. This past year Our Lady of Lourdes Parish made use of the Finance Office, the Personnel Office, and the Facility Offices of the Archdiocese. Our target for this year's pledge is \$39,500. Last year, we raised \$32,625 from 181 households for the Catholic Appeal. Given the economy and given the fact that many of us are still paying our pledges for our parish capital campaign our goal will certainly be a challenge. On the other hand, we have 1200 households on our parish census and if the 1019 households that gave nothing to last year's Catholic Appeal chose to give this year, who knows?

- As mentioned before, we have three women in the parish ready and willing to take on the ministry of serving the needy utilizing the funds associated with our poor boxes. We would like to start this as soon as we get a few men to come forward. **What about it guys?**