




# Weekly Notes

PARISH OF THE INCARNATION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

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<p><i>Lots of news -- we're going on mission!</i></p>  <p><b>Page 1</b></p>	<p><i>Stewardship here engages not only how we financially sustain the mission of the parish, but also how we respond to the needs of the wider Church and of the poor.</i></p> <p><b>Page 3</b></p>		<p><i>Treasures: Our pastor writes this weekly column for about 3,000 parish bulletins in the USA and Canada.</i></p> <p><b>Page 5</b></p> <p><i>Scripture: Some notes to help sustain your reflection on God's Word this week.</i></p> <p><b>Page 6 and 7</b></p>	<p><i>The Children's Choir for Advent and Christmas is forming.</i></p>  <p><i>Sign up today with Holly!</i></p>

## Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends,

As Thanksgiving approaches, what could be better than announcing a wonderful new initiative in the parish? Here you see our medical mission team to Cervicos in the Dominican Republic. I'm going too, but I'm the photographer. On Tuesday night we met in Gloucester to plan our trip with our companions from Holy Family of Cape Ann. We will be conducting eye, dental, and general medical clinics, running a dispensary in Cervicos and travelling to remote campos to bring medicine and clinics to the



poor. Among the Incarnation travelers you will recognize Dr. Mike Kane (back row, left), and Dr. Frank McNamara (back row, right). Gwen Blois is going, and she is front row, center, and to the right are Sandi Sweezy, who is going on this first trip, and Sara Linnehan, who will be going on the next trip, probably in May. As part of our Bethlehem Stars campaign, we will be asking for medicine that we will carry in our hand-luggage. Thanks to the start-up gift of our confirmation class, we are establishing a Dominican Republic Mission Fund to enable everyone to be a part of this effort. Our main mission this time is to investigate the possibility of establishing a permanent mission

of Incarnation Parish that would build on the good work begun by Holy Family Parish. Many parishioners have spoken to me about their desire to go on mission. The need is tremendous, and the Gloucester folks, some of whom have gone on as many as 15 trips, tell us that the rewards are beyond measure.

### Annual Report and Grand Annual

On Wednesday night, we launched our Grand Annual Fund with a reception for past donors and new parishioners. We need to celebrate a renewal of giving here, not only to regular parish operating expenses, but to charities through the leadership of our Stewardship Council. We have a lean and reasonable budget here, but our Parish Finance Council has identified a genuine revenue problem. 20% of our parishioners, about 240 households, are supplying 80% of our revenue. Many are on the sidelines, perhaps not recognizing the need, or still hesitant about re-investing in parish life and mission after years of struggle and scandal. It is up to you who love this parish, and who understand the importance of giving, to help us widen the circle. Clearly, we are capable of living a strong and vibrant community life here. Our weekly offertory has climbed steadily this year, and is now at long last regularly hitting the \$7,000 mark Father Pratt's Finance Council set a long time ago! You'll be hearing a lot more about finances in the months ahead as we conduct our Grand Annual and seek to bolster our weekly giving. You know that's not my favorite thing to do, but I do think that in justice to those who are giving, it is time to challenge some folks on the sidelines to support our life and mission more fully.

### Semi-Centennial Gala

My goodness there's a lot of news in this bulletin! I have yet another exciting announcement, thanks to the good work of Joan Ford Mongeau, chair of the lead committee for our Semi-centennial, and the sub-committee on the Gala kick-off celebration of our fiftieth year. We will

have a wonderful celebration at the Boston Seaport Hotel on Friday, November 22, 2008 to begin a whole year of celebration. There will be a wonderful dinner



and a great night of dancing and celebration. Put your piggy banks on the kitchen counter now for your festivity fund. The committee is energetic and growing. I am really excited about a spectacular night on the town! Mark your calendar today!

### Thanksgiving

The other day I overheard a doozy of a conversation: "I really hate Thanksgiving - you know the part when you go around the table and make up stuff about thanking all the other people at the table. I mean - what's the point?" Well, I always thought God was the point. It's kind of a national sabbath that has been calibrated from the beginning (thank you, Abe Lincoln) to give thanks to God for the bounty of his care for us. So, while meaning shifts under my feet, let's try to hold on to the center. We have Mass an hour early on Thursday, 8 am, for the football fans and the chefs. There is so much to be thankful to God for this year. Come start this beautiful day with the Lord. Happy Thanksgiving!

