

Mass Intentions

John Stella & Mary Jane Renzi	Memorial Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(8/28)
Ruth Carlson	1st Anniversary Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(8/28)
Melvin Melanson	Birthday Remembrance	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(8/29)
Marie DeSouza	15th Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(8/29)
Father Daniel Lewis, S.J.	1st Anniversary Mass	9:00 a.m. Friday	(9/3)
Edward & Alice Worthy	Memorial Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(9/4)
Anna Troy	6th Anniversary Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(9/4)
Rocco & Susan LaVacca	Memorial Mass	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(9/5)
Fred Collins & Ellen Duffy	Memorial Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(9/5)



The Liturgy of the Word for Children:

This will be the last Sunday that the Liturgy of the Word for children will take place. Religious Education Classes will begin Sunday, September 12. We are grateful to Gerri Milgroom and to all who assisted in making this a wonderful worship experience for our children during the summer months. Hopefully we will continue this valuable program next summer. If interested in being a part of it, please let us know. Thank you.



Parish Pastoral Council: The PPC will meet this week - on Thursday, September 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

United Parish Food Pantry: Our thanks for your continuous support of the local food pantry. The second weekend each month (our next food collection is September 11 & 12) we invite you to bring non-perishable food to Church. The food is then brought to our local food pantry (located at the Clifftondale Congregational Church) where it is distributed on Friday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 12 Noon. Please know that your gift of food is always needed and very much appreciated.



“I was hungry and you gave me to eat.”

Religious Education: Classes for Grades 1 through 6 begin Sunday, September 12 from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. at the Belmonte Middle School.



Confirmation Year I: A meeting for parents & students of Confirmation Year I will be Wednesday, September 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The first class for this group will be on Wednesday, September 15 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.



Confirmation

Confirmation Year II: A meeting for sponsors only will be on Sunday, September 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The first class for students & sponsors will be on Sunday, September 26 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Religious Education for the Deaf: Classes are being formed for deaf children and youth, from First Communion through Confirmation age. In our area, these classes are offered in Stoneham. For more information, call Kathy Carey at 617-746-5645.

Religious Education: As we look forward to the beginning of a new year of Religious Education, we have a few needs, namely 4 teachers (1 for Grade 1, 1 for Grade 2, 1 for Grade 5 boys and 1 for Grade 6 girls) and 2 hall monitors. In our Grade 9 First Year Confirmation Program we have need of small group discussion facilitators. Please, prayerfully consider this important ministry to our children. Thank you.

Bible Study for Adults: On Tuesday evenings beginning September 14 at 7:00 p.m. using the Little Rock Bible Study Program we will begin a study of the Acts of the Apostles. The program involves daily reading and study and a weekly gathering to share insights and prayer. There is no cost and all are welcome.

Is God calling you? Humble yourself and you will find favor with God. Are you being called to be a priest or deacon, brother or sister? Humbly ask the Lord. If you think God is calling you, call Father Oscar Pratt at the Vocation Office at 617-746-5436.

Good Stewards: In the Gospel today, Jesus warns us not to give in hopes of repayment, but to give openly to the poor and the needy. That sort of giving mirrors the bountiful giving of God, and Jesus assures us it is blessed indeed!

What can I do for my Parish? When it was learned on May 25th that St. Margaret’s was to continue as a Parish, a mailing was sent to all registered families/members of the Parish. This mailing contained a letter and a request form listing the many ways to become involved in Parish life. I want to encourage your continued response—it is never too late to become involved—and to inform those who have offered their time and talent that someone will be in touch with you in September. Thanks to all who have responded with a generous heart.

“The Church, Charities, & American Society: Defining the Issues.” Catholic Charities & Bishop Fenwick High School invite you to attend an address by Rev. Bryan J. Hehir, President of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Boston, Professor of Practice of Religion in Public Life & Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government. This will be a provocative look at American society today: health care & education as expressions of social ministry & issues of social justice. All welcome to Bishop Fenwick Auditorium, 99 Margin Street (Rt. 35), Peabody, MA Monday, Sept. 13 at 7:30 p.m.



Ice Cream Social: On Sunday, September 5 (Labor Day Weekend) after the 10:00 a.m. Mass we will have an Ice Cream Social (Ice Cream with all the fixings!) There is no cost and children of all ages are welcome. A cool way to say ‘au revoir’ to the summer.

Monthly Breakfast begin again! The first monthly breakfast for the new season will be on Sunday, September 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 Noon. Keep the date open and more information will be in next week’s bulletin.

Fall Yard Sale: We are planning our Fall Yard Sale for Saturday, October 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We are grateful to Marie Boudreau who has once again offered to be the chairperson for this event. If you would like to help with this event, please let Marie know directly or leave us your name and phone number and we will pass it on to Marie. In the mean time, your attic, garage and basement treasures are welcome to find their way over to us leaving them in the back entry of the Rectory. Please, no clothing, books, electronics such as TVs, computers, printers, etc. Thanks for your help.

The Parish Bulletin: Local businesses have found Parish bulletins a valuable way of reaching people about their products and services. This is a good time to ask stores, companies and businesses in our area to consider supporting our Parish by taking an add in our weekly bulletin. Call the appropriate number listed on the back page of today’s bulletin to get all the information you need. Thanks for your help.

Second Collections

August 28 & 29 Catholic Home Missions Appeal
September 11 & 12 Parish Monthly Collection
September 18 & 19 The Catholic University of America



Offertory Collection: Last Sunday’s collection was \$2,580.00. *Thank you for your kindness and generosity to the needs of your Parish.*

Temperance In addition to Prudence, there are three other Cardinal Virtues to study. This week: Temperance. Temperance does not mean only in food and drink. It means self-control and moderation in everything. Such moderation is essential for happiness. Giving in to unreasonable demands of gratification goes counter to temperance. In whatever we do, whether it is recreation, pleasure, craving for esteem, accumulating riches, anger, food and drink, pride, etc., we need to do everything temperately. Without temperance, for example, we either become workaholics or lazy and sluggards. We all have tendencies to do something evil. These are strong cravings that, unless they are checked, will lead us to grave consequences. To control such evil compulsions, we need to pray for temperance. Act against these evil tendencies by self-control, self-denial and self-discipline. Lay the foundation for strong character by practicing temperance faithfully. God will always bless your efforts.

The Living Rosary Pilgrimage: On Thursday, September 16, at Saint James Church, 156 Federal Street, Salem at 7:00 p.m. there will be the Procession of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima, the recitation of the Rosary and Holy Mass. All are welcome.

Marriage Encounter: a weekend experience for married couples seeking better communication, intimacy and self esteem while enriching the values of marriage, family and faith. Next dates—the weekends of September 24 and November 12. For information/registration call 1-866-367-6193.

Parents helping each other: Parents of clergy abuse survivors, are offering support and outreach to other parents. This group is sponsored by the Office of Pastoral support and Outreach seeks to be a source of comfort and understanding through listening, sharing and support in an atmosphere of confidentiality. If you are a parent or know someone who is and are looking for support, please come to one our summer meetings: Tuesday, September 14. For information call Ginney Lucey at 617-967-5717.

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: