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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
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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	1/10	4:00	Miriam R. Livingston 2nd Anniv Lawrence Livingston, 20th Anniv
SUN	1/11	8:00	Sullivan and Tumilty Families Mem
		9:30	Flanigan Family, Mem
		11:30	Special Intention
		5:30	Eileen Shaughnessy, Mem
MON	1/12	9:00	Special Intention
TUES	1/13	9:00	Jean Roche, Mem
WED	1/14	9:00	Regina Rodie, Mem
THUR	1/15	9:00	Rita Strojwas, Mem
FRI	1/16	9:00	Theresa Connolly, Mem
SAT	1/17	9:00	Joey Folan, Mem
		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

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT
OFFERTORY**

Collected, Jan 4th\$2,709.00

UTILITY & ENERGY

Collected, Jan 4th\$1,916.00

LECTORS/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

1/10	4:00	D. Weir	T. Weir M. Bortolotto
1/11	8:00	C. Carmody	T. Monahan
	9:30	J. Hunt	A. Mazzone E. Maneikis
	11:30	M. Geary	M. Browne M. Reilly

ALTAR SERVERS

1/10	4:00	J. Murphy	S. Murphy
1/11	8:00	E. Guerard	T. Guerard
	9:30	A. Mannion	E. Mannion M. Mannion
	11:30	A. Carle	M. Neff
	5:30	V. Strojwas	S. Skalinski S. Grealish

Awakening Our Hope***Mark 1:7-11 Excerpt taken from the Writings of Fr. Peter Cameron, OP – Dominican Teacher and Editor of Magnificat©***

When the evangelist goes out of his way to give us special details in the lean Gospel of Mark, we do well to pay attention. The shortness of Mark's Gospel can be deceiving. Its brevity might tempt us to think that it is less important or comprehensive than the other Gospels. And yet, the poetic economy Mark employs in narrating the life of Christ calls us to be particularly heedful of its contents.

In five short verses today, Mark tells us so much, Jesus proves the authenticity of John's prophetic preaching by appearing on the scene: "One mightier than I is coming after me." But the question arises: If Jesus is more powerful than John, then why does Jesus lower himself actually to come to the Baptist and be baptized? This action recounted in Mark's Gospel—which does not contain an infancy narrative—is the way Jesus identifies with all human beings in their weakness, humility, and need.

Coming to John to be baptized is the first thing Jesus does in the Gospel of Mark. Although he remains supremely more powerful than John or any other human person, the initial impression Jesus wants us to have of him is that he is one of us. He is like us in the way we depend upon each other. Although himself sinless, Jesus is not afraid to be identified with sinners. He docilely approaches the baptismal pool of the Jordan to show us just how approachable he himself is.

But Jesus does not want merely to assure us about the genuineness of his humanity. He also honors us by drawing us into the glory of his divinity. Immediately upon his coming up out of the water, "a voice came from the heavens, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" What could have remained a private pronouncement to Jesus becomes a public revelation for all those gathered together to confess their sins.

We celebrate the baptism of the Lord to remember how the Father overtly acknowledges Jesus before

the world: Jesus is God's "beloved," his "Son," and the bearer of his divine favor. All those who hear this divine voice in a spirit of true repentance can be certain that what God confides from the heavens becomes the source of our confidence on earth. The father who acclaims Jesus as his beloved and favored child longs for us to share in that same status. If we come to Jesus to undergo the baptism of his Passion, as Jesus comes to John, then the Father's voice of joy and delight will resound in our lives as well.

The baptism of John prepares God's people for the coming of the Messiah, who "will baptize you with the holy Spirit." Christ's baptism in the Jordan. Which prefigures his death and Resurrection, awakens our hope to the glory to be revealed in us. The baptism of John disposes us to be receptive of Jesus' presence. But the baptism of Jesus imparts to us the very life of God. If we are not with Jesus at his earthly baptism, we might never believe he has the power to administer the heavenly one.

In His Love Fr. Sean

READINGS TO REFLECT UPON

Below please find the readings for next Sunday

Reading I 1 Sam 3:3b –10,19

Responsorial Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

Reading II 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Gospel John 1:35-42

FIRST PENANCE

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 Penance. Pray for our children as they meet the Lord in this Sacrament for the first time.

