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241 Neponset Avenue
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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Sunday: Vigil (Saturday Evening) 4:00 p.m.
8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., (Folk Group)
11:30 a.m. (Choir) 5:30 p.m. (Teen
Choir)
Daily: 9:00 a.m. Monday - Saturday
7:00 a.m. in convent Monday
Saturday
Holy Day: Vigil 5:30 p.m., Day 9:00 a.m. &
7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Sean M Connor, Pastor
Rev. Michael C. Harrington, In Residence
Rev. Hung Pham. In Residence

Mrs. Jean F. Hayward, Business Manager
Mr. Jack O'Connor, Parish Pastoral Council Vice
President

Mr. Bob Collins, Rel Ed Director/Youth Minister
Mrs. Carol Abel, Director of Music
Mrs. Terry Owens, Folk Group Director

SACRAMENTS

Confessions: Saturday 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.
(lower church) & 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.
(upper church)
Baptism: Third Sunday of the month at 2:00
p.m. Instructions on preceding
Sunday at 12:30 p.m.
Call the rectory to register.
Marriages: Arrange with one of the priests at
least six months in advance
**Anointing
of the Sick:** Call the rectory for Sacraments
and visits to the sick and
homebound

DEVOTIONS

Eucharistic Adoration: Saturdays 9:30am-3:30pm
Rosary: 8:30am Monday-Saturday lower church
Our Lady of Fatima: First Saturdays 8:00am
lower church
Divine Mercy Chaplet: M-F 2:30-3:30pm convent chapel
Sat. - 2:30-3:30pm lower church
Mass 3rd Friday at 6:00PM

PROGRAMS

Religious Education Classes: Sunday 10:30 am
Grades 1-6 and 6:30pm Grades 7- Confirmation
CYO Basketball, Mr. Michael Doyle
Color Guard, Ms. Eileen Cunningham 617-775-6644
St. Vincent DePaul Main Office 781-344-3100
St. Vincent DePaul Local Parish 617-825-6180

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The Parish Community of Saint Ann's in Neponset is in the tradition of the Roman Catholic Church. We believe that this tradition is a sacred gift given to us in Baptism and the inheritance bequeathed to us by those who have gone before us through the ages. With our Archbishop and Pastor we are united with our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, in our commitment to- and we are indeed shaped as a people by- the Eucharistic Assembly especially on the Lord's Day. We are strongly committed to maintaining our parish school and religious education programs. We are equally committed to the spiritual needs of those who are grieving or who are ill or because of advanced age are unable to celebrate the Sunday Eucharist. Through the Liturgy we hope to inspire and motivate our parish family to respond to the physical needs of the less fortunate of Christ's brothers and sisters. We are a parish that is deeply committed to the family.

We are a parish with a long and rich history and take great pride in celebrating our Catholic traditions.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SAT	1/17	4:00	Joseph Barry, 2nd Anniv
SUN	1/18	8:00	Herbert Murray, Mem
		9:30	Anderson Family, Mem
		11:30	Margaret Fitzpatrick, 8th Anniv
		5:30	Joseph Holloran, Month's Mind
MON	1/19	9:00	Babe Folan, Mem
TUES	1/20	9:00	Frank Kelly, Mem
WED	1/21	9:00	Desmond A. Howe, Mem
THUR	1/22	9:00	Special Intention, Mem
FRI	1/23	9:00	Francis Kessler, Mem
SAT	1/24	9:00	John Herlihy, Anniv
		4:00	Mario Lonardelli, 24th Anniv
SUN	1/25	8:00	The People of St. Ann
		9:30	Edmund F. Bielecki, 13th Anniv
		11:30	Thomas & Catherine Hunt Anniv
		5:30	Florence Kelcourse, 1st Anniv

STEWARDSHIP REPORT**OFFERTORY**

Collected, Jan 11th\$2,433.00

FUEL OFFERING

Collected, Jan 11th\$2,336.00

LECTORS/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

1/17	4:00	R. Pishkin	A. Lessard
			B. Lessard
1/18	8:00	F. Conti	C. McPartlin
	9:30	B. Finn	E. Dunne
			M. Reilly
	11:30	R. Pierce	B. Follett
			N. Follett

