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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
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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	12/20	4:00	James Monahan, Jr., 11th Anniv
SUN	12/21	8:00	Pro Populo: People of St. Ann
		9:30	Alice McDonald, Mem William Cunningham and Althea Cunningham, Mem
		11:30	Daniel E. O'Connor, Jr 20th Anniv
		5:30	Michael Leahy, 1st Anniv
MON	12/22	9:00	Walsh & Reilly Families Mem
FRI	12/26	9:00	Joseph Holloran, Mem
SAT	12/27	9:00	Tadeusz Mamet, Mem
		4:00	Paul Sullivan, 26th Anniv
SUN	12/28	8:00	Joseph Holloran, Mem
		9:30	Pro Populo: People of St. Ann
		11:30	Chris Hughes, Month's Mind
		5:30	Special Intention

STEWARDSHIP REPORT**OFFERTORY**

Collected, Dec 14th\$3,939.00

RETIRED RELIGIOUS

Collected, Dec 14th\$2,649.00

BANNS OF MARRIAGE**BANN II** Meagan C. Flaherty John P. Dupuis**LECTORS/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

12/20	4:00	M. Gannon	K. Gannon J. Downey
12/21	8:00	B. Finn	M. L. Braudis
	9:30	C. Carmody	E. Dunne M. Reilly
	11:30	T. Lewis	L. Moreno J. Burke

ALTAR SERVERS

12/20	4:00	B. Mannion	M. Mannion S. Mannion
12/21	8:00	C. Garvey	M. Garvey
	9:30	R. Kulesza	T. Fonrose K. Cotter
	11:30	A. Carle	A. Pate
	5:30	S. Skalinski	V. Strojwas

Luke 1:26-38 The Fourth Sunday of Advent in Year B of the Church's cycle prepares us for Christmas week by drawing us to where it all began. We meet the Arch-Angel Gabriel, the name *Gabriel means sent from God—man of God; literally "Master, of God," a Master-who is "of God"; or "my master is God."* Gabriel appears first in the prophecies of *Daniel* in the Old Testament. Gabriel announced to *Daniel* the *prophecy* of the seventy weeks. His name also occurs in the apocryphal book of *Henoch*. He was the *angel* who appeared to *Zachariah* to announce the birth of *St. John* the Baptist. Finally, he announced to *Mary* that she would bear a Son- Who is conceived of the Holy Spirit, Son of the Most High, Savior of the world.

The messenger comes to the one who first bears the mystery and gives the gift of God's love to the world. One scholar, Fr. Peter Cameron, OP summarizes this gift: "The Blessed Mother is given to us now to deepen our understanding and appreciation of the gift of her Son. United in Mary, at Christmas we can love the infant Jesus, not just with our own love, but with the very love of the Mother of God." We have been praying with Mary, as the one who is both sinless and full of grace. She knows the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in ways that we could not contemplate. Mary does not only ponder this gift, she gives them as Mother. Luke's gospel teaches us that what we have waited for in the mystery of Advent becomes today's encounter with Saint Gabriel and Mary, Most Holy. "Hail full of grace, the Lord is with you!" Gabriel declares not only God's message, but the gift given to Mary and the world. "Rejoice," God has shown His favor. Mary receives the message - as ever servant - "be it done to me, as you say." There is great wonder in God's favor and blessing, a power of God Most High. The fear of Man, who fell in the garden, "I was afraid, so I hid myself," bursts forth and is transformed, "Do not be afraid Mary - you have found favor with God." Cameron writes, "God gives us Mary at Christmas so that we can confide our fears to him through her. In response, the Lord blesses us with the same confidence and strength that transforms Mary. God gives us the name of Jesus." This is why the angels will rejoice at Christmas and draw the world to Bethlehem, to see, to worship and adore.

Last week we prayed with Saint Anselm "teach me to seek you, and when I seek you show yourself to me, for I cannot seek you unless you teach me, nor can I find you unless you show yourself to me. Let me seek you in desiring you and desire you in seeking you, find you in loving you and love you in finding you." Today in the gospel, Saint Anselm would also tell us to join Mary in proclaiming The Almighty has done great things for me and Holy is His Name.

God breaks the darkness with a new beginning, a time of grace, peace and love, the time of His Son.

Continue to pray that the Lord make us ready to receive the light that comes in His Son. May Mary teach us to serve the Lord and pray for us so that we may know His love.

In His Advent love, Fr. Sean

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24th at 4:00 PM (*Upper church only*)
Please join the Adult Choir at 3:30PM in a Carol Sing before the 4:00 Mass on Christmas Eve.

December 25th Mass at Midnight
Please join the Folk Group at 11:30PM before the Midnight Mass and enjoy some Christmas music.

