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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	12/13	4:00	Nicola Mariano, 54th Anniv
SUN	12/14	8:00	Thomas Costello, Mem
		9:30	James F. Coyne Sr., Anniv James F. Coyne, Jr., Anniv Deceased of the Coyne Family
		11:30	Rita M. Strojwas, Month's Mind
		5:30	William McDermott, Month's Mind
MON	12/15	9:00	Thomas Murphy, 27th Anniv
TUE	12/16	9:00	Joseph Holloran, Mem
WED	12/17	9:00	Sharon Thompson, Mem
THUR	12/18	9:00	Jean McGinnis, Mem
FRI	12/19	9:00	Jason McIntosh, Mem
SAT	12/20	9:00	Joseph Holloran, Mem
		4:00	James Monahan, Jr., 11th Anniv
SUN	12/21	8:00	Pro Populo: People of St. Ann
		9:30	Alice McDonald, Mem William Cunningham and Althea Cunningham, Mem
		11:30	Daniel Connor, Jr. 25th Anniv
		5:30	Michael Leahy, 1st Anniv

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT
OFFERTORY**Collected, Dec 7th**\$2,984.00****RENOVATION AND MAINTENANCE**Collected, Dec 7th**\$1,637.00****BANNS OF MARRIAGE****BANN I** Meagan C. Flaherty John P. Dupuis**LECTORS/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

12/13	4:00	Richard Pishkin	Ann Lessard Bob Lessard
12/14	8:00	Fran Conti	Theresa Monahan
	9:30	Jim Hunt	Ann Mazzone Ellen Maneikis
	11:30	Richard Pierce	Bill Follet Nohra Follett

ALTAR SERVERS

12/13	4:00	J. Murphy	S. Murphy
12/14	8:00	S. Skalinski	
	9:30	R. Kulesza	A. Mannion E. Mannion M. Mannion S. Mannion
	11:30	J. Connolly	A. Pate
	5:30	B. O'Brien	C. Garvey M. Garvey

John 1:6-8, 19-28

The Third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called "Gaudette Sunday" from the Latin word meaning to "rejoice." The origin of Gaudette Sunday Mass as the Third Sunday of Advent comes from the *Entrance Antiphon* found at the beginning of the Mass. The Proclamation (from Saint Paul's letter to the Philippians 4:4-5) "*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near.*" In his letter to the Philippians Paul exhorts them to rejoice in the Lord always. This is a call to constancy; the virtue to be passionate so that joy in us becomes complete. Hence, Paul moves the Philippians and us to seek the Kingdom in its fullness; to realize the future crown that awaits us in heaven. This is the Church's call to us as we move closer to Christmas, we rejoice.

Last week we were introduced to Saint John the Baptist, "*Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who shall prepare your way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight...*" Today Saint John in the gospel we learn more about John "*A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light.*"

The Church calls us to heed Paul's word in the Epistle and to follow the example and passionate call of John the Baptist; to repent and rejoice. We are to rejoice because our salvation is nearer, the time of Advent waiting is nearly over, as the celebration of the birth of Christ draws near. We repent for we seek the Kingdom. Thus the purple color of penance may be lightened to a rose color. (In our country the use of violet and rose colored vestments and the Advent wreath's candles have become popular among many of the Christian churches.) This liturgically option is a symbolic accent reminding us that Advent rises, in a crescendo - a movement toward the full light of Christmas. It is a rhythm beautifully symbolized by the Advent wreath, a clock and calendar drawing us and marking our way. We find reflections of the crescendo of Advent in the sacred scriptures and sacred readings of the holy men and women of our tradition, which, begin with the prophecies of Isaiah and John the Baptist, find their culmination [next week] on the fourth Sunday of Advent focusing on the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the annunciation of Jesus' birth. The crescendo results in the angel's song of praise "*Glory to God in the Highest and Peace to His people on Earth.*" Which we were reminded of this past week as we celebrated the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary.

Saint Anselm wrote: *Teach me to seek you, and when I seek you show yourself to me, for I cannot seek you unless you teach me, nor can I find you unless you show yourself to me. Let me seek you in desiring you and desire you in seeking you, find you in loving you and love you in finding you.*" The Lord reminds us in Advent that even as we seek Him we realize that He has been calling to us in Love from eternity to everlasting life. Pray that the Lord make us ready to receive the light, the gift we celebrate during this Holy Season. Help us Lord to hear your voice, to see and understand the mystery of your love. May Saint John the Baptist, Saint Joseph and Our Lady pray for us and draw us to His love.