Love,

*Jim*

### Prayers and Milestones

Please pray for all our sick, especially infant **Christina Elizabeth Rainone, Rita Lee, Midge Curran, Tom Lawless, George Maguire, Bob O'Brien, Bernie McGee, Margaret Blais, Mary Dorn, Michael Flynn, and Emily Bourque.**

**November is a month of remembrance for our dead,** and you are welcome to inscribe the

names of those who have died this year in our "Book of Remembrance." You are also welcome to bring photos of your loved ones for our "November shrine."

**Pray for our Missionaries to Cervicos, Dominican Republic:** Father Jim Field, Gwen Blois, Sara Linnehan, Mike Kane, Frank McNamara, Sandi Sweezy, Cheryl Aparo, Jean and Willy Dugan, Deacon Bill Kane, Barb McCarthy, Tom Paradis, Maria Perreira, Dr. Deb Wayne, and Joan Cummiskey.

We celebrate Baptism today at 10:30 for Ella Nora, daughter of John and Ingrid Bonacorsi, Brooke Ashlee, daughter of Ryan and Allison Foley, and Ryan Thomas, son of David and Jennifer McAndrew.

*Pray for our dear ones in the Military who will be far from home this Thanksgiving:*

**Major Martin Forrest and Captain Patrick J. Forrest**, Marine Pilots, Newpews of Mary Ann Charlton, grandsons of Eleanor Forrest

**Commander John Carey**, USNavy, Iraq, M. Logan's cousin

**James Rowe**, Army, Iraq, Barry Rowe's second cousin

**Stephen Ericcson**, Army, Bagdhad, Leo Greene's friend

**Commander Carolyn R. McGee**, Navy Nurse, Helen and Bernie McGee's daughter

**Colonel Frederick Mooney**, Air Force, Diane Porcaro's brother

**Lt. Richard Parella**, Navy Pilot, Theresa Parella's son

**Michael Frampton**, Navy, Gwen Blois' nephew

**2nd Lt. Christopher Distaso**, Air Force, Anna Distaso's grandson

## Stewardship Notes

### Offertory Report

Offertory November 11, 2007	\$7,192.00
Monthly Maintenance, Nov. 11	\$1,540.00
Offertory November 12, 2006	\$6,531.00

## HOLY LAND CARVERS

At the request of Cardinal Sean, we are hosting the Holy Land Olive Wood Carvers next week-end. They are descendants of the first Christians in the Holy Land, residents of Bethlehem. Their livelihood has been compromised by political strife and the dearth of pilgrims to the holy places of Bethlehem. Their products are beautiful, and their cause is just. Thank you for helping them. When you buy their artwork, you are truly keeping Christ in Christmas.

Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time	Thirty-second Week in Ordinary Time
<p>Sunday, Nov.18</p> <p><b>The Thirty-third Sunday of the Year</b></p> <p>4:30: The Delaney Family</p> <p>8:00: Christopher Bourque</p> <p>10:30 Helen E. McNeil</p>	<p>Sunday, Nov.25</p> <p><b>Our Lord Jesus Christ the King, the Thirty-fourth and Last Sunday of the Year</b></p> <p>4:30: Matthew Blois</p> <p>8:00: Miah and Mary Crowley</p> <p>10:30 Alice Fucci, Adeline and Adolfo Cillo and Richard Muse</p>
Monday, Nov. 19 weekday	
Tuesday, Nov. 20 weekday	
<p>Wednesday, Nov. 21</p> <p>Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary memorial</p> <p>9:00: John Lambert</p>	<p>This celebration of Mary is rooted in the dedication of the Church of Santa Maria Nova in Jerusalem in the sixth century. It was declared a feast for the whole church in 1585.</p>

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<p>Thursday, Nov. 22</p> <p><b>St. Cecilia (+3rd c., martyr), Thanksgiving Day in the USA memorial</b></p> <p><b>9:00: Thomas Dorn and family</b></p>	<p>Today is also the anniversary of the first constitution of the Second Vatican Council (1963), the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy. One year from today, we begin our parish fiftieth year celebration.</p>
<p>Friday, November 23</p> <p>St. Clement I, +100, pope and martyr, St. Columban +615, abbot, and Blessed Miguel Pro +1927, priest and martyr</p> <p>optional memorials</p> <p>9:00: Michael and Mary Grace Cicco</p>	
<p>Saturday, Nov. 24</p> <p>St. Andrew Dung-Lac +1839, priest and martyr, and his companions, the martyrs of Vietnam</p> <p>Anticipated Mass for Sunday 4:30: The Delaney Family</p>	<p>Vietnam has the largest Catholic Church in southeast Asia, but it was established in great suffering with tremendous persecution and many deaths from 1745 and 1862. In the USA, Vietnamese Catholics have established vibrant parishes, and have provided many new vocations to the priesthood and religious life</p>

