

Mass Intentions

Parish Calendar

Saturday, May 16

4:00pm – Anthony Anzalone – 21st anniversary

Sunday, May 17

8:00am – for the people of this parish
 10:00am – Candida F. Francisco – 2nd anniversary
 12:00pm – Juvinal & Aris Goncalves - remembrance

Please remember in your prayers

For: All High School and College Graduates in the Parish.
For: Those who are homebound and ill especially: Edith Crowell Helen Bath, Joseph Ameri, Jay Balsavich, Catherine Butler, Mary Webby, James Conley, Manuel Jancinto, Francis Gibbs, Marilyn Castillo, Catherine Farmer, Mario Cesarini, Emma Keene, John Hardy, Elaine Sullivan, Fontaine Metta, Judy wallen, & Janine Krikorian
For: Joseph Masaitis & Claire Gaffney whose funerals were celebrated here this past week – may they rest in peace
For: All civilians, peace workers, relief workers, & military in areas of conflict and war, 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

When Mary hears the call of those who love her, she answers but never stops at herself. She leads all who love her to the feet of her Son, Jesus!

Presiders

Saturday, May 23	4:00pm	Fr. Cloherty
Sunday, May 24	8:00am	Fr Goss
	10:00am	Fr Cloherty
	12:00pm	Fr. Visbisky

Readings for the Week

Monday – Acts 16:11-15, Jn 15: 26-16:4a(291)
Tuesday – Acts 16: 22-34, Jn 16: 5-11 (292)
Wednesday Acts 17: 15, 22-15: 1 Jn 16: 12-15 (293)
Thursday, Acts 1: 1-11, Eph 1:17-23 or 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13 Mk 16:15-20(58)
Friday Acts 18: 23-28, Jn 16: 23b-28 (296)
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Sunday Acts:1: 15-17, 20a,20c-26 1Jn4: 11-16, Jn 4: 11-16, Jn 17:11b-19 (60) Ascension Acts 1: 1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or 4: 1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk16:15-20 (58)

Offertory

Weekly expenses	\$6600
May 2/ – Offertory	\$5037
2 nd collection – Parish budget	\$719
Weekly deficit	-\$844

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

Saturday / Sunday, May 16 & 17 6th Sunday of Easter

2nd collection – U.S. Catholic Church Collection for Communications of the Faith

Sunday, May 17

Coffee Sunday after the 8:00 & 10:00am Mass with speaker Connie Miller from Brockton Kiwanis
10:00am – Liturgy of the Word for children.
 (Last session until September)

Monday, May 18

4:15pm - RCIA – for children (rectory basement)
7:00pm – Celia Sirois and Rabbi Joshua Cohen "St. Paul and the Law of Moses" (rectory basement)

Wednesday, May 20

7:00pm – Parish Pastoral Council meeting (rectory upstairs)

Thursday May 21 – Ascension Thursday

Mass 9:00am & 7:00pm

10:30am – Eucharist at Braemore Nursing Home
7:00pm – Brockton Interfaith Community Action at Trinity Baptist Church

Saturday / Sunday May 23/24 7th Sunday of Easter

2nd Collection to help pay parish expenses not covered by the regular offertory collection

Monday, May 25
 Mass at 9:00am



Wednesday, May 27

7:00pm – Service for the Unity of the Christian Church at Messiah Baptist Church, Legion Parkway)

Dates to Save

May 27 - 7:00pm – Prayer Service for Christian Unity –Messiah Baptist church
May 31 – 10:00am – High School Graduates Guests of Honor
June 4 - 7:00pm - Community Outreach Committee (rectory upstairs)
June 4 - 7:30pm – CAP Committee (rectory upstairs)
June 7-10:00am Mass to honor Sr. Marie Madigan followed by a reception at the Shaw's center.
June 20 –11:00am – 3:00pm Annual Parish Picnic

Sr. Marie is retiring on June 7th, everyone is invited to come and wish her well at the open reception at the Shaw Center from 11-2pm – Please sign up at the doors of the church (for number purpose only)

Bans of Marriage.

