

MASS INTENTIONS

PASTOR'S CORNER

Saturday, February 27

5:00 p.m. Jerry Higgins - Anniversary

Sunday, February 28

7:00 a.m. Claire T. Sullivan - Anniversary

8:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

10:00 a.m. Tricia Zarella - Anniversary

Monday, March 1

9:00 a.m. Josephine O'Donnell - Birthday

Wednesday, March 3

9:00 a.m. Martin Coffee - Anniversary

Thursday, March 4

7:00 a.m. Sheila Dahlen - Anniversary

Friday, March 5

9:00 a.m. Ralph Sarro - Anniversary

Saturday, March 6

8:15 a.m. Renee Chalmers - Memorial

5:00 p.m. Robert Dundas - Anniversary

Sunday, March 7

7:00 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

8:30 a.m. John McCluskey - Anniversary

10:00 a.m. Edward Doheny - Anniversary

11:30 a.m. Grace & William McKenna - Anniversary

Please pray for the **Recently Deceased** Belinda Hulien.



Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen. - Lk 9:35-36

Readings for the Week of February 28, 2010

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17---4:1
or 3:20---4:1/Lk 9:28b-36
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

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Last week, we heard from both Cardinal Sean and parishioner and Catholic Appeal co-chair John Dwyer of the importance of the Catholic Appeal to the life of our Archdiocese, which supports over 60 ministries in the local church. In his thoughtful homily, Cardinal Sean used the image of the juicy apple, and urged us not to give the apple core back to God, but rather our fruits of good works and material generosity. In his eloquent reflection, John Dwyer referenced our parish gratitude at receiving a newly ordained priest, Fr. Sean Maher, and recognizing the Catholic Appeal as the "best investment we can make," assuring that the next generation of our children and grandchildren will benefit from the formation of future priests, deacons and lay ecclesial ministers—all supported through the Catholic Appeal. Indeed, you will notice a picture of Fr. Sean's ordination rite on this year's Appeal poster. I was privileged to be present on that special day last May.

As a member of the Pastor's Advisory Committee for the Catholic Appeal, I am so proud of the generosity of so many of you to the Appeal. Last year, 279 stated parishioners (those using the pledge forms) gave over \$123,000 to the Appeal, which achieved its overall goal of 15MM, in a very difficult economy. In fact, Holy Family Parish was in the top 10 parishes in total dollars to the Catholic Appeal in the Archdiocese of Boston.

This year, our parish goal is \$125,000. If you have not yet done so, I invite and encourage you to take home an information packet regarding the Catholic Appeal, and familiarize yourself with how the Appeal directly benefits the works and ministries of our Archdiocese. You may also visit www.bostoncatholicappeal.org. Please consider a gift to the Catholic Appeal, as your means and circumstances allow. I and many priests of the Archdiocese donate to the Catholic Appeal. Every gift is gratefully received by Cardinal Sean; every gift matters. You may return your Appeal envelope in next week's 2nd collection, or mail it in directly. As the weeks progress, we will update you in the bulletin on the progress of the Appeal.

On behalf of Cardinal Sean, thank you for considering this important request and for your continued support and generosity in giving your fruits back to God!

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Collection & ADP	\$11,761
Budgeted	\$12,350
Last week's Mortgage Collection	\$ 4,416
Offertory year-to-date actual	\$388,445
Offertory year-date budget	\$395,200

This weekend's Second Collection is For Holy Family St. Vincent de Paul.

This Second Collection supports the St. Vincent De Paul Society. During the past year, St. Vincent De Paul supported over needy 50 Duxbury families and individuals with food purchases, monthly rent, utilities and fuel bills. The Society also assisted the St. Edith Stein food pantry, Interfaith Council holiday baskets, the Amaryllis Foundation and St. Francis House. Your continued financial support is very much appreciated.

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

DID YOU KNOW? Currently, 63 households have signed on for the **HF Automatic Deposit Program**, representing almost \$2,344 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

"The Church is not a museum for saints; it is a hospital for sinners."

~~Cardinal Sean O'Malley, OFM, Cap.
www.thelightisonforyou.org
www.everydayfaith.net

We are grateful for the following donations:
New Holy Oil Stocks,
in memory of Paul Haffey
given by Anita Haffey
New Lavabo Pitcher & Bowl
in memory of John Snee, devoted husband and father
given by the Snee Family
New Altar Linen Purificators
given anonymously



Daily Mass During Lent

Monday – Friday, 7 & 9 am
Saturday, 8:15 am

all Masses celebrated in the Main Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation

every Wed. evening, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

www.thelightisonforyou.org

Saturday 4-4:45 pm

anytime by appointment

Lenten evening of Reflection

with Deacon Dan Burns.

Opportunity for Confessions

Monday, March 22 at 7:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday following the 9 am Mass

Benediction at 5:00 pm

Our Lady of the Assumption Church (40 Canal Street) in Marshfield will offer **Stations of the Cross** every Friday evening of Lent at 7 pm.

Beginning the weekend of March 6 & 7, **the practice of offering Holy Communion from the chalice and exchanging the Sign of Peace** will be restored. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will still purify their hands at the Lamb of God. All are encouraged to exchange the Sign of Peace in a dignified and appropriate manner.

LENTEN REGULATIONS 2010

Abstinence: Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligations of abstinence, to be observed on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, meat may not be used at all.

Fast: Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed.

Sanctuary Light given this month in loving memory of Sean and Bob O'Toole with love from their family

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION- 781-934-6839

All classes will meet as regularly scheduled this week with the exception of Confirmation I and II classes which will both meet at 6:00 pm this evening for a presentation on the Ugandan Rural Relief Services. 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.