### Thanksgiving Interfaith Service

Every year, Incarnation Parish participates in the Melrose Clergy Association’s Interfaith Prayer for Thanksgiving week. This year it will be at the **United Methodist Church in downtown Melrose, at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, November 20.**

### Treasures from the Tradition

With Thanksgiving approaching, we think of the quest of the Puritans who arrived on the *Mayflower* from their first exile in Leyden, Holland. Like the Catholics of England, they were religious dissenters who suffered penalties for not participating in the worship life of the established church. Catholics established monasteries, schools, and convents on the continent to assure the vigor of their faith’s spiritual and intellectual life. Similarly, the Puritans fled to the tolerant Netherlands with similar hopes of preserving their way of life, but they were unable to adapt to Dutch ways.

There were Catholics who made a similar colonial journey. The hero of the story is George Calvert, Lord Baltimore, the former Secretary of State in Britain, and a Catholic. He proposed that King Charles I establish a proprietary colony that he would own and rule, named Maryland in honor of his Catholic Queen Henrietta Maria. George Calvert died unexpectedly in the midst of this project, but his son Cecil faithfully carried out his father’s wishes. Maryland became a symbol of freedom for wealthy recusant English families, as well as for the poor who held to the Catholic faith despite great hardship. From the start, the colony was open to both Catholics and Protestants, and the seeds of religious freedom so dear to the American spirit were sown with the first Catholic colonists in 1634.

*James A. Field, c. 2006 J.S.Paluch Company*

### Scripture Study

#### *A Spiritual Revolution*

"You who fear my name, for you there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays." How consoling, the last part of this sentence from Sunday’s [First Reading](#).

But what about the first? Fear? We thought God

was love, not something to be afraid of. But the scripture is not talking about the fear you get in horror films. Not the strange noise when you are alone in the house. Fear of God is a reasonable, settled concern, an awe before what is very much bigger than you. This is the older meaning of the word: a reverential wonder toward the creator of the universe.

Spiritually speaking, this kind of “fear” is completely necessary for us. Only when we have it are we ready to start relating to God, to begin maturing in our relation with the Most High. Only then do we begin to suspect what it really means to say, “God is Love.”

An example. Copernicus showed that the sun does not revolve around the earth, but rather that the earth circles the sun. I know there is much more to say about this, but compare just that fact to the attitude most of us have toward God. We usually have God circling around us, as if we are the center of the universe instead of just a planet. God is there to help us, we say, to answer our prayers, make us peaceful, make our side win the ball game, and so on.

Nothing is really wrong with any of these.

But we stand in desperate need of a Copernican revolution. Reverence for God tells us that God does not exist so that I can be happy. Just the opposite. My life is meant to revolve around God! God gently maintains in existence all that is, stars, galaxies, lands, oceans, cities, humans hearts, butterfly wings.

It takes a spiritual revolution to think in this way. What would happen if you or I tried it?

First, we would be living in truth instead of pretense. The truth of our lives is that human beings are constructed to have the real God within

them, the source and goal of who they are, instead of the latest fad. If God is greatest, why would we make something else the center of our life?

Second, the “sun of justice with its healing rays” would shine upon us. God’s love would appear

to us in truth instead of as just a bauble to play with, or a way to find a parking place. The awesome God’s love is the gentle source of life, and the at the same time the affectionate mother of the entire universe.

Advent is coming very soon. The Church will be preparing to see tender love shown forth in a child. In pre-Advent (now) we have to take in God’s grandeur in its awesome and fear-invoking stage so we will

be small enough to see the baby.

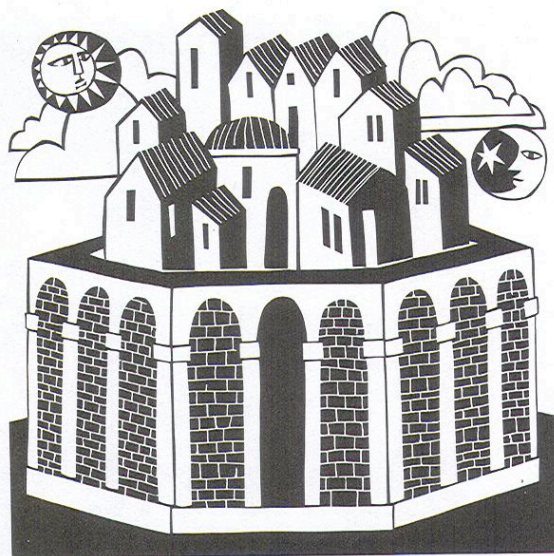
So the [First Reading](#) and the [Gospel](#) thunder on about the day of reckoning when “nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom,” and so on. These readings do indeed bring forth awe and fear. They show us who is at the center of the universe.

And, amazingly, they show us that love is right in the middle of that almighty center.

*John Foley, SJ*  
*Center for Liturgy, St. Louis University*

## Music Survey

The National Association of Pastoral Musicians invites you to an online survey of Catholics, asking them to rate the quality of the singing by the folks in the pews. Time’s up on November 30: [www.npm.org](http://www.npm.org). It’s fun!



## Preview of Bethlehem Stars

“Bethlehem Stars” is our hallmark Stewardship project for outreach and charitable giving. On the First Sunday of Advent, the assembly is surrounded by stars taped to the wainscoting. The stars are color-coded to specific projects.

This year, the Stewardship Council has voted on three projects. One will be Notre Dame High School’s “Dress for Success” program, benefitting the youngsters in work-study assignments. Sr. Mary Murphy is our link with this project.

The second project is Dr. Claire McCarthy’s Martha Eliot Health Center in Jamaica Plain. Claire will be telling us the needs soon.

**The third is our own parish’s new medical mission to the Dominican Republic.** Our first team of five parishioners will hand-carry the medicine you give. You may also give money to the Incarnation Dominican Republic Mission fund at any time. Here is a list of medical supplies that you can start amassing now. **Tear this bulletin page out and keep it in your purse or wallet. Look for bulk pricing when you go to BJ’s or Costco. Buy a couple of items whenever you shop, and you’ll be all set for the collections on the third and fourth Sundays of Advent.**

**Please avoid liquid forms of medicine except when indicated - the liquid is denser than pills and difficult to carry in checked luggage without exceeding weight limits.**

Tylenol: infant liquid, age 2-6 years, age 6-11 years, Adult, and Tylenol for Arthritis

Ibuprofen: adult and Pediatric Motrin

Vitamins: prenatal, pediatric, pediatric with iron, adult, adult with iron, senior, infant drops with iron

Cough syrup, cough drops, singular 5 mg, claritin, nasonex

Pepsid 20/40  
Prilosec  
Ranitidine  
Bisacodyl  
Kaopectate  
Pepto-Bismal  
Tums (calcium)  
Antifungal cream  
Antibacterial cream  
A+D Ointment  
Selsun Blue Shampoo (for skin rashes and parasites)  
Debrox ear drops

Monistat day cream and suppositories  
toothbrushes, toothpaste

The missionaries stock and manage the dispensary with these over-the-counter medicines. The need is especially great for the vitamins listed, and for selsun blue and the ointments. If you work in the healthcare professions, you may have access to samples, or to overstocks of various medicines. Let us know!



# Annual Report: Approved Budget 2008

Dear Parishioners:

In preparation for their Confirmation, I asked our young people to write to me, and offer their reasons why they are asking to be confirmed. One young woman said that she supposed that most of her peers would write about their own personal growth in faith. Yet, she wanted to focus on her faith journey in the context of another journey, that of Incarnation Parish. She said that she is part of a parish that is changing, growing, exploring, whose people are deepening relationship with Christ and with one another and the poor. That spirit has filled her with joy and given her peace as she recognizes that she is called to live a Catholic life.

Recently, Sister Mary Murphy chose our 10:30 assembly as the place to renew her vows after fifty years as a Sister of Notre Dame de Namur. In her words of welcome, she thanked the people of Incarnation Parish for welcoming her and challenging her, for being a community that is alive and full of promise. Moments like these increasingly brighten my day: words of appreciation for Generations of Faith one day, the next day an e-mail from a bride on her honeymoon saying that her wedding was beautiful and spiritually full and satisfying. Not long ago, Father Vincent Machozi, visiting from the Congo, said that Sunday morning here is like Sunday at home in Africa: young families in abundance, energy, life, prayerfulness.

I am so grateful to God for the call to be a part of this.

