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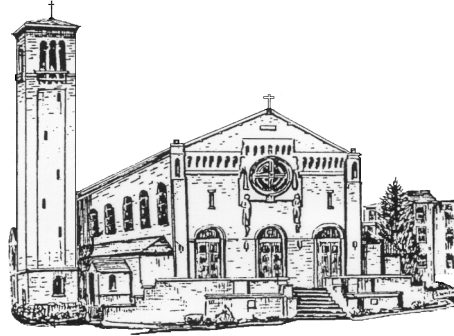
SAINT ANN PARISH

RECTORY AND OFFICE

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239 Neponset Avenue
Dorchester, MA 02122
www.popejp2catholicacademy.org
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CONVENT -MERCY HOUSE
Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy
241 Neponset Avenue
Phone: 617-288-1202
www.sisterfaustina.org

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Sunday: Vigil (Saturday) 4:00PM
8:30AM, 10:30AM, 5:30PM*
* during academic year

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

Holy Day: Day 9:00AM & 7:00PM, as announced

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

SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Rite of Penance
Saturday 9:30-10:00AM & 3:00-3:45PM (lower church)

Sacrament of Baptism:
Third Sunday of the month, 2:00PM
(Parents Catechesis on the preceding Sunday, 11:30AM)
kindly call the rectory to register.

Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, Rite of Marriage:
Arrange with the Pastor at least six months in advance

Sacrament of Anointing- Pastoral Care of the Sick:
Rite of Anointing and Viaticum, please call the rectory for emergencies and hospital or home visits

YOUTH & FAMILY

CYO Youth Ministry, Mr. Bob Collins
CYO Basketball, Mr. Michael Doyle
CYO Color Guard, Ms. Eileen Cunningham 617-775-6644
CYO Youth & Mass Choir, Mrs. Michelle McCourt
NCT: Neighborhood Children's Theater, Mrs. Michelle McCourt

St. Vincent DePaul, Main Office 781-344-3100 or rectory

DEVOTIONS

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

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	10/24	4:00	William McDermott, 1st Anniv William & Ruth McDermott William Clougher, Mem
SUN	10/25	8:30	Patrick & Dorothy Mulvey Barbara Brennan, Mem
		10:30	Anna & Walter Braudis, Anniv
		5:30	Raymond Carver, 25th Anniv
MON	10/26	9:00	Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. McDonnell, Mem
TUES	10/27	9:00	Eileen Hoar, Mem
WED	10/28	9:00	Rev. James F. Fratus, Mem
THUR	10/29	9:00	Rose Hynes, Mem
FRI	10/30	9:00	Special Intention
SAT	10/31	9:00	Willie McErlean, Mem
		4:00	Michael Curtin, 1st Anniv
SUN	11/1		All Saints

STEWARDSHIP REPORT**OFFERTORY**

Collected, Oct 18th	Offerings in Cash	\$1,379.00
	Offerings in Checks	\$1,552.00
	Offerings in Coin	\$ 25.00
	Total	\$2,956.00

Number of envelopes used 130**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

Collected, Oct 18th	Offerings in Cash	\$ 783.00
	Offerings in Checks	\$1,615.00
	Offerings in Coin	\$ 2.00
	Total	\$2,400.00

Number of envelopes used 100**LECTORS/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

10/24	4:00	D. Weir	T. Weir G. Cardinal
10/25	8:30	J. Breen	T. Monahan E. Dunne
	10:30	J. English	A. Mazzone D. McGrath

ALTAR SERVERS

10/24	4:00	B. Mannion	M. Mannion
		S. Mannion	T. Mannion
10/25	8:30	E. Guerard	
	10:30	R. Kulesza	A. Pate J. Damatin
	5:30	S. Skalinski	S. Grealish M. Collins

*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*

Eternal life—what is it?