On Sunday, March 7th from 5:30-6:30 pm, Confirmation I and II classes will be treated to the experience of celebrating the beautiful Jewish tradition of the Seder Meal. Harry Katz, President of the Duxbury Interfaith Council, will do the honor of leading the Seder. **Students must arrive promptly by 5:30** at the latest so as not to miss important portions of the narrative.

The next Youth Mass is scheduled for Sunday, March 14th followed by a dinner with a St. Paddy's Day theme co-hosted by the Youth Ministries Steering Committee, Footprints, and Connecting Catholic Families. All are invited! Live entertainment! Stay tuned!

Protecting God's Children Grades 1-6: Each year, Holy Family Parish includes a series of lessons on safety within our regularly scheduled class times, grades 1-6. This year we are pleased to offer a new program called *Stay Safe* for grades 1-4 which originated in Ireland and has been successfully used there for the past 20 years. We have evaluated both *Stay Safe* and our previously used program, *Talk About Touching*, and have found the new *Stay Safe* curriculum to be considerably more sensitive in its approach, emphasizing God's love for his children into each lesson.

To preview the *Stay Safe* program for grades 1-4 and the safety programs for grades 5 and 6, please come to a parent and teacher meeting on either Monday, March 1st 10:00 am or on Wednesday, March 3rd 7:00 pm.

Parents of children preparing for First Holy Communion: As the children prepare for First Holy Communion, class attendance becomes even more important for the remainder of the year. Some of the material we will be covering is difficult to make up when classes are missed. Following 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.



Attention all 11th and 12th graders (confirmed or not), Fr. Maher would like to meet with you at Holy Family Church on Thursday, March 4th, 7-8pm for pizza and conversation about life and faith. If you are interested, please email him at smaher@holymfamilyduxbury.org so we can know how much pizza to order.



Holy Family Parish Loon Mountain Ski Trip Saturday, March 13. Open to all Holy Family High School students and their Friends. Price \$85 includes transportation and lift ticket. For more information contact Dave Pellegrini at 781-799-4013 (dap@PellegriniFamilyDentistry.com) or Bill O'Neill at 781-956-8922 (williamoneill@siemens.com). Space is limited, full payment is due by March 8.



Vacation Bible School Want to be part of the first ever Vacation Bible School at Holy Family? Come join other enthusiastic, energetic volunteers who want to make this a reality at Holy Family this Summer. **An organizational meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 8 at 10:00AM in the Parish Center.** Opportunities to help range from small to large. The larger commitment is chairing a committee for organizing a portion of each day, such as crafts, activities, games, bible story and snacks. A minimum of 6 people are needed in this capacity. Smaller commitments range from helping the chairpeople organize materials etc to staying during camp to help with the children. Please come to the meeting on March 8 or contact Mary Weimer for more information if you are interested.

Chrim Course at Holy Family Our annual Lenten program by Celia Sirois will be held Thursdays, February 25th to March 25th from 10-12 in the Parish Center. The Book of Revelation – Of all of the books of the New Testament none is more misunderstood than The Book of Revelation. This course will try to decode this difficult text to discover what the original author intended and what his inspired words might mean for us today. Registration Fee for the CHRISM course is \$5. For more info. Pls call 781-331-5194.

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.

Holy Family Women's Club March Happenings
Ladies, please join us on Thursday, March 11th at 7:30 to hear our Lenten Speaker.

The club will also be hosting the Transfer Station cans and bottles for the month of March. We are asking that all members give a little of their time to help. Various shifts are available Wednesday thru Sunday. Any time you can give would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Karen Seger to volunteer your time at 781-934-0608 or email her at K2R40@aol.com. Many hands make light work!



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.

Are you getting married? The Archdiocese of Boston is offering a marriage preparation program at the Pastoral Center in Braintree on March 27 and 28th. A previous participant commented: "A must have. Fantastic. I would strongly recommend to all couples getting Married." For more info. Visit www.BostonCatholic.org/MarriageMinistries.

2010 Eucharistic Congress for College Students and Young Adults Save the date! The 2010 Eucharistic Congress for college students and young adults will take place on Friday, April 23 and Saturday, April 24 in the North End of Boston. Come experience dynamic speakers, powerful praise and worship, beautiful sacred music, Mass, confession and a Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Boston. For more info. Contact Lauren Hardegan at 617-746-5812 or youngadults@rcab.org.

Lenten Program for Married Couples at Miramar Retreat Center Miramar will present an evening for married couples on March 18 from 7-9 pm. The program is "Healing and Forgiveness in Marriage." Presenters will be Fr. Tom Griffin, SVD from Miramar and Jim and Elaine Richard from Milford, MA. Call Ann at 781-585-2460 to register or for more information. Cost is \$10 per couple.

Master of Arts in Ministry Program Open House for prospective students who are interested in learning more about their faith at St. John's Seminary on Thursday, March 25 at 7 pm. 149 Washington Street Brighton. For more info. Call 617-779-4104.

Jesus in the North End Attention young adults! Come join us for holy hour and Mass at St Leonard's Church in the North End on the following Friday evenings: Feb. 19, Mar 26, May 21. Adoration begins at 7:30 pm followed by Mass at 9. Immediately following Mass please join us at local North End cafes for fellowship. For more info contact 617-746-5812 or youngadults@rcab.org.

My Brother's Keeper If you would like to donate new or used furniture in excellent condition to MBK, please call Jim Sullivan at 934-1504. MBK is also looking for gently used linens, pots & pans and kitchen wares. Call Mary Danehy at 837-8323

St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Entertainment Saturday, March 13th, 6-11pm. Dinner at 7pm. Come celebrate with traditional Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner with music, entertainment and dancing. RSVP, tickets avail at St. Joseph Church, Kingston, or call 781-585-4074.