In His Advent love, Fr. Sean

"MOM'S FOR MARINES"

In Loving Memory of Marie (Finn) Conley please consider sending to her son Christopher's platoon, 4th Platoon A Company, some very needed supplies this Christmas. A list of toiletries that his platoon could use may be found at the doors of the church. The parish is working with the police department and will make one shipment to Iraq in Marie's memory. Please leave your donation around the Giving Tree by the side-altar of Our Lady. The deadline for donations is Tuesday of this week so we can get the shipment off to Iraq. The church is open weekdays from 8:00 to 11:30AM Thank You.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE UP-DATE

Thank you so much for all the gifts that have been given for the many children hoping for a Happy Christmas. The deadline for the unwrapped gift donation is this Tuesday, December 16th. Chris Donovan and her St. Vincent De Paul elves need some time to separate the gifts before they give them out on December 21st. The church is open weekdays from 8:00 to 11:30AM

St. Vincent De Paul thanks you again for your generosity.

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT *Come and enjoy the joy of singing the songs of Christmas.*

The Middle School Youth Ministry's Christmas Party and Caroling Event is this Friday, December 19th from 6-9. If you would like to volunteer for this event please contact Bob Collins at the rectory 617-825-6180 Ex 12. Thank You.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU

Congratulations

this year's winners are

Richard Pishkin and Lisa Geary

The 26th Annual \$10,000 Dinner was another great success thanks to the wonderful people that volunteered their time and talent and to everyone who joined the fun and bought a ticket. Thanks go out to Melissa Graham and Eileen Cotter who headed up a fantastic team; Lynne McAteer who graciously allowed herself to be blind folded through the whole drawing process as she pulled all 200 numbers. Job well done Lynne. Paula Skalinski, Patricia Connolly, Linda Damartin, Linda Mannion, Lynda Hosea, Jo-Ann Guerard, Melissa Driscoll, Teresa Pugliese, Marsha O'Brien, Marianne Salas. Thank you all so much for all your hard work and dedication.

The youth of St. Ann Parish thanks you all.

GRAND ANNUAL

St. Ann's Grand Annual Collection is off to a very encouraging start. To date we have received **\$20,510.00** toward our goal of **\$30,000.00**. Reaching this goal is essential in order to repair and update the sound system in the church which is in need of some serious up-grading. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank those who have already given so generously to this very important Grand Annual Collection. We rely on the generosity of our parishioner to help keep St. Ann financially sound and to help keep St. Ann Parish strong and its church in good condition for the future. If you haven't given to the Grand Annual as yet please consider an offering now. Envelopes are available at the ushers' tables if you need one. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24 at 4:00 PM with the Adult Choir
(Upper church only)
December 25 at Midnight with the Folk group
December 25 at 10:00AM with Organ & Cantor

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

*Christmas is a time for celebrating
and a time for remembering*

If you wish to donate a poinsettia in memory of a loved one, please bring it to the church on *Wednesday morning, December 24th*. Please clearly print the name in whose memory the flower is being donated. Envelopes for a money donation for a loved one to be remembered may be found on the ushers' table. Thank you.

LUCKY THOUSAND CLUB

*Christmas Gift Certificates
are still available at the Rectory.
Come and share the excitement*

The Lucky Thousand Club can give.

Come out of the cold this Monday, December 15th and enjoy the warmth of family and friends for our December Drawing at 7:30PM in the Lower School Hall.

OUR 21st EARLY BIRD SPECIAL DECEMBER 20, 2008

MILTON DORCHESTER SOUTH SHORE

MEN'S PRAYER

GATHERING

7:00AM-8:30AM

Prayer, Coffee and refreshments
Presentation and discussion

CROSSING THE GOAL LINE

*Team Interview by Fr. Pacwa
EWTN Video*

St Mary of the Hills Lower Church
29 St. Mary's Road {off Brook Road}
617-696-8394 for more information

SAINT JOSEPH RETREAT

*St. Joseph Retreat Center, 339 Jerusalem Road
Cohasset, MA 02025*

Thursday, December 18, Morning of prayer, 9:00-11:45. "God's Word Waiting To Be Born In Us".

Saturday, December 27, Day of Prayer, 9:00-3:30, "Seeing Out of the Love That Holds You".

Sunday, December 28, Day of Prayer, "Chaos to Grace: For Women Who Celebrate Recovery".

December 29-January 1, 2009 Year End Retreat
For more information please call 781-383-6024/6029

THIRD FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19TH 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 December 19th – 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.

CATHOLIC TV CHRISTMAS PROGRAMMING

It's that time of year again! Catholic TV will interperse Advent and Christmas programming with their regular schedule throughout December and especially from Monday, December 22 until New Year's Eve. Then, all day Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and December 26, Boston Catholic TV will become Christmas TV for 72 hours.

You can always watch all of the fine Catholic TV programming live and on-demand at our easy to navigate website: www.CatholicTV.com.

READINGS TO REFLECT UPON

Below please find the readings for next Sunday

Reading I 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Responsorial Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29
Reading II Rom 16:25-27
Gospel Lk 1:26-38