

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 13

4:00pm – Maria Metta - 27th anniversary &
Frank Metta - 65th anniversary

Sunday, March 14

8:00am – For the people of the parish
10:00am – Richard Brennan – 1yr anniversary
12:00pm – Khuyen Nguyen – 25th anniversary

Sunday, March 21

8:00am – For the people of the parish
10:00am - Alick Douglas – 6 month anniversary
12:00pm – Juvinal & Aris Goncalves – remembrance.

Please remember in your prayers

- For:** those adults and young people preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil: **Donna Kennedy, Eloisa Teixeira, Alicia Smith & Thomas Craig.**
- For:** Brady Poz (Chris Poz's nephew) 12months old with liver Cancer. Those who are homebound and ill especially: Charlie Dornan , Helen Bath, Joseph Ameri, Jay Balsavich, Catherine Butler, James Conley, Manuel Jancinto, Francis Gibbs, Marilyn Castillo, Catherine Farmer, John Hardy, Judy Wallen, Rita Ritucci, Lorice Hashem , Harry Owens, Maria R. Eduardo, Steven Hashem, John O'Brien – (Jean Rowan's brother who is critically ill), Lottie Doyle, Marge Murray, Edda Tuite, Phyllis Hancock, Terri Resnack, Barbara Foley , Deletta Froio, Helen Sheehan & Nora Cronin
- For:** **Giuseppe Pucci & Phyllis Elizabeth Smiegal.** Whose funerals were celebrated here this past week – May they rest in peace
- For :** Our brothers and sisters who were injured and those who died in the recent earthquake in Haiti
- For:** the unemployed and those under- employed.
- For:** All civilians, peace workers, relief workers, & military in areas of conflict and war, especially: Sam Bath, Edson Batista. Peter Farley, Ryan Moffett, Kevin Murphy, Brian O'Rourke, Robert Packard, & Derek VanDyke 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

Ask God to help you be a channel of peace to your family, your neighborhood, and your city. Pray to God today for our world which is now experiencing so much pain and turmoil. When we depend on man, we get what men can do but when we depend on our prayers, we get what God can do! **Remember- "The Light Is On For You!"** the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available every Wednesday 6:30-8PM in all Catholic Churches and Chapels during Lent.

Bulletin Correction: The yearly net loss of priest in the Archdiocese is 25 priests per year - not 25% as reported in last week's bulletin.

Parish Calendar

Saturday / Sunday March 13/14

Fourth Sunday of Lent

2nd collection- to pay parish bills not covered by the offertory

Saturday, March 13

4:00pm - Model person- to- person conversations
First Scrutiny and Blessing for Adults preparing for baptism at Easter
Anointing of the Sick after Mass

Sunday, March 14

10:00am – Girl Scout Sunday
Model person-to-person conversations
1:00pm – Worship Committee (rectory upstairs)
6:00pm – Marriage Preparation Committee (church hall)

Monday, March 15

1:00pm – Spiritual Development Committee (rectory)

Tuesday, March 16

7:00pm - 8:30pm - Lenten Bible Study (church hall)

Wednesday, March 17 Happy St Patrick's Day

6:00pm – Lenten Evening Mass
6:30pm – Sacrament of Reconciliation



Thursday, March 18

2:00pm – Mass & Anointing at Baypointe

Friday, March 19

3:30pm – Stations of the Cross
6:45pm – 9:00pm St. Edith Stein/O.L.O.L Marriage Prep Weekend (church hall)

Saturday, March 20

8:45am - 5:00pm Marriage Prep Program (church hall)

Saturday / Sunday March 20/21

Fifth Sunday of Lent

2nd collection – Cathedraticum Collection to help pay the expenses of the Cardinal's office

Sunday, March 21

2:15pm – First Communion II Retreat and Workshop (Church hall)

Save the Date

April 2

12:00pm – Ecumenical Good Friday Service at Central Methodist Church

Mass	Time	Presiders
Sat March 20	4:00pm	Fr. Cloherty
Sun March 21	8:00am	Fr. Cloherty
	10:00am	Fr. Butler
	12:00pm	Fr. Visbisky

Cardinal Seán sends his thanks to everyone from Our Lady of Lourdes who responded to his request for participation in the 2010 Catholic Appeal during Catholic Appeal Weekend. If you have not yet made your gift, please consider making a pledge this weekend. You can pick up information packets with pledge forms on the church windowsills.



