

MASS INTENTIONS

PASTOR'S CORNER

Saturday, March 13
5:00 p.m. Evelyn Brophy - Anniversary
Sunday, March 14
7:00 a.m. Mass for Parishioners
10:00 a.m. Manoel Porto & William Essley, Sr.
11:30 a.m. Kevin Canty - Birthday
Monday, March 15
7:00 a.m. John and Mabel McNeely - Anniversary
9:00 a.m. William Cashman - Anniversary
Tuesday, March 16
9:00 a.m. Florence V. Groncki - Memorial
Wednesday, March 17
9:00 a.m. Margaret (Peg) Murphy - Memorial
Thursday, March 18
9:00 a.m. Irene King - Birthday
Friday, March 19
9:00 a.m. George Weimer - Birthday
Sunday, March 21
7:00 a.m. Mass for Parishioners
8:30 a.m. Esperanza & Francisco Alvarez - Anniv

Please pray for the **Recently Deceased** Barbara Powers, Florence Hammond, Helen Gavin and C. John Corr.



"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'let us celebrate with a feast because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'" - Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

Readings for the Week of March 14, 2010

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

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As I write this column, I have just returned from my yearly priest retreat at Saint Anselm Abbey in Manchester, New Hampshire. This retreat is a great blessing in my life and I am fortunate and grateful that I can take this time away. I know that for many of you, particularly those with young families, getting away on retreat is very difficult. Fr. Sean and I go on retreat so that we might serve you as better and holier priests.

Time in a Benedictine monastery gives one a renewed appreciation for the virtue of holy silence! Not only do the monks have generous amounts of silence built into the schedule of their day, but they allow silence to shape their communal prayer as well, including the celebration of Mass.

We are not monks; indeed, we live in a world filled with gadgets, applications and noise. Yet how can the Lord speak to us, if we are not listening? I would hope that the manner in which we celebrate Mass here at Holy Family might allow us some moments of holy silence and the ability to hear the voice of the Lord.

There are some natural times during the celebration of Mass when silence fits well, and helps us to calm ourselves: at the Opening Prayer after the priest says "let us pray," between the Scripture readings, after the homily, at the Consecration, following the Communion Song. I would also suggest on occasion a meditative instrumental at the Preparation of the Gifts, rather than another community song, to allow for a more reflective mood. It's always good to see folks arriving at Mass a bit early to prepare spiritually, or staying after Mass to offer thanksgiving; we should give people the space and atmosphere to pray in the main church and Our Lady's Chapel.

In a world that in many ways is afraid of silence, we must find moments in our day when we can grasp this gift and hear God speaking to us: during a walk on the beach, a quiet morning cup of coffee, sitting under evening starlit sky and, I hope, our prayer as a faith community.

"In the silence of the heart, God speaks."
~Blessed Teresa of Calcutta.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Collection & ADP	\$ 12,473
Budgeted	\$ 12,350
Offertory year-to-date actual	\$412,374
Offertory year-date budget	\$419,900

Today's Second Collection is our Monthly Mortgage Collection. We currently owe the Archdiocese \$603,175

Thank you for your generosity, particularly during these difficult economic times. The offertory is our primary means of meeting Parish weekly operational expenses.

Cardinal Seán sends his thanks to everyone from Holy Family Parish who responded to his request for participation in the **2010 Catholic Appeal** during Catholic Appeal Weekend. If you have not yet made your gift, please consider making a pledge this weekend. You can pick up information packets with pledge forms in the narthex of the Church. For more information please visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com or call 617-779-3700. The Catholic Appeal provides funding for over 60 ministries in our Archdiocese. Every gift matters!

SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

"As the fattest people on the planet and people most addicted to entertainment, a little mortification is in order. It is a way we say to God that we are sorry for our sins, and it is an opportunity to experience in some small way the hunger and deprivation of so many of our brothers and sisters. The money we save also affords us the possibility of giving alms to help relieve the hunger and misery in our world."

~Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley, OFM, Cap.

