

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 27

4:00pm – Theresa & John Mason - anniversary

Sunday, September 28

8:00am - For the people of this parish
 10:00am – Edward Defilippo – 1yr anniversary
 12:00pm – Timothy & Grace Fitzpatrick – anniversary

Saturday, October 4

4:00pm - Gertrude Duford (Birthday remembrance)

Please remember in your prayers

- For:** the victims & survivors of the hurricanes and floods in India, Cuba, Haiti, & Texas
- For:** Those who are homebound and ill especially: Helen Bath, Joseph Ameri, Jay Balsavich, Catherine Butler, Patty Lukac Mary Webby, James Conley, Joseph, & Lorice Hashem, Manuel Jancinto, Francis Gibbs 'Mary Kennedy, Marilyn Castillo, Mary Murphy, Raymond Gadaire Catherine Farmer, Mary Paulik, , Colin Frawley, & Fr. Paul Moritz – seriously ill
- For:** All civilians, peace workers, relief workers, & military in Areas of conflict and war, especially: Ryan Moffett, Brian O'Rourke, Peter Farley, Robert Packard, Derek VanDyke, Edson Batista & Kevin Murphy that they be protected from all harm.
- For:** **Grace Long** whose funeral was celebrated here this past week
- For:** All those working for peace and justice in Pakistan, Israel, Burma, Palestine, Iraq, Afghanistan, and Darfur.
- 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

O Mary, Mother of the Church, enlighten your people and guide our steps along the path of virtue. Strengthen us against temptation and help us live in peace and harmony with each other while we consecrate our lives to your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord...Amen. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us
October is dedicated to the 150th anniversary of Lourdes appearance to St. Bernadette Soubirous in Lourdes, France



Be a sponsor for the Respect Life Walk:

The annual Respect Life Walk for Women and Children will be held on Sunday October 5. A Respect Life committee member will be at the back of the church to accept your sponsorship or donation after all Masses on September 20/21. Please consider being a sponsor for Bill Gilmore who will be a walker. Pledges can be mailed to Bill Gilmore 102 French Ave. Brockton, MA 02301 Please make checks payable to Respect Life Walk. For more information call Bill at 508-583-3352. Or visit www.masscitizensforlife.org

Parish Calendar

Saturday / Sunday September 27/28

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ARISE Prayer Sunday
 Parish FY 2008 Financial Report and FY 2009 proposed budget cuts
 Tickets for the Parish Blues Breakfast (10/ 18) go on sale \$10.00ea

Sunday, September 28

We have cancelled the bus for the 200th anniversary celebration due to a lack of people signing up. We will therefore meet to car pool from the parking lot at 12:00noon

1:00pm-4pm **VIRTUS training @ St. James Parish, Stoughton,**
 If you would like to attend this training please call 781-344-9121

Saturday, October 4

9:00am – **Meals for the Homeless**, - needs of more volunteers to help prepare meals. If you are interested please come to the church hall Saturday, October 4 at 9:00.(any help is appreciated.)

Saturday/ Sunday October 4/5

10:00am – Commissioning of ARISE Group Leaders
 11:00am – Parish Youth Group (church hall)
 1:30pm – Class for parents & godparents preparing to baptize a child

Save the Date

Sat/Sun 10/12	Grand Annual Collection
Sat/Sun 11/2	Annual Memorial Mass Remembrance
Sat 11/8	5:00pm Annual Pasta Dinner
Sat 11/15	6:00pm Annual Parish Dinner Dance.

RAIN DATE:
 Our Parish Annual Yard Sale
 will be postponed until next Saturday, October 4, due to rain



Blues Breakfast

Craig Carter & Rich Cesarini

Saturday, October 18th - 10:00am-12:00pm
 Tickets are \$10.00ea on sale Oct 4th
 See Choir members for tickets

**Brown Bag Day Retreat
 Healing**

**"Our active participation in Healing"
 WITH REV. JOSEPH MCDERMOTT**

WHERE: St. Clare's Parish 1244 Liberty St. Braintree, MA
WHEN: October 4 from 9:00-3:00pm begin with 9:00am
mass 9:30 registration

Gratuity: Give as the Lord leads you. Coffee, tea, cold drinks provided. Bring your own lunch.

