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# SAINT ANN PARISH

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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 9:00AM & 7:00PM

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### 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, 2:00PM  
(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

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### 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  
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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.*

<b>MASSES FOR THE WEEK</b>
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SAT	9/26	4:00	Peter O'Connor, 1st Anniv
SUN	9/27	8:30	Barbara Kain, 5th Anniv
		10:30	Johanna & Peter Shortell
		5:30	Allyn McCourt, Jr. 4th Anniv
MON	9/28	9:00	Rose Grassia, Mem
TUES	9/29	9:00	Allyn McCourt, Jr. 4th Anniv
SAT	10/3	4:00	John Aveni, Anniv
SUN	10/4	8:30	Carmela Nocito, 5th Anniv
		10:30	Anna Mariano, 25th Anniv
		5:30	James Hession, 14th Anniv

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT  
OFFERTORY**

Collected, Sept 20th Offerings in Cash	<b>\$1,211.00</b>
Offerings in Checks	<b>\$1,543.00</b>
Offerings in Coin	<b>\$ 12.50</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,766.00</b>

*Number of envelopes used 148*

**RETIRE THE DEBIT**

Collected, Sept 20th Offerings in Cash	<b>\$ 809.00</b>
Offerings in Checks	<b>\$ 1,365.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,174.00</b>

*Number of envelopes used 121*

**LECTORS/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

9/26	4:00	M. Geary	G. Cardinal M. Browne
9/27	8:30	F. Conti	T. Monahan
	10:30	B. Finn	B. Follett M. Reilly
	5:30	Youth	Youth

**ALTAR SERVERS**

9/26	4:00	C. Garvey	M. Garvey R. Garvey
9/27	8:30	J. Connolly	
	10:30	A. Mannion	M. Mannion S. Mannion
	5:30	S. Skalinski	S. Grealish M. Collins

**ALTAR SERVERS APPRECIATION MASS**

The Vocations Office invites you to the Altar Servers Appreciation Mass with Cardinal Sean O'Malley at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross on Saturday, October 31, 2009 at 11:00AM.

*Encyclical Letter of the  
Supreme Pontiff Benedict XVI  
To the Bishops, Priest, and Deacons, Men and  
Women Religious, and All the Lay Faithful on  
Christian Hope*

*Introduction "SPE SALVI facti sumus"* -in hope we were saved, says Saint Paul to the Romans, and likewise to us (*Rom 8:24*). According to the Christian faith, "redemption" - salvation—is not simply a given. Redemption is offered to us in the sense what we have been given hope, trustworthy hope, by virtue of which we can face our present: the present, even if it is arduous, can be lived and accepted if it leads towards a goal, if we can be sure of this goal, and if this goal is great enough to justify the effort of the journey. Now the question immediately arises: what sort of hope could ever justify the statement that, on the basis of that hope and simply because it exists, we are redeemed? And what sort of certainty is involved here?

*Faith is Hope* Before turning our attention to these timely questions, we must listen a little more closely to the Bible's testimony on hope. "Hope", in fact, is a key word in biblical faith—so much so that in several passages the words "faith" and "hope" seem interchangeable. Thus the Letter to the Hebrews closely links the "fullness of faith" (10:22) to "the confession of our hope without wavering" (10:23). Likewise, when the First Letter of Peter exhorts Christians to be always ready to give an answer concerning the logos—the meaning and the reason—of their hope (cf. 3:15), "hope" is equivalent to "faith". We see how decisively the self-understanding of the early Christians was shaped by their having received the gift of a trustworthy hope, when we compare the Christian life with life prior to faith, or with the situation of the followers of other religions. Paul reminds the Ephesians that before their encounter with Christ they were "without hope and without God in the world" (Eph2:12). Of course he knew they had had gods, he knew they had had a religion, but their gods had proved questionable, and no hope emerged from their contradictory myths. Notwithstanding their gods, they were "without God" and consequently found themselves in a dark world, facing a dark future. *In nihil ab nihilo quam cito recidimus* (How quickly we fall back from nothing to nothing): so says an epitaph of that period. In this phrase we see in no uncertain terms the point Paul was making. In the same vein he says to the Thessalonians: you must not "grieve as others do who have no hope" (*1 Th 4:13*). Here too we see as a distinguishing mark of Christians the fact that they have a future: it is not that they know the details of what awaits them, but they know in general terms that their life will not end

