

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 21

5:00 p.m. Anne Morong - Memorial

Sunday, January 22

7:00 a.m. Elizabeth Ann Strey - Memorial

8:30 a.m. Mass for our Parishioners

Tuesday, January 24

8:15 a.m. Art McBain - Anniversary

Thursday, January 26

8:15 a.m. Alice F. Reynolds - Memorial

Friday, January 27

8:15 a.m. Mai Brennan - Memorial

Saturday, January 28

8:15 a.m. Joseph Hauber - Anniversary

5:00 p.m. Robert Dundas - Memorial

Sunday, January 29

7:00 a.m. Mass for our Parishioners

10:00 a.m. Domenic & Flavia Sergi - Memorial

Please pray for Richard John Ward who died recently.



He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

Altar Breads and Sanctuary light are given this month in loving memory of Alfred V. Mahoney, Jr. with love from his family

PASTORAL PLANNING - is moving forward and it will affect most every parish in the Archdiocese of Boston, including Holy Family Parish here in Duxbury. Historic changes are on their way. To stay abreast of developments, visit www.planning2012.org.

PASTOR'S CORNER

This Sunday marks the 39th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision of the Supreme Court which legalized abortion in the United States. In connection with this occasion, Fr Sean and some members of our parish will be joining the Pilgrimage for Life in Washington DC with Cardinal Sean and nearly 500 others from our Archdiocese to participate in the annual March for Life. It's sad but true that with over 400,000 mostly youth and young adults from around the country converging on Washington DC for this event, there will be little if any media coverage. Such a large gathering of people for any other cause would draw far more attention in the news. It's because the pro-life position is not socially and politically accepted in our culture, one which Pope John Paul II termed a culture of death. See for yourself if you can find any mention of this event in the media in the next day or two. Offering prayers, advocacy, education, information and public demonstration are all the more needed to foster a culture of life in such a climate of denial.

As situational ethics becomes ever more popular in our culture, and even taught in some of our schools, one teacher wanted to illustrate the error in such reasoning. The teacher posed this dilemma. "How would you advise a mother who was pregnant with her fifth child based on the following facts? Her husband had syphilis. She had tuberculosis. Their first child was born blind. Their second child died. Their third child was born deaf. Their fourth child had tuberculosis. The mother is considering an abortion. Would you advise her to have one?" In view of the facts, most of the students agreed that she should have an abortion. The teacher then announced, "If you said 'Yes,' you would have just killed the great composer Ludwig van Beethoven!"

The cross of Jesus has much to teach us about God's mysterious plan, not only concerning salvation, but also about our complicated lives. Good can come out of terrible, tragic circumstances. Despite all that we might know, there's so much we don't, when making decisions and judgments. As Catholic Christians, we rely on some moral absolutes to ground our personal compass when choosing what to do. One example is the truth about the dignity and sanctity of life in the womb. However it was conceived and however ill-formed it might be, that life is still a human being with a right to exist. Maybe there's someone you know who could benefit from such important information and guidance, especially in the expedient, relativistic age in which we live.

God bless you!
Fr. Bob

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

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| Offertory Collection & ADP | \$11,613 |
| Increased Offertory Goal | \$13,500 |
| Last week's Mortgage Coll | \$ 1,515 |

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION - supports Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Boston. Catholic Charities' programs serve the poor and working poor in your community with dignity and compassion. The collection supports families as they struggle to put food on the table, secure child care for their children, and seek out better opportunities through education. Last year alone, Catholic Charities served over 200,000 of your neighbors across the Archdiocese. At Catholic Charities, we strive to help people become self-sufficient. We could not help those in need without your generosity. For more information or to make your donation online, please visit www.ccab.org.

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION supports the Church in Latin America (CLA). The CLA provides support for pastoral projects in financially poor dioceses in Latin America and the Caribbean. CLA funds catechetical and lay leadership programs, youth ministry, evangelization programs, and formation programs for religious, priests, and deacons. CLA is making it possible for the Catholic faithful in the Western hemisphere to help each other. Please visit www.usccb.org/latinamerica for more information.

ONLINE GIVING - More and more parishioners are choosing to support Holy Family Parish on a regular basis via online giving. This method is a safe, secure and dependable means of income for our parish and it makes it more convenient for you. Learn more about Online Giving by clicking the Online Giving icon on our website: www.holyfamilyduxbury.org. For further information, contact Diane Martin in our parish office.

LIVING THROUGH LOSS SUPPORT GROUP - Holy Family's "Living Through Loss" support group is open to all people in the Duxbury area who have lost a loved one and will meet for eight consecutive **Thursday nights**, beginning **Feb. 2** and ending **March 22**. The sessions run from **7:30-9:00 in the Herrick Room** in the lower level of Holy Family church. People are welcome at any time. Any questions should be addressed to Deacon Art at 781-585-4444.

HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE - will be held this Sunday, January 22nd from 3:00-4:00PM in Our Lady's Chapel here at Holy Family Parish. This Holy Hour will be held simultaneously at parishes throughout the Archdiocese so that we will be praying in solidarity with all the pilgrims going to Washington, D.C. for the March for Life. We will pray together for those who have been wounded by abortion, for respect for the dignity of human life from conception to natural death, and that those who govern us may be guided by justice, truth, and a love for the gift of life. Please join us for this hour of Eucharistic Adoration and prayer concluding with benediction.

EMAIL ADDRESSES - Holy Family Parish is expanding its census registration database to include email addresses of all parishioners. Currently we have on file email addresses of all religious education students' families, and parishioners who belong to parish ministries, groups and committees, as well as recently registered parishioners. We don't want to leave anyone out, especially those who registered in the parish a while ago. And so, if you have not yet provided us with your current email address, please email our parish office at: office@holyfamilyduxbury.org to be included in our database. Email addresses in our database will not be shared with any other entity. Parish emails will be sent out once a month, and otherwise, sparingly, to inform parishioners of important notices and provide helpful reflections, prayers, resources and links to nourish the soul and deepen your faith. As an important member of our parish, we'd like to keep in touch. You may opt out whenever you wish. Stay connected with your family of faith. We're confident you'll enjoy this new outreach.

READING THE BIBLE AS THE WORD OF GOD - Save the dates and join popular scripture professor, Celia Sirois, as she provides a practical introduction on how to read the Gospel of John on Thursdays, March 1 - 29 (10 am - 12 noon) here at Holy Family parish center. Learn practical strategies to discover the Word of God in the words of inspired human authors and discuss what God's Word means for us today. Registration fee is \$5/session. No pre-registration is required.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Youth Mass tonight Sunday, January 22, 2012, at 5:00 pm. The Mass will be followed by a "Tailgate" dinner! Please contact Catherine Kelleher at ckelleher@holyfamilydubury.org if you are able to provide some tailgate munchies or would have some time to help set-up and serve. Yum!

CLASSES WILL MEET AS FOLLOWS THIS WEEK:

- **Sunday, January 22, 2012 - Grades 1-6, 9:45-10:45 am**
- **Sunday, January 22, 2012 - Confirmation I & II MASS AT 5 PM**
- **Monday, January 23, 2012 - Grades 3-4, 3:00-4:00 pm**
- **Monday, January 23, 2012 - Grades 5-6, 4:15-5:15 pm**
- **Monday, January 23, 2012 - Grades 7-8, NO CLASS, MASS SUNDAY 1/22**
- **Monday, January 23, 2012 - Confirmation I & II Monday, NO CLASS, MASS SUNDAY 1/22**
- **Tuesday, January 24, 2012 - Grades 1-2, 4:15-5:00 pm, Parents' Meeting for Grade 2**

Please check your schedules or go online to www.holyfamilydubury.org to download your child's schedule.

Our **Second Grade students** will celebrate the sacrament of First Penance on Saturday, February 4, 2012. **First Holy Communions** will be celebrated the first three weekends in May 2012 during our regularly scheduled Masses. Please keep our second grade students in your very special prayers as they continue to prepare to receive these two beautiful sacraments.

There is a parents' meeting scheduled on Tuesday, January 24th from 4:15-5:00 pm in the upstairs church for ALL Sunday and Tuesday parents of second grade children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Your second grade child is invited to view a lovely DVD on First Penance at the same time downstairs in the parish center while you are attending your meeting upstairs.

Information on the Second Grade Penance Service schedule and on the scheduled dates and times for First Holy Communion has been emailed out to all families registered in the second grade program. If you did not receive this email, please contact Kathy Melia in the religious education office, kmelia@holyfamilydubury.org.

CAP Training in Cluster Parish: Please contact the parish directly if you would like to register for CAP training at this cluster parish: St. Ann by the Sea, Marshfield, Mar. 1, 5:30-8:30 pm, 781-834-4356.



WHY CATHOLIC? SIGN-UPS THIS WEEKEND AFTER ALL MASSES - Learn the truths of our Catholic faith and deepen your understanding of God. Our parish is participating in *Why Catholic?* a ministry of RENEW International that is based on Sacred Scripture and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. *Why Catholic?* will give you a new awareness and understanding of God's love and show you how to live as a disciple of Christ. Session One begins in mid-February and consists of 6 weekly, small group faith sharing, in-home meetings for an hour and a half each. Various days/times offered. This series focuses on the rich heritage of Catholic spirituality and prayer. You will explore how we nurture our relationship with God in prayer and how God communicates with us. You will also learn new forms of prayer, learn to overcome difficulties we experience in prayer, and take a deeper look at the Lord's Prayer. **When asked to join *Why Catholic?*, say "Yes!"** Fill out a card in your seat and/or drop by the sign-up table at the doors of the church this weekend.

