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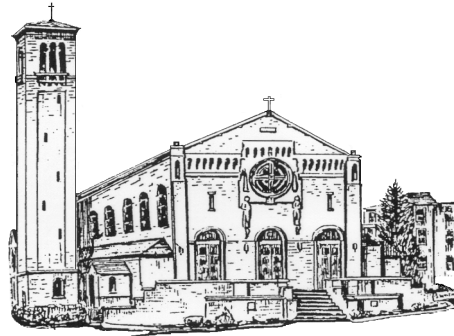
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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

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
St. Vincent DePaul Main Office 781-344-3100
St. Vincent DePaul Local Parish 617-825-6180

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 11/15 4:00 Elena Catinella, 17th Anniv
 SUN 11/16 8:00 Special Intention
 9:30 Marie Conley, Mem
 11:30 Pro Populo: For the People
 5:30 Peter O'Connor, Month's Mind
 MON 11/17 9:00 Dennis L. Maloney, Mem
 TUE 11/18 9:00 Carol Ronan, 2nd Anniv
 WED 11/19 9:00 Paul Laneau, Mem
 THUR 11/20 9:00 Holy Souls
 FRI 11/21 9:00 J. F. Jordan, Mem
 SAT 11/22 9:00 Thomas D. Duncan,
 4th Anniv
 4:00 Joanne Szymaniak, 17th Anniv
 Danny Littleton, 2nd Anniv
 SUN 11/23 8:00 Sister Mary Brown, Mem
 9:30 Dennis L. Maloney Mem
 11:30 Tom Cook, 4th Anniv
 5:30 Pro Populo: For the People

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

OFFERTORY

Collected, Nov 9th\$2,925.00

GRAND ANNUAL

Collected, Nov 9th \$12,156.00

Thank you for your continued support and sacrifice.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

BANN III Mary Ann Wallace William Leaman

LECTORS/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

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| 11/15 4:00 | Jane Breen | Ann Lessard
Bob Lessard |
| 11/16 8:00 | Fran Conti | Mary Lou Braudis
Cathy McPartlin |
| 9:30 | Jim Hunt | Mary Browne
Evelyn Dunne |
| 11:30 | Richard Pierce | Bill Follett
Nohra Follett |

ALTAR SERVERS

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| 11/15 4:00 | B. O'Brien | E. Guerard |
| 11/16 8:00 | B. Mannion | M. Mannion |
| | S. Mannion | T. Mannion |
| 9:30 | A. Mannion | E. Mannion |
| | M. Mannion | R. Kulesza |
| 11:30 | A. Carle | M. Neff |
| 5:30 | S. Skalinski | V. Strojwas |

Mt. 25:14-30

“The parable of the Talents”

There are three things in the parable of talents that we can meditate on this week. Jesus teaches us who the master is, what he knows about the servant and what he gives the servant and what the servant gains by accepting the master's gift and invitation.

We know that the master has a unique knowledge of his servants. He does not *willy nilly* give out his talents, but possesses, even at the outset, a visible plan and universal understanding that is not part of the servant's understanding. “To one he gave five talents, to another two and to another one.” “To each according to his ability.” It is that the master entrusts his wealth and abilities to these servants of his because we know nothing about them, they have no resumes of banking, education or brokerage. It means the ability is suited to one's nature. After this definition we see that the master then entrusts each of them with what represents large sums of money or treasure. Surely this opens fear and curiosity, for the master shows us that he then goes away for a long time. Some scholars have said that the servants' understanding this may have been able to or thought about using the money to escape, run away or hide, almost like the scenario we find in Luke's *Parable of the Prodigal Son* – Lk 15:11.

The Catechism teaches that “On coming into the world, man is not equipped with everything for developing his bodily and spiritual life. He needs others. Differences appear tied to age, physical abilities, intellectual or moral aptitudes, the benefits derived from social commerce, and the distribution of wealth. The “talents” are not distributed equally.” (CCC 1936) In other words, the master is not out to multiply his earnings – if this were his intent he would have either given everything to the first servant, or even better to a real investor. Nor does the master need not leave town for the growth to happen. One scholar, Fr. Cameron writes “the master's purpose is not to make more money; he wants his servants to make more of themselves united with him.” He is inviting his servants to transformation.

We read later in the Catechism that this transformation “belongs to God's plan, who wills that each receive what he needs from others, and that those endowed with particular “talents” share the benefits with those who need them.” CCC 1937. *Simply speaking*, the master- God the Father. Gives the talent -Jesus Christ, His Son and treasure. The talent is the Father's precious possession. The master's talents, Cameron writes, should not ever be confused with the servant's abilities.

Abilities are the natural capabilities. Talents are beyond this, for the talent comes at a great price. The talent (HE) comes from God, with God, and as God to transform.

It is in the stewardship of the talents that the servant is transformed. The talent is held, understood as to whom it belongs. Just in its being, the talent witnesses, generates and gives glory as it grows. The use of the talents serves both the servant as caretaker and to all those others who encounter and share this gift. It is not to be buried or hidden out of fear or ignorance.