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in emptiness. Only when the future is certain as a positive reality does it become possible to live the present as well. So now we can say: Christianity was not only “good news” - the communication of a hitherto unknown content. In our language we would say: the Christian message was not only “informative” but “performative”. That means: the Gospel is not merely a communication of things that can be known—it is one that makes things happen and is life-changing. The dark door of time, of the future, has been thrown open. The one who has hope lives differently; the one who hopes has been granted the gift of a new life.

Yet at this point a question arises: in what does this hope consist which, as hope, is “redemption”? The essence of the answer is given in the phrase from the Letter to the Ephesians quoted above: the Ephesians, before their encounter with Christ, were without hope because they were “without God in the world”. To come to know God -the true God-means to receive hope. We who have always lived with the Christian concept of God, and have grown accustomed to it, have almost ceased to notice that we possess the hope that ensues from a real encounter with this God. The example of a saint of our time can to some degree help us understand what it means to have a real encounter with this God for the first time. I am thinking of the African Josephine Bakhita, canonized by Pope John Paul II. She was born around 1869—she herself did not know the precise date—in Darfur in Sudan. At the age of nine, she was kidnapped by slave-traders, beaten till she bled, and sold five times in the slave-markets of Sudan. Eventually she found herself working as a slave for the mother and the wife of a general, and there she was flogged every day till she bled; as a result of this she bore 144 scars throughout her life. Finally, in 1882, she was bought by an Italian merchant for the Italian consul Callisto Legnani, who returned to Italy as the Mahdists advanced. Here, after the terrifying “masters” who had owned her up to that point, Bakhita came to know a totally different kind of “master—in Venetian dialect, which she was now learning, she used the name “paron” for the living God, the God of Jesus Christ. Up to that time she had known only masters who despised and maltreated her, or at best considered her a useful slave. Now, however, she heard that there is a “paron” above all masters, the Lord of all Lords, and that this Lord is good, goodness in person. She came to know that this Lord even knew her, that he had created her—that he actually loved her. She too was loved, and by none other than the supreme “Paron”, before whom all other masters are themselves no more than lowly savants. She was known and loved and she was awaited. What is more, this master had himself accepted the destiny of being flogged and now he was waiting for her

“at the Father’s right hand”. Now she had “Hope”—no longer simply the modest hope of finding masters who would be less cruel, but the great hope” “I am definitively loved and whatever happens to me—I am awaited by this Love. And so my life is good.” Through the knowledge of this hope she was “redeemed”, no longer a slave, but a free child of God. She understood what Paul meant when he reminded the Ephesians that previously they were without hope and without God in the world—without hope because without God. Hence, when she was about to be taken back to Sudan, Bakhita refused; she did not wish to be separated again from her “Paron” On 9 January 1890, she was baptized and confirmed and received her first Holy Communion from the hands of the Patriarch of Venice. On 8 December 1896, in Verona, she took her vows in the Congregation of the Canonian Sisters and from that time onwards, besides her work in the sacristy and in the porter’s lodge at the convent, she made several journeys round Italy in order to promote the missions: the liberation that she had received through her encounter with the God of Jesus Christ, she felt she had to extend, it had to be handed on to others, to the greatest possible number of people. The hope born in her which had “redeemed” her she could not keep to herself; this hope had to reach many, to reach everybody.

## NEIGHBORHOOD CHILDREN’S THEATRE, INC.

Neighborhood Children’s Theatre, Inc (NCT) at St. Ann Parish directed by Mrs. Michelle McCourt is for children, ages 7-18 who like to sing, dance and act. NCT class/rehearsal will be conducted Tuesday from 4:00PM to 5:00PM in the school beginning September 29. (N.B. More rehearsals may be necessary before major productions.)

