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SACRAMENTS

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Sunday: Vigil (Saturday) 4:00PM
8:30AM, 10:30AM

Daily: 9:00AM: Monday - Saturday (lower church)
7:00 AM: Convent Mass

Holy Day: As Announced
Day 9AM & 7:00PM

PARISH STAFF:

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

Mr. Jack O'Connor, P.P.C. Vice President
Mrs. Jean F. Hayward, Business Manager
Mr. Bob Collins, Director of Family Faith Formation
Mrs. Paula Skalinski, Religious Education Coordinator
Religious Education Classes, located at school:
Sunday 9:30AM Grades 1-6 & 4:30PM Grades 7- 10

Mrs. Michelle McCourt, Music Director, Organist
Mrs. Terry Owens, Folk Group Director

Reconciliation and Confession:

Saturday 9:30-10:00AM & 3:00-3:45PM (lower church)

Baptism:

Third Sunday of the month, 2:00 PM
(Parents Catechesis on the preceding Sunday, 11:30AM)
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 Sacramental visits

DEVOTIONS

Eucharistic Adoration, Saturday, 9:30AM-3:30PM
Rosary: 8:30AM Monday-Saturday, lower church
First Saturdays: Our Lady of Fatima, 8:00AM
Divine Mercy Mass: 3rd Friday at 6PM; main church
Divine Mercy Chaplet: M-F 2:30-3:30PM convent,
Sat 2:30-3:30PM lower church

YOUTH & FAMILY

Youth Ministry, Mr. Bob Collins, rectory
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 the Catholic tradition.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SAT	9/12	4:00	William Hawe, 5th Anniv
SUN	9/13	8:00	St. Ann Parish
		9:30	Special Intention
		11:30	William Fitzgerald, 10th Anniv Marie Fichea, 11th Anniv
MON	9/14	9:00	Finimola A. Guisti, Anniv
TUES	9/15	9:00	Irene Casey, Mem
WED	9/16	9:00	Ellen Donofrio, Mem
THUR	9/17	9:00	Michael McAteer, Mem
FRI	9/18	9:00	Mary Vidito, Mem
SAT	9/19	9:00	Bridget Grealish, Mem
		4:00	Kathy B. Henderson, 6th Anniv
SUN	9/20	8:00	St. Ann Parish
		9:30	Pete McDonagh, 7th Anniv
		11:30	Catherine M. Flaherty, Mem

STEWARDSHIP REPORT**OFFERTORY**

Collected, Sept 6th	Offerings in Cash	\$1,063.00
	Offerings in Checks	\$1,616.00
	Offerings in Coin	\$ 10.00
	Total	\$2,689.00

*Number of envelopes used 123***RENOVATION AND MAINTENANCE**

Collected, Sept 6th	Offerings in Cash	\$1,241.00
	Offerings in Checks	\$ 796.00
	Offerings in Coin	\$ 10.00
	Total	\$2,047.00

*Number of envelopes used 112***LECTORS/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

9/12	4:00	A. Juliano	A. Lessard B. Lessard
9/13	8:00	C. Carmody	M. Browne
	9:30	A. Connell	T. McGrath M. Reilly
	11:30	D. Daley	B. Follett N. Follett

ALTAR SERVERS

9/12	4:00	C. Garvey	M. Garvey R. Garvey
9/13	8:00	A. Mannion	E. Mannion S. Mannion
	9:30	R. Kulesza	J. DaMatin
	11:30	S. Skalinski	S. Grealish M. Collins

This week I would like to share with you a reflection concerning the gift of true freedom, and man's toil to labor. This week we celebrated "Labor Day" the end to summer and the beginning of the new academic year for many of us. This federal holiday has its origins and foundation from the earlier labor disputes in Canada during the 1870's. The aftermath of worker deaths during the "Pullman Strike" in 1894 seems to have given birth to a new recognition to worker's rights and working conditions. It soon became a time and place for parades and speeches on the economy and the spiritual aspects of the labor movement.

This week the Church remembered Saint Peter Claver, patron of slaves. As a native of Spain, the young Jesuit Peter Claver left his homeland forever in 1610. As a child Peter knew poverty in his family and childhood. In his heart, and with his life, he responded by becoming a missionary to the new world, with love for the poor. He sailed into Cartagena (now in Colombia), a rich port city of trade and commerce. He was ordained a priest there in 1615. This port was a crossing from the Atlantic from West Africa. Some hundred years of slavery had a foot hold into society and humanity. What great pain was found there, 10,000 slaves poured into this harbor each year. It was a place where humanity was an icon for inhumanity, so foul and diseased, one third of the enslaved Africans died in transit.

"As soon as a slave ship entered the port, Peter Claver moved into its infested hold to minister to the ill-treated and exhausted passengers. After the slaves were herded out of the ship like chained animals and shut up in nearby yards to be gazed at by the crowds, Claver plunged in among them with medicines, food, bread, brandy, lemons and tobacco. With the help of interpreters he gave basic instructions and assured his brothers and sisters of their human dignity and God's saving love. During the 40 years of his ministry, Claver instructed and baptized an estimated 300,000 slaves."

The young priest declared himself "the slave to the Negroes forever." It would have been easy for Saint Peter to simply preach against the inhumanity. The Church had long declared that slavery was inhumane, a sin against God's love, but this was not enough. Saint Peter writes that charity, love in action was the real preaching "This was how we spoke to them, not with words but with our hands and our actions. And in fact, convinced as they were that they had been brought here to be eaten, any other language would have proved utterly useless. Then we sat, or rather knelt, beside them and bathed their faces and bodies with wine. We made every effort to encourage them with friendly gestures and displayed in their presence the emotions which somehow

naturally tend to hearten the sick.” After years of a dedicated slavery, Saint Peter fell seriously ill, for four years he slowly died among those whom he labored for, loved and served. After being poured out and emptied he went to his rest.

