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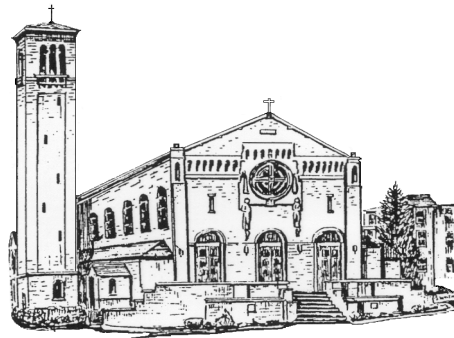
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241 Neponset Avenue
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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

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 9/13 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 Corrigan, Months Mind
- 5:30 Dennis Flynn, Mem
- MON 9/15 9:00 Christina Duane, 1st Anniv
- TUE 9/16 9:00 Mass of Thanksgiving
- WED 9/17 9:00 John Doherty, Mem
- THUR 9/18 9:00 Andrea Etheart, Kento Etheart, & Porcelie Andre, Mem
- FRI 9/19 9:00 Alfred & Catherine Cicerone Mem
- SAT 9/20 9:00 Special Intention
- 4:00 Kathie Basius Henderson
- 5th Anniv
- SUN 9/21 8:00 Pro Populo: For the People
- 9:30 Melissa Demers, Month Mind
- 11:30 Pete McDonagh, 6th Anniv
- 5:30 Evelyn Manning, Month Mind

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

OFFERTORY

Collected, Sept 7th\$3,608.00

RENOVATION & MAINTENANCE

Collected, Sept 7th..... \$2,276.00

Next week's second collection will be for

Our Retire the Debit Fund

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Bann I I I Cherilyn Cotter Michael Paradis

LECTORS/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 9/20 4:00 Jane Breen Ann Lessard
- Bob Lessard
- 9/21 8:00 Fran Conti Mary Lou Braudis
- Cathy McPartlin
- 9:30 Jim Hunt Mary Browne
- Evelyn Dunne
- 11:30 Richard Pierce Nohra Follett
- Bill Follett

ALTAR SERVERS

- 9/20 4:00 A. Pate A. Carle
- 9/21 8:00 M. Neff B. O'Brien
- 9:30 T. Mannion/B. Mannion/M. Mannion
- S. Mannion
- 11:30 J. Connolly V. Strojwas
- 5:30 S. Skalinski J. Murray

Jesus as “the Word of God.” This is the central revelation in the Gospel of St. John. The theologian von Balthasar wrote that “In the Old Testament God had spoken many words, but that in “Jesus the Word becomes flesh, that is, man. His words and deeds and suffering, his whole being as a man: this is the all-embracing, concluding Word that God has to say to us. Within it, all that was said before remains true, but the unity of the Word in the man Jesus makes everything new, gives everything an unexpectedly unified, surpassing, wondrous meaning.”

The proclamation of the cross is found after the miracle at the *Wedding at Cana* and after the *Cleansing of the Temple*. In His discourse with Nicodemus (a teacher, ruler and Pharisee of Israel) comes to Jesus at night trying to learn and understand. He tells Jesus that he knows that he comes from God “for no one can do these signs that you do, unless God is with him.” Nicodemus is stuck with a word/phrase found in Jesus’ teaching. The word “*Anew*” is the Greek expression which can mean “again” or “from above.” Nicodemus takes it to mean “again”, as though Jesus required a physical rebirth to enter his kingdom. This is a misunderstanding. Jesus instead calls for a spiritual rebirth “from above.” (See *Ignatius Study Bible*) We also find this phrase again in John 3:31; 19:11, 23 and in the explanation of entering the kingdom taught in the Catechism. Nicodemus reminds us that sometimes God’s teachings are hard for us to grasp, especially when we remain fixed in seeing things through our own neediness and expectations. Nicodemus is different from the other Pharisees who are instantly put off by Jesus. Even though Nicodemus approaches the teacher by night, out of fear, he is intrigued by the revelations of Jesus’ presence and ministry. “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God, ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.” (Jn 1:51)

The imagery of spiritual birth by water and the Holy Spirit instantly would move Nicodemus (all of Israel) into the mysteries of Exodus, the crossing of the Jordan, the healing brought through Moses and the image of the serpent in the wilderness. All of this and their prophetic revelations of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross bring us to this feast.

Here, at Golgotha, God completely “empties himself” and accepts death on the cross. Through the Cross we are saved, life is made anew and the sanctifying graces of the sacraments are poured forth for each of us to have eternal life. St. Thomas Aquinas reminds us that the Cross “to me is certain salvation, the Cross is that which I ever adore, the Cross of the Lord is with me, the cross is my refuge.”

For us, here in this local church, the Archdiocese of Boston, we are privileged to gather with our Archbishop, Cardinal Seán, at our historic Cathedral of the Holy Cross. We pray that during this bicentennial year we may know God’s favor, His healing love. We ask for forgiveness and we entrust ourselves again to His divine mercy. We also entrust our new diocesan wide and parish centered program “*Arise*” to the Lord, may this be a time for evangelization, so we may be spiritually renewed and develop a close relationship with Christ and His Church. Together, in Christ, we pray that we may serve Him, our parish and community by loving our neighbor as ourself.

In His love, Fr. Sean

DATES TO REMEMBER

THIS 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.

THIS 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.

NEXT 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.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY COLLECTION

The Catholic University Collection is this weekend. We at St. Ann Parish have a few of our young parishioners who attend this outstanding university. For them and all the students who attend Catholic University please be as generous as possible so we can ensure a great Catholic education at the college level now and in the future.

ARISE

RENEW YOUR SPIRIT THIS FALL

**ARISE Together in Christ Parish Planning Team
Sign-up this weekend September 13-14, 2008.**

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

COMPREHENSIVE 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.*

THE LUCKY THOUSAND CLUB

The Lucky Thousand Club is back in action. To get things rolling our Lucky Thousand Committee had the drawings for both August and September on Monday, September 8th.

Congratulations to our winners:

August

Kathleen Mahoney, Alice Weydt, Cathleen Perry, Rita Gillespie, Evelyn Leahy, Dudley McDonagh, Jerry Seitz, Kathleen Seaberg, Eleanor Albanese, and Patricia Kennedy.

September

Eileen Lee, Brigid, Cawley, Edward Sullivan, Cecilia Stanin, Mark McDermott, Arthur & Irene Colley, John Landers, Marion Conley, Patrick Guerard, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Fahey, and Thomas Flynn.

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**.

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.

READINGS TO REFLECT UPON

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

Reading I Is 55: 6-9

Responsorial Ps 145: 2-3, 8-9, 17-18

Reading II Phil 1: 20c—24, 27a

Gospel Mt 20: 1-16a

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.

CARITAS GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPICE

Bereavement Support Groups

Fall, 2008 Programs

Norwood Group: 6 Tuesdays September 16, 2008 to Tuesday, October 21, 2008

5:30PM to 7:00PM

Meeting at Caritas Good Samaritan Hospice

3 Edgewater Drive, 2nd fl, Norwood

Deborah Mattia 781-769-8282

Advance registration by Sept 12th

Brighton Group: 6 Tuesdays, October 7, 2008 to Tuesday, November 18, 2008

6:00PM to 7:30PM

Meeting at Caritas Good Samaritan Hospice

310 Allston Street, Brighton

Margo Steinberg 617-566-6242

Advance registration by Oct 3rd