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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	1/31	4:00	Ann Foley, 23rd Anniv
SUN	2/1	8:00	The People of St. Ann
		9:30	Stephen A. Harty, 10th Anniv
		11:30	Special Intention
		5:30	Rev. Paul V. O'Hearn, 1st Anniv
MON	2/2	9:00	Brian Leahy, Mem
TUES	2/3	9:00	Mary MacIsaac, Mem
WED	2/4	9:00	Grace Prefontaine, Mem
THUR	2/5	9:00	Brian Leahy, Mem
SAT	2/7	9:00	John O'Rourke, Mem
		4:00	Ernest Bortolotto, 48th Anniv Tina Bortolotto, 10th Anniv
SUN	2/8	8:00	The People of St. Ann
		9:30	Joseph E. Tracey, 32nd Anniv Mary T. Tracey, 19th Anniv
		11:30	Brain Leahy, Month's Mind
		5:30	Martin McDonald, 10th Anniv Ann McDonald, 5th Anniv

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT
OFFERTORY**

Collected, Jan 25th\$2,865.00

LATIN AMERICAN

Collected, Jan 25th\$1,382.00

LECTORS/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

1/31	4:00	M. Geary	J. Downey G. Cardinal
2/1	8:00	J. Breen	M. Fitzpatrick
	9:30	J. English	E. Dunne M. Reilly
	11:30	A. Juliano	B. Follett N. Follett

ALTAR SERVERS

1/31	4:00	J. Murphy	S. Murphy
2/1	8:00	V. Strojwas	
	9:30	B. Mannion	M. Mannion S. Mannion
	11:30	A. Carle	M. Neff
	5:30	B. O'Brien	C. Garvey

PASTORIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Reminder: There is a meeting this Sunday, February 1st in the rectory at 12:30PM. Thank You

Mark 1:21-28

Immediately after the call of the disciples, in Mark's gospel, the Lord expels evil and begins to heal man. Before the Lord touches and heals, the demonic power is the first to be confronted by the Lord – and it flees in His presence. Saint Bede tells us that “that it is appropriate, since death first entered into the world through the devil's envy (Genesis 3:15) that the healing medicine of salvation should first operate against him. The presence of the Savior is the torment of the devil. It follows what we see in the other gospels, the Lord's own confrontation with Satan at the Temptation in the desert.

If we look back to the beginning, when God confronts and questions Adam and Eve in Genesis, we find both to be with contrition, remorse; here there exists a pathway to repentance and the availability for reconciliation. The same is not found when confronting the serpent. God simply judges him; if there were room for repentance we would see God offering the same. “Because you have done this, cursed are you above every beast.” The serpent does not defend himself or reply in denial, because he repudiates the charge made by God. More clearly it is because the serpent – representing Satan and the fallen angels and sin itself has already fallen and been removed. The punishment is greater because the serpent rejoices in sin, his power in lies and unhappiness, where life itself is a lie and nature becomes deceived.

For us all we see a glimpse and path to understanding as to why God allows sin and evil in the world. We see how salvation in time unfolds to the day when Christ, God made Man, confronts evil. On this day evil does not lie to and deceive man, rather he recognizes that God saves and flees in His sight. Evil knows that destruction is upon him and he is in fear. “Have you come to destroy us?” The salvation moment is unique because it is the God made Man who defies the lie, confronting evil humanly and with the love of God. This is what makes salvation sweet and happy. God gives us the gift then to love and choose to love and enmity between our torn nature, restored and even raised up in God's grace.

The devil and his league know God, but not in love and charity. Man and the world became mingled by evil. In Christ we celebrate the new time a re-foundation where grace and the love of Christ dispel evil/darkness from man and the world.

This reveals our hope and brings us closer to the last day, that wondrous day when all things will be restored and death will be no more. As we move with the Lord and Saint Mark we have heard the call of discipleship, and today we see the Lord's presence as Son of God confronting evil, then we are privileged to follow Him as He heals and restores all things in Himself – for love of the Father.

May the Lord teach us, cast out evil and bring about Kingdom, may this week be a time of grace, growth and peace. Pray for our parish and in a special way for our people, who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week, continue to pray for them as they prepare to receive the Eucharist this spring.

In His love, Fr. Sean

PS_ A special thanks you to Father Mike Harrington for preaching on the gift of vocations to the Church last weekend. I am grateful that Father Mike and Father John Connolly are kind enough to help. I am personally grateful so last weekend I could baptize a friend and former classmates new son, Sean Alec MacInness. It was a great gift to celebrate the sacraments with his family as well as to offer a family Mass for them all on Sunday. *I should add that the sacrifice of joining them in Florida for this great occasion was tough to take.*

Please continue to pray for our diocesan vocation directors and the good work that they do to assist and lead us in the work of promoting vocations in our parishes and families. Please invite young boys and men to pray about serving the Church as religious and priests. Invite young girls and women to pray about serving the Church as religious and consecrated servants of the Lord. Pray and promote all our vocations in your homes, schools and places of work.

