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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Sunday: Vigil (Saturday Evening) 4:00 p.m.
8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Daily: 9:00 a.m. Monday - Saturday
(lower church)
7:00 a.m. Convent Mass

Holy Day: Vigil 5:30 p.m., Day 9:00 a.m. &
7:00 p.m. or as otherwise noted

SACRAMENTS

Confessions: Saturday 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.
(lower church) & 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.
(lower church)

Baptism: Third Sunday of the month at 2:00
p.m. Instructions on the preceding
Sunday at 12:30 p.m.
Kindly Call the rectory to register.

Marriages: Arrange with the Pastor at
least six months in advance

**Anointing
of the Sick:** Please call the rectory for Sacrament
and visits to the sick & homebound

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Sean M. Connor, Pastor
Rev. John J. Connolly, In Residence
Rev. Michael C. Harrington, 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

DEVOTIONS

Eucharistic Adoration: Saturdays 9:30am-3:30pm
Rosary: 8:30am Monday-Saturday lower church
Our Lady of Fatima: First Saturdays 8:00am
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
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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	8/29	4:00	Lawrence Cullity and Claire Cullity, 1st Anniv
SUN	8/30	8:00	St. Ann Parish
		9:30	Frank Manning, Mem Carmela Nocito, Mem
		11:30	Patrick Lakes Family, Mem
MON	8/31	9:00	George H. Kidder, Mem
TUES	9/1	9:00	Barbara Logan, Mem
WED	9/2	9:00	Rev James M. Larner, Mem
SAT	9/5	9:00	Rev James M. Larner, Mem
		4:00	Louis Toscano, 5th Anniv
SUN	9/6	8:00	St. Ann Parish
		9:30	David O'Neill, Mem
		11:30	Neil & Michael Doherty, Anniv

STEWARDSHIP REPORT**OFFERTORY**

Collected, Aug 23rd Offerings in Cash	\$1,404.00
Offerings in Checks	\$1,293.00
Offerings in Coin	\$ 12.00
Total	\$2,709.00

*Number of envelopes used 129***HOME MISSIONS**

Collected, Aug 23rd Offerings in Cash	\$ 741.00
Offerings in Checks	\$ 680.00
Offerings in Coin	\$ 20.00
Total	\$1,441.00

*Number of envelopes used 82***LECTORS/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

8/29	4:00	M. Geary	M. Braudis C. McPartlin
8/30	8:00	F. Conti	T. Monahan
	9:30	J. English	N. Talalas M. Reilly
	11:30	B. Kelleher	M. Browne J. Burke

ALTAR SERVERS

8/29	4:00	M. Neff	D. Connolly S. Connolly
8/30	8:00	A. Carle	
	9:30	R. Kulesza	J. Damatin A. Pate
	11:30	S. Skalinski	J. Connolly M. Collins

Dear Parishioners,

Since coming to Saint Ann parish last year, I have marveled at the many blessings and opportunities shared in our community. We are all indeed blessed with the great traditions and generosity of this parish. We are blessed with the time and talents that our brothers and sisters share, most especially with our youth.

Thank you for all you do for one another, especially in the name of this great parish of Saint Ann. May we grow in our work and service for the greater glory of our God and His Kingdom.

As you know in the past few months we have all been working together to self-evaluate our parish programs and services so that we may grow. Part of this process was to assist our parish leadership to prepare to make changes in the Mass schedule for Saint Ann Parish. As a parish team we worked hard to make any changes efficacious; to benefit the worship life of our parish, while assisting us in coordinating all our programs so that the Mass is the central point of our parish life. Everything we do as a parish family flows from the grace of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Eucharist. All of our activities from the smallest group and program to the largest have their identity, origin, and end in who we are as a Catholic Family, fully visible and alive at the Eucharist.

Again, I want to publicly thank all those parishioners, volunteers and staff who took an active part in bringing us to this point in the transition process. A special thank you to all those families who took the time to complete our parish survey over the late spring and early summer.

We are blessed to have a great history and foundation of the annual programs that build and share in the traditions of this neighborhood and our local church. Our staff and leadership team has been working hard this year, and this summer we began some new and exciting programs that give witness and celebrate the great history of Saint Ann Parish CYO. As a parish, we will always support our good programs and traditions while renewing and developing the new. We all know that it is good to re-evaluate what we do, what we have, and to celebrate what is good here; while always striving to be better. We do this in our prayer as a Eucharistic people. May the Lord assist us in this desire and as we have celebrated these past weeks, give us a true hunger for His Body and Blood. As a parish, we are already gearing up for the changes and improvements to some our liturgical format. Last weekend I announced how blessed and

very pleased we are that we've hired Mrs. Michelle McCourt as our new music director.

Mrs. McCourt has served as acting directing for the past few months. I am very happy that she can return in a more active role to some of her early roots here at Saint Ann Parish. As many of you know, Mrs. McCourt has a long history of serving the parishes and people of Dorchester with her very special attention to our young people. We are blessed with all our musicians and music groups and they will be receiving a letter of invitation from Michelle and I this week inviting everyone to come together and reflect on the last year and the most recent history and practice of our program.

Mrs. McCourt will now direct all or parish music programs and draw us into a new and revised singular approach to music at Mass and liturgical celebration. There will need to be a merging of sorts from our former musical make-up of choir identities into this more singular approach and we are obviously encouraging and inviting the members of the "traditional choir," "folk group" and "teen group" to work outside our most recent traditions and practices, to work a little differently. As we move to a smaller schedule of Mass times, we will need to merge and develop newer groupings of choir and song. There may be more opportunities for music persons to assist at one or more Masses and liturgies while they continue to share their time and talent. We will develop a music advisory group that will be part of our new liturgical support team. I will invite all of our music persons to meet regularly, with a new added offering of time to pray together, practice together and assist in our parish worship.

Mrs. McCourt will continue to work in her part-time role at Pope John Paul II Catholic Academy. For our parish, Mrs. McCourt will develop new programs as she has historically: recruiting and encouraging musical choirs, offering musical instrument lessons, and offering her non-profit program of performing arts (music and drama - Neighborhood Children's Theatre of Boston, Inc.) as part of our CYO umbrella. Here under a centralized neighborhood umbrella, music and the arts may be supported and renewed in our CYO tradition. Mrs. McCourt will offer the opportunity for music lessons on various levels to our parish youth, parochial and public school students equally. This will obviously provide more opportunities for our young people to grow and assist in our liturgies and celebrations.

Music is an important part of our tradition at the celebration of the Eucharist, special care will be made to serve the Mass, especially at high feasts and solemnities.

Our new 10:30AM Mass will be a family/school Mass and Mrs. McCourt will be incorporating our newly formed children's choir, which we began last spring. Other members of our parish team will continue to develop a new children's lecturing program. All of our parish family, young and old alike will continue to participate in our many liturgical ministries with new opportunities. Our Mass schedule will allow for and provide opportunities for our young families to develop fully, most especially at Mass. The new schedule for religious education will flow naturally and be part of the regular Sunday Mass.

I am also pleased to announce that Mr. Robert (Bob) Collins is assuming his previous duties, under a different yet similar title, Director of Family and Faith Formation for Saint Ann Parish. Bob cares a great deal for our youth and young people and on the outside this is really no different from what was practiced this year. Last year, Bob assumed the role of Director of Religious Education and he will continue to work with Mrs. Paula Skalinski who is our Coordinator of Religious Education. As you may know, Paula coordinates the day-to-day responsibilities of religious education with many wonderful volunteers.

I have asked Bob to continue with our program of youth formation, and develop a coordinated retreat and programs that coincides with religious education. For example: middle school youth ministry events per month; coordinated monthly religious education support weekends; retreat program grammar school retreat (5/6) grade; middle school (grade 7/8) and high school (grade 9/10). Bob will also continue to direct altar server training and co-coordinate this program along with Paula Skalinski and will also serve and direct our young people during Holy Week services and our celebration of the Sacred Triduum.

