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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
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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	12/27	4:00	Paul Sullivan, 26th Anniv
SUN	12/28	8:00	Joseph Holloran, Mem
		9:30	Theresa B. Connolly Month's Mind
		11:30	Chris Hughes, Month's Mind
		5:30	Special Intention
MON	12/29	9:00	Fr. Simeun Saulenaus, Mem
TUES	12/30	9:00	Mary Fitzgerald, Mem
FRI	1/2	9:00	Joseph Holloran, Mem
SAT	1/3	9:00	Peter O'Connor, Mem
		4:00	Stephen R. George, Mem
SUN	1/4	8:00	Joseph Holloran, Mem
		9:30	Ann (Nan) B. Casey, Mem
		11:30	Patrick McPartlin, 20th Anniv
		5:30	Catherine MacDonald, Mem

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT
OFFERTORY**

Collected, Dec 21st**\$1,811.00**

UTILITY & ENERGY

Collected, Dec 21st**\$1,829.00**

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

BANN I I I Meagan C. Flaherty John P. Dupuis

LECTORS/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

12/27	4:00	M. Geary	A. Lessard B. Lessard
12/28	8:00	C. Maneikis	M. Browne
	9:30	R. Pierce	A. Mazzone E. Maneikis
	11:30	D. Daley	B. Follett N. Follett

ALTAR SERVERS

12/27	4:00	E. Guerard	T. Guerard
		B. O'Brien	
12/28	8:00	R. Kulesza	
	9:30	B. Mannion	M. Mannion
		S. Mannion	T. Mannion
	11:30	J. Connolly	M. Neff
	5:30	C. Garvey	M. Garvey
		A. Pate	

— Luke 2:22-40 Excerpt taken from the Writings of Fr. Peter Cameron, OP – Dominican Teacher and Editor of Magnificat©

Feast of the Holy Family,

Jesus' first experience of humanity does not happen in solitude or isolation – like Adam in the Garden of Eden. Rather, the New Adam's Incarnate encounter with the world occurs within the embrace of his particular human family. The Church honors the holy Family today to emphasize the function of the family in our own human development and growth, to stress the roles of the Holy Family in deepening our relationship with God, and to remind us how the Holy Family serves as an enduring icon of that external exchange of love which is the blessed Trinity. In effect, the Holy Family is a kind of recreated Garden of Eden. The original unity of the family stands as the standard for all unity in life. The Gospel shows us the Holy Family doing three things that manifest their holiness and that invite us to emulate them. We first meet them worshipping in the temple. The life of the Holy Family is formed by devout faith marked by prayer and sacrifice. Their communal act of consecration reveals how we come to discover our true human dignity and worth in the sacrifices our family makes in faith. The piety a child demonstrates towards his parents becomes the foundation for a lifetime reverence toward God. In the same way, children who witness their parents worshipping God become blessed with the ability to understand and believe in the truth of God's love for them. For children identify the way God loves them with that first love they experience from their parents. Second, we also see the Holy Family together accepting suffering in the life. For Simeon, the Holy Family is the fulfillment of a long-held hope. When he takes the child Jesus in his arms he also happily accepts the reality of his own death, blessed with the assurance that the "light and glory" of God has appeared in Jesus. But the hope the Holy Family gives to Simeon has a price: "The thoughts of many hearts may be revealed" only through the suffering of the Holy Family. But the trust, commitment, selflessness, and confidence they share fill them with the assurance and strength they need to fulfill God's will with courage. The peace of the family provides the profound understanding we need to see how God uses suffering to fulfill his divine Providence. The security of the family equips us to confront and overcome the insecurity of life. Third, however, the Holy Family's love is not inward and exclusive. It reaches out to the world, beginning with the prophetess Anna who "gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all..." Just as the love of the Holy Family transformed all "who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem,

“so too does the charity and outreach of every family rooted in Christ up build and perfect human society. The goodness experienced within the family achieves its perfection as it is zealously and generously directed toward the common good of all. The model of the Holy Family assures us that every Christian family is that community and place of grace where we too grow in size, strength, and wisdom. As we enter into the faith, hope and love of the Holy Family, we come to share more deeply in the very holiness of the Blessed Trinity.

May the Holy Family keep us close and draw us even deeper into the mysteries we celebrate.

In His Christmas love, Fr. Sean

**OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MOTHER
THE MOTHER OF GOD**

Thursday January 1st

is a Holy Day of Obligation.

