

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 3

4:00pm – Gertrude Duford – birthday remembrance

Sunday, October 4

8:00am – For the people of this parish
 10:00am – Elizabeth Saba – 1yr anniversary
 12:00pm – George Moses - remembrance

Saturday, October 10

4:00pm – Julia DeNobrega –remembrance

Parish Calendar

Saturday/Sunday October 3 & 4

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 2nd Collection to help pay for bills not covered by regular offertory
 Tickets on Sale for our Annual Blues Breakfast 10/31

Sunday, October 4

8:45am – 1st & 2nd grade children & parents meet (church hall)
10:00am – Blessing of ARISE Group Leaders
2:00pm – Parish baptism

Monday, October 5

4:00pm – RCIA for children (rectory basement)
6:00pm -7:00pm 10th grade starts religious education (rectory)
7:15pm – ARISE group at the rectory

Tuesday, October 6

7:00pm – twentieth Century Catholic Club (rectory downstairs)

Wednesday, October 7

7:00pm – Parish Hospitality Committee (rectory basement)
8:00pm – RCIA for High school children (rectory basement)

Thursday, October 8

7:00pm – BIC-LOC Committee (rectory upstairs)

Friday, October 9

7:00pm – ARISE group (rectory)

Saturday, October 10

9:00am – Building committee meeting (rectory upstairs)
10:00am - 3:00pm – Cub Scout Car Wash.
4:00pm – anointing of the sick after Mass

Saturday/Sunday, October 10/11

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Coffee Sunday after the 8:00am -& 10:00 Mass

Sunday, October 11

1:30pm – Baptism instruction class for parents and godparents preparing to baptize an infant
5:00pm – Religious Education Coordinators meeting (rectory)

Monday, October 12

3:00pm – Construction Committee Meeting (rectory)

Saturday, October 17

Archdiocesan Social Justice Convention at Boston College High School, Call the rectory for details.

Religious Education News
Classes begin:

Grade	Day	Start Date	Time
1 & 2	Sunday	October 4	8:45am
3 & 4	Sunday	October 18	11:15am
5 & 6	Wednesday	October 14	6:00pm
7 & 8	Wednesday	October 14	7:30pm
Grade 9	Monday	October 19	6:00pm
Grade 10	Monday	October 5	6:00pm

Nominations for the PPC will be October 17/18 . Please think of someone to nominate .

Please remember in your prayers

- For :** the ARISE together in Christ Groups
- For:** **Ada Marija Visnauskis**, who will be baptized here this weekend
- For:** Brady Poz (Chris Poz’s nephew) 12months old with liver cancer & Gerry Coughlin, (Sr. Marie’s sister) & Rev. Thomas Gallagher who is seriously ill,
- For:** Those who are homebound and ill especially: Charlie Dornan, Mary Ellen Bauer, Helen Bath, Joseph Ameri, Jay Balsavich, Catherine Butler, Mary Webby, James Conley, Manuel Jancinto, Francis Gibbs, Marilyn Castillo, Catherine Farmer, Emma Keene, John Hardy, Elaine Sullivan, Fontaine Metta, Judy Wallen, Rita Ritucci, Lorice Hashem , Michael Palmer , Harry Owens Mary Pauliks who is seriously ill.
- For:** the unemployed and those under employed.
- 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
 Our Lady of the Rosary

You have graced us with the everlasting treasure of the rosary. We say it in praise of you and the Creator who brought you into being so that you could bear our Savior who reigns now and forever.

Oct 7, is the Feast of the Holy Rosary. Come join our parishioners after the 9:00am mass in the church for the recitation of the rosary in honor of our Most Holy Mother.

Readings for the Week

- Monday** –Jon 1: 1-2:2, 11 Lk 10:25-37-(461)
- Tuesday** – Jon 3:1-10 Lk10: 38-42 (462)
- Wednesday** Jon 4: 1-11 Lk 11: 1-4 (463)
- Thursday**,- Mal 3: 13-20b Lk 11: 5-13 (464)
- Friday** :Jl 1: 13-15, 2: 1-2 Lk 11: 15-26 (465)
- Saturday** Jl 4: 12-21, Lk 11:27-28 (466)
- Sunday** Wis 7: 7-11 Heb 4: 12-13,Mk 10:17-30 or 10: 17-27 (143)

	Presiders	
Sat October 10	4:00pm	Fr. Cloherty
Sun October 11	8:00am	Fr. Butler
	10:00am	Fr. Goss
	12:00pm	Fr. Cloherty

Offertory

Weekly expenses	\$6300
September 19/20 – Offertory	\$4687
Parochial School	\$1472
Weekly deficit	-\$924

Due to further cuts in our operating budget, we now need \$6300 in the weekly offertory for Fiscal Year 2010 to meet our expenses, -
A reduction of \$300 weekly from FY 2009

Prayer Shawl Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets Tuesdays starting October 6 from 1pm-3pm at the home of Ann James. If you are interested, please call Ann 508-586-6223. If nights are better please let Ann know. October 6th will be the only time they start at 12:00noon, and please bring a lunch. Thank you.