Altar Breads and Wine are given this weekend in loving memory of Florence and Bob Coveney with love from Helen Rose and Joe Figurski
Sanctuary Light given this month in loving memory of Josephine O'Donnell with love from Ruth Hearson



Daily Mass During Lent
Monday – Friday, 7 & 9 am
Saturday, 8:15 am
all Masses celebrated in the Main Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation
every Wed. evening, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
www.thelightisonforyou.org
Saturday 4-4:45 pm
anytime by appointment

Lenten Evening of Reflection
with Deacon Dan Burns.
Opportunity for Confessions
Monday, March 22 at 7:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration
Friday following the 9 am Mass
Benediction at 5:00 pm



Our Lady of the Assumption Church (40 Canal Street) in Marshfield will offer **Stations of the Cross** every Friday evening of Lent at 7 pm.

LENTEN REGULATIONS 2010

Abstinence: Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligations of abstinence, to be observed on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, meat may not be used at all.

Fast: Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed.



Prayer List: Please remember all those on our Parish Prayer List. May God's healing and protection descend upon them.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION
781-934-6839

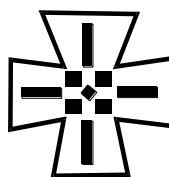
Grades 1-6 will meet as regularly scheduled this week. Pre-Confirmation classes grades 7 & 8 and Confirmation Preparation classes grades 9 & 10 will be attending this Sunday's, March 14th Youth Mass instead of their regular classes this week. Please check your schedules and your emails regularly for updated information on your child's religious education classes. If you have lost your class schedule, please contact Kathy Melia in the religious education office.

The Youth Mass is scheduled this Sunday, March 14th at 5:00 pm followed by a dinner with a St. Paddy's Day theme co-hosted by the Youth Ministries Steering Committee, Footprints, and Connecting Catholic Families. Step dancing compliments of Maureen Haley School of Dance in Duxbury and authentic Irish music by the O'Reillys. Come join the fun!

Our last Confirmation II retreat is scheduled for the weekend of April 9 and April 10 at Camp Bournedale. Please contact the religious education office for a registration form if your second year Confirmation student has not yet signed up for or already attended a retreat this year.

Parents of children preparing for First Holy Communion: As the children prepare for First Holy Communion, class attendance becomes even more important for the remainder of the year. We have begun First Holy Communion lessons including Parts of the Mass, the Easter Triduum and Steps to Receive the Eucharist. We also have one more Family Mass on Sunday, April 11, 2010. The children should attend as part of their preparation.

Footprints, a youth ministry for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders, will be hosting a scavenger hunt on Friday, March 19th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the parish center. Come join us for a night of fun. While working in teams, the kids will solve riddles and search for clues throughout the Church. Your entrance fee is a canned good to benefit the Inter-faith Council's Easter baskets. Email your registration to Emily at kyriakides@comcast.net. For those interested in volunteering or becoming involved with the Footprints ministry, please email Leslie at lmccdux@comcast.net. Donations of water and desserts are greatly appreciated.



You are invited to the **Parish Lenten Night of Reflection** will be held in the Main Church on Monday, March 22 at 7:00 pm. Deacon Dan Burns will provide a peace-filled Lenten Reflection, followed by the opportunity for the Sacrament of Penance. All are invited and encouraged to make this evening a part of your Easter preparation.



Family Rosary - Please join us in the main church Thursday, March 25, 6:30 to 7:30 pm, the Annunciation of the Lord. Led by our youth, we'll pray the joyful mysteries of the Rosary on this special Day. All are most welcome.

ASP Easter Pew Raffle

Please support the Appalachia Service Project this Easter Season and purchase a Raffle Ticket for a chance to win a reserved pew and (2) premium parking spaces for your family at the Easter Mass of your choice. Just look for the fresh, smiling faces of our ASP teens by the entrances to the church. Raffle Tickets will be sold at all Masses the weekends of March 13/14 and March 20/21. There will be 4 winners who will be drawn after the 11:30 Mass on March 21. Raffle Tickets are \$5 each, \$10 for 3 and \$20 for 7. All proceeds benefit the Holy Family Church ASP group for their trip to West Virginia this summer.

The Duxbury Fire Department continues to ask us **NOT TO BLOCK THE FIRE LANE** on Ceremonial Drive in front of the church. Thank you for thinking of the safety of others and not parking in this space.

Copies of the 2010 Boston Catholic Directory are available in the Parish Office for \$25.



