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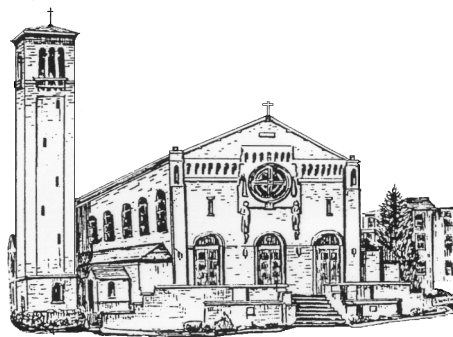
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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

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	9/6	4:00	Thomas O’Connell, Mem John O’Connell, Mem Mary O’Connell Johnson, Mem
SUN	9/7	8:00	Danielle McGee, 2nd Anniv
		9:30	Patrick & Julia Lakes and Family, Mem
		11:30	Richard Morrison, 10th Anniv
		5:30	Pro Populo: For the People
MON	9/8	9:00	Mary & Jack Gannon, Mem
TUE	9/9	9:00	Nollaig O Gadhra, Mem
WED	9/10	9:00	Vicet Digironimo Mem
THUR	9/11	9:00	The Deceased of 9/11
FRI	9/12	9:00	Robert MacNeil, Mem
SAT	9/13	4:00	Josephine & Mercurio Mazzone, Mem
SUN	9/14	8:00	Pro Populo: For the People
		9:30	Eleanor K. Harty, 5th Anniv Barbara Feeney, 5th Anniv
		11:30	Joe Comgan, Months Mind
		5:30	Dennis Flynn, Mem

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

OFFERTORY

Collected, Aug 31st.....\$2,314.00

RENOVATION & MAINTENANCE

Collected, Aug 31st..... \$1,624.00

Next week’s second collection will be for

The Catholic University Fund

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Bann III	Jennifer Maloney	Edward McCarthy
Bann II	Cherilyn Cotter	Michael Paradis

LECTORS/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9/13	4:00	Anne Juliano	John F. Downey Gerry Cardinal
9/14	8:00	Charlie Carmody	Mary Lou Braudis Cathy McPartlin
	9:30	Jim English	Mary Browne Evelyn Dunne
	11:30	Tim Lewis	Nohra Follett Bill Follett

ALTAR SERVERS

9/13	4:00	J. Manning	N. Tranford
9/14	8:00	S. Molloy	G. Garvey
	9:30	E. Guerard	W. Murphy
	11:30	E. Mannion/M. Mannion/A. Mannion	
	5:30	T. Mannion/B. Mannion/M. Mannion	S. Mannion

Each week at Mass we profess our faith in Christ and His Church. It is a great moment at Mass to assert to who we are, what we believe and where we hope to be. The Creed, our belief in the Church is professed and we then move from breaking open God’s word in the Sacred Scriptures, to a revelation in the gift that we receive in the sacraments, especially in receiving the gift of the Eucharist. It prepares us to meditate on what we hear in the second reading today *“Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbor; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.”*

“I believe in the Holy Catholic Church.” *The Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains that, “The word *Church* refers to the people whom God calls together from every part of the earth. They form the assembly of those who through faith and Baptism have become children of God, members of Christ, and temples of the Holy Spirit.” The word “church” is found twice in Matthew’s gospel. It is not a word found in the others gospels (Mark, Luke and John) but it is found 109 other times in the New Testament. The word is of Greek origin (*ek’ klesia*) it is a combination of two sources, some may say simply meaning “*out of*” and “*calling*.” For us though the meaning is identity and universal belonging. Two weeks ago we heard Jesus ask Peter, “*Who do you say that I am?*” Peter profession of faith, “*You are the Christ, the Son of the living God*” and the gift that Jesus gives him “*And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it...*” Today we hear “*tell it to the church.*” Bring him/her to where there is care and cure. The cure is meant to be easy: to accept what is good, or rather quick, and this remedy is good for the soul. We know that the Church is not something we have made, rather it makes us. The Church is something that Christ gives to us at baptism. The Church takes away sin, it heals, it restores and it calls. The word as found in the Letter to St. James calls us, “*Are there any who are sick among you, let them send for the priests of the Church, and let the priests pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick persons, and the Lord will raise them up; and if they have committed any sins their sins will be forgiven them.*” (Also found in Rites of Anointing and Viaticum)

We ask Mary to help us become true children of God. We remember, this Monday, the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary, may she intercede for us. May Mary the Mother of the Church draw us deep into the depths of our faith, hope and love, in Her Son, Jesus the Christ, and His Body the Church.