ALTAR SERVERS

1/17	4:00	A. Mannion	E. Mannion
		M. Mannion	S. Mannion
1/18	8:00	B. O'Brien	
	9:30	R. Kulesza	E. Guerard
		T. Guerard	
	11:30	M. Neff	T. Fonrose
		K. Cotter	
	5:30	B. Mannion	M. Mannion
		S. Mannion	T. Mannion

John 1:35-42

Look! Come and see. John and our Lord call out in a simple and beautiful command in this week's gospel. The new disciple hears the invitation and follows Jesus. We hear the same exchange in young Samuel *Here I am, since you called me.* ' *Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.* Like Samuel, John the Baptist is disciple when he sees and gives witness.

Even throughout all of the Old Testament this call to come and see is found as salvation history unfolds. The scriptures in total are a witness and call to **Look! Come and See.** Moses reminds the people of God's feeding of His people Israel with manna (Ex 16:32) "This is what the LORD has commanded...**come**, so they can **see** the bread I gave you to eat in the desert when I brought you out of Egypt." We hear the Psalmist cry, testifying to the Lord's presence and saving deeds (Ps 46:8) "**Come and see** the works of the LORD, the desolations he has brought on the earth." (Ps 66:5) "**Come and see** what God has done, how awesome his works in man's behalf!"

After the resurrection salvation demands that we again come and see, (Mt 28:5) The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said, **Come and see** the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

It is good for us to stay with John the Baptist. He has been present with us throughout Advent and Christmas, now as we begin what the Church calls Ordinary Time, John reminds us what we are looking for, "The Lamb of God." Jesus is the personhood of God, meaning as we heard at Christmas, Emmanuel -God with us, in person. It is once present that Jesus then begins a personal interaction and call with these new disciples. We know that He does the same with us. In order to understand this, we must be stopped, we must **Look! Come and See.**

If we gaze into the Lord's love, we find truth in life and love. We can see ourselves in the way that He looks at us. We can see ourselves reflected in His eyes, knowing that He has come for us. This is His invitation and revelation. God so loved (us) the world that He sent His Son for us, so that we might have life and have it abundantly. The Son comes "The lamb of God comes to take away the sins of the world." May He have mercy on us, we who come to see and receive this sacrifice and Eucharist.

As we journey during these weeks of Ordinary Times, from 12 January through 24 February – the day before Ash Wednesday, may the Lord bring about a change in us, a time of grace, growth and peace.

In His love, Fr. Sean

READINGS TO REFLECT UPON

Below please find the readings for next Sunday

Reading I **Jon 3:1-5, 10**
Responsorial **Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9**
Reading II **1 Cor 7:29-31**
Gospel **Mk 1:14-20**

HOUR OF LIFE

St. Gregory Parish
Wednesday, January 21, 2009
Time: 7:30PM

The people of the Church of Boston will be in prayerful solidarity with our hundreds of young people attending the Boston Pilgrimage for Life to Washington D.C. who will be praying the Holy Hour with us on their buses. The service will include Exposition of the Holy Eucharist. Please mark your calendars and join us for an evening of prayer. For more information please call 617-298-2460.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

On Thursday, January 29th, at 7:00PM in the upper church we welcome our second graders to First Confession. This is an important moment in their Catholic lives: celebrating the Sacrament of mercy for the first time. Jesus loves children. Jesus wants to meet them in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Pray for our children as they meet the Lord in this Sacrament for the first time.

ST. ANN COLOR GUARD HOME SHOW

Come and join our St. Ann Color Guard and cheer them on to a great victory at their Annual Home Show next Saturday, January 24, 2009 at Milton High School, 25 Gile Road at 6:00PM.

W.I.N.G.S.