We have spoken thus far of faith and hope in the New Testament and in early Christianity; yet it has always been clear that we are referring not only to the past: the entire reflection concerns living and dying in general, and therefore it also concerns us here and now. So now we must ask explicitly: is the Christian faith also for us today a life-changing and life-sustained hope? Is it “performative” for us—is it a message which shapes our life in a new way, or is it just “information” which, in the meantime, we have set aside and which now seems to us to have been superseded by more recent information? In the search for an answer, I would like to begin with the classical form of the dialogue with which the rite of Baptism expressed the reception of an infant’s rebirth in Christ. First of all the priest asked what name the parents had chosen for the child, and then he continued with the question: “What do you ask of the Church?” Answer: “faith”. And what does faith give you? “Eternal life”. According to this dialogue, the parent were seeking access to the faith for their child, communion with believers, because they saw in faith the key to “eternal life”. Today as in the past, this is what being baptized, becoming Christians, is all about: it is not just an act of socialization within the community, not simply a welcome into the Church. The parents expect more for the one to be baptized: they expect that faith, which includes the corporeal nature of the Church and her sacraments, will give life to their child—eternal life. Faith is the substance of hope. But then the question arises: do we really want this—to live eternally? Perhaps many people reject the faith today simply because they do not find the prospect of eternal life attractive. What they desire is not eternal like at all, but this present life, for which faith in eternal life seems something of an impediment. To continue living for ever—endlessly—appears more like a curse than a gift. Death, admittedly, one would wish to postpone for as long as possible. But to live always without end—this, all things considered, can only be monotonous and ultimately unbearable. This is precisely the point made, for example, by Saint Ambrose, one of the Church Fathers, in the funeral discourse for his deceased brother Satyrus: “Death was not part of nature; it became part of nature. God did not decree death from the beginning; he prescribed it as a remedy. Human life, because of sin...

began to experience the burden of wretchedness in unremitting labour and unbearable sorrow. There had to be a limit to its evils; death had to restore what life had forfeited. Without the assistance of grace immortality is more of a burden than a blessing.” a little earlier, Ambrose had said: “Death is, then no cause for mourning, for it is the cause of mankind’s salvation.”

Whatever precisely Saint Ambrose may have meant by these words, it is true that to eliminate death or to postpone it more or less indefinitely would place the earth and humanity in an impossible situation, and even for the individual would bring no benefit. Obviously there is a contradiction in our attitude, which points to an inner contradiction in our very existence. On the one hand, we do not want to die; above all, those who love us do not want us to die. Yet on the other hand, neither do we want to continue living indefinitely, not was the earth created with that in view. So what do we really want? Our paradoxical attitude gives rise to a deeper question: what in fact is “life”? And what does “eternity” really mean? There are moments when it suddenly seems clear to us: yes, this is what true “life” is—this is what it should be like. Besides, what we call “life” in our everyday language is not real “life” at all. Saint Augustine, in the extended letter on prayer which he addressed to Proba, a wealthy Roman widow and mother of three consuls, once wrote this: ultimately we want only one thing— “the blessed life”, the life which is simply life, simply “happiness”. In the final analysis, there is nothing else that we ask for in prayer. Our journey has no other goal—it is about this alone. But then Augustine also says: looking more closely, we have no idea what we ultimately desire, what we would really like. We do not know this reality at all; even in those moments when we think we can reach out and touch it, it eludes us. “We do not know what we should pray for as we ought,” he says, quoting Saint Paul (*Rom 8:26*). All we know is that it is not this. Yet in not knowing, we know that this reality must exist. “There is therefore in us a certain learned ignorance (*docta ignorantia*), so to speak”, he writes. We do not know what we would really like; we do not know this “true life”; and yet we know that that must be something we do not know towards which we feel driven.

ALTAR SERVER APPRECIATION MASS

*With Cardinal Sean O'Malley
October 31, 2009, 11:00AM
Cathedral of the Holy Cross*

STRENGTHEN YOUR FAITH *Spiritual Enrichment for the Fall Season* Sponsored and hosted by St. Ann and St. Brendan Parishes

Courses and Retreats led by David Thorp

David Thorp is a graduate of Boston College and Princeton Theological Seminary, David has served the Church of Boston for three decades as a teacher, preacher, director of the Archdiocesan Offices for Evangelization and Charismatic Renewal Services.