For more information, contact Joanne and Ron Protasewich at 781-934-1505 or jprotasewich@comcast.net.

MIRAMAR RETREAT CENTER - 121 Parks St., Duxbury. Celebrate Valentine's Day at Miramar! Enrich your marriage at an elegant dinner. They will honor married and engaged couples at a wine and dine evening on Feb. 11 at 6 pm. Includes wine and cheese social, an elegant dinner prepared by Chef Frank Lachimia and dessert. Between dinner and dessert Fred and Diane L'Ecuyer and Fr. Tom Griffith, SVD will offer a short presentation "Have I Told You Lately That I love You?" The price is \$75 per couple. For more info. call Ann at 781-585-2460 x 312.

MY BROTHER'S KEEPER If you like to donate new or used furniture in excellent condition to MBK, please call Jim Sullivan at 781-936-8904. Also needed are gently used linens, pots & pans and kitchen wares. For these items, call Evan Tarbox at 617-877-4181. Donations should not be left without calling. Thank you.

HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S CLUB - join them on February 9th at 7:30 at the church for MOVIE NIGHT. Bring your own beach chair as we go to the movies! New members always welcome!

COPING WITH THE LOSS OF A SPOUSE - Beacon Hospice is offering a grief support group and educational series for surviving spouses who are experiencing grief due to the death of a spouse or partner. Sessions will take place on Thursday mornings from 10:00-11:30AM beginning January 26, 2012 at the Duxbury Council on Aging. There will be 8 sessions. This group is free of charge and is open to anyone in the community. Pre-registration is required by calling Scott A. Ciosek, M.Div., Bereavement Coordinator, at 508-747-7222.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION DAY FOR THE ENGAGED - St. Christine Parish, Marshfield will offer a "Pre-Cana" program for couples looking to complete this prerequisite for marriage on Sunday, Feb. 19 beginning with the 9:00 am Mass and continuing until 4:30 pm (includes lunch). For more information or to register, call Dottie Gurry at 781-834-6003, ext. 18.

RONAN TYNAN IN CONCERT - February 18th, 7pm Tynan's Performance will feature music selections from Traditional, Irish, Religious, and Classical venues. This event will be held at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, located at 1400 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02118. Doors will open at 6pm and the performance will begin at 7pm. Tickets are \$25 each. For more info, pls call 617-542-5682, or email cathedral2@rcab.org or visit www.holycrossboston.com.

PILGRIMAGE/TOUR OF IRELAND WITH FATHER JOE RAEKE - October 1-11, 2012 Join Father Joe as they visit Our Lady of Knock Shrine, Ballintubber Abbey, Fr. Peyton Centre, Shrine of St. Valentine and Our Lady of Dublin, Glendalough, Mount Melleray, Cliffs of Moher, Galway Bay, Beleek Pottery Factory, Trinity College, Guinness Brewery, Rock of Cashel, Blarney Castle, Holy Well of St. Gobnath, Lakes of Killarney, Bunratty Castle dinner show, "Durdy Nellies" famous pub and much more. Mass daily. Complete package - \$2649. For a full itinerary and more information please contact Mary Henry at Marian Pilgrimages USA at 781-545-2444 or e-mail maryusa@marianpilgrimages.com

FR. FRANK CLOHERTY - will be celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving at 11:30 a.m. at St. Ann Church, 757 Hancock Street, Quincy (Wollaston) on Sunday, February 5, 2012. All are welcome!

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES, FRANCE - Celebrate the Year of the Rosary and join Fr. Thomas Reilly, from St. Theresa's Parish in North Reading, MA on the U.S. National Rosary Pilgrimage to Lourdes, June 28 - July 7, 2012. Departure from Boston, accompanied by clergy, medical staff and volunteers to assist the needs of pilgrims. Contact Fr. Reilly (978-664-3412) or the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office (1-877-276-7279) or email: lourdespilgrimageoffice@comcast.net, or visit: www.lourdes-pilgrimage.com.

SACRED HEART OPEN HOUSE - Sunday, February 12, 2012 from 1-3 p.m. Sacred Heart Elementary School and Early Childhood Center 329 and 251 Bishops Highway, Kingston, MA 02364 www.sacredheart.mec.edu.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL, ROCKLAND - will be holding an Open House and Registration for prospective students next Sunday, January 29th from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the school. For more information, please call 781-878-1154 or visit www.hfsrockland.org.

COMING OR GOING? PARISH CENSUS REGISTRATION UPDATE - Please complete the

following to update our parish records... whether you've recently moved here, are about to move away, or are a young person setting out on your own.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

CIRCUMSTANCES: _____

(Please clip this out and drop in the collection basket or email our Parish Office at office@hollyfamilyduxbury.org)