NCT will present no more than 10 concerts between Columbus Day and Christmas. NCT will present one Musical Theatre Production during February vacation and some members of NCT will travel on a concert-tour program in the spring (additional travel expense).

Students have a red polo uniform shirt with their first name on the front and “Boston” on the back (1-1/2 in. white letters) for performance, obtainable at Super-Flash T Shirts, 1731 Centre Street, West Roxbury (Ask for Chuck 617-323-9374). Students will wear navy uniform pants and white sneakers. Annual membership is \$100.00 per child (with family discount for more than one child). ***Sign-up sheets can be found in the back of the church.***

## SAINT FAUSTINA'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

The Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy cordially invite you to join a celebration in St. Faustina's honor on **Sunday, October 4, 2009** here at St. Ann Parish. The Program begins at 1:00PM with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Rev. Richard F. Clancy and the Sisters will give a talk. The Sisters will then lead the 3:00PM Hour of Mercy prayers and sing the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Most Rev. Emilio S. Allue, SDB, Auxiliary Bishop of Boston will be the main celebrant at the 3:30PM 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.

## BENEFIT FOR NEPONSET PTO

The Pope John Paul II Catholic Academy, Neponset Campus PTO is sponsoring an evening with Jim Plunkett, **Friday, October 23, 2009 from 8PM to Midnight** at the I.B.E.W. Freeport Hall, 256 Freeport Street, Dorchester. Tickets are \$25.00 per person or a table of 10 for \$225.00. There will be Raffles, cash bar and more. All proceeds benefit the Neponset PTO. For more information contact:  
**Jo-Ann Guerard 617-282-9153**  
**Pam Evans 617-825-7538**  
**Linda Mannion 617-282-4931**

## THE LUCKY THOUSAND CLUB

**Please Note:** The Next Lucky Thousand Club drawing will be on October 19th, the third Monday in October due to the Columbus Day Weekend. Thank You.

## PARKING TICKETS

**Please Note:** Some parishioners have noted they have received parking violations for parking over the cross walks in front of the church. This is a violation so please be sure not to park over the cross walks. Thank You.

## YOUTH MINISTRY AUTUMN 2009

### *Middle School Grades 5,6,7, and 8*

Mark your calendars for **The Davis Farm Trip, on October 17th from 9AM to 5PM**. The cost is \$20.00 and permission slips are required. **Money and permission slips due by October 13th**.

## **NEW MASS SCHEDULE**

**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.

### *THE WEEKEND OF 10/3 and 10/4*

#### LECTORS/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

10/3	4:00	R. Pishkin	J. Downey M. Bortolotto
10/4	8:30	C. Maneikis	M. Fitzpatrick T. Monahan
	10:30	D. Weir	T. Weir E. Maneikis
	5:30	Youth	Youth

#### ALTAR SERVERS

10/3	4:00	B. Mannion	M. Mannion S. Mannion
10/4	8:30	C. Garvey	M. Garvey R. Garvey
	10:30	R. Kulesza	D. Connolly S. Connolly
	5:30	A. Carle	A. Pate

## **PRAYERS FOR PARISHIONERS CORNER**

*Dorothy Daley*

*Barbara J. Mahoney*

*Robert & Paola Perez*

*Brian Lawlor*

*Mr. Mary B. Tighe*

*Ethel & John McPherson*

*Mary O'Sullivan*

*Ann Maloney*

*Russell Brandi*

*Mary Nagle*

*Judy Finn*

*Alana Feinstein*

*Mary Costello*

*Ed & Jeannie Leahy*

*Angel L. Silveira*

*Barbara Monahan*

*Kitty O'Donnell*

*Connie O'Sullivan*

*Catherine Horgan*

*Helen Maloney*

*Mark Curry*

*Mary Tierney*