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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
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	10/25	4:00	Karl Sheehan, 27th Anniv
SUN	10/26	8:00	Margaret C. Lyons 1st Anniv
		9:30	Raymond Fitzgerald, 3rd Anniv
		11:30	Joseph Welch, 10th Anniv
		5:30	Pro Populo: For the People
MON	10/27	9:00	Special Intention
TUE	10/28	9:00	Special Intention
WED	10/29	9:00	Josephine McSweeney Jepsen Mem
THUR	10/30	9:00	Agnes Hoban, 11th Anniv
FRI	10/31	9:00	Pura Maano, Mem
SAT	11/1	9:00	Special Intention
		4:00	All Souls Day
SUN	11/2	8:00	All Souls Day
		9:30	All Souls Day
		11:30	All Souls Day
		5:30	All Souls Day

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT
OFFERTORY**

Collected, Oct 19th**\$3,741.00**

*Thank you for your continued
support and sacrifice.*

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Collected, Oct 19th **\$1,909.00**

*Next week's second collection will be for the
Renovation and Maintenance Fund*

**LECTORS/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
THIS SUNDAYS SCHEDULE**

10/25	4:00	Marianne Geary	Maria Bortolotto Gerry Cardinal
10/26	8:00	Bob Finn	Mary Fitzpatrick Jim Kelley
	9:30	Richard Pishkin	Ann Mazzone Mary Reilly
	11:30	Dorothy Daley	Judy Burke Patty Sanchez

ALTAR SERVERS

10/25	4:00	E. Guerard	B. O'Brien
10/26	8:00	A. Carle	
	9:30	R. Kulesza	T. Fonrose
	11:30	J. Connolly	M. Neff
	5:30	C. Garvey	A. Pate

Mt 22:34-40: The Greatest Commandment

We move this week from test to test. It is not enough for the Pharisees and the Sadducees to be found wrong or even marveled (*Mt. 22:22*) "When they heard it, they marveled; and they left him and went away." they just don't seem to learn. That same day the Sadducees came back to Jesus (*Mt 23*). They question Jesus about the Law, the giving of the five books of Moses, the Pentateuch or Torah. Are they simply trying to find some way to find Him wrong so they don't have to follow Him? Or are they curious about what He preaches? After this encounter, the Pharisees came back at Jesus again, hearing that he had silenced the Sadducees.

A little background history from biblical scholarship on the Pharisees and the Sadducees may be helpful. Hahn, et al writes that the Sadducees are a priestly aristocratic group mainly centered in Jerusalem. Their origins come from the priestly family serving during the reign of King Solomon, the priest Zadok and his descendants were granted exclusive rights to minister in Jerusalem. Thus they were granted exclusive control in many leadership positions in ancient Israel: (i.e. in charge of maintaining national relations between Israel and Rome). This high profile earned them the support of wealthier citizens, while many lower-class Jews held them in suspicion and even contempt or corruption. In the Gospels Jesus squares off against the Sadducees only once (*Mt 22:23-33; Mk 12:18-27; Lk 20:27-38*). While Jesus is teaching in the Temple, the Sadducees approach him with a theological question, convinced that the doctrine of the general resurrection is incompatible with the teaching of the Pentateuch (*Dt 25:5*). If a woman has several husbands during her life, they reason, surely this will cause great marital confusion in the next life. If all of her husbands were raised, whose wife will she be (*Mk 12:20-23*) Jesus responds with ingenuity and tact, affirming nearly everything the Sadducees expressly denied. He asserts the existence of angels and deliberately cites the Pentateuch (*Ex 3:6*) to demonstrate *that souls live beyond death* and that their bodies will one day be *raised* (*Mk 12:27*).

The Pharisees are part of a Jewish renewal movement that appears frequently in the New Testament. In almost every instance, they stand beneath dark clouds of suspicion and controversy. The Gospels depict them as the critical opponents of Jesus, His teaching and His mission. The Pharisees seem to lurk behind every corner to trap Jesus and discredit Him, before the crowds. What is the source of this conflict can be found in their movement. They are not the official teachers or leaders of Israel. They hold particular sway with the masses, they are popular. They are deeply concerned with the cultural

and spiritual crisis of the day. How does one live as a faithful Jew in a land that is ruled and occupied by pagans (Romans) The Pharisees answer: Israel must separate itself from all Gentile impurity and defilement, since only in this way will God rescue his people from the clutches of Rome, (their conquerors). The Pharisees also hold personal quest for holiness through ritual purity and development of ritual adherence to the covenant. This obviously stands as a wall to Jesus' inauguration of the New Covenant and His Church. The Pharisees try to insulate Israel from the Gentiles, while Jesus reaches out to embrace the nations with God's mercy.

Now comes the Pharisees, it is their third time in this section attempting to test Jesus (cf Mt. 16:1, 19:3) Jesus does not answer with the weakness present in our hearts, minds, and souls. Jesus answers with God's Word, what he declared through Moses and the giving of God's law. Jesus declares that the greatest commandment is loving God with all our heart, soul and mind. We cannot love God or our neighbor unaided; we must believe that our God loves us first. We must also believe that he shows us this love, His Son.

To love others with all our heart means to love them with our desires – with everything that we cherish and value. (Where our treasure is, there we find our love). To love God with all our soul is to love God with our truest, deepest self. (This we must find, it is not the character and personality that we show to others, but our truest self). To love Jesus with our entire mind means to love Him with our ability to reason, very much a part of who we are. (This means even with our ideas, notions, opinions, concepts and convictions, the mind – reason cannot be divided from the rest of us).

