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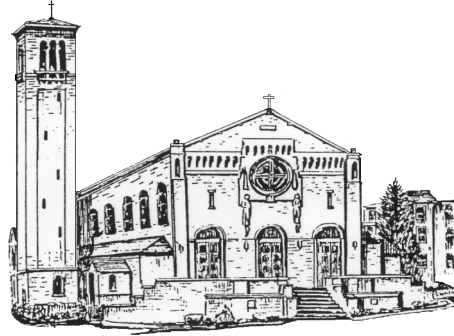
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# SAINT ANN PARISH

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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. Ronald C. Lawson, M. Ed., BCC Senior Priest  
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  
AA: Saturdays 7:00pm lower school hall  
St Vincent de Paul: Mondays 6:00 - 7:00pm in School  
CYO Basketball, Mr. Michael Doyle  
Color Guard, Ms. Eileen Cunningham 617-775-6644

## 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	8/16	4:00	Thomas Geanacopoulos, 24th Anniversary
SUN	8/17	8:00	Special Intention
		9:30	The Mannion Family, Mem
		11:30	Thomas Joseph O'Brien, 30th Anniversary Thomas John O'Brien, 5th Anniversary
MON	8/18	9:00	Rose Strack, Memorial
TUE	8/19	9:00	James Preble, Memorial
WED	8/20	9:00	Woodrow Beswiski, Memorial Sean Beswiski, Memorial
THUR	8/21	9:00	Florence M. Foley, Memorial
FRI	8/22	9:00	Greta Rea, Memorial
SAT	8/23	9:00	Breda McEvoy, Memorial
		4:00	Mr. & Mrs. John Hour, Mem
SUN	8/24	8:00	Paul Byrne, Memorial
		9:30	John Dorsey, 2nd Anniversary
		11:30	Eva Hurley, Memorial Joseph Hurley, Memorial Frederick Jean, Memorial

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT  
OFFERTORY**

Collected, Aug 10th.....\$2,809.00

**RENOVATION & MAINTENANCE**

Collected, Aug 10th.....\$1,582.00

*Next week's second collection will be for  
the Retire The Debt Fund.*

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

Bann I Jennifer Maloney Edward McCarthy

**LECTORS/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

*Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time*

8/23	4:00	Anne Juliano	Bob Lessard Ann Lessard
8/24	8:00	Fran Conti	Mary Fitzpatrick
	9:30	Bob Finn	Barbara Kelleher
	11:30	Richard Pierce	Mary Browne Judy Burke

**ALTAR SERVERS**

*Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time*

8/23	4:00	A. Carle	J. Manning
8/24	8:00	E. Mannion A. Mannion	M. Mannion
	9:30	T. Mannion	B. Mannion
	11:30	T. Fonrose B. O'Brien	M. Neff

Saint Matthew begins the 15<sup>th</sup> Chapter of the Gospel as a transition from the revelations of the kingdom; the miracles of the feeding of the five thousand; the walking across the water and the healings the sick to confrontations by the scribes and Pharisees.

The Pharisees and scribes do not come because they are amazed at the power revealed in Jesus, they come to question Him. Jesus quotes the prophet Isaiah, "because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me" the rest of the passage is not only implied but asserted "and their fear of me is a commandment of men learned by rote; therefore, behold, I will again do marvelous things with this people, wonderful and marvelous; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hid."

St. Augustine teaches that some people preach the gospel with their lips but not their hearts. St. Augustine means that we should sing, proclaim, with our lips and draw near with our hearts. This is what transforms the thief who hung next to Jesus on the cross. He acknowledges Jesus as Lord, confesses his sin, and surrenders to the Lord's transforming mercy and love.

The same is true today for the faith of the Canaanite woman. "Have mercy on me O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." So strong is her search for the one who heals, she leaves her daughter to find the Lord. The woman proves herself as disciple by claiming Him. Jesus has been sent to find the lost children of Israel. "O woman of great faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Jesus uses the affirmation of this woman's faith to respond to the Pharisees and scribes. Faith in Christ is the center of the woman's prayer and the center of the abundance of miracles of multiplication and healing. It will also be the center of the question that Jesus will pose to Peter and the disciples in Chapter 16. "Who do you say that I am?...? You are the Christ the Son of the living God."

May Christ in His abundant great mercy and love, heal us and teach us to have faith in Him.

In His love, Fr. Sean

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## **INTENTIONS FOR THE SICK**

Please be so kind to let us know of anyone who may be ill or homebound or is in need, or just wants to talk to one of the priests or pastoral staff.

Thank you for what you do to care for our parish and one another. Please invite home to Church those who have been away. Please continue to care for one another in His name.

May the Lord continue to bless us in His name.

