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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. Arthur M. Calter, Senior Priest, In Residence
Rev. John J. Connolly, In Residence
Rev. Michael C. Harrington, In Residence
Rev. Hung Pham. In Residence

Mrs. Jean F. Hayward, Business Manager
Mr. Jack O'Connor, P.P.C. Vice President

Mr. Bob Collins, Rel Ed Director/Youth Minister
Mrs. Paula Skalinski, Rel Ed, Coordinator
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	5/23	4:00	Gerard Duchaney, 20th Anniv
SUN	5/24	8:00	Catherine, John and Martin McLaughlin, Mem
		9:30	George C. Wallace, 1st Anniv
		11:30	Buddy & Joan Devine, Anniv
TUES	5/26	9:00	Colm Welby, Mem
WED	5/27	9:00	Edward Mansfield, Mem
THUR	5/28	9:00	Al Bushman, Mem
SAT	5/30	4:00	Jeanne Ilteris, 13th Anniv
SUN	5/31	8:00	Mary T. Connolly Florence Connolly
		9:30	Philip & Evelyn Milan, Mem Agnes Johnson, Mem
		11:30	Michael Nocito, 22nd Anniv

STEWARDSHIP REPORT**OFFERTORY**Collected, May 17th.....**\$3,163.00****COMMUNICATONS COLLECTION**Collected, May 17th.....**\$1,585.00****LECTORS/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

5/23	4:00	M. Geary	G. Cardinal J. Downey
5/24	8:00	J. Breen	M. Fitzpatrick
	9:30	M. Flynn	A. Mazzone M. Reilly
	11:30	T. Lewis	L. Moreno N. Talalas

ALTAR SERVERS

5/23	4:00	S. Skalinski	S. Grealish
5/24	8:00	E. Guerard	T. Guerard
	9:30	A. Mannion	E. Mannion S. Mannion
	11:30	A. Pate	K. Cotter J. Damatin

THE SUNDAY 5:30PM MASS

Please note that the 5:30PM Mass is over for the summer months.

THE CATHOLIC DIRECTORY

The new 2009 Catholic Directory is in and may be purchased at the rectory for \$25.00 per copy.

This past Thursday, we celebrated the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. We find this feast within our celebration of the weeks of Easter. We continue, this week, to remain reflecting in between the prayer and homily of the Lord at the Last Supper, as Saint John helps us. The late Swiss theologian, Hans Urs von Balthasar, wrote that Christ has a twofold farewell in the Gospel. First, prior to His death. Second, prior to His Ascension. What is interesting for us to meditate on, writes von Balthasar, is the detail of the farewell prior to His death. The Church has given us three weeks of detailed discernment and placed Ascension Thursday, the second farewell, in its midst.

Ultimately the second farewell, and Ascension to the Heavenly Father, is without farewell, or has a different type of farewell. We know that the Ascension prepares and gives way to the Descent of the Spirit, the Pentecost. In reality for us, the second farewell brings us to the real sense or reality of the Ascension. We become, as Church, to also be at the right hand of the Father. We are instructed by the Lord—within the context of the gift of the Eucharist and the washing of the feet. We learn that charity/love and the sacraments make us to abide with Him. Von Balthasar helps us to understand the progression and mystery. As we reflect on where we have been in John's gospel we hear again "let not your hearts be troubled." Jn 14; "Abide in me." Jn 15:4 and "A little while, and you will see me no more; again a little while, and you will see me." Jn 16:16 "And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one." Jn 17:11

"The Christian," writes Von Balthasar, "should celebrate Mass with death in mind." This is what Christ is reflecting on as He speaks to the Apostles and us. This means a view to death, moving towards the cross, not always simply coming from it. He writes, that the Mass realizes and re-presents the mystery and the love/charity of Christ. We as a people of God share, because of baptism, the grace of Christ's death, resurrection and ascension, but individually we must attain death to truly live this new life. Hence we become immortal "by walking through death with Him and so conquering it." human love was stuck in this world, but in Christ, Human love has been transformed, through grace, to love beyond this world to an eternal existence. Our love is joined to the heavenly Father's throne. In Christ's words "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his Life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." Mt 16:24

We are consecrated then in the love that the Father and the Son share. All this love, He offers to us—just as, and no less than, He did with the apostles in the Upper Room at the First Mass. Here Jesus reveals fully that He is Christ; later as He is arrested, tried and put to death for love of us He shows the fullness of Christ's love. This is the redemptive love that we spoke of last week. It abides and carries us to the Father so we may be free to love in return.

We ask the Lord to help us, to move deeply into His love so that He may transform us as He prepares a place for us in His Heavenly Kingdom. Know how much He loves you and be drawn deeply into the Eucharist as we move closer to our Pentecost celebration as a parish and a Church. Von Balthasar said that before the beautiful, or more really within the beautiful—love, the whole person quivers. We find the beautiful—love moving and moved into love.

May the Lord, who shows us His love in this Eucharist, help us to love in return. We He help us to be true witnesses and worthy members who already share a place in His Kingdom. Asking the Lord to continue to Bless you and those you love.

In Christ, Fr. Sean

HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY

As our nation observes Memorial Day, we pray for all those members of the military who have died in our nation's service: that they will be lovingly remembered, thanked, and honored for their immeasurable sacrifice with special prayers for them at Mass this weekend. Wishing you all a Safe and Happy Memorial Day Weekend.