May we learn to love like Saint Peter, to right what is wrong by word and example. May our experiences teach us to know the truth and to serve in love.

In His love, Fr. Sean

Ps— Thank you to all those who assisted with our retreat for seniors. Special thank you to our altar servers and young people who served lunch and snacks.

THE SECOND COLLECTION CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

This week’s second collection supports the Catholic University of America (CUA) and its scholarship fund for needy students. CUA, located in Washington, DC, is the national university of the Catholic Church. Many priests and professional lay ministers throughout the US have obtained their education from CUA.

REMEMBER THE MASS SCHEDULE IS CHANGING with the start of our religious education program on the weekend of

Sunday, September 27th:

Saturday 4:00PM, Vigil Mass

Sunday, 8:30AM, 10:30AM and 5:30PM*

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

PLEASE NOTE: For those Mass intentions already booked for the 9:30AM Masses, they will be moved to 8:30AM and those for the 11:30AM Masses will be moved to the 10:30AM.

THIRD FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH 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 18th – 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

MUSIC MEETING

There will be a meeting for all singers; The Choir, Folk Group and Cantors on Wednesday, September 16th in the lower church at 7:00PM to discuss the new musical format for the weekend Masses.

SAINT ANN YOUTH CHOIR

The Saint Ann Parish, CYO, is pleased to offer an invitation to our youth to join the Saint Ann Youth Choir. The choir is open to all our youths, grades 1-8, from both public and private schools (we are mindful that some children may come later due to release times at different schools). The choir will meet every **Monday afternoon from 2:30PM—3:30PM** for rehearsal at St. Ann Church. Choir membership is free but students are expected to sing at the **Sunday 10:30AM Family Mass every week.**

The members of the choir should meet Mrs. McCourt at the right side door (rectory side) of the church at 2:30PM for choir rehearsal on Mondays, **beginning on September 21st.** Students from Pope John Paul II Catholic Academy will meet Mrs. McCourt in the school gym at 2:30PM to walk over to the church.

Parents should come into Saint Ann Church through the door at the right side of the church (rectory side) promptly at 3:30PM to pick up their children. The choir will meet at the church on Sunday at 10:15 for Mass. **Sign-up sheets maybe found in the back of the church. Interested students should come to rehearsal and bring the sign up sheet to Mrs. McCourt.**

Saint Ann Youth and Young Adult Choir

Interested parishioners are invited to see Mrs. McCourt as our young people begin to provide music at the 5:30PM Mass starting Sunday, September 27th. Special thanks to our young people who have been assisting this summer at the 11:30AM Mass.

FLU SHOTS

The Carney Hospital is again offering **FREE** Flu Shots this year. We will be hosting the Carney Hospital to administer the shots here at St. Ann Parish on Saturday, October 17th from 3:00PM to 5:30PM in the Parish Hall.

SAINT ANN PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration for Religious Education will be this Sunday, 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.saintannneponset.com for more information regarding the dates and times for the classes.

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
Do you know someone interested in becoming a Catholic?

The four parishes of the South Dorchester area are sponsoring a preparation program for individuals who are interested in joining the Catholic Church. The instruction and formation process is known as the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RICA). The program is designed for individuals who have never been Baptized and others who may have been members of another Christian tradition. We also welcome baptized Catholics who were never instructed in their faith and who didn't receive First Eucharist or Confirmation.

An orientation meeting will be held on ***Monday evening, October 5th at St. Gregory's Rectory beginning at 7:30PM***. The weekly program will begin on Monday evening, October 19th at 7PM until at 8:30PM. The instruction program will conclude several weeks after the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 3, 2010.

If interested in participating in the RCIA program please call St. Gregory's Rectory at 617-298-2460 and contact Father Laurence Borges for a preliminary meeting.

CARE PACKAGE FUNDRAISER

***Dorchester Armory, 70 Victory Road
Saturday, September 26, 2009 10AM-2PM***

Please support our Troops!!!

Any type of personal care items are welcome and anything else that you would like to donate. Write a card to join your package. Examples: baby wipes, laundry soap, shampoo, aloe, liquid body wash, deodorant, shaving cream, eye drops, toilet paper, paperback books, socks, mints, gum, etc.... Thank You.

THE WEEKEND OF 19th and 20th LECTORS/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

9/19	4:00	D. Weir	T. Weir M. Bortolotto
9/20	8:00	J. Breen	M. Fitzpatrick
	9:30	M. Flynn	A. Mazzone N. Talalas
	11:30	R. Pierce	M. Browne L. Lewis

ALTAR SERVERS

9/19	4:00	B. Mannion	M. Mannion T. Mannion
9/20	8:00	S. Murphy	
	9:30	J. Connolly	D. Murphy S. Murphy
	11:30	A. Carle	A. Pate

PRAYERS FOR PARISHIONERS CORNER

<i>Dorothy Daley</i>	<i>Alana Feinstein</i>
<i>Nathalie Bennett</i>	<i>Mary Costello</i>
<i>Robert & Paola Perez</i>	<i>Ed & Jeannie Leahy</i>
<i>Brian Lawlor</i>	<i>Angel L. Silveira</i>
<i>Mr. Mary B. Tighe</i>	<i>Barbara Monahan</i>
<i>Ethel & John McPherson</i>	<i>Kitty O'Donnell</i>
<i>Mary O'Sullivan</i>	<i>Connie O' Sullivan</i>
<i>Ann Maloney</i>	<i>Catherine Horgan</i>
<i>Russell Brandi</i>	<i>Helen Maloney</i>
<i>Mary Nagle</i>	<i>Mark Curry</i>
<i>Judy Finn</i>	<i>Mary Tierney</i>