READINGS TO REFLECT UPON

Below please find the readings for next Sunday

Reading I Jb 7:1-4, 6-7
Responsorial Ps 147: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Reading II 1Cor 9:16-19, 22-23
Gospel Mk 1:29-39

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Last Thursday evening, January 29th, the children from St. Ann Parish Religious Education and Pope John Paul II Catholic Academy celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. The children worked hard to prepare for this special celebration.

We are all very proud of them.

Congratulations grade two!

BLESSING OF CANDLES

Monday, February 2nd is the feast of Presentation of the Lord, the Blessing of Candles takes place. All are invited to bring candles with them to the 9:00AM Mass that day to have them blessed for personal and family use.

BLESSING OF THROATS

Tuesday, February 3rd is the feast day of St. Blase. Throats will be blessed at the 9:00AM Mass. Please feel free at anytime to see Father for this blessing.

THE IRISH AMERICAN CLUB OF SAINT AMBROSE PARISH

Saint Ambrose Parish is once again hosting its Irish Dance and Fundraiser. This annual event will be held on *Sunday, February 22, 2009* from 3:00PM until 8:00PM at the Florian Hall. Tickets are \$10.00 per person and may be purchased in advance at St. Ambrose Parish office or at the door the evening of the dance. Music and entertainment will be provided by Erin's Melody.

SAINT JOSEPH RETREAT CENTER

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

www.csjretreatcenter.org

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.

HOLY FATHER-PETER 'S PENCE

Next week's second collection supports the Holy Father in providing emergency assistance to suffering people throughout the world. Contributions to The Peter's Pence Collection are given directly by the Holy Father to individuals who are suffering from immediate emergencies as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters.

PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN***"Saints, Spirits & The Riches of Spain"***

Father Tom Corcoran is planning a 9-day pilgrimage to Spain May 20 to May 29, 2009. He will be visiting shrines and cathedrals in Montserrat, Barcelona, Toledo, Escorial and Madrid, as well as tours of several Spanish wineries. For a brochure and further information please call Father Tom at (781) 820-6349.

LUCKY THOUSAND CLUB

The Lucky Thousand Drawing's are as follows:

February 9, 2009

March 9, 2009

April 13, 2009

May 11, 2009

June 8, 2009 (this is for June and July)

September 14, 2009 (this is for Aug and Sept)

Don't forget Birthday, Mother's and Father's Day Certificates may be purchased in the rectory. What a lovely gift, to give someone a chance to win.

GET-AWAY WEEKEND

A trip to the Beacon Resort in New Hampshire on Friday, March 27th thru Sunday, March 29th. It includes accommodations (based on double occupancy), motor coach, two breakfasts, two lunches, two dinners, indoor pool, trip to the outlets and includes Mass at a nearby church. Famous for their delicious gourmet meals and entertainment nightly; it's a great weekend for \$279.00 per person.

Please call Marty at (h) 617-288-2134

© 617-312-8058

To reserve your space now and for more information regarding payment deadline.

LADIES MARK YOUR CALENDARS**IT MAY SAVE YOUR LIFE**

On Tuesday, February 10th and Thursday, February 12th, Geiger Gibson Community Health Center and Neponset Health Center invites women to participate in its 5th Annual Women's Heart Health Fair. This is an open invitation to a free event for women (and men) of all ages to visit the health centers and get screened for heart disease.

Tuesday, February 10, 2009 11:00AM-12:00PM

Geiger Gibson Community Health Center
250 Mount Vernon Street, Dorchester

Thursday, February 12, 2009 12:00PM—1:00PM

Neponset Health Center

398 Neponset Avenue, Dorchester

RSVP by Friday, February 6th to (617) 282-5091 ext 107 or email at marketing@hhsi.us.

LES MISERABLES**Neighborhood Children's****Theatre Presentation****Dates**

Thursday, February 19th

Friday, February 20th

Time

7:00PM—10:00PM

Where

Boston English High School

144 McBride Street

Jamaica Plain, MA

Event Type

City Calendar Event

Phone

617-825-355

Contact

Mary O'Brien

Cost

\$6.00 at door

Audience

Families, teens (Ages 13-18)

MBTA

Green Line, Orange Line

Children and teens for all over the City of Boston will perform in Neighborhood Children's Theatre production of Les Miserables. All are welcome to attend. Plenty of parking and handicap accessible.

SAINT ANN MIDDLE SCHOOL**YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS UP-DATE!**

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