FLU CARE AT HOME

Sponsored by The Neponset Health Center

Join them for a live 45 minute presentation on flu care and what to do if a pandemic hits. Learn about pandemic flu vs. Avian flu, what to do if a pandemic hits, and how to care for a loved one if they have the flu. All presentations are free and will be held at the

Fields Corner Public Library

1520 Dorchester Ave

DATE/TIME

May 26th 6-7PM

June 9th 6-7PM

June 23rd 6-7PM

For more information please contact Courtney Nielsen at 617-282-3200 ext 269

LECTORS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER

Summer is quickly approaching and we will be making the summer schedule to serve Masses. Please contact Meg Gannon at 617-436-1050 or meggannon@comcast.net by May 25 should you have any summer conflicts in serving as a Lector or Extraordinary Minister. Thank You.

POPE JOHN PAUL II NEPONSET CAMPUS

Spring Show The school's Spring Show will be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2009. The afternoon performance will be at 1:00PM and the evening performance at 7:00PM. **Admission is Free**

Buddy Mass This year's Buddy Mass will be held at the First Friday Mass on June 5, 2009 at 9:00AM. Grade One will be honoring their 8th Grade Buddies.

A STORY TO WARM YOUR HEART

From Cathy Cameron, Neponset Campus

On Wednesday afternoon, May 6, 2009, a lovely woman stopped by the school office and asked to speak to the principal. She introduced herself to me and stated that she had attended St. Ann School as a child as did her son years later. She proudly told me that she was now 82 years old, living in Billerica, and her son was now 59. She sat down and proceeded to tell me that when her son was attending St. Ann's she began having serious domestic issues. She found herself in the position of having to go to the "Mother Superior" to withdraw her child because she was unable to pay the tuition. However, she was thrilled to hear from Sister that she did not need to worry about tuition and that all would be taken care of. This wonderful woman never forgot that kindness and had "always held it in her heart." (She raved about the Sisters of St. Joseph and what they had meant to her and I enthusiastically concurred!) It had always been her goal to repay the kindness and these many years later, she handed me an envelope with a very, very generous donation to our school. I was overwhelmed! And I truly believe that the concept of "paying it forward" will apply as every person I have told this story to, and there have been many, has been touched and hopefully inspired to remember and thank the "angel" in their lives.

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER**Ann Marie Larkin Ford**

The Ford Family Education Fund Committee is please to invite you to "A Night To Remember Ann Marie Larkin Ford" at Florian Hall from 7:00PM until 12 Midnight on Friday, May 29th. This fundraiser is in honor of their mother, Ann Marie, who passed away at the young age of 43 on May 12, 2008, after courageous 10 month battle with inoperable brain cancer.

If you are unable to attend the event but wish to make a donation, please make your check payable to *Ford Family Education Fund* and mail it to Dorothy J. Baxter, Director of Finance, 75 Lenoxdale Avenue, Dorchester, MA 02124.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

We at St. Ann Parish would like to give a heart felt Thank You to Ethel and John McPherson who made the beautiful crosses we gave to the children who received First Holy Communion and Confirmation this year. The McPherson's have been making these crosses for year for us and others and we greatly appreciate their time and talent.

SUMMER FUN

The CYO Basketball Summer Program will enhance your child's basketball skills while also develop their spiritual, emotional, and social physical potential.

The Vacation Bible School would be a wonderful opportunity for your child to learn about the Bible in a fun and joyous way.

So don't wait; for more information you may go to our website www.saintanneponset.com or feel free to email saintannreled@gmail.com.

PAM MASS CHALLENGE**Milton-Dorchester Kids Ride****May 31, 2009****10:00AM - 1:00PM****Pope John Paul II Park**

A fundraiser for kids ages 3-15 who ride their bikes to raise money for cancer research .

To Register: <https://kids.pmc.org> (click on "kids rides" then "Milton Dorchester")

CATHOLIC APPEAL

Congratulations to St. Ann Parish on surpassing our 2009 Catholic Appeal goal. The Appeal wishes to extend their sincere thanks for your leadership in this year's campaign.

St. Ann's ability to surpass its Appeal goal in such a timely fashion clearly demonstrates an understanding of the importance of the Appeal among our parishioners. As you know, many of the shared ministries supported by contributions to the Appeal make our parishes, schools and agencies more effective through training and support services. Without its success these services would not be possible.

Please continue to keep the Catholic Appeal in your prayers and if you haven't had a chance to contribute please feel free to do so. Envelopes may be found in the back of the church. Now more than ever, the ministries supported by the Appeal are necessary to continue the good work we do in our Archdiocese.

ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON**25TH & 50TH****WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

Seán Cardinal O'Malley, OF.M. Cap invites all couples of the Archdiocese of Boston who are marking their 25th and 50th wedding anniversary in 2009 to join him for the annual celebration at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Sunday, June 7, 11:30AM Mass. Mass will include a renewal of marriage vows by all participating anniversary couples. Family members and friends of participating couples, as well as the general public are welcome to attend. Please register with parish office by May 26, 2009 if you would like to attend. A formal invitation and more information will then be sent to the celebrating couples from the Archdiocese.

PRAYERS FOR PARISHIONERS CORNER

Please note all requests must be in by 4:00PM Monday, Thank You. Please pray for:

Mary Tierney**Helen Maloney****Rita Gillespie****Mary O'Sullivan****Ethel & John McPherson****Mrs. Tighe****Stefan Skalinski, Sr.****Angel Lynne Silveira****Russell Brandi****Ann Maloney****David O'Neill****Connie O'Sullivan****Kitty O'Donnell****Barbara Monahan-****Robert & Paola Perez**