Yet, my Finance Council advises me that we are at an important juncture. Our budget is tight, yet appropriate for a parish our size, and well-managed. Our staff is lean, dedicated, and always goes the extra mile. Our problem is with revenue. Despite a clear renewal of giving on the part of many, too few parishioners are carrying the weight. In justice to those who give so generously, we have to really press those who are on the sidelines to invest in our future. 20% of our registered members are providing 80% of our offertory. At the advice of this Council, I have directed a substantial increase in weekly and grand annual income. Even with the woes of our economy and the specter of an expensive fuel season, if we challenge one another we can succeed.

God has been so good to us. We are on the verge of our fiftieth year celebration. The new budget reflects our commitment to a vigorous parish life. On my part, I renew my promise to work hard, to serve faithfully, to challenge myself to stretch and grow. I am confident in our ability to make God love's visible as people of the Incarnation. Thank you for taking the time to review our budget. I and the other members of the Pastoral Finance Council welcome your comments and questions.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend James Anthony Field, Pastor

## Recent Achievements

- Refurbishment of Parish Hall, new tables and chairs
- New seating and improved sight-lines for choir
- Formation of a children's choir for Advent and Christmas
- Temporary immersion font
- Formation of a Semi-Centennial Committee
- Stewardship Council projects and outreach
- Dominican Republic Mission exploration
- Conference Center in lower church
- Convection oven and stove in parish kitchen
- "Bethlehem Stars" charity
- Electronic Fund Transfer
- Quarterly Food Drive
- GOF Adult Education Nights in Advent and Lent
- Refurbishment of rectory study and offices
- Strengthened fiscal reporting of the baseball league, and enhancement of playing fields

## Planned for the Immediate Future

- Refurbishment of rectory kitchen
- Consolidation of office machines to one copier
- Ongoing repair and refurbishment of church interior
- Launch of redesigned parish website
- Program to conserve energy, reduce water and electric consumption
- Ongoing improvements to parish kitchen: refrigeration, sink, dishwasher

CATEGORY	ACTUAL 6/30/07	BUDGET 2007-2008
Offertory Weekly	300,000	377,000
Offertory Monthly Maintenance	19,619	24,000
Grand Annual	87,030	120,000
Religious Education	27,532	28,000
Other Donations Etc.	83,889	15,000
Rental Income	28,680	36,000
Youth Baseball	66,877	67,000
Other Income	2,555	3,000
<b>TOTAL DONATIONS</b>		
Unrestricted Funds Used	636,151	671,350
Interest / Dividend Income	5,488	5,500
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>641,639</b>	<b>676,850</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Compensation	247,745	244,000
Employee Benefits	45,105	46,000
Clergy Stipends and Related	38,834	52,000
Religious Education / GOF	3,296	5,000
Office and Related Expenses	66,269	72,000
Household	17,906	18,000
Utilities and Maintenance	80,462	85,000
Pastoral and Liturgical	76,814	80,000
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>		
Building and Grounds	6,844	8,000
Archdiocesan School Tax	8,100	8,850
Youth Baseball	57,076	58,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		
<b>ACTUAL 6/30/07</b>	<b>648,452</b>	<b>676,850</b>
Net Revenue (Loss)	(6,813)	-

**Offertory Weekly**

The regular Sunday collection, excluding the Easter collection and the base number for Archdiocesan assessments: school tax, hospital chaplaincy tax, cathedralicum.

**Offertory Monthly Maintenance**

The monthly supplemental collection for the maintenance and upkeep of the parish buildings and grounds, and not subject to Archdiocesan assessment for tax.

**Grand Annual**

The annual giving opportunity for parish-based ministries and projects, and not subject to Archdiocesan assessment. The Grand Annual is conducted from Thanksgiving to March 31.

**Religious Education**

Registration and meal income for Generations of Faith. Income is from registrations, varying from \$50 to a maximum of \$150 per household.

**Other Donations Etc.**

Sacramental stipends, flower offerings, special gifts.

**Rental Income**

Happy Hours lease, ALANON rental, miscellaneous use of church hall.

**Other Income**

Gifts and bequests.