Our Lady of Lourdes

Annual Parish Blues Breakfast

October 31st. Tickets are on sale now, See Rich Cesarini at the piano to purchase them.



Ticket prices are \$8.00 per person or \$20.00/family -(immediate family members only)

Great food and music in our newly reconstructed hall, featuring **Rich Cesarini and Craig Carter**



Virtus Training.

Sunday October 25th 1- 4pm at St. James Parish , 560 Page street Stoughton **Virtus** – Protecting God’s Children, is an awareness and educational session that **is mandatory** for parish staff and all levels of volunteers in Parish Ministry. If you would like to attend this training session, please call the St. James Parish Office at 781-344-9121 by Wednesday, October 21st to make a reservation,



October is Our Annual Month Long Baby Shower.

All new baby items donated will be given to new mothers and fathers thru Catholic Charities. Items needed are: disposable diapers, bibs, booties, toiletries, rattles, pacifiers, Layette gowns (newborn) plastic baby bottles, cribs, blankets, strollers, car Seats, diaper bags, gift certificates for food, maternity clothes as well as monetary donations will be gratefully accepted. Please drop off your donations in the Church Sanctuary. Thank you.

“ARISE Together in Christ” Sunday October 4 at 10:00am Mass, the leaders of our small faith-sharing communities will be commissioned for Season 3. They are Patricia Adams, Kathy Bendixen, Louise Bennett, Deborah Mayer, Dorothy Puliafico, Judie St.Cyr and Jay Sullivan. The small groups begin meeting this week.

From Fr. Cloherty

Once again, I surrender my space to Thomas Merton (his name as a Trappist Monk was Fr. Louis or “Louie”). As I have mentioned, I am re-reading all of Merton or Louie’s books. Currently I am reading a work that he felt and most people agree, is his best. “New Seeds of Contemplation”

For those of us who pray or attempt to pray, one big issue is distractions. We sit down to pray and all of sudden God is not the center of our attention, because of our schedule, some family issue, or health etc. I found Merton’s chapter on distractions particularly

helpful, even consoling. As a result, I will be sharing this chapter in this week space and next. So here is Fr. Louie at his best.

Distractions Part I.

“Prayer and love are really learned in the hour when prayer becomes impossible and your heart turns to stone”

“ If you have never had any distractions, you don’t know to pray. For the secret of prayer is hunger for God and for the vision of God, a hunger that lies far deeper than the level of language or affection. And a man whose memory and imagination are persecuting him with a crowd of useless or even evil thoughts and images may sometimes be forced to pray far better, in the depths of his murdered heart, than those whose mind is swimming with clear concepts and brilliant purposes and easy acts of love.

That is why it is useless to get upset when you cannot shake of distractions. In the first place, you must realize that they are often unavoidable in the life of prayer. The necessity of kneeling and suffering submersion under a tidal wave of wild and inane images is one of the standard trials of the contemplative life. If you think you are obliged to stave these things off by using a book and clutching at its sentences the way a drowning man clutches at straws, you have the privilege of doing so, but if you allow your prayer to degenerate into a period of simple spiritual reading you are losing a great deal of fruit. You would profit much more by patently resisting distractions and learning something of your own helplessness and incapacity. And if your book merely becomes an anesthetic, far from helping your meditation it has probably ruined it.

One reason why you have distractions is this. The mind, and memory, and imagination only work, in meditation, in order to bring your will into the presence of its object, which is God. Now when you have practiced meditation for a few years, it is the most spontaneous thing in the world for the will settle down to its occupation of obscurely and mutely loving God as soon as you compose yourself for prayer. Consequently, the mind and memory and imagination have no real job to do. The will is busy and they are unemployed. So, after a while, the doors of your subconscious mind fall ajar and all sorts of curious figures begin to come waltzing about on the scene. If you are wise, you will not pay any attention to these things: remain in simple attention to God and keep your will peacefully directed to Him in simple desire, while the intermittent shadows of this annoying movie go about in the remote background. If you are aware of them at all it is only to realize that you refuse them”.

Items:

- The work on the hall is progressing. Construction of our elevator and handicapped accessible restrooms should be finished by late October. There are code regulations with the two meeting rooms we are constructing in the hall and this will hold us back from finishing all the work. Painting should commence within 10 days. As a sign of hope, we have scheduled our annual Blues Breakfast for Oct 31 at 10am. Limited seating available.
- On Sat, Nov 1, at 6:00pm there will be an Action Meeting with members of the Federal Reserve Boards from Washington & Boston at St. Patrick Church, Brockton. The issue will be foreclosures in Brockton. We have the highest rate in Massachusetts. This issue is impacting a number of our parishioners. **Please save the date, Sunday November 1 at 6:00pm at St. Patrick Church, 335 Main street. Brockton.**
- **Children’s Liturgy of the Word** begins on October 18 at the 10:00am Mass. We are looking for helpers. If you are interested in helping, please call the rectory and leave a message for Linda Purnell