

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 30

5:00 p.m. William Cashman - Memorial

Sunday, January 31

7:00 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

8:30 a.m. Mary Doherty - Month's Mind

10:00 a.m. Charles and Ann Cahill - Birthday

11:30 a.m. Robert E. Barry - Anniversary

Tuesday, February 2

8:15 a.m. John J. Groncki - Birthday

Saturday, February 6

8:15 a.m. Renee Chalmers - Memorial

5:00 p.m. Hillary Carroll - Anniversary

Sunday, February 7

7:00 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

8:30 a.m. Eleanor Tynan - Anniversary

10:00 a.m. Louise D. Noble - Month's Mind

11:30 a.m. John & Mary Kopchik - Memorial

Please pray for the **Recently Deceased** Jack McLaughlin (brother of Michael McLaughlin), Dr. Arthur Hassett and Rev. Kenneth A. LeBlanc (Pastor of Saint Peter Church in Plymouth).



He said to them, "Surely you will quote me this proverb, 'Physician, cure yourself,' and say, 'Do here in your native place the things that we heard were done in Capernaum.'" - Lk 4:23

Readings for the Week of January 31, 2010

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31---13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30
Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

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PASTOR'S CORNER

The liturgical season of Ordinary Time allows us the opportunity to reflect upon the quality of the liturgy here at Holy Family Parish, particularly the manner in which we celebrate the Mass together. Certainly it can be agreed that the weekly celebration of Sunday Mass is the heart and soul of our parish; indeed, the source and summit from which all our life flows.

May I suggest 3 areas in which we might improve? The proclamation of the Sacred Scriptures is a great blessing in our Catholic lives, and a real source of spiritual grace and guidance for us, as we deal with the joys and challenges of our lives. As much as it is possible (being late is *sometimes* unavoidable!), I would encourage all to arrive at Mass a few minutes prior to its beginning, and to pick up the missalette and read through the Scriptures. You can also access them from home on our parish website. In order to truly receive the grace of God's Word, we must be in church in time to hear it (!), and have a heart opened and prepared to receive it. The Lord is truly speaking to you in his Word! A little advance planning on our part will allow us all truly to have a spiritual heart willing and open to welcome the Lord.

The reception of the Holy Eucharist is, of course, the center of our Catholic spiritual lives. We should always make an effort to be reverent in our reception of Holy Communion, as well as striving to preserve a prayerful atmosphere in our church. Unless out of necessity, no one really should be leaving Mass immediately after receiving Communion. How can we truly believe that we have received Christ's holy presence and then walk right out the door? Also, there are always folks who remain in church or go to Our Lady's Chapel at the conclusion of Mass to pray, and we need to be sensitive to their desire. Certainly someone should be able to pray in church!

Finally, how about picking up those Gather and Breaking Bread books and singing! I remember attending Mass at the Cathedral in Charlestown, South Carolina, and it was filled with prayerful, singing Catholics. If you've ever had this experience, you know what a difference a singing assembly makes to the quality of the liturgy. So sing out and let the Lord hear your prayerful song!

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

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| Offertory Collection & ADP | \$12,566 |
| Budgeted | \$12,350 |
| Last week's Latin America Coll.: | \$ 2,683 |
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| Offertory year-to-date actual | \$342,003 |
| Offertory year-date budget | \$345,800 |

This week's Second Collection will be sent to Catholic Relief Services to assist in relief efforts in Haiti.

Thank you for your generosity, particularly during these difficult economic times. The offertory is our primary means of meeting Parish weekly operational expenses.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED THUS FAR TO THE PARISH YEAR-END MORTGAGE APPEAL

As of January 24th, our parish family has contributed \$101,540 to the **Year-End Mortgage Appeal**. We are now at **97% of our goal of \$105,000**. If you have not yet given to this important parish collection, gold envelopes are available at the church entrance. During these challenging economic times we are grateful for your generosity! The Year-End Appeal goes entirely to reduce our parish mortgage to the Archdiocese for our beautiful church.

DID YOU KNOW? Currently, 57 households have signed on for the **HF Automatic Deposit Program**, representing almost \$2,104 per week to our parish Offertory. Why write checks? Please take home an ADP form, located at the church entrances or contact Diane Martin at the Parish Office for further information: dmartin@holyfamilyduxbury.org.

SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

"Disregard for the sacred character of life in the womb weakens the very fabric of civilization."

~~Pope John Paul II

Sanctuary Light given this month in loving memory of John Snee with love from his family



Prayer List: Please remember Thomas Owen, Donald James, Jr., Rita V. O'Connell, Fr. Frank Chase, John Carbone, Ellen McCarthy, Chris & Richard Ferro, Janice Anderson, Kevin Dachille, Marjorie Coppinger, William Leonard, Gary Cooney, Eddie Capel, Kevin Rich, Abigail Fleming, William Heffner, Michael Burke, Niki Bright, Mrs. Sally Wischerath, Allan Sterbenz, James Hughes, Marie Ryan, Paul Nattale, Paul Regan and all those on our Parish Prayer List. May God's healing and protection descend upon them.