Holy Family Book Club. Our next Meeting will be at Holy Family in the Parish Center on Thursday, March 18 at 7 pm. The book chosen for March is: Pray, Hope and Don't Worry-True Stories of Padre by Diane Allen. All are welcome and refreshments will be served. For more info, contact mleahy5320@gmail.com.

World Religions: Buddhism The word BUDDISM might bring a few images to mind - the statue of the sitting Buddha, the Dalai Lama, perhaps even the term "zen enlightenment." Would you like to learn more about one of the great religions of the Asian world? Join us then, on Tuesday, March 23 (from 7 to 9 pm in the Parish Center) when Dr. Christopher Ives, professor of Religious Studies at Stonehill College, will speak on BUDDHISM - its roots, its traditions and its modern zen ethics..

Chrism Course at Holy Family Our annual Lenten program by Celia Sirois will be held Thursdays, February 25th to March 25th from 10-12 in the Parish Center. The Book of Revelation - Of all of the books of the New Testament none is more misunderstood than The Book of Revelation. This course will try to decode this difficult text to discover what the original author intended and what his inspired words might mean for us today. Registration Fee for the CHRISM course is \$5. For more info. Pls call 781-331-5194.

The History and Challenge of Christian Spirituality A Spring adult education course will be presented on the History and Challenge of Christian Spirituality. The historical development of Christian spirituality will be traced, focusing on what constitutes a distinctly Catholic spirituality. Weekly discussions will include paired topics, such as, The Spiritual Journey and Prayer, Meditation and Contemplation, and Friendship and The Eucharist. The challenge of spirituality, in promoting personal and communal connectedness, is to remain flexible, dynamic and centered in the contemporary world. The spiritual life must be a bridge away from perplexity, a bridge to re-evangelization and a bridge over our many gulfs of separation. The course will be held in the Herrick Room on consecutive Tuesdays from April 27th to June 8th; 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. The facilitator will be Bill Donahue. The main text, Christian Spirituality: Themes from the Tradition, as well as a synopsis will be available in the parish office at sign up. Space limited.

Holy Family School Rockland currently has openings in grades K-8 for the 2010-2011 school year. For more info. Call 781-878-1154 or visit www.hfsrockland.org.

Duxbury Interfaith Council Spring Concert March 21st at 3 in the sanctuary at First Parish Church, Duxbury. For more information contact 781-934-8388 or visit www.duxinterfaith.com.

Holy Family Women's Club March Madness Ladies, please do not forget to sign-up for our Transfer Station can/bottle collection! Any time you can give, even if only one hour, is greatly appreciated and needed. We need as many members as possible to participate to share the workload! Sign up by contacting Karen Sager at K2r40@aol.com or sign up at the March meeting this week. Scholarship Information The HF Women's Club Scholarship may be applied for by all children/grandchildren of active members. Completed applications must be returned by April 1st. Applications may be picked up at the Parish Office or obtained on the Parish website at <http://www.holyfamilyduxbury.org>. Nominations for Board positions are not being accepted, if you would like to be nominated or want to nominate someone please email Mary Duffy at Maryjduffy@msn.com.

Grief/Healing Books Available - In an effort to try to help parishioners who are coping with the loss of a loved one, Holy Family has a book rack in the main entrance ("narthex") to the church with books dealing exclusively with grief and healing. Any questions you may have on this should be addressed to Deacon Art at 781-585-4444.

Are you getting married? The Archdiocese of Boston is offering a marriage preparation program at the Pastoral Center in Braintree on March 27 and 28th. For info. www.BostonCatholic.org/MarriageMinistries.

Lenten Program for Married Couples at Miramar Retreat Center Miramar will present an evening for married couples on March 18 from 7-9 pm. The program is "Healing and Forgiveness in Marriage." Call Ann at 781-585-2460 to register or for more information. Cost is \$10 per couple.

My Brother's Keeper If you would like to donate new or used furniture in excellent condition to MBK, please call Jim Sullivan at 934-1504. MBK is also looking for gently used linens, pots & pans and kitchen wares. Call Mary Danehy at 837-8323.

Fontbonne Academy Fontbonne's Good Fountain Players will perform the musical, Bye Bye Bircie, in the Fontbonne Auditorium March 6-13. Tickets are \$10 contact the Main Office at 617-696-3241.