In the end, Jesus' conflict with the Pharisees had little to do with isolated disagreements over the Torah and everything to do with God's saving plan for Israel and the world. The arrival of Christ's New Covenant brings an end to separation and the beginning of the fullness of time, God saves through His Son and gathers the nations into One Body.

May Saint Ann and all the Saints, protect us and draw us deep into His Covenant of Love, where we may love Him with our Whole mind, body and soul. May His kingdom come.

In His Love, Fr. Sean

READINGS TO REFLECT UPON

Below please find the readings for next Sunday

Reading I Wis 3:1-9

Responsorial Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4,5,6

Reading II Rom 5:5-11

Gospel Jn 6:37-40

26th ANNUAL \$10,000 DINNER

Friday, December 5, 2008

Florian Hall, Dorchester

St. Ann Parish will be hosting the 26th Annual \$10,000 Dinner. Net proceeds from the evening support St. Ann Parish Youth Programs. In the last few years, this event has been hosted by St. Ann School but years ago it was a St. Ann Parish event so the circle continues and we are so excited this event is back home.

For all the veterans, you know it is a fun-filled evening of food, friends, song and dance in anticipation of winning \$10,000 (*or splitting it with your newest and dearest friends in the final 10!!!!*)

Only 200 ticketed numbers are available—making the odds very good in your favor. If you purchased a number in the past, your special number is still being reserved and you will receive a call from an event committee member within the next week. We are reserving a batch of numbered tickets for new guests. If you, or someone you know, are interested in one or more of these reserved numbers, please call us as soon as possible. Availability is based on a first-come, first-served basis so don't delay!

The cost of a numbered ticket has not increased and remain at \$150.00 which includes dinner and having your special number in the drawing for \$10,000.00 GRAND PRIZE. Additional "Spouse/Friend" dinner guest tickets are available for only \$40. *Tickets go on sale now so as not to interfere with your Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday expenses, and wouldn't it be great if you won some money before Christmas? Host Committee Members*

Melissa Graham (617) 265-6700

Eileen Cotter (617) 825-3493

Jean Hayward (617) 825-6180

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

Saturday, November 1st from 10AM-3PM

St. Brendan's School hall will be collecting items to send to men and women deployed overseas for the holidays. Some items are: socks, t-shirts, men and women undergarments, toiletries, baby wipes, CD's/DVD's, gum, hard candy (NO chocolates), magazines, pre-paid phone cards, sun screen, etc. More information please call Christine Bailey 617-825-6638.

IN MEMORY OF "BUNNY" MALONEY

As you know one of our beloved parishioners, Mr. Dennis L. "Bunny" Maloney passed away on October 11th. Mrs. Maloney was kind enough to ask for donations be made to Saint Ann Parish in Bunny's memory. You know how dedicated he was serving this parish, most especially as an usher and head usher for over 75 years. I am pleased to tell you that we will utilize the gifts that have already been offered and those that continue to arrive to remodel the choir loft in Bunny's memory. If you would like to help or offer any assistance with this project, feel free to contact the rectory. Thank You

LUCKY THOUSAND CLUB NEWS

The Lucky Thousand Club is off and rolling for its new season. Next week we will be giving you, our parishioners, a list of numbers that have not been claimed as yet. Only one third of the numbers are active leaving two thirds of the numbers looking to bring some lucky parishioners some money.

Congratulations to our October Winners:

Mary Courtney O'Sullivan, Phyllis Bennett Cornelius O'Sullivan, Tom Jackson, The Manning Family, Paul Puddister, Tom Clegg, Sr., Jonathan Weydt, Kay Walsh, Maureen Griffin and the door prize goes to (*drum rolls please*) Ann Tumilty.

The next drawing will be Monday, November 10th at 7:30PM.

**POPE JOHN PAUL II
CATHOLIC ACADEMY
HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA**

Saturday, November 15, 2008

5:00—9:00PM

***Saint Ann Parish
School Hall***

***Come do your Christmas Shopping early
Admission is \$5.00, Seniors are FREE***

The Holiday Extravaganza is looking for vendors. Seeking crafts, homemade items, paintings, jewelry. \$100.00 donation per table. For more information please contact Linda Damatin at 617-288-1732 or email at damatin@hotmail.com.

SAINT ANN CYO BASKETBALL

Registration for the 2008-2009 Season
Registration dates at the St. Ann Parish
School Hall

Saturday, November 1st 12-3PM

Sunday, November 2nd 11AM-2PM & 6:30-7:45PM.

Registration forms w/check may be dropped off at St. Ann's Rectory by Sunday, November 2nd in a clearly marked envelope: **St. Ann CYO Basketball Registration Fees:**

*Clinic, Grade 2-4 House League and Grade 5-7 House League: \$50.00

*Grade 5—High School Travel Leagues: \$75.00

*Child playing House & Travel: \$125.00

A maximum of \$150.00 per family

THERE WILL BE A \$25.00 LATE FEE FOR ANY REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED AFTER NOVEMBER 2ND, SO PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!!!!

Any questions please send an email to: stannshoops@hotmail.com.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

St. Vincent De Paul's role has changed this year with the new configuration of the school, a food pantry is not accessible on a weekly basis. We will continue to provide support during the Holiday seasons. The Giving Tree and other donations will continue. If any person is in need or would like to provide support please call the parish rectory and leave a message and a member of St. Vincent's will contact you. Please pray for us. If any one has any suggestions, please let us know.

God Bless,

St. Vincent De Paul

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY FAIR

A Woman's Concern's effectiveness in reaching and changing the lives of women and couples struggling with an unplanned pregnancy is largely due to the great work our volunteers do. Please join us on Saturday, November 1, 2008 from 10:00AM to 12 Noon at our Greenline Center for an opportunity to learn more about the many volunteer opportunities available. More info call Teresa 781-284-8747.