

Mass Intentions

Richard Reynolds	3rd Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Saturday	(1/1)
Albert DelloRusso	26th Anniversary Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(1/1)
Daniel Tillinghast	Memorial Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(1/1)
Rosalie Klecker	5th Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(1/2)
Helen Catarius	30th Anniversary Mass	9:00 a.m. Monday	(1/3)
George Woodbury	1st Anniversary Mass	9:00 a.m. Tuesday	(1/4)
Edwin Cherubin	4th Anniversary Mass	9:00 a.m. Wednesday	(1/5)
John B. Perillo	Birthday Remembrance	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(1/8)
Mary McLaughlin	Month's Mind Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(1/8)
Thomas Burns	2nd Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(1/9)



HAPPY NEW YEAR

December 31, New Year's Eve: 4:00 p.m.

January 1, New Year's Day: 10:00 a.m.

January 1, Vigil of the Epiphany: 4:00 & 5:30 p.m.

January 2, Epiphany Sunday: 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.



"Mary, Did You Know?" Many people commented on the beautiful Communion meditation song that Ben DiScipio, our music director and organist, sang on Christmas. The song entitled, "Mary, Did You Know?" has been recorded by Clay Aiken and is available on CD. Thank you Ben for such a meaningful meditation on our Blessed Mother, Mary.

New Vestments for the Church: The Parish has purchased four new vestments for Mass, one for each of the liturgical colors. If you wish to memorialize one of them for a loved one, please call the rectory. The cost is \$400.00 each which includes the appropriate memorial label.

The Parish Pastoral Council: In January the members we will meet on Thursday, January 6, and on Saturday, January 8. Bernie Swain will serve as a facilitator for these two meetings. It is important that all be present.

The Saugus Knights of Columbus: will be holding a special Mass honoring the Icon of the Blessed Mother on Monday, January 10 at 7:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church, 14 Summer Street, Saugus Center. Refreshments will be served following the Mass and all are invited.



Stewards of God's Gifts: Today we remember the three wise men from the East who came to pay homage to the infant Jesus, bringing him rich gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The gifts we bring - our time and service and some share of what we earn from the work we do - are equally precious in His sight.



Epiphany Pageant: Performed by the youth of the Parish, our Pageant retells the story and events that surround the birth of Jesus. The pageant will take place on Epiphany Sunday, January 2, 2005 during the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Manifestation by Fr. Jeffrey Day

The word epiphany means "manifestation." Today we celebrate the manner in which Jesus was made manifest to the world. Most of the time we associate the Epiphany only with the coming of the Magi, as we heard in today's Gospel passage. But there are actually two other epiphany moments that we celebrate in this Feast. Saint Peter Chrysologus writes that the second Epiphany moment we celebrate today is Christ's Baptism with the accompanying appearance of the Holy Spirit above the waters. The third Epiphany is that moment Saint Peter speaks of is the first of Christ's signs from Heaven, namely the turning of water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana. In each of these epiphany moments, the glory of God was revealed more and more and the true identity of Jesus became clearer. In our own faith we have these kinds of epiphany moments. At times God seems hidden and distant, but then something happens which makes His presence seem very clear. I think this feast challenges us in two ways. It challenges us to find God's presence in the ordinary things of everyday life where so often we don't see Him. But we are also challenged today to make God manifest to others. Can other people see Jesus at work in us?

January Breakfast: Join us for the monthly breakfast which will be on Sunday, January 9 from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. You will not only receive a very good breakfast but you support your parish and you encourage those who are so dedicated in providing these monthly breakfasts for us to enjoy.

"Faith is the strength by which a shattered world shall emerge into the light."

Helen Keller

Religious Education: Classes for Grades 1 through 6 are held from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. at the Belmont Middle School. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 9, 2005. Grades 7 & 8 - next class is Friday, January 7 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.



Confirmation Year I: Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 19. Classes are on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Confirmation Year II: The next class for students & sponsors will be Sunday, January 9 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The date for Confirmation has been changed to February 6 at 12 Noon.

Grand Annual Collection: Sincere thanks to those who have given to this year's Grand Annual Collection. To date \$25,645.00 has been received. It is our hope that a greater number of Parishioners will participate in this Grand Annual Collection. Every dollar raised in the Grand Annual benefits the Parish. As we continue with needed repairs to Parish property, we rely on your generosity. Thank you.



The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick: In the Letter of St. James we find the question, "Is there anyone sick among you?"

The response is that the sick are to call the priests of the Church who are to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. This Sacrament is not to be looked upon as the "Last Rites" but as a powerful instrument of God's healing and strength. Therefore, prior to surgery or when diagnosed with or living with a serious illness avail yourself of this gift. On the First Friday of each month, this Sacrament is offered following the 9:00 a.m. Mass or at any time at your convenience. Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

Second Collections:

- January 1 & 2 Disaster in Southeast Asia
- January 8 & 9 Parish Monthly Collection
- January 22 & 23 The Church in Latin America



Offertory Collection: The Christmas collection was \$3,700.00. This collection is for the benefit of the health and retirement needs of the priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. In their name I thank you for your generosity. Last Sunday's collection was \$1,535.00. Thank you for your generosity to the needs of your Parish.

United parish Food Pantry: Our monthly collection of food is the second weekend of each month (January 8 & 9). Thanks to those who are so faithful in bringing a food donation each month. If you are free on Friday mornings, volunteers are needed. Call Carol Cashman at 781-558-1092 to volunteer. The Pantry operates on Fridays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the Cliftondale Congregational Church.



Saint Theresa House Open House: You are invited to an Open House at Saint Theresa's House (adjacent to Saint Mary's Church in Lynn) on Saturday, January 8 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saint Theresa House is the former St. Mary's Convent, now converted into 32 units of housing for low income elders. It will have a comprehensive service program that is tailored for frail elders in our community. Information and applications will be available on January 8.



The Year of the Eucharist: Our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II has called us to reflect and think about this great gift which is ours, the gift of Jesus present in the Eucharist.

During the coming months, we will focus on this great sacrament which is so central to our faith as Catholic Christians. In the light of the fact that this is the beginning of a new year, could we as a Parish work on the reverence and the dignity which we bring to our celebration of the Eucharist? Two areas come to mind. First, silence in Church before Mass. Let us give everyone time to pray and prepare for Mass. Second, attend the entire Mass. Why do so many leave Mass early? Let's celebrate the Eucharist giving it the respect and dignity that it calls for. Let us give the Lord our best.

Is God calling you? The Church needs men and women to serve the spiritual needs of God's people. Is God calling you to serve as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you call Father Oscar Pratt at the Vocation Office 617-746-5949.

Parish Offertory Envelopes: We encourage the use of Parish Envelopes for your weekly donation to help support our Parish. If you wish to receive envelopes, please give us the following information:

Name:

Address: