



Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 1

9:00am – Maria Castano - 20th anniversary
4:00pm – Anthony J. Anzalone – 22nd anniversary

Sunday, May 2

8:00am - for the people of this parish
10:00am – Fr. Joseph Manning – Memorial Mass
12:00pm – John F. Altieri – 2nd anniversary

Tuesday, May 4

9:00am – John & Brenda Hardy – 65th wedding anniversary

Saturday, May 8

4:00pm – Marguerita Fernandes – 26th anniversary

Sunday, May 9

8:00am – For the people of this parish
12:00pm – Special Intentions

Please remember in your prayers

- For:** Fr. Edward McDonough, West Bridgewater, who experienced extensive heart surgery on April 30.
- 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, Rita Ritucci, Lorice Hashem , Harry Owens, Maria R. Eduardo, Lottie Doyle, Edda Tuite, , Terri Resnack, Deletta Froio, Barbara Foley, Mary Ellen Bauer, Helen Sheehan and her sister Nora Cronin, Marian Cole, Alfred Melchionda & Marie Jean Baptiste who is seriously ill
- In :** thanksgiving for the missing who have been found in the aftermath of the Haitian earthquake and for those still missing especially the relatives of our parishioners
- 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



Parish Calendar

Saturday / Sunday, May 1 & 2

5th Sunday of Easter
2nd collection to pay parish bills not covered by offertory

Sunday, May 2

10:00am – Memorial Mass for Fr. Joseph Manning and reception in the church hall
1:30pm – Baptism Class for parents & godparents preparing to baptize and infant

Monday, May 3

4:00pm – RCIA for children/youth (rectory basement)
7:00pm – Parish Pastoral Council (rectory downstairs)
7:00pm – ARISE Team (rectory upstairs)

Thursday, May 6

6:30pm – Rehearsal for First Communion (church)

Saturday/ Sunday May 8/9

Mothers Day

Catholic Daughters selling flowers at all Masses;
proceeds go to their charitable works
Blessing of Mothers at all Masses
2nd collection to pay parish bills not covered by offertory

Saturday, May 8

11:00am – First Communion Eucharist

Sunday, May 9 – Mothers Day

10:00am – Parish celebration of First Communion and crowning of Mary's statue
1:30pm – Parish Baptisms

Wednesday May 12

7:00pm – Parish Finance Council

Thursday, May 13 - Ascension Thursday

9:00am – Mass
7:00pm – Mass
1:00pm – Fr. Paul Moritz scholarship Trustees
(Rectory upstairs)

Friday, May 14

7:00pm - Human Trafficking Awareness Session at Christ the King Parish Center, 42 Wendell Ave, Brockton

Sunday May 16

10:00am – Rite of Acceptance for children in RCIA
Coffee Sunday after 8:00am and 10:00am mass

Save the Date

Saturday, May 15 - 9:00am-3:00pm – BHS Honor Society Car Wash in our parking lot.

Sunday May 16 Coffee Sunday after 8-10
10:00am – Anointing of the sick after mass

Tuesday, May 18

7:00pm – Service of prayer for Christian Unity (church)

Wednesday, May 19

7:00pm – Religious Education Committee



Thoughts from Our Spiritual Development Committee

MARY

O Glorious Mother of God, so powerful under your special title of Our Lady of Lourdes. To you, we raise our hearts and hands to implore your powerful intercessions in obtaining from the gracious Heart of Jesus all the help and graces necessary for our spiritual and temporal welfare and for the special favor we so earnestly seek. Amen



Jesus said: "My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another." - Jn 13:33a, 34a

Readings for the Week of May 2, 2010

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
 Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11
 Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21
 Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

From Fr. Cloherty

Some forty years ago, Monsignor George Casey wrote an article about First Communion Masses for The Pilot, our Archdiocesan newspaper. He voiced concern that, too often, a child's First Communion was his or her Last Communion. He suggested that perhaps we make too much of the First Communion with the white dresses, suits and parties which can tend to obscure the on-going importance of a child and family being fed by Jesus' body and blood in a regular way.

Leaving his thought aside and perhaps by way of report, let me tell you how our religious education coordinators and teachers are focusing on the issue; that too many of our children who receive First Communion do not receive the sacrament the second time.

We have only begun the process, but we are making a real effort to reach out to the parents of all our religious education students. Our approach is that parents and all who are baptized are called to be ministers and to be of service to others. The most important ministry parents have is parenting and our parish wants to support that ministry. However, while this process is only in its infancy, we do have a few things in place:

Dr. Janice D'Avignon is a psychologist who teaches at Boston College and has taught at St. John's Seminary. Through her we offer two or three sessions to parents at each grade level. These sessions cover child development and especially the child's religious development and how parents can support and enhance that development.

Parents are also engaged with their children in activities directed by our religious education teachers and coordinators. Some of these activities relate to Sunday worship and to service for others.

Parents who have participated are enthusiastic and beginning to believe the church has something important to offer them as they go about their Christian parental vocation.

Forty-five years ago the Second Vatican Council declared that parents are to be the first teachers of their children in matters of faith. It is our hope that our parenting programs will give parents in our parish confidence that they can fulfill the role to which God and the Church has called them to.

Let us pray that the day will come soon when none of us has to be concerned about a tragic situation where a child's First Communion is his, or her, last.



**Come and join the fun!
 Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Day at the Rox Game, July 11 at 5:05pm
 Tickets on sale soon**

Our Lady of Lourdes Annual Parish Picnic

It would seem to the staff that Saturday, June 19th 11:00am - 3pm might be the best date and time for our annual picnic, however the hospitality committee will need help. Willing volunteers are encouraged to call the rectory at 508-586-4715, leave your name, and phone number. Thank you.

Help Wanted

Teachers, hall monitors, and classroom helpers for grades 3-10 for fall 2010 religious education classes. Please contact the rectory at 508-586-4715

2010 Catholic Appeal - Called to Love and Share
 Thank you to all supporters of the 2010 Catholic Appeal. Our parish has raised \$22,828 from 125 households, reaching 59.3 percent of our parish goal of \$38,500. If you have not yet pledged, please consider a gift today and help us meet our goal. Remember, our parish will receive 25 percent of all funds we raise above our goal. Please remember to make your pledge now even if you plan on fulfilling that pledge later in the year. You can pick up information packets with pledge forms in the back of the Church to be mailed in, or for more information please visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com or call 617-779-3700. Every gift matters. Thank you!

In Memory of Fr. Joseph Manning

Our Lady of Lourdes Church will celebrate a Memorial Mass for Fr. Joseph Manning, Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church from 1991-2005, Sunday, May 2 at 10:00am. There will be a reception after Mass hosted by the Catholic Daughters of America in the church hall. Please save the date!



Offertory

Weekly expenses	\$6300.00
Offertory	\$4554.00
Budget collection	\$1010.00
Deficit	-\$736.00

Sunday, May 23

Appreciation Luncheon for all volunteers

12:00noon – Appreciation Mass and
 1:00pm lunch for all volunteers
 Church hall