Women In God's Spirit

Theme: Finding a New Connection to Christ Through the Psalms

The women of St. Agatha Parish of Milton-Quincy would like to invite women of all ages and all parishes to join them for their Winter season of WINGS! It begins Wednesday, January 28, 2009 from 7:00-9:00PM in the lower church, and continues on consecutive Wednesday evenings, ending on February 18th.

SAINT JOSEPH RETREAT CENTER

Retreat Center
339 Jerusalem Road
Cohasset
781-383-6024/6029

www.csjretreatcenter.org

Sunday, January 25th Day of Prayer 9:00-3:30
"Everyday Ritual"
Monday, January 26th Morning Prayer 9:00-11:45
"Preparing for Lent"
Monday, February 9th Morning Prayer 9:00-12:30
"Contemplating Jesus, the Healer, Protector"
Ash Wednesday, February 25th 9:00-3:30
(includes distribution of ashes)
"Return to Me With Your Whole Heart"
February 27th-March 1st Direct Prayer Weekend

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Chris Donovan from St. Vincent De Paul would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the wonderful success of the Giving Tree this year. "This year's St. Vincent's had the most successful Giving Tree ever and was able to distribute gifts to 67 children. This only happened through all of your help and continuous generosity. During difficult times the people of St. Ann's have always put St. Vincent's first. We wish all a very Healthy and Happy New Year. God Bless you all!"

SAINT ANN MIDDLE SCHOOL

YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS UP-DATE

- 1/30 Game Night \$5 Lower School Hall
- 2/27 Rock N Bowl \$15 Permission slips
- 3/28 Chunky's Movie \$15 Permission slips
- 4/10 Walk with the Cross Permission slips
- 5/16 Mini Golf \$15 Permission slips

OPEN HOUSES

ELIZABETH SETON ACADEMY

*Sunday, January 25, 2009
2220 Dorchester Avenue
Dorchester Lower Mills, MA
Time: 12:00 to 2:00PM*

For more info please call 617-296-1087 x 18

BOSTON ARCHDIOCESAN CHOIR SCHOOL

*Wednesday, January 28, 2009
29 Mt. Auburn Street
Cambridge, MA*

Time: 8:00AM (Mass) -11:45AM

For more info please call 617-868-8658 x 314

LUCKY THOUSAND CLUB

*Birthday Gift Certificates
are available at the Rectory.*

The winners of the January 12th drawing will be in next weeks bulletin. Be sure to mark your calendars the next drawing on February 9, 2009.

MARTIN LUTHER KING BLOOD DRIVE

In Honor of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his Legacy of Helping others.

Sponsored by the Office of Cultural Diversity

*Monday, January 19, 2009
12:00PM—5PM*

*St. Katharine Drexel Church
517 Blue Hill Avenue, Dorchester*

Sign Up TODAY

For an appointment please call

1-800GIVE LIFE or visit www.givelife.org

Valid ID Required

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS

The Irish Pastoral Centre is offering a bereavement support group for those who have suffered a recent loss of a loved one.

*Irish Pastoral Centre
953 Hancock Street
Quincy, MA*

Tuesdays, February 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th,

Tuesdays, March 3rd and 10th

Time: 7:00PM—8:30PM

Please call 617-479-7404 to pre-register.

The Caritas Good Samaritan Hospice is offering two support groups to express ones grief after the loss of a loved one.

Norwood Group 6 Tuesdays 2:30-4:00PM

February 3rd to March 10th

Caritas Good Samaritan Hospice

3 Edgewater Drive, 2nd Floor, Norwood

Deborah Mattia 781-769-8282

Brighton Group 6 Tuesdays 6:00-7:30PM

February 3rd to March 10th

Caritas Good Samaritan Hospice

310 Allston Street, Brighton

Margo Steinberg, 617-566-6242

Advance registration is required. Please call by January 27th to register. Although there is no charge for support groups, donations are appreciated.

St. Ann Parish Registration

Are you new to St. Ann Parish? If so, we hope that you find us a welcoming and inviting family of faith. If you wish to register with us, please fill out this form and return to the Parish Office, 243 Neponset Avenue, Dorchester, and MA 02122.

NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:
