

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Thursday, March 11

7:00 a.m. Jeannette Whitney - Memorial

9:00 a.m. P.K. McNiff - Birthday

Saturday, March 13

5:00 p.m. Evelyn Brophy - Anniversary

Sunday, March 14

7:00 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

8:30 a.m. Noreen MacDonald - Memorial

10:00 a.m. Manoel Porto & William Essley, Sr.

11:30 a.m. Kevin Canty - Birthday

Please pray for the **Recently Deceased** Francine Bourcier Hueston (sister of Claudette Powers) and Mary Louise Gallant (mother of Mary Alisa Sherman).



Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" - Lk 13:2-3

Readings for the Week of March 7, 2010

Sunday:	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9
Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday:	Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



Prayer List: Please remember all those on our Parish Prayer List. May God's healing and protection descend upon them.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Lent is a busy and beautiful time of year here at Holy Family Parish. I would like to highlight some upcoming offerings in our parish these forty days.

As Catholics, we are first and foremost a sacramental people. The most important spiritual practice you can embrace during Lent is receiving the holy sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation. Fortunately, we are still able to offer 2 daily Masses during the Lenten Season at 7 and 9 a.m. Many folks set a goal to attend Mass every day during these forty days, receiving the graces of the Eucharist on a regular basis. I would also encourage you to spend some time in quiet prayer during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, every Friday in Our Lady's Chapel. Just stop in during the day and sit quietly in Our Lord's Presence. He will bless you with inner peace and serenity! (in great demand nowadays) In addition, throughout the Archdiocese this Lent, every church is open on Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8 p.m., for Confessions (see www.thelightisonforyou.org). If you receive Reconciliation regularly, or if it has been many years, go *anywhere* during this Lenten season and receive God's healing graces! Also, you should mark Monday, March 22, 7 p.m. on your calendars for Deacon Dan Burns' Lenten Evening of Reflection. Again this Lent, Deacon Dan will be sharing his rich spiritual insights, accompanied by meditative song. Priests will also be available for the sacrament of Penance at the conclusion of the Evening. Personally, I am looking forward to being in the pews that night!

Lent is a time not only to feed our souls but also to feed our minds. This past year, our parish has offered a wonderful series on major World Religions. I would encourage your attendance on Tuesday, March 23, to hear an interesting presentation on Buddhism. Personally, I have found that learning more deeply about other religious traditions helps me to grow not only in tolerance and respect, but also in gratitude for my Catholic faith. If at all possible, then, don't miss well-respected Celia Sirois' course on the Book of Revelation on Thursday mornings in our Parish Center. Celia is excellent!

Lent is a season not only of sacrifice but of spiritual growth. Do something positive for yourself sacramentally and intellectually these forty days!

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Collection & ADP	\$11,456
Budgeted	\$12,350
Last week's Holy Family	
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 4,280
Offertory year-to-date actual	\$399,901
Offertory year-date budget	\$407,550



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

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

All parishioners are invited to prayerfully consider making a gift to this year's **Catholic Appeal**, which gives substantial funding to the many ministries of Cardinal Sean and our Archdiocese. Due to your generosity to last year's Appeal, and the fact that we far exceeded our parish goal, Holy Family will receive a rebate check for over \$10,000, which will assist us in our own parish ministries. Every gift matters! *Please return your packet in this week's 2nd collection, by mail, or to the Parish Office.* For more information, please visit www.bostoncatholicappeal.org, or pick up an information packet in the church.



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.

SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

"When I look at the crucifix, I shall feel all my difficulties dissolve."

~~Blessed John XXIII

Beginning this weekend, **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.

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

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
Josephine O'Donnell with love from Ruth Hearson*

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

781-934-6839

All classes will meet as regularly scheduled 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.

This Sunday evening, 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.

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!

Created for Love Chastity Program: Holy Family Parish, along with all other parishes in the Boston Archdiocese, has been asked to present a new program for students in grade seven. This program, *Created for Love*, sensitively introduces students to living their lives according to God's plan. A parents' meeting for students in grade 7 will be held Tuesday, March 9th, 7:00-8:00 pm in the parish center. Parents of children in grades 4-6 are also invited if they would like to have a preview of the program which their children will experience in seventh grade. The *Created for Love* program will be presented to seventh graders on Saturday, March 13th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the parish center.

As the children prepare for First Holy Communion, class attendance becomes even more important for the remainder of the year. We have begun 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.

Footprints, a youth ministry for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders, will be hosting a scavenger hunt on Friday, March 19th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the parish center. Come join us for a night of fun. While working in teams, the kids will solve riddles and search for clues throughout the Church. Your entrance fee is a canned good to benefit the Interfaith Council's Easter baskets. Email your registration to Emily at kyriakides@comcast.net. For those interested in volunteering or becoming involved with the Footprints ministry, please email Leslie at lmccdux@comcast.net. Donations of water and desserts are greatly appreciated.



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.

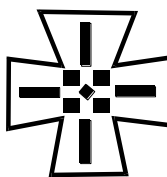


Vacation Bible School Want to be part of the first ever Vacation Bible School at Holy Family? Come join other enthusiastic, energetic volunteers who

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.



Family Rosary - Please join us in the main church Thursday, March 25, 6:30 to 7:30 pm, the Annunciation of the Lord. Led by our youth, we'll pray the joyful mysteries of the Rosary on this special Day. All are most welcome.



You are invited to the **Parish Lenten Night of Reflection** will be held in the Main Church on Monday, March 22 at 7:00 pm. Deacon Dan Burns will provide a peace-filled Lenten Reflection, followed by the opportunity for the Sacrament of Penance. All are invited and encouraged to make this evening a part of your Easter preparation.

The **Parish Pastoral Council** will meet Sunday, March 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the Herrick Room.

The **Parish Finance Council** will meet Monday, March 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the Herrick Room.

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 Sager to volunteer your time at 781-934-0608 or email her at K2R40@aol.com. Many hands make light work!

World Religions: Buddhism In recent times, the ancient religions of the Asian world have had a great influence on Western spirituality. Please join us on Tuesday, March 23 when Dr. Christopher Ives, professor of Religious Studies at Stonehill College will speak on Buddhism - its beliefs and practices.

Chrism 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.

The History and Challenge of Christian Spirituality A Spring adult education course will be presented on the History and Challenge of Christian Spirituality. The historical development of Christian spirituality will be traced, focusing on what constitutes a distinctly Catholic spirituality. Weekly discussions will include paired topics, such as, The Spiritual Journey and Prayer, Meditation and Contemplation, and Friendship and The Eucharist. The challenge of spirituality, in promoting personal and communal connectedness, is to remain flexible, dynamic and centered in the contemporary world. The spiritual life must be a bridge away from perplexity, a bridge to re-evangelization and a bridge over our many gulfs of separation. The course will be held in the Herrick Room on consecutive Tuesdays from April 27th to June 8th; 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. The facilitator will be Bill Donahue. The main text, Christian Spirituality: Themes from the Tradition, as well as a synopsis will be available in the parish office at sign up. Space limited.



Holy Family Book Club. Our next Meeting will be at Holy Family in the Parish Center on Thursday, March 18 at 7 pm. The book chosen for March is: Pray, Hope and Don't Worry-True Stories of Padre by Diane Allen. All are welcome and refreshments will be served.

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.

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." Call Ann at 781-585-2460 to register or for more information. Cost is \$10 per couple.

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.

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.

ASP Easter Pew Raffle

Please support the Appalachia Service Project this Easter Season and purchase a Raffle Ticket for a chance to win a reserved pew and (2) premium parking spaces for your family at the Easter Mass of your choice. Just look for the fresh, smiling faces of our ASP teens by the entrances to the church. Raffle Tickets will be sold at all Masses the weekends of March 13/14 and March 20/21. There will be 4 winners who will be drawn after the 11:30 Mass on March 21. Raffle Tickets are \$5 each, \$10 for 3 and \$20 for 7. All proceeds benefit the Holy Family Church ASP group for their trip to West Virginia this summer.