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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. 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	11/29	4:00	Patrick Coughlin, Mem Marguerite Coughlin, Mem James Coughlin, Mem
SUN	11/30	8:00	Michael Curtin, Month's Mind
		9:30	Anna P. Foley, 7th Anniv
		11:30	Mary & Connie O'Connell, Mem
		5:30	John Quinlivan, Anniv
MON	12/1	9:00	Genoviva Maestrado, Mem
TUE	12/2	9:00	Thomas V. Foley, 28th Anniv
WED	12/3	9:00	Dennis L. Maloney, Mem
THUR	12/4	9:00	Paul Laneau, Mem
FRI	12/5	9:00	Denise Corbett, 2nd Anniv
SAT	12/6	9:00	Special Intention
		4:00	Norman G. Basius, Sr. 9th Anniv
SUN	12/7	8:00	Daniel & Anne Laffan, Mem
		9:30	Pro Populo: People of St. Ann
		11:30	Katrina Dagondon
		5:30	Carmel Ford, Mem

STEWARDSHIP REPORT**OFFERTORY**

Collected, Nov 23rd\$ 2,733.00

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Collected, Nov 23rd\$1,528.00

GRAND ANNUAL

Collected To-Date.....\$19,563.00

*Thank you for your continued
support and sacrifice.*

LECTORS/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

11/29	4:00	Anne Juliano	John Downey Mary Lou Braudis
11/30	8:00	Charlie Carmody	Therese Monahan
	9:30	Richard Pierce	Ann Mazzone Ellen Maneikis
	11:30	Tim Lewis	Bill Follett Nohra Follett

ALTAR SERVERS

11/29	4:00	A. Mannion	E. Mannion
		M. Mannion	
11/30	8:00	T. Fonrose	
	9:30	E. Guerard	R. Kulesza
	11:30	J. Connolly	M. Neff
	5:30	C. Garvey	B. O'Brien

Mark 13:33-37

It is time for us to begin again, to stop, to await and to travel with the Lord. We come to celebrate His great coming as Man and Savior. As we await the coming of Christ at Christmas, on the first Sunday of Advent, Jesus tells us *Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come.* He uses the story of a man leaving home to travel abroad, telling his servants to stay alert for his return. For us, we know what is coming in a few weeks, we already know the time of his (first) coming; we celebrate this as December 25th, Christmas.

Interestingly, in St. Mark's gospel today's reading actually comes immediately before the passion narrative. The scripture given by the Church to begin Advent is Christ's instruction to prepare for His saving act upon the cross. The two scenes of Christ's coming as Man and His passion, death and resurrection are not separate; rather they are united as one. There is no Christmas without Calvary and no Cavalry without Christmas.

The word Advent is from the Latin, *adventus*, for "coming" and is associated with the four weeks of preparation for Christmas. Advent always contains four Sundays, beginning on the Sunday nearest the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle, (November 30) and continuing until December 24. It offers a penitential spirit, similar to Lent, a liturgical theme of preparation for Christ's Second and Final Coming, called the *Parousia*, and gives us a joyful theme of getting ready for the first Christmas in Bethlehem.

Customarily each church and many homes display an Advent Wreath. Most are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches or wreath into which four candles are found. In our tradition, three of the candles are violet and the fourth is rose. However, four violet or white candles may also be used as we can find in the Book of Blessings. A rose candle is lit on the third Sunday of Advent; this color anticipates and symbolizes the Christmas joy announced in the first word of the Entrance Antiphon: "Rejoice" (in Latin, *Gaudete – or Gaudete Sunday*). The Advent Wreath and evergreen represents eternity. In the case of the wreath it symbolizes the movement of time and the long wait for God's people. The people lived in spiritual darkness, waiting for the coming of the Messiah, who is the Light of the world.

Each year in Advent people wait once again in darkness for the coming of the Lord, His historical coming in the mystery of traveling to Bethlehem. We also await His final coming at the end of time, and we celebrate His special coming in every moment of grace especially during this Holy Season of grace and peace.