May Saint Ann and all the Saints, protect us and draw us deep into His Divine Gift of Love. May their prayers help us on our journey until the master comes. May they awaken us to our true abilities in God's grace. May the Souls of the faithful departed, our loved ones, through the mercy of God rest in His peace.

In His Love, Fr. Sean

READINGS TO REFLECT UPON

Below please find the readings for next Sunday

Reading I Ez 34:11-12,15-17

Responsorial Ps 23: 1-2, 2-3, 5-6

Reading II 1Cor 15:20-26, 28

Gospel Mt 25: 31-46

A NEW CALL TO SERVE

Dear Friends;

As you know I have been invited to serve in another parish beginning next week. I am moving to St. Mary's in Chelmsford, MA, the Pastor, Fr. Donahue, is an old and dear friend. I came here a retired chaplain from the Army and V.A. and I have resided and assisted here at St. Ann Parish since August of 2004. I wish to express my gratitude and thanks to the many parishioners who have extended friendship, prayers and kindnesses over these past years. In June 2010, I plan to go to Oberammergau in Germany, to celebrate my 40th Anniversary of ordination, and cordially invite anyone who would like to join me and my friends and family. Oberammergau is where I became a Catholic as a young Army officer in 1960. **My new address is: St. Mary Parish**

**25 North Road
Chelmsford, MA 01824
Tel: 978-256-2374**

Thank you and please know you remain in my prayers.

God Bless

Fr. Ron Lawson

INSTALLATION OF NEW PASTOR

As the Parish Community of Saint Ann let us join together to celebrate the installation of Father Sean M. Connor as Pastor this Sunday, November 16th at the 11:30AM Mass

His Excellency, Bishop Robert F. Hennessey, DD—Auxiliary Bishop of Boston, Vicar General and Regional Bishop of the Central Region will be the principal celebrant.

You are cordially invited to join as the parish family in welcoming Fr. Sean's family and friends along with our many guests. Light refreshments will follow the Mass in the Saint Ann Parish School Hall. We ask for God's continued blessings upon our Archdiocese and our parish family.

REMINDER: NO RELIGIOUS ED PROGRAM THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16th

THIRD FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST 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— November 21st— 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.

EMMANUEL

***A Christmas Concert
With Martin Doman***

Mark your calendars: This December 11th at 7:00PM Martin Doman will be performing at St. Ann's 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 is free but an offering will be taken.

SANTA PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Hosted by the
Pope John Paul Catholic Academy
P.T.O.

Sunday, November 30, 2008

(after the 9:30 Mass)

In the school hall

All Are Welcome

Food, Music & Holiday Cheer

Admission is \$10.00 per family

or

\$3.00 per individual

Santa will be stopping by for pictures and to try our wonderful pancakes so be sure to come by and say hello.

ANNUAL TURKEY SHOOT

This year's Annual Turkey Shoot is Saturday, November 22nd at 7PM in St. Brendan's Lower Church Hall. Turkey dinners, turkeys, gift cards, baskets of goodies to be raffled off. Beer and wine will be served. **ADULTS ONLY EVENT**

LUCKY THOUSAND CLUB

Christmas Gift Certificates

Can now be bought at the Rectory

Another exciting night was held at the Lucky Thousand Drawing on November 10th.

Our Lucky Thousand Winners for November are: Ann Hayward, Jane Koziol, George Munroe, Margaret Bielecki, Mary C. O'Sullivan, Alice Weydt, JoAnn Guerard, Thomas Flynn, Thomas Jackson, and the Door Prize goes to, drum roll please, Rita Gillespie.

So come on, share the excitement The Lucky Thousand Club can give. Because the 2nd Monday of December is the 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the next drawing will be held on the third Monday, December 15th at 7:30PM in the Lower School Hall.

26th ANNUAL \$10,000 DINNER UP-DATE

Friday, December 5, 2008
Florian Hall, Dorchester

The cost of a numbered ticket has not increased and remains 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. *For your convenience, please feel free to purchase a ticket at the rectory.*

Host Committee Members

Melissa Graham (617) 265-6700

Eileen Cotter (617) 825-3493

Jean Hayward (617) 825-6180

COMPREHENSIVE YOUTH MINISTRY

Middle School Youth Ministry

GAME NIGHT

Friday, December 5th 6-9PM

Grades 5-7

Come on down to Saint Ann's for our next game night. All kinds of games, food, fun and friends await those who join us for this awesome night. The cost is only \$5.00 and includes dinner, an ice cream party and all the fun you can handle. *As always volunteers would be greatly appreciated and needed.*

FONTBONNE ACADEMY

Presents

Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap

The Good Fountain Players proudly present "The Mousetrap" in the Fontbonne auditorium, 930 Brook Road, Milton. Shows are Friday, November 21st at 7PM, Saturday, November 22nd at 7PM and Sunday, November 23rd at 2PM. Ticket are \$8.00 and are available at the door. For more information please call the main office at 617-696-3241.

Holiday Festival

November 22, 2008 11AM-4PM

St. Brendan's Lower School Hall

Do some early shopping for Christmas, Kathleen's of Boston, handmade knitting, art work, Christmas items, Santa will be by for pictures from 1-3PM. Food will be available to purchase from Santa's Workshop.