**December 31st at 5:30PM Vigil Mass
(Upper Church)**

**January 1st at 9:00AM Mass of the Day
(Upper Church)**

ALTAR SERVERS

12/31	5:30PM	S. Skalinski	Ada Pate
		S. Grealish	
1/1	9:00AM	A. Mannion	E. Mannion
		M. Mannion	S. Mannion

Readings Octave of Christmas, Feast of the Holy Family

Reading I	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14
Responsorial	Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
Reading II	Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
Gospel	Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22 39-40

READINGS TO REFLECT UPON

Below please find the readings for next Sunday

Reading I	Is 60:1-6
Responsorial	Ps 72:1-2, 7-8.10-11, 12-13
Reading II	Eph 3:2-3a-5-6
Gospel	Mt 2:1-12

PRAYER FOR FAMILIES



God, Our Father, loving and merciful
Bring together and keep all families
In perfect unity of love and mutual
support. Instill in each member the
Spirit of understanding and affection
for each other.

Keep quarrels and bitterness far from them,
And for their occasional failures instill
forgiveness and peace.

May the mutual love and affection of
Parents set a good example.

Instill in children self-respect that
they may respect others and grow in
mature independence.

Make the mutual affection and respect of
families a sign of Christian life here.

And hereafter, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and
Savior, Amen.

SAINT FRANCIS HOUSE BENEFIT

*“Whatever you do for the least of these
you do for Me.”*

The greater Boston Irish community will hold its 20th annual benefit dance and raffle for the St. Francis House shelter on **Saturday, January 3, 2009**, from 8PM to Midnight at Florian Hall. Music will be provided by the Noel Henry Show Band. The donation is \$10.00 per person and prizes include 2 round trip air tickets to Ireland, \$400 cash and more. For more information please call Jim Sullivan in Quincy at 617-471-3388. Thank You

SAINT MARY’S CHURCH

8 South Common Street

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January 28, 2009

Ivan Dragicevic, Medjugorje visionary will be at St. Mary’s. Rosary at 6:00PM; Mass at 7:00PM.

A Special Thank You

We thank you for your Christmas Greetings, prayers and gifts, and we pray God's choicest blessings upon you during this Christmas season and New Year.

Father Sean, Father Mike, Father Hung and Father John Connolly

A PARISH THANK YOU

As we see 2008 coming to a close we'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those who volunteered their time and talent to St. Ann Parish. Without these volunteers whether its volunteering to help in the celebration of the Mass, teach our young parishioners religious education, singing faithfully in the choir or folk group, helping to keep the parish running by being a member of the Finance Council or the Pastoral Council and all the others jobs that need to be done everyday to keep this parish running; without your help we would not be able to continue being the strong parish that we are. Thank you and may you have a Happy and Blessed New Year 2009.

MURPHY COMMUNITY CENTER WINTER PROGRAM REGISTRATION

The Murphy Center's winter program registration will be held on Wednesday January 7, 2009 at 7:00PM. Classes will include self-defense for children, beginner and intermediate computers, yoga for girls and adults, Zumba, knitting and sewing. We will be taking names for our pool programs including water aerobics, swim lessons and swim team. When the pool reopens we will notify the classes. New membership cards will be available that night. Call the Murphy for more information 617-635-515.

LUCKY THOUSAND CLUB

*Birthday Gift Certificates
are available at the Rectory.*

The New Year is approaching, what fun it would be to start the year out a Lucky Thousand Club Winner. The next drawing will be January 12, 2009.

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER FOR PEACE

Holy Spirit, You watch so lovingly over all the earth, Waiting for us to open up our hearts

To your gift of Christmas peace.

We need your peace, Holy Spirit, And our wounded world Needs your healing presence.

Only you can give us The true and lasting peace

Promised by Our Savior, Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

Come to us, Blessed Creator, Surround us with your love, this Christmas season, And bless all nations with your peace. Amen

"MOM'S FOR MARINES" THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who graciously gave donations to the 4th Platoon A Company in Marie (Finn) Conley's name. The cards made by the children from the St. Ann Parish Religious Ed. Program and the children from Pope John Paul II Catholic Academy, Neponset Campus and the supplies given by our parish have helped to make this very important "Mom's for Marines" Drive a great success. We are please to announce that our parish sent over 30 cases of gifts to our local Marine in memory of his Mom. Please pray for our loved ones who serve us at home and abroad. In a special way we pray for those in harms way this Christmas.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE THANK YOU

Thank you so much for all the gifts that were given to the many children hoping for a Happy Christmas. Do to your sacrifice, caring and love many children will smile this Christmas morning.