May this year mark a time of renewal, of newness of change and conversion. We pray that the Lord make us ready to receive the gift we celebrate during this Holy Season. May we as Saint Ann parish find new ways to serve Him and His Kingdom.

In His love, Fr. Sean

THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

As a reminder, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is *Monday December 8, and is a holy day of obligation*. There is no vigil Mass this year as the vigil falls on Sunday. Masses for the holy day will be on *Monday December 8, at 9:00AM and 7:00PM. Both Masses will be in upper church.*

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

Friday, Dec. 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

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE

Once again the St Vincent De Paul will be seeking and accepting donations for Christmas. Ornaments/tags will be available for you to choose an item(s) that you would purchase for children and families that have requested help from the Society and our parish. You also are free to purchase any item gift cards. We are blessed with a wonderful parish and society tradition through Saint Vincent de Paul to carry out this mission work. Please pray for and care for those in need. Please pray for the good people and families that carry our Saint Vincent's work.

**A Special Thank you to Saint Vincent de Paul
volunteers for providing Dinner to 32 families
this Thanksgiving**

SANTA PANCAKE BREAKFAST

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

This 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.**

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.

DORCHESTER TREE LIGHTING

Mayor's Office of Special Events

The 2008 Christmas Trolley Tour and Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held in Adams Village on Friday, December 5th at 7:30PM and at Neponset Circle Saturday, December 6th at 4PM.

MURPHY COMMUNITY CENTER DANCE

Friday, December 5, 2008 7-10PM

Please call 617-635-5150 for ticket sales dates.

Tickets are \$5.00

NO TICKETS SOLD AT DOOR

LUCKY THOUSAND CLUB

Christmas Gift Certificates

*Can now be bought at the Rectory
come and 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.

ELIZABETH SETON ACADEMY

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, December 7, 2009

From 11:00Am to 1:00PM

2220 Dorchester Avenue

Come visit us and learn about our unique, college preparatory educational experience happening in a small, nurturing environment. For more information please call 617-296-1087 ex 18.

PIETA

Join with us on December 3rd in remembering all dearly loved children of any ages, who have died. Bishop Dooher will gather with parents to honor the lives of our precious children. We will all come together in prayer, song and support as we light a candle in memory of each child.

Our 25th Annual Lighting Service begins at 7PM in St. Theresa of Avila Church, 2078 Centre Street, West Roxbury. It will be followed by a reception in the Church Hall for refreshments and sharing. Everyone is welcome. For further information please call Barbara Waters 1-508-384-6663, Jo Collari 1-508-668-3105 or Roberta Willard 1-508-588-7868.

NEIGHBORS IN DEED VOLUNTEER VISITORS TO HOMEBOUND OLDER ADULTS

The Neighbors in Deed group will be holding their Holiday Meeting and Luncheon on Saturday, December 6, 2008 starting with the 10:30 Mass of Thanksgiving in the St. Mark's Parish Chapel followed by the presentation of the "2008 Volunteer of the Year Award for distinguished service to older adults to Rose DaCorta". At 11:00AM the Volunteer Meeting and Holiday Luncheon will take place in the St. Mark's Rectory Meeting Room, first floor. For more information please call 617-296-0258.

A NEW CALL TO SERVE

Dear Friends;

As you know I have been invited to serve in another parish. I am moving to St. Mary's in Chelmsford, MA, and the Pastor, Fr. Donahue, is an old and dear friend. I wish to express my gratitude and thanks to the many parishioners who have extended friendship, prayers and kindnesses over these past years.

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

SAINT JOSEPH RETREAT

St. Joseph Retreat Center

339 Jerusalem Road

Cohasset, MA 02025

Weekend Retreat December 5-7, "My Soul in Stillness Waits"

Weekend Retreat December 12-14, "A Quiet Advent Weekend of Prayer"

For more information please call 781-383-6024/6029

READINGS TO REFLECT UPON

Below please find the readings for next Sunday

Reading I Is 40: 1-5, 9-11

Responsorial Ps 85: 9-10-11-12, 13-14

Reading II 2 Pt 3:8-14

Gospel Mk 1: 1-8