"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'let us celebrate with a feast because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'" - Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

Religious Education News

On Palm Sunday, March 28, Janice D'Avignon will be giving a talk during the religious education class for grades 3 and 4. She will be discussing the needs and challenges children in grades 3 and 4 face, and strategies for parenting children at this age. Many families attend the 10 am Mass and then come directly to class, so since the Mass on Palm Sunday is slightly longer than usual, classes will start 15 minutes later for that week only. The class times for grades 3 and 4 will be: 11:30 – 12:30 This time is ONLY for Sunday, March 28.



Catholic Daughters
Will be selling St. Patrick's Day
Flowers to benefit their
charitable works this weekend after
all Masses. Please stop by and pick up
a wee bit o'spring.



Congratulations!!

Marcia Hoyle Walkama our First Communion I & II Coordinator will receive an award from the Brockton Youth Foundation for her volunteer work with youth in the city. Congratulations Marcia! Well done!

The Hospitality Committee, which prepares our monthly Sunday coffee hour and arranges other hospitality events in the parish, is looking for more volunteers. If you are open to helping to this great group of people, call the rectory, leave your name, and phone number

Project Rachel Healing Retreats

Do you know someone who is carrying grief and sorrow over past abortions? Project Rachel is the post-abortion ministry of the Catholic Church to help those dealing with the pain of abortion. Project Rachel will offer "Come to the Waters" post abortion-healing retreats this spring: Saturday, June 5. For more information and registration, contact Project Rachel at 508-651-3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.

From Fr. Cloherty

On Sunday, February 28, the parish hosted a dinner in our parish hall for about 40 parish members who are of Haitian ancestry or origin. The menu was Haitian in every way - squash soup, pork, rice, pork rinds, very spicy coleslaw and, of course, lots of deserts. A committee of 10 parishioners put it all together with advice from Pat Kelliher, of *Brockton Family and Community Resources*, and Rev. Bill McCoy of *High Point Counseling*. Pat and Rev. McCoy were asked because we expected that there would be people in grief and in need of counseling services. The committee was concerned with both spirit and body.

The whole event was described by one person as "the church at its best" and I concurred. Another said: "This committee was amazing. We had one meeting. People showed up on February 27 to do some prep work and again on February 28 and at 4:00pm it all happened. The committee has been emailing one another and there is a joy at being able to serve our Haitian parishioners."

Let me give you two examples of emails that give a sense of the event.

1. "To all: I am sitting here watching the closing ceremonies for the Winter Olympics thinking how lucky I was to be a part of a really fantastic committee. I thoroughly enjoyed working with every one of you and am amazed at all the energies that were shared to put this dinner together. Thank you Fr. Cloherty for having this idea. The Haitian people are a joyful, faithful, and delightful people. What went on tonight in the parish hall was amazing. It was touching, heartfelt, moving, and simply lovely. In a word, perfect. Thank you everyone for all your work. It was a blast."
2. "The food was phenomenal but the "food" for the heart was the most fulfilling. It truly was a "moment" and hard to describe to someone who was not there. I don't think I will ever hear the song "Thank you, Jesus" again without hearing it in my head in Creole and picture all those wonderful people singing God's praises."

Some committee members suggested we have an International potluck supper. That could certainly happen when the parish calendar clears.

Thank you to our committee members:

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| Claudia Denelle | Joyce & Steve Voohris |
| Marie Dennis | Marcia Hoyle Walkama |
| Katie & Ron Homer | Bob & Tara Wegener |
| Agatha LaPointe | |

Readings for the Week of March 14, 2010

Sunday:	Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Monday:	Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday:	Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

Offertory

Weekly expenses	\$6300.00
March 6/7	\$5835.00
Catholic Appeal	\$870.00
Parish deficit	-\$465.00

Happy Saint Patrick's Day