By popular request through our Parish Pastoral Council and our survey process, we are also announcing some new retreats and programs for adult formation for our parish. The parish formation team met and is developing with our neighbors, the Redemptorist Priests and Brothers at the Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help a day of retreat on Saturday September 12th from noon to 4:00PM for our Senior Parishioners. It will begin with lunch provided and offer guided meditation, time for prayer, a preached reflection and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The retreat will conclude at the 4:00PM Vigil Mass, which will include the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. This will be a great opportunity for us to celebrate with our faithful seniors and offer them the gifts of the Church. In thanksgiving, our religious education students altar servers

will serve and care for our seniors at their retreat.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that we are developing a new program of monthly adult and family formation. This program will include Sacred Scripture Studies, Sacramental Preparation and Renewal and Christian formation and development. It will host extra programs during the Advent and Lenten seasons. I am pleased to be working with a new team of priests, and diocesan lay leaders who share a history of great service to the Church.

As announced last weekend, the new schedule Masses begins with the start of religious education on the weekend of Sunday, September 27th:

**Sat 4:00PM, Vigil Mass
Sunday, 8:30AM & 10:30AM & 5:30PM***

(*5:30PM during the religious education academic year)

Thank you again to all those who helped with this transition. Thank you for your flexibility as we implement these new programs and for all your sacrifices to our parish and community. I ask for your continued support and prayers as we grow and with a promise of prayers for you and those you love.

In Christ's love, Fr. Sean

**SAINT ANN PARISH
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Registration for Religious Education will begin this Sunday, August 30th after the 9:30AM and 11:30AM Sunday Mass in the School Gym/Auditorium.

The second registration sign-up will be September 13th after the 9:30AM and 11:30AM Sunday Mass in the school. All new registrations must have a Baptismal Certificate if they were not baptized at St. Ann Parish.

Fee for one child is \$50.00 or for a family of two or more children \$75.00.

Teachers and assistants are needed to help with the Program. We need a teacher for Grade 1, Grade 5, Grade 6, and Grade 10. Please consider sharing in the Catholic Education our youth.

Please check our parish web site www.saintanneponset.com for more information on regarding the dates and times for the classes.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

For the Weekend of August 15th and 16th

OFFERTORY

Collected, Aug 16th Offerings in Cash **\$1,164.00**
Offerings in Checks **\$1,246.00**
Total \$2,410.00

Number of envelopes used 110

RETIRE THE DEBT

Collected, Aug 16th Offerings in Cash **\$ 819.00**
Offerings in Checks **\$ 975.00**
Offerings in Coin **\$ 5.50**
Total \$1,799.50

Number of envelopes used 101

YOUTH MINISTRY

AUTUMN 2009

Middle School Grades 5,6,7, and 8

Mark your calendars for the Rock and Bowl on **September 11, 2009**. The cost is \$20.00 and permission slips are required.

THE WEEKEND OF 9/5 AND 9/6

LECTORS/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

9/5	4:00	R. Pishkin	J. Downey G. Cardinal
9/6	8:00	S. Clegg	M. Fitzpatrick
	9:30	B. Finn	K. Gannon D. McGrath
	11:30	T. Lewis	L. Lewis E. Maneikis

ALTAR SERVERS

9/5	4:00	B. Mannion	M. Mannion
		S. Mannion	T. Mannion
9/6	8:00	E. Guerard	
	9:30	J. Connolly	D. Murphy S. Murphy
	11:30	A. Carle	S. Murphy

PRAYERS FOR PARISHIONERS CORNER

<i>Judy Finn</i>	<i>Mary Tierney</i>
<i>Mary Nagle</i>	<i>Mark Curry</i>
<i>Russell Brandi</i>	<i>Helen Maloney</i>
<i>Ann Maloney</i>	<i>Catherine Horgan</i>
<i>David O'Neill</i>	<i>Mary O'Sullivan</i>
<i>Connie O'Sullivan</i>	<i>Ethel & John McPherson</i>
<i>Kitty O'Donnell</i>	<i>Mrs. Mary B. Tighe</i>
<i>Barbara Monahan</i>	<i>Brian Lawler</i>
<i>Angel L. Silveira</i>	<i>Robert & Paola Perez</i>
<i>Ed & Jeannie Leahy</i>	<i>Natalie Bennett</i>