II Shaun Bellao & Lauren Barnes

CATHOLIC APPEAL

Our appreciation goes out to all parishioners at Our Lady of Lourdes who have made a gift to the 2009 Catholic Appeal. The Appeal is to our Archdiocese what the weekly offertory is to our parish. If you have not yet made your gift, please consider making a pledge this weekend. We have received \$27,876 from 156 households, reaching 70.6 percent of our parish goal of \$39,500. Remember; our parish will receive 25 percent of all funds we raise above our goal. For more information please visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com or call 617-779-3700. Thank you

BIC -Brockton Interfaith Community is having an Action on May 21st at Trinity Baptist Church, 1367 Main Street, at 7 PM. The issues to be discussed are community policing, street outreach workers, jobs, youth and foreclosure. City councilors and state legislators will be there to listen to these concerns. We encourage all to come to make your voice heard.

Important Notice:

Handicap Parking, Front of the Church - Those who need to park in the handicap parking spaces in the front driveway of the church are asked to do so in such a way as not to block entry and exit from the driveway for other parishioners and/or emergency vehicles. If you need assistance with proper parking, please speak to one of the ushers at the Mass that you attend.

St. Joseph Retreat Center, 339 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset invites you to the following programs. Besides scheduled events, the retreat house is often available for individual or group private retreats. For more information and to register, visit our website www.csjretreatcenter.org, call 781-383-6024/6029, or email retreat.center@csjboston.org.

Weekend Retreat:

·Friday, May 29-Sunday, May 31,

Women's Wellness Weekend:

"Finding the Center From Which To Live".

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

Project Rachel

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 a "Come to the Waters" post abortion healing retreat on Saturday, May 30. For more information and registration, contact Project Rachel at 508-651-3100 or Help@projectrachelBoston.com all calls are confidential.

From Fr. Cloherty

Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI is a Canadian priest whose books are a great source of inspiration for English speaking Christians everywhere. In a recent column he writes.

Only if we adore something beyond ourselves will we stop adoring ourselves.

Pierre Teilhard deChardin said as much, when he wrote that we reach moral maturity on the day that we realize that we really only have one choice in life: Genuflect before something higher, or begin to self destruct.

Simone Weil agreed: Despite being a fierce defendant of independence and private conscience, she makes it clear that the deepest need within the human soul is the need to be obedient to something beyond ourselves, without this, she states, we inflate and grow silly, even to ourselves.

We know this truth through experience. We feel within ourselves a constant, congenital press towards a healthy self abnegation and the adoration of something higher than ourselves. We only feel good about ourselves when we don't put ourselves at the center of the world and we only feel right about what we are doing when we are giving our lives away, when, as Richard Rohr says, "our lives are not about ourselves"

Let me end by saying that any book you read authored by Fr. Rolheiser, Fr. Chardin, Simone Weil or Fr. Richard Rohr is worth the time and money.

Candlelight Rosary Procession – St. Thomas Aquinas Parish 103 Center St. Bridgewater will host Candlelight Rosary Processions on the 13th of the month from May to October, in honor of Our Lady of Fatima. The service includes inspirational music, a Candlelight Rosary Procession led by a beautiful statue of Our Lady of Fatima, and Benediction. All are welcome to come- to pray for peace in our troubled world at war and for our service men and women in the Armed Forces, and for their own personal intentions.

This week's collection supports The Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). CCC develops media programming, projects, and resources that promote Gospel Values. 50% of the collection supports local communication efforts, such as televised Masses and diocesan newspapers. The other fifty percent supports the development and production of a wide range of national media programming. Please visit www.USCCB.org/cc for more information.

2nd collection May 30/31 supports the two seminaries in the Archdiocese of Boston: St. John's Seminary & Blessed John xxiii Seminary for later vocations. Most priests in the Archdiocese have been formed in one of these seminaries and feel blessed to be able to be educated locally, where they can assist in parishes of the people they will be ordained to serve. Please be generous to support these important institutions for our future in our Archdiocese.