**Compensation**

Salaries for the parish professional and support staff, including 1/4 time housekeeper, 1/3 time administrative assistant, full time secretary, full time pastoral associate, full-time associate for faith formation, full-time director of music ministries, per diem organist, and full-time director of maintenance

**Employee Benefits**

Social security, 80% medical insurance, dental insurance, pensions, long term disability, workman's compensation

**Clergy Stipend and Benefits**

Pastor stipend, professional development, partial auto insurance, visiting clergy honoraria. health trust, retirement. This area received a significant boost this year as the Archdiocese increased compensation for the first time in many years, and at the same time discontinued most professional reimbursements for priests

**Religious Education / GOF**

Programs and services, staff development and training, text books and supplies, scripture books for at-home study, stipends for guest speakers, printing, mailing, dues and subscriptions

**Office and Related Expenses**

Supplies, telephone, postage, printing, copy machine leases, maintenance, bank fees, broadband, computer network, depreciation

**Household**

Food, supplies, cable, hospitality

**Utilities and Maintenance**

Gas, electric, water, equipment maintenance, plumbing, fire safety, alarm, landscaping, snow removal

**Pastoral and Liturgical**

Liturgical books, ministry development and resources, lending library for books and videos, flowers, altar supplies, copyright permissions, printing of liturgy programs, baptismal candles and supplies, workshops, youth program, marriage preparation, sacramental formation

**Capital Expenses**

We are in a position to make only minor capital improvements this year. There is a long list of capital improvements for the church building, including handicapped access, handicapped bathrooms on the main floor, an elevator, air conditioning, better lighting, improvements to the "cry room," replacement of carpeting with hard wood flooring, replacement of wood panelling in the sanctuary, baptismal font improvements.

**STEWARDSHIP: Charities and Outreach**

It is important to note that this is not an exhaustive report on our stewardship, since all of us maintain a network of charities and causes that we support. Frequently, we bring our offerings to our parish projects in the form of new toys, clothes, bed linens, food.

More than once a month, we have an opportunity to support a charity, mission, or need of the local or universal Church. Here is a record of that stewardship:

Black and Native Americans \$857

Church in Latin America: \$895

Peter's Pence: \$978

Catholic Relief Services: \$1,107

Good Friday Holy Land Shrines: \$1,167

Easter Sunday Clergy Benefit Trust: \$9,659

Communications: \$741

Seminaries: \$950

Church in Central and Eastern Europe: \$601

Home Missions: \$859

Catholic University: \$763

Missions: \$849

Mission Appeal: St. James Society \$2,477

Retirement Fund for Women Religious: \$2,212

Campaign for Human Development: \$1,418

Christmas Collection for Clergy Retirement and Disability: \$8,285

## HOW TO FIND US

As a Catholic parish in the Archdiocese of Boston, we are committed to excellence in liturgy, service, hospitality, and life-long learning.

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### REGULAR SCHEDULE for LITURGY

Lord's Day: Saturday 4:30; Sunday 8:00 and 10:30  
Daily Mass: W, Th, Fri. at 9:00 am; Rosary at 8:45 am  
Wednesday through Friday

### SCRIPTURE STUDY

Friday morning after Mass, we share coffee and conversation about God's Word for the week.

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 3:30 - 4:15 pm, or by appointment at any time.

### JOINING OUR COMMUNITY

We're happy you're here! New beginnings are not always comfortable, but we're easy to get to know. No matter what your journey has been, we want to be your companions for the next steps, to share the Gospel together and to help each other along the way. Most of us are from within parish boundaries

in Melrose and Saugus, but we have parishioners from as far afield as Georgetown and Framingham! Our official territory extends from just east of Lebanon Street in Melrose, to just west of the Fellsway. We trace a boundary line along Route One in Saugus, and Main Street in Saugus. We include Sheffield Heights and Avalon Bay in Saugus. Please introduce yourself to a staff member, drop in for coffee on Sunday, or stop by the rectory.

### ADULT INITIATION, RCIA

We are always ready to begin the process by which an adult or older child becomes a Catholic, either by full initiation in baptism, or by reception into full communion. We are also happy to prepare you for adult confirmation.

### BAPTISM FOR INFANTS

Normally, the baptism of infants is celebrated within the Sunday assembly at a time convenient to the parents. Parents must be parishioners here or have a letter of permission from their pastor. Linda Swett is the staff contact person for preparation.

### GENERATIONS OF FAITH

Registration is under way now for all age levels, families and singles, children and adults, in our parish program of life-long learning and celebration of faith: Generations of Faith. Materials are in the Church or available at our Faith-Formation Office through Ann Lahiff.

### MARRIAGE

Please contact Father Field at least six months in advance.

### CARE OF THE SICK

To arrange for the Sacrament of the Sick, for Holy Communion for the home-bound, or Viaticum for the Dying, please contact the parish office. It is always possible to anoint the sick during regularly scheduled liturgies.

### ORDER of CHRISTIAN FUNERALS

The parish is prepared to celebrate the Vigil (wake) in the Church.