In His love, Fr. Sean

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Dear Lord,
We have felt the fear
And the grief that hatred brings
Help us to bond together as
Your people to heal the pain
cherish the memories
and learn to celebrate our differences.
You created us all as Your very dear children,
Teach us to live in the example of
Your only Son,
To live in Faith,
Be confident in Hope,
Act in Charity, and
Believe in the power of Prayer.
Help us to find peace within our hearts
And among all Nations.
Amen.

Alice Trumbull

AUTUMN IS AROUND THE CORNER

September is here, vacations are coming to a close, schools are opening, it's time to get back to our schedules and settle in for another wonderful season of events at St. Ann Parish. Below please find information and dates you may want to mark on your calendars.

SUNDAY, September 7th there will be a Parish Council Meeting this Sunday after the 11:30 Mass in the school hall. Also, our Sunday 5:30PM Mass will start again this Sunday.

SUNDAY, September 14th our Folk Group and Choir will be starting up for the season.

The Folk Group: If you like to join the Folk Group please call Terry Owens at 781-821-8714

The Choir: The choir will have a rehearsal on September 18th. If you wish to join please call Carol Abel at 508-945-1124.

WEEKEND, September 13 & 14 is our sign-up weekend for the ARISE Program. It is our hope our parish will gather and join this new and wonderful opportunity.

SUNDAY, September 21st is registration for St. Ann Religious Ed. Program after the 9:30 and 11:30AM Masses in the school hall.

SUNDAY, September 28th St. Ann Parish Parent/Student Welcome Back Gathering and Tabling in the school hall. More information to follow.

ARISE

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 reading. Contact **Michael Flynn** with any questions at 617-288-7663 on getting involved.

COMPREHENSIVE YOUTH MINISTRY

Please note that registration forms and schedules for all students who were registered last year were mailed home two weeks ago. If you did not receive one of these packets in the mail please call the rectory and we will send one out to you.

Thanks to all our great volunteer adults and peer ministers for helping us have such a successful summer in Middle School Youth Ministry.

*Our first Peer Ministry meeting for the new year will take place on **Sunday, September 20th in the school hall at 4:00PM**. Please feel free to contact Bob Collins for details.*

READINGS TO REFLECT UPON

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

Reading I Nm 21:4b-9

Responsorial Ps 78: 1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38

Reading II Phil 2: 6-11

Gospel Jn 3:13 -17

PRAYER FOR TEACHERS

As you begin the new teaching year,
Remember that God your Father greets you.
Remember that Jesus your savior guides you.
Remember that God the Holy Spirit inspires you.
As you teach, guide, and pray,
may the Blessed Trinity show you the way.
May you be a sign of God's compassion
to every child you teach.
May you walk the path of light and goodness
in this new school year, Amen.

OUR 18TH EARLY BIRD SPECIAL MILTON DORCHESTER SOUTH SHORE MEN'S PRAYER GATHERING

Meets every third Saturday
7:00AM-8:30AM

Prayer, Coffee and refreshments
Presentation and discussion

Next Meeting: September 20th
Miraculous Cure and Conversion:
Our Lady and Medjugorje
Artie Boyle of Hingham (father of 13)
St Mary of the Hills Lower Church
29 St. Mary's Road {off Brook Road}
617-696-8394 for more information.

MURPHY COMMUNITY CENTER

The Murphy Center's fall program registration will be held on **Wednesday, September 10, 1008 at 7:00PM**. New member cards will be available that night. Call the Murphy at 617-635-5150 for more information.

GOOD HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR

**Saturday, September 13, 2008 11:00 AM to 2:00PM Towne Field
Fields Corner**

Over thirty health screenings, educational material and games, live demonstrations, take home activities for children, free raffles, free giveaways, entertainment and more.

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**.

ANNUAL FLEA MARKET

*First Baptist Church
401 Ashmont Street*

The Annual Flea Market will be on September 27th and October 4th. It will be open to the public from 9AM to 3PM.

THE ESPOUSAL COURSE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Thursday Evening: 7:30PM to 9PM
10 Weekly Session 9/18-11/20
*Espousal Center
554 Lexington Street
Waltham, MA*

- 9/18 The Five Love Languages
- 9/25 The Church and the Catholic Couple
- 10/2 Weekends & Workshops
- 10/9 Prayer, Meditation & Spiritual resources
- 10/16 Focus on the Family
- 10/23 Couples Counseling
- 10/30 Marriage & Money
- 11/6 Healing the Hurt/Reaching Recovery
- 11/13 Media Meets Marriage
- 11/20 The Will of the Group

Each week Michael Murphy Ed.D. a licensed clinical psychologist at MGH and a Professor at the Harvard Medical School will cover a specific topic with lectures and discussions. For more information please call 781-209-3120. Pre-registration recommended and free-will offering accepted.