Treasures of the Catholic Church

October 21st, and 28th, November 4th and 11th
10:00AM—Noon at St. Ann Parish

OR

October 22nd and 29th, November 5th & 12th
7:00PM—9:00PM at St. Brendan Parish

Let Every Heart Prepare Him Room: An Advent Retreat

Saturday, December 5th
9:30AM—3:30PM
St. Brendan Parish

A Savior Has Been Given:

The Birth of Jesus in Matthew & Luke

December 9th & 16th 10:00AM—Noon
at St. Ann Parish

OR

December 10th & 17th 7:00PM— 9:00PM
at St. Brendan Parish

Please pre-register

St. Ann Parish 617-825-6180

St. Brendan Parish 617-436-0310

And....More to Come in 2010

Including: Immersed in Christ: Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke

REMEMBRANCE MASS

In memory of family, relatives and friends of the
Boston Irish & the Irish/American Communities

Mass will be celebrated by

Bishop Hegarty, Bishop of Derry

Sunday, November 1, 2009 at 4:00PM

St. Brendan Church

**POPE JOHN PAUL II
CATHOLIC ACADEMY**

Neponset Campus
HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA
3RD ANNUAL

Saturday, November 14th 5-9PM

Please join us for an evening of Holiday Shopping, Holiday Cheer and mingling in the Jingle Bell Café. Complimentary tea, coffee and Desserts.

Admission is \$5.00, seniors are free.

**SISTERS OF CHARITY
6TH ANNUAL**

*Journey of Love Wine Tasting
Spectacular*

Saturday, November 21, 7-10PM

Wellesley Country Club

300 Wellesley Avenue

Tickets \$65.00

All proceeds to benefits renovations at Elizabeth Seton Residence
Wellesley Hills

Featuring Fine...Wines...Delicious Foods...Silent Auction...Phil Wilson Jazz Quartet for further information please contact Sisters of Charity
781-997-1210

EMMANUEL

*A Christmas Concert
With Martin Doman*

Hold the Date: Wednesday, December 2nd at 7:00PM please welcome Martin Doman who will be performing at our church for a Christmas Concert. A grace-filled event featuring jazz, a cappella, and traditional renditions of classic Christmas carols and contemporary songs. If you have enjoyed Martin's music at the Boston Catholic Men's and Women's conference, LIFT, or Steubenville East, then don't miss this great night of Catholic Christmas music.

Admission will be free will offering

LUCKY THOUSAND CLUB

It was a another exciting evening at the Lucky Thousand Drawing. *Octobers Winners are:* Fr. Tom Foley, Loretta Janus, Kathleen V. Seaberg, Jackie Morris, Bridie Kelly, Alice M. Larner, Michael Cawley, John Mannion, The Manning Family, Barbara Ward, *and a drum roll please this months Door Prize goes to Esther Mannion.*

POOR CLARE NUNS

*Monastery of St. Clare
920 Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
617-524-1760*

Annual Bazaar

*Saturday, November 14, 2009
9AM to 3PM*

THE WEEKEND OF 10/30 & 11/1

LECTORS/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

10/30	4:00	R. Pishkin	A. Mazzone M. Bortolotto
11/1	8:30	F. Conti	M. Fitzpatrick M. Braudis
	10:30	M. Flynn	J. Burke N. Talalas

ALTAR SERVERS

10/30	4:00	S. Skalinski	S. Grealish
11/1	8:30	A. Carle	
	10:30	A. Mannion M. Mannion	E. Mannion S. Mannion
	5:30	C. Garvey	M. Garvey R. Garvey

PRAYERS FOR PARISHIONERS CORNER

<i>Mary Riley</i>	<i>Marie Finnegan</i>
<i>Dorothy Daley</i>	<i>Rita Egan</i>
<i>Carmella Morgan</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>Mrs. 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>