Parishioners who wish to have a **tax statement** of their contributions to Holy Family Parish for the year 2009 are asked to call or email Diane Martin at the Parish Office. A statement of your contributions will be mailed to you upon this request.

"The human tragedy unfolding in Haiti is heartbreaking and it calls all of us to action to help the people impacted by the earthquake. We pray for those who have perished, for the injured, for the displaced and for relief personnel who are courageously working to assist the people of Haiti at this difficult and sad time. We ask God to bless Haiti and to be merciful in their hour of need. The destruction witnessed has devastated a poor nation of people who cry out now for the help of the world community. The Archdiocese of Boston will do its part in assisting our brothers and sisters in Haiti."~~Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley

In an effort to provide direct support, the Cardinal is authorizing a second collection in the parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston. Funds collected will be sent to **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)** to assist in relief efforts in Haiti. CRS will coordinate with local and international agencies to determine how best to provide help where it is most needed. *Our parish will take this 2nd collection for Catholic Relief Services this weekend.*

In addition, the Cardinal announced that Catholic Charities Boston is actively engaged in working with the local Haitian community to assist families locally who have loved ones impacted by the earthquake. To stay informed, please visit www.ccab.org.

For those parishioners interested in sending Fr. Chase a get well card, his address is:

Rev. Francis G. Chase
P.O. Box 1132
Falmouth, MA 02574-1132

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION
781-934-6839

Congratulations to the Second Graders who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time yesterday. May they experience the grace of forgiveness each and every time they receive this Sacrament. Please continue to pray for them as they prepare for First Holy Communion in May.

All religious education classes for grades 1-8 will meet as regularly scheduled this week. All grades 9 and 10 will all meet for a speaker from 6:00-7:00 pm Sunday, January 31st instead of their regularly scheduled classes this week. Please check your schedules and your emails regularly for updated information on your child's religious education classes. If you have lost your class schedule, please contact Kathy Melia in the religious education office.

All Kindergarten classes will meet in the Parish Center this Saturday, February 6th from 9:00-10:00 am.

Parents of children preparing for First Penance and First Holy Communion: As the children prepare for First Holy Communion, class attendance becomes even more important for the remainder of the year. Following their First Penance, we begin First Holy Communion lessons including Parts of the Mass, The Easter Triduum and Steps to Receive the Eucharist. We also have one more Family Mass on Sunday, April 11, 2010. The children should attend as part of their preparation. Your children will be bringing home unfinished worksheets and prayer sheets. Please help them make the most of their preparations for these two important Sacraments by spending time going over the lesson at home, finishing the worksheets and saying their prayers.

CONFIRMATION PARENTS PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN SCHEDULE FOR SUPER BOWL SUNDAY: On Sunday, February 7th, Super Bowl Sunday, Confirmation I classes will meet from 5:30-6:15 pm. Confirmation II classes will NOT meet on Sunday, January 7th, but will meet on Monday, January 8th at 7:00-8:15 pm instead.

Many, many thanks to all those who helped make our middle and high school Jambalaya Jamboree a success! Following the Youth Mass on January 24th, we served over 200 dinners thanks to the culinary skill of Catherine Callahan, ably assisted by her family, who provided the savory Jambalaya dish. Also, thanks to Toni Brennan, Noreen Roy, and Rachel Catanzariti and their families who created the festive atmosphere with decorations and Cajun music. And special additional appreciation goes to those who stayed and helped sweep away the remnants of the evening!

The next Youth Mass is scheduled for Sunday, March 14th and will have a St. Paddy's Day theme. Stay tuned!

The Youth Steering Committee is seeking one adult and five youth members (9th and 10th graders) to join us in developing the program of Social, Service and Spiritual activities for the youth of Holy Family Parish. This is an opportunity to give back to the Parish and help create those programs that will provide activities for Parish youth. It is hoped that the adult member can join for two years and the youth members for one year. Please contact Catherine Kelleher at the Parish Center (at 781-934-6839 or email: ckelleher@holyfamilydubury.org).

In anticipation of the **Feast of Saint Blaise**, bishop and martyr of the 4th century, a **general blessing of throats** will be given after all Masses this weekend. Individual blessing of throats are given on the feast day, this Wednesday, February 3rd.

Day for Engaged Couples St. Christine's Pre Cana program will be offered on Sunday, February 14, 2010. The program will run from 10:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and held in the lower church hall. Couples who are looking to complete this pre-requisite to marriage are invited to call Dotty Gurry for additional info. at 781-834-6003 x-18.