December 25th at 10:00AM
Please join our soloist and singers with Organ

OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS THE BLESSED VIRGIN MOTHER THE MOTHER OF GOD

*Thursday January 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation.
December 31st at 5:30PM Vigil Mass*

*(Upper Church)
January 1st at 9:00AM Mass of the Day
(Upper Church)*

On a personal note, a few parishioners have asked about Mass and Sacramental Coverage with the changes in priest residents at Saint Ann Parish. I am blessed to have Fr. Harrington and Fr. Pham in residence as well as to have Fr. Connolly help on weekends. They are a source of great fraternity to our priestly life. We are able to share meals and a home together, but are also able to pray together and reflect on our journey in the ministry we share. It would be wonderful if they were also assigned here, but they are not. Fortunately for us, they are generous in offering help with confessions and Mass coverage. I cannot, though assign them to extra work or expect more from them as they obviously have fulltime assignments for the good of the Church and the diocese. Therefore, I may not be able to offer extra Masses in the way that three assigned priests were able to in the past, but I will always do what I am able to, so that you are provided for. Thank you for your understanding and all you do for our parish..

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you wish to donate a poinsettia in memory of a loved one, please bring it to the church on **Tuesday, December 23rd at 11:30AM**. Please clearly print the name in whose memory the flower is being donated. Envelopes for a money donation for a loved one to be remembered may be found on the ushers' table. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Calling all our ***St. Ann's Angel Volunteers*** to help decorate the church for Christmas. Our church always looks so beautiful at Christmas thanks to our volunteer group. There is much to do so if you have a little free time please come to the upper church on ***Tuesday, December 23rd at 11:30AM***. *The door is open and the appreciation is great.*

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

LECTORS/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

12/24 4:00PM	Jim English	Maria Bortolotto Charlie Maneikis Ellen Maneikis
12/25 Midnight	Diane Weir	Tom Weir
12/25 10:00AM	Jim Hunt	Judy Burke Therese Monahan

ALTAR SERVERS

*Dear Servers;
Father Sean would like to meet with you to practice for the upcoming Christmas Masses. The meeting is scheduled for 11AM on December 24th, Christmas Eve. The meeting shouldn't take very long. Father Sean would just like to work out the seating arrangements and go over who will be doing what jobs. Thank You*

12/24 4:00	J. Connolly	K. Cotter A. Mannion M. Mannion B. O'Brien	E. Mannion S. Mannion A. Carle
12/25 Midnight	S. Skalinski	S. Grealish B. Mannion S. Mannion J. Murphy	M. Mannion T. Mannion S. Murphy
12/25 10:00	C. Garvey R. Kulesza	M. Garvey	

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER FOR PEACE

Holy Spirit, You watch so lovingly over all the earth, Waiting for us to open up our hearts To your gift of Christmas peace.

We need your peace, Holy Spirit, And our wounded world Needs your healing presence.

Only you can give us The true and lasting peace Promised by Our Savior, Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

Come to us, Blessed Creator, Surround us with your love, this Christmas season, And bless all nations with your peace. Amen

LUCKY THOUSAND CLUB: *Christmas Gift Certificates are available at the Rectory.*

It was another exciting night at the Lucky Thousand Club Drawing. The next drawing will be January 12, 2009. What fun it would be to start the new year 2009 a winner.

Our December Winners are: Tom Flynn, Louis Esposito, William Livingston, Kay Walsh, Steve & Jessica McNally, Joseph Kain, Mary Courtney-O'Sullivan, Esther Mannion, Edward P. Shallow, Barbara Deegan, and the December Door Prizes go to (drum roll please) Esther Mannion and Paul Hayward, Sr.

CATHOLIC TV CHRISTMAS PROGRAMMING

It's that time of year again! Catholic TV will intersperse Advent and Christmas programming with their regular schedule throughout December and especially from Monday, December 22 until New Year's Eve. Then, all day Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and December 26, Boston Catholic TV will become Christmas TV for 72 hours.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE THANK YOU

Thank you so much for all the gifts that were given to the many children hoping for a Happy Christmas. Do to your sacrifice, caring and love many children will smile this Christmas morning.

"MOM'S FOR MARINES" THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who graciously gave donations to the 4th Platoon A Company in Marie (Finn) Conley's name. The cards made by the children from the St. Ann Parish Religious Ed. Program and the children from Pope John Paul II Catholic Academy, Neponset Campus and the supplies given by our parish have helped to make this very important "Mom's for Marines" Drive a great success. Please pray for our loved ones who serve us at home and abroad. In a special way we pray for those in harms way this Christmas.

SAINT FRANCIS HOUSE BENEFIT

"Whatever you do for the least of these you do for Me."

The greater Boston Irish community will hold its 20th annual benefit dance and raffle for the St. Francis House shelter on **Saturday, January 3, 2009**, from 8PM to Midnight at Florian Hall. Music will be provided by the Noel Henry Show Band. The donation is \$10.00 per person and prizes include 2 round trip air tickets to Ireland, \$400 cash and more. For more information please call Jim Sullivan in Quincy at 617-471-3388. Thank You

Readings for Christmas Masses

Vigil Mass 1st Reading Is 62, 1-5
Resp. Psalm 89, 4-29
2nd Reading Acts 13, 16-17, 22-25
Gospel Mt. 1-25

Mass at Midnight Is 9, 1-6
Resp. Psalm 96
2nd Reading Titus 2, 11-14
Gospel Lk 2, 1-14

Mass of the Day 1st Reading Is 52, 7-10
Resp. Psalm 98
2nd Reading Hebrews 1, 1-6
Gospel Jn 1, 1-18

Readings Octave of Christmas, Feast of the Holy Family

Reading I Sir 3:2-6, 12-14
Responsorial Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
Reading II Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
Gospel Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22 39-40