**POPE JOHN PAUL II  
CATHOLIC ACADEMY  
[MAIN OFFICE]  
100 SAVIN HILL AVENUE  
DORCHESTER, MA 02125  
617-265-0019**

*The Neponset Campus school building is closed for the summer. All inquiries about the 2008-2009 school year and tuition payments should be directed to the main office.*

### **OPEN POSITIONS AT POPE JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC ACADEMY**

**Campus Positions:** Teachers-full time, Teacher Aides-full time or part time, Reading Recovery Teachers-full time or part time, Gym Teachers-full time or part time, Art Teachers-full time or part time.

#### **Central Office Positions:**

Administrative Assistants, Business Manager, Tuition Coordinators, Information technology Manager, Youth ministry/Religious Program Director, Extended Day Director.

**Please call the Main Office at 617-265-0019 if you are interested in any of these positions.**

## **A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU**

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank our own Maire Mannion for her years of service to our parish.

Maire has been the corner stone of our Religious Education Program for the last several years and an outstanding help to Jean in the rectory office for the last two years.

We wish her well as she starts teaching again at the Pope John Paul II

Catholic Academy, Dorchester Central Campus Best Wishes and God Bless to her and her family

## **CCD NEWS**

Registration forms for the upcoming school year were mailed out to all families this past week. If you did **not** receive your mailing, please contact the rectory at 617-825-6180 or email **Bob Collins** at [saintannyouthmin@gmail.com](mailto:saintannyouthmin@gmail.com).

## **THIRD FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH 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— **September 19th**— 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](mailto:mercy@sisterfaustina.org).

## **AN INVITATION TO JOIN ST. ANN PARISH ROSARY GROUP**

Please join St. Ann Parishioners on **Thursday, August 14th at 7PM** as they gather at St. Ann's Grotto to say the Rosary.

**WE'RE ON LINE  
ST. ANN'S NEW WEBSITE  
[www.stannchurchneponset.org](http://www.stannchurchneponset.org)**

Please visit our new website that is now up and running. We'd like to thank Paula Skalinski and Jenine Hayward for their excellent job putting the website together this summer.

**PROJECT RACHEL RETREATS**

Do you know someone who is carrying grief and sorrow over past abortions? Project Rachel is the post-abortion ministry of the Catholic Church to help those dealing with the pain of abortion.

Project Rachel will offer three **"Come to the Waters"** post-abortion healing retreats this Fall: **Saturday: September 6th, October 18th, or November 15th.** For more information and registration for the date of your choice, contact Project Rachel at **508-651-3100** or **helpprojectrachelboston.com.**

**RENEW YOUR SPIRIT THIS FALL**

As you pack your bags and head out to your summer destinations, the **ARISE Together in Christ Parish Planning Team** wishes you a peaceful and relaxing season. While you are soaking up the sun and fun, we will be busy planning our parish's first season of the new spiritual renewal process that is sweeping the Archdiocese of Boston-**ARISE Together in Christ.** When you get back, look for more details on how you can get involved in this process that offers the opportunity for new friendships, stronger faith, and a deeper relationship with God through prayer and the Scriptures in a small-group setting. **Sign-up Weekend is September 13-14, 2008.** For the journey, please take an ARISE prayer bookmark from the vestibule of the church to tuck into the pages of your favorite summer reading. Contact **Michael Flynn** with any questions at 617-288-7663 on getting involved.

**A SUMMER PRAYER**

Lord, Our days are long  
And our schedules are full.  
You said when we are weary  
We can come to you And you will give us rest.  
So we come to you and ask you to....

**Renew Our Spirits  
Restore Our Strength  
Refresh Our Hearts**

Thank you for being the source of all we need  
To do everything you have called us to do.  
Because that is the only place  
We can truly be rejuvenated. Amen

**DID YOU ATTEND ST. MARY OF THE  
HILLS SCHOOL?**

**St. Mary of the Hills School** is celebrating its 50th anniversary, and we'd love for you to come back to visit! Please call the school at **617-698-2464** or visit **www.smhschool.org** to update your alumni record.

Many events are planned for October to come together to reminisce, rejoice and reflect {Evening Social, Apple Picking, Mass, and a Golf Tournament}. Your support of St. Mary of the Hills is greatly appreciated. See you in October!

**YOUTH MINISTRY SUMMER FUN**

Join us on **Saturday, August 23rd** for a fun day of **Mini-Golf and Go-Karting** from **1PM-7PM.** Come to the rectory and fill out a permission slip. Cost is \$20.00. Call Bob Collins at **617-825-6180** or email **saintannyouthmin@aol.com** with any questions.

**READINGS TO REFLEXED UPON**

Below please find the readings for next Sunday that you may wish to read and reflex upon before Mass next weekend

**Reading I** Is 22:19-23  
**Responsorial** Ps 138: 1-2, 2-3, 6, 8  
**Reading II** Rom 11:33-36  
**Gospel** Mt 16: 13-20