Living Through Loss Support Group - Holy Family's "Living Through Loss" support group -- open to all people in the Duxbury area who have lost a loved one - will meet for the eight Thursday nights in February & March, starting February 4th. The sessions run from 7:30-9:00 in the Herrick Room in the lower level of Holy Family church. People are welcome at any time. Any questions should be addressed to Deacon Art at 781-585-4444.

Lenten ARISE Season-New Heart, New Spirit will begin on 1/30, 31. The signup is for new members only. ARISE is a spiritual renewal that enables parishioners to develop a closer relationship with Christ, grow in community and reach out in service to others. ARISE members meet in small groups in homes once a week for 6 weeks. For more info. contact Neal Doherty at 781-934-2580.





The Women's Conference will be on Saturday, February 27, 2010 at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston (snow date is 3/6/10). It will be from 9am - 5:30pm and will feature as speakers Patti Mansfield, Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle, Leah Darrow, and Sr. Olga of the Eucharist. The BCWC will also include confession, adoration, Mass with Cardinal Sean O'Malley, and a great opportunity to gather with other Catholic women of faith. Tickets will be \$20 (\$30 including lunch). The Men's Conference will be on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston. It will be from 9am - 5:30pm and will feature the team from EWTN's Crossing the Goal as speakers (Danny Abramowicz, Curtis Martin, Peter Herbeck and Brian Patrick). The BCMC will also include confession, adoration, Mass with Cardinal Sean O'Malley, and fun fellowship. Tickets will be \$20 (\$30 including lunch). To order tickets, or for more information, visit www.catholicboston.com.

Boy Scout Sunday - Sunday, February 7, BSA is celebrating its 100th Anniversary. All Boy Scouts are invited to 8:30 Mass. Please wear your Class A Uniform. Refreshments will be served downstairs after mass.

My Brother's Keeper: The following is an excerpt from Erich Miller, Executive Director of My Brother's Keeper. "We thank the many parishioners of Holy Family who supported our Christmas program. Your Church's generosity was truly impressive! Our staff, along with 1,800 volunteers, delivered gifts to 2,262 families with 6,012 children and 3,163 adults. Each present had a "Happy Birthday, Jesus" gift tag on it, our way of keeping the focus of Christmas on Christ.. The scope of MBK program is impressive, but a thank you from Ashley sums up our efforts to help God answer the prayers of our brothers and sisters in need: *"Without your help, I don't think my kids would've had a Christmas. God gave me a miracle and it was you"*. We recognize the program would not be possible without the generosity of our many supporters like you. I appreciate your strong pastoral leadership and support for the services we provide to families in need in Christ's name. My prayerful best wishes to the Holy Family Parish community for a healthy and happy New Year."

Holy Family Women's Club February Events

*Meeting February 11 at 7:30

*Bake Sale Sunday, February 14th (after every Mass)

Ladies, it is once again that time to warm-up those ovens!!! On Sunday, February 14th we will have our Bake Sale after every Mass. We will count on everyone's generous participation to make this a success. Please decorate your baked goods in a Valentine motif. If you are unable to drop off on Sunday, Mary Duffy will be outside on February 13th before the 5PM Mass at the St. Vincent DePaul box in the parking lot. Should you have any questions, please contact Mary Duffy, Chairperson, at 781-934-9724. Thank you all in advance for your generous support!

Our next meeting will be our first annual Movie Night. Come have a fun and relaxing evening with friends!!! Bring your throw and chair/pillow, and wear comfy clothes as we watch a fun movie. Mark your calendars for February 11th at 7:30, and we hope to see everyone there!

Miramar Retreat Center will honor married couples and engaged couples at a Wine & Dine evening on Feb 13. For more info. Call Ann at 781-585-2460 x312..

Project Rachel Do you someone who is carrying grief and sorrow over past abortions? Project Rachek is the post-abortion ministry of the Catholic Church to help those dealing with the pain of abortion. Project Rache will offer three "Come to Waters" post abortion healing retreats this spring: Sun, Feb 28; Sat, March 13; and Sat, June 5. For more info, call 508-651-3100 or visit help@projectrachelboston.com.

The St. Vincent dePaul Poor Boxes are located at the doors of the church. The monies received from these boxes assist us in helping people with food, utility bills, and housing. Thank you to those parishioners who faithfully use the poor boxes.

CHURCH BELL UPDATE: As many of you are probably aware, the bells and the wiring system at Holy Family were hit by lightning storms during the Spring and Summer of 2009. Due to the specific nature of the damage, the entire system will be replaced this Spring. We thank you for your patience and inquiries and hope to enjoy a BELL celebration once everything is in place.