Offertory

\$4326.50 week ending September 14/15
 \$1310 For Haiti

Please remember the parish in your will, a gift for future generations at Our Lady of Lourdes

Encountering Jesus in the Scriptures

Boston College's Church in the 21st Century Center invites you to seek again to meet Jesus through the gift of Scripture in a series of four lectures this fall. You are welcome to any or all of these gatherings:

- "The Jesus of the Scriptures Mediated Through Art," Eileen Daily, Wednesday, Oct 15, 4:30-6pm Murray Function Room 4th Floor, Yawkey Athletics Center, Chestnut Hill Campus.
- "The Jesus of History" Pheme Perkins, Wed, Oct 22 at 4:30-6pm McGuinn Hall 121 Chestnut Hill Campus
- For more information go to WWW.bc.edu/church21

RCIA class for children and teens meet every Monday at 4:30pm in the upstairs rectory.

RCIA /Confirmation class for adults begins Tuesday September 30, at 7pm and will meet at Christ the King Church 42 Wendell Ave. Team leaders come from both parishes (Our Lady of Lourdes and Christ the King) in this joint faith formation venture.

ARISE...We invite all parishioners to join us in daily prayer for the spiritual renewal of our parish and of our Archdiocese. Prayer Commitment leaflets are available in the church. Fill out the cards and hand them to the Ushers. Thank you for your commitment.

Communion to the Sick: Our list of homebound parishioners who would like to receive communion is growing. Would anyone feel called by the Spirit to take up this important ministry by visiting one or two parishioners? If so, please call Jeanne Lafond at the rectory at 508-586-4715

Religious Education Classes

Grade 2 & 4 no classes on Tuesday or Wednesday September 30th & Oct 1 due to Rosh Hashana holiday

Thursday, October 2, classes as usual

Grade 10 will begin classes on Monday October 6 & Wednesday October 8 at 7:00pm

October Is Respect Life Month & 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.

From Father Cloherty

Among one of the more hopeful signs that I see in the life of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish is the renewal program that will begin the week of October 5 and continue for six weeks into the fall, ARISE Together in Christ. To date we have 53 parishioners who have committed to set aside six consecutive weeks during which they will meet once a week for about 1½ hours to pray, listen to Scripture readings and share their faith.

While adult education will happen in each of the six groups, there will be no "experts" present to teach. The fundamental purpose of these groups is to share our faith and learn of the faith of others. In the process, over 50 people who in many cases do not know each other, or only superficially so, will come to know each other better, and be enriched by the faith of others.

The word Church finds its origins in the Greek Ecclesia. The word has a sense of an assembly of people who are called out of a larger number of people by God for worship. In the New Testament, particularly in the Gospel and letters of John, it becomes clear that this assembly is called to be a loving community. Jesus requires this of us when he gives us the new commandment at the Last Supper, "We are to love one another as he loves us." Furthermore the whole New Testament tells us that this church, this assembly called together by God, is to be a servant Church-serving one another and the world.

So being Church requires that first, we as individuals hear the call to come together, and that we become that loving community, serving others within the community and beyond.

How this can possibly happen unless we know one another and then come to appreciate and reverence the faith of others in the parish is beyond me!!

In the past 6 years the closing of parishes, scandal of a lack of responsibility on the part of Bishops and abuse of children on the part of priests has caused a climate of mistrust to be very much part of our church communities.

- ARISE Together in Christ, will be a vehicle for us to begin to restore trust through relationships based on faith in Christ.
- If you have not signed up as of yet, there are registration cards at the church doors and on the windowsills at the side of the church.

Update on matters relating to the repairs and reconstruction on our church.

- The final area where some water is still entering the church is through the roof and walls of our church tower. We expect the work of the roof to start this week or next. The building committee is still trying to find reasonable bids to do the pointing and masonry work of the sides of the tower. We want this work done before winter, the architectural drawings on the hall are still being worked on and it is expected that they will go out to bid this fall.
- We have been told that from the time that we order the elevator for the church and the time it will be delivered is a minimum of 23 weeks (almost 6 months). With this in mind, it is now expected that the work on the hall will begin in the spring on a time schedule that will accommodate our parish activities schedules and religious education classes.
- We are ahead of schedule as far as parishioners' payment of pledges to pay for the work on our church building. Seven months into the pledge period, we have received 40% of the money pledged or \$260,000, keeping in mind the additional \$50,000 gift we have received from the archdiocese to support our effort
- More later as things become clearer
- Questions are always welcome to the Building Committee or to me. They are

Gary King (chair)
Craig Carter
Dick James

Sisto Volpe
Jane Corcoran
Tim Cruise