

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, March 14

4:00pm – Juvinal & Aris Goncalves - remembrance

### Sunday, March 15

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

### Friday, March 20

9:00am – Mario T. Rocha -4<sup>th</sup> anniversary &  
 Jose M. Gafanhao – 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary

### Saturday, March 21

4:00pm – Charles E. Cloherty – 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary

## Parish Calendar

### Saturday/Sunday, March 14/15

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

2<sup>nd</sup> collection for the support of the Cardinal's charities  
 St. Patrick Day Flower Sale sponsored by the Catholic  
 Daughters at all Masses.

### Sunday, March 14

8:45 am- First Grade Class (church hall)  
 Coffee Sunday after the 8:00am & 10:00am Mass (church  
 hall)

### Monday, March 16

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

### Tuesday, March 17

St. Patrick's Day

### Wednesday, March 18

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 10<sup>th</sup> graders

### Thursday, March 19

St. Joseph's Day  
 2:00pm – Eucharist at Bay Pointe Nursing & rehabilitation

### Friday, March 20

3:30pm – Stations of the Cross

### Saturday/Sunday, March 21/22

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

2<sup>nd</sup> collection to meet parish expenses

### Sunday, March 21

1:00pm -4:00pm Cub Scout's Pinewood Derby (church hall)

## 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.

**A Thanksgiving to the people who serve the needy at  
 St. Paul's table.**

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: **William Gioiosa, Mary Arnone, Blanche Sylvester & Paul  
 Leon Gooch** whose funerals were celebrated here 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

Lord Jesus, help me this Lent to truly repent.

Strengthen your great gift of faith within me, and make of me  
 a more joyful and hope filled person,

Amen

### Presiders

Saturday, March 21	4:00pm	Fr Cloherty
Sunday, March 22	8:00am	Fr Cloherty
	10:00am	Fr Butler
	12:00pm	Fr. Goss

### Offertory

Weekly expenses	\$6600
March 1st – Offertory	\$5508
2 <sup>nd</sup> collection	\$1112
Budget	+30

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

## 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 the low gluten 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 plate and you must take that  
 consecrated host off the plate and consume it. Questions  
 call the rectory or speak to Fr. Cloherty.

**Come to the Sea**

*A Women's Weekend March 20-22, 2009 at  
Mount Carmel Villa, Nahant MA.*

Are you about 20-40 years of age? Are you looking for time for quiet, listening, and praying with other women? Then, this retreat is for you. The Sisters of St. Joseph invite you for the day or for the weekend. Call 617-746-2045 or Email [marytheresa.o'reilly@csjboston.org](mailto:marytheresa.o'reilly@csjboston.org) for more information

**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](mailto: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.

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday** – 2kgs 5: 1-15b Lk 4:24-30 (237)  
**Tuesday** – Dn 3:25, 34-43 Mt 18:21-35 (238)  
**Wednesday, Dt** 4: 1, 5-9 Mt 5: 17-19 (239)  
**Thursday**, 2Sm 7: 4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Rom4:13, 16-18,22 Mt1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2: 41-51a(543)  
**Friday**, Hos14: 2-10 Mk 12:28-34 (241)  
**Saturday** Hos 6:1-6 Lk 18: 9-14 (242)  
**Sunday** 2 Chr36: 14-16, 19-23, Eph 2: 4-10, Jn 3: 14-21(32) or for year A 1Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a,Eph 5: 8-14 Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38 (31)

**Pro-Life Postcard Campaign**

Tell your U.S. Congressmen & Senators to **VOTE NO** on the Pro-Abortion "Freedom of Choice Act" which would nullify more than 550 federal & state pro-life laws including: Freedom of Conscience protection which would force religious (Catholic Hospitals, Doctors, & Nurses) & other private institutions to provide abortions or be denied their taxpayer exemption and many other laws. Please sign the Pro Life Postcards at the back of the church. It is of utmost importance. Thank you. ([www.masscitizensforlife.org](http://www.masscitizensforlife.org))

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 have 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.

**Religious Education News:** There will be a **Grade 2 Parent meeting** with Sister Marie on Sunday, March 15 @ 3pm in the church hall. - **On Monday, March 23rd, all 10<sup>th</sup> graders** will be measured for their **Confirmation robes**. The price is \$15.00 Please bring this amount with you or use a check made out to our lady of Lourdes.

**From Fr. Cloherty**

One of the major issues that has been facing the Catholic Church for years is the growing percentage of children in our religious education programs who are part of un-churched families. A few years ago, I heard the First Confessions of a rather engaging and intelligent child at Our Lady of Lourdes. When we had finished, I told him that I would look forward to seeing him weekends after his First Communion. He quickly responded, "Oh no, in my family, we don't go to church, so you won't see me again."

Of course I said nothing in response, but such incidents let us know that if we don't reach to the parents as we teach children in our religious education program, our efforts with the children will certainly have a very limited impact. When I came here four years ago, I was told 80% of the children in our religious education program were un-churched. This is not un-common in other Catholic Parishes. Fortunately, here at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, we now have a team of 14 parishioners who see the issue and want to do something concrete to change things. I am grateful to Katie Homer for the parent-child events she has scheduled for our First Communion I children and parents. I am also grateful for the three sessions on parenting as ministry that Cathy Bendixon has arranged with a psychologist working with the same First Communion I children's parents and children.

It is our hope that with these 14 members of our First Communion I team, and the teachers working with the children, we can cut into that 80% and help grow our parish community.

Next year, we will need a similar team for First Communion II children and their parents, - think about it.

**ITEMS:**

- ❖ If you think that the interior of the church seems brighter, it is. Joe Spinale and his son Jason cleaned the church chandeliers and replaced all the light bulbs. The new bulbs produce more light and use only 25% of the energy of the previous bulbs. The dirt on that glass represented years of dust baked on that glass. While they were at it, Joe and Jason also cleaned and painted the ceiling fans. Thank you Joe and Jason Spinale for great work!!
- ❖ The Catholic Parishes of the city have a joint web site - [www.brockton.cpc.org](http://www.brockton.cpc.org) in which you can find the Lenten schedule activities for all our parishes. Please visit this new site.
- ❖ We are looking for 10-15 parishioners who will bake a pie or loaf of bread for a family on the occasion of a death. All that is required is that the item be dropped off at the rectory when the secretary calls. A member of our parish bereavement ministry will make the visit to the family. A person volunteering for this would only be called two or three times per year. We need 10 minimum. Three people have signed up this week. Where, oh where are the other seven?? Call the rectory if you can help.