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!"

BAPTISMS 2008 Saint Ann Parish

Victoria A Higgins
Javan Scott
Matthew D. Carleton
Benedict Walsh
Caroline A. Dennehy
Abigail R. Kelly
Charles E. Kelly
Caitlin Nugent
Mathew F. DeAmicis
Matthew J. Rutter
Richard D. King
Gavin D. Wallace
Lily P. Fitzgerald
Brendan T. Bennett
Conor C. Casey
Jillian S. Doyle
Ella E. Hood
Isabella V. Smedile
Evelyn E. Aliaga
Matthew J. Mylett
Conor F. Olsen
Jacqui L. Atkins
Nicholas G. Abban
Emily M. Allen
Elliot M. Coulter
Coleen M. Collins
Madelyn C. Devlin
Ruby E. Devlin
Ayaana L. Voiel
Brendan M. Clougher
Olivia R. Flaherty
Amella G. Sheehan
Gracie J. Kenneally
Julia J. McKinnon
Georgia R. St Charles
Scout J. Callahan
Thomas J. Thornton
Angelica R. Chandler
Alannah M. Tankle
Denmond C. Sweeney
Emily J. Hughes
Robert Lavey
Julia J Studley
Michael J. Connor
Cailin M. Daoulas
Ryan M. Brown
Shane W. O' Donnell
Caroline I. Ferent
Joseph C. Carter

Youth Ministry Christmas Quiz

The answers from last weeks quiz are in the **BOLD** and **UNDERLINED**.

- Over how many days do we celebrate Christmas?
 - 1
 - 12**
 - 8
 - 30
- Poinsettias are part of our Christmas tradition in New England, but it started in what country?
 - England
 - Poinsettiana
 - Mexico**
 - California
 - None of the above
- There was snow that first Christmas:
 - Only in Bethlehem
 - All over Israel
 - Nowhere in Israel
 - Somewhere in Israel**
 - Mary and Joseph did not even dream of a white Christmas
- What is "frankincense"?
 - A precious metal
 - A precious fabric
 - A precious perfume
 - An Eastern Monster story
 - None of the above**
- The wise men brought three gifts for Jesus they were:
 - Platinum, Silver and Gold
 - Reindeer, Elves and Bells
 - Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh**
 - Webkins, Xbox and a Basketball.

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

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

As always a very warm and sincere *Thank You* to our St. Ann's Angels: *Ann and Joe Mazzone, Fran & Janet Shaughnessey Jack and Carolyn O'Connor, Mary & Bob Jepsen, Bill Shaughnessey, Helen Murphy, and Stephen Berardinelli*. With the guiding help of Pat Brett once again they did an outstanding job decorating the church. They took time out of their very busy schedules to help make our Christmas Season here at St. Ann's a memorable experience. *Volunteers are the foundation of any parish and we appreciate all who help to keep our parish running smoothly.*

LUCKY THOUSAND CLUB

Birthday Gift Certificates are available at the Rectory.

The New Year is here, what fun it would be to start the year a Lucky Thousand Club Winner. The next drawing will be this *Monday, January 12, 2009* at 7:30 in the lower school hall.

THIRD FRIDAY, JANUARY 16TH DIVINE MERCY

The Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy warmly invite you to celebrate the Eucharist in honor of Divine Mercy on the Third Friday of the month— January 16th – here at St. Ann's Upper Church.

Program: Eucharistic Adoration at 6PM; Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 6:30PM; and Mass at 7PM with a homily on Divine Mercy. All are welcome! For more information, please call the Sisters at 617-288-1202 or email mercy@sisterfaustina.org

RELIGIOUS & SOCIAL

INFORMATION CORNER

Murphy Community Center: The Winter Registration will be held on Wednesday, January 7th at 7:00PM. For more info call 617-635-5150.

St. Gregory's Parish: The parish will be hosting the "Holy Hour for Life" on Wednesday, January 21st at 7:30PM. For more info please call 617-298-2460.

St. Joseph Retreat Center: Day of Prayer on January 17th from 9:00-3:30 "From Poetry to Prayer" For more info please call 781-383-6024/6029.