

Mass Intentions

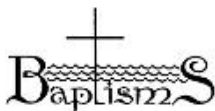
Lawrence Donovan	12th Anniversary Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(1/17)
Janet Gordon	2nd Anniversary Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(1/17)
Edmund & Madeline Wood	Memorial Mass	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(1/18)
Joan Grella	Month's Mind Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(1/18)
Susan LaVacca	Birthday Remembrance	9:00 a.m. Friday	(1/23)
Pasquale DiFlumeri	1st Anniversary Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(1/24)
Charles Swain	4th Anniversary Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(1/24)
Anna DiChiara	1st Anniversary Mass	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(1/25)
Michael Cronin	6th Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(1/25)



The Annual Ecumenical Leadership Dinner will be here at St. Margaret's on Friday, January 23 at 6:30 p.m. Needed are greeters and kitchen helpers for this dinner as we welcome members of the other Saugus Churches. We also invite people to attend and participate. *There is no cost to the people of our Parish.* Call to make your reservation. There is a choice of entrees: baked fish or backed chicken. Deadline is Monday, January 19. This gathering is an opportunity to pray for Christian Unity, to share a meal and to listen and learn. Fr. Gerard Dorgan, Pastor of St. Mary's in Danvers, will give a wonderful presentation of the art (he will bring some along) that was influenced by the Reformation. Fr. Dorgan is very informative and a very enjoyable presenter.



Annual Gourmet Dinner: Join us as we celebrate our All American Gourmet Dinner on Saturday, February 21, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Very different from what we have had in the past, we hope that you will plan ahead, reserve a table with friends and come and have a wonderful evening while supporting your Parish. Menu details are available and tickets are on sale for a donation of \$36.00 per person.



The Sacrament of Baptism: is usually celebrated on the third Sunday of each month at 12 Noon. Because of the celebration of Confirmation on February 15 at Noon, Baptism for the month of February, Sunday, the 22nd. The Preparation Meeting prior to the Baptism of a child is every other month. Future Baptism Preparation meetings for parents & godparents are: February 5, April 1, June 3, and August 5, 2004. These are held in the Parish Hall and begin at 7:00 p.m. Please call the Rectory to register.

March for Life: Consider joining ten of thousands of your fellow Americans in standing up for the most fundamental right . . . The Right to Life. The Immaculate Conception Parish Respect Life Committee invite you to join them on their Pilgrimage to Washington, DC for the 31st Annual March for Life. Leave Wednesday, January 21 and return Friday, January 23. Call Janet for information at 781-324-3564.

Ministry to the Homebound: Do you know someone who is not able to come to Mass but would appreciate receiving Holy Communion on a regular basis? If so, would you let us know by calling the Rectory (781-233-1040). One of our Ministers of Holy Communion will be glad to visit them. Thank you.

Alaska: A once in a lifetime kind of trip, a wonderful adventure awaits you as you discover the magnificent beauty of our nation's largest state. From Fairbanks to Anchorage by land and Seward to Vancouver by cruising aboard the beautiful Celebrity Ship Summit, there will be much to see. Brochures for this Parish adventure are available at the Church doors. To find out about this trip come to the **informational meeting on Tuesday, February 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.** Please let us know if you plan to come to this meeting by calling the rectory (781-233-1040). Receive \$100 off the cost of this trip by attending this meeting. The trip is planned for June 7 to 19, 2004.

Catholic Elementary Schools: We have received several requests from local Catholic Elementary Schools to publish the fact that they are having an 'Open House' and that they are now taking registrations for the next school year. Below is a list of local Catholic Elementary Schools and a phone number to call for more information. Immaculate Conception School, Malden, Medford—781-322-0129; Cheverus School, Malden—781-324-6584; Sacred Heart School, Lynn—781-592-7581; St. Mary School, Melrose—781-665-5037; Our Lady School, Lynnfield—781-599-4422; St. Patrick School, Stoneham—781-438-2593; St. Mary Junior High School, Lynn—781-595-7885; St. Joseph School, Wakefield—781-245-208.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick: At the 9:00 a.m. Mass, Friday, February 6, we will offer the Anointing of the Sick to those who are awaiting surgery or those who have been diagnosed with serious illness. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is not to be looked upon as the "Last Rites" but as a powerful instrument of God's healing and strength. Perhaps there is someone you might invite to come along with you.

Marriage: To stay on top of the marriage debate in Massachusetts, contact the Mass. Catholic conference, the public policy office of the Catholic Church in Massachusetts. Go online: www.macathconf.org or call 617-367-6060 for information about MCC-Net, the Catholic Church's legislative action network. Consider signing on-line petitions in defense of traditional marriage:

<http://www.catholicpetitions.com/petitions.php?id=2235>

http://www.tfp.org/tfc/petition_bishops_intro.html

<http://www.defendmarriage.com>

Also, please consider writing our state representatives and the governor at: <http://www.mass.gov>

New Altar Servers Needed: Parents, encourage your son/daughter to become an altar server. 4th graders & older, are needed to serve Mass. The next meeting is Thursday, January 22 at 3:30 p.m. in the Church.

Snow CAMPS 2004: With Junior High students in mind, we offer a wonderful weekend retreat experience known as Snow CAMPS. Meet other youths from many other parishes, make new friends, grow in your faith and your relationship with God. It could be the best thing you do for yourself! Held at the Brookwoods/Deer Run Conference Center in Alton, NH, choose from one of two weekends: February 27—29 or March 5—7 2004. Each weekend begins on Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. and end mid afternoon on Sunday. There is a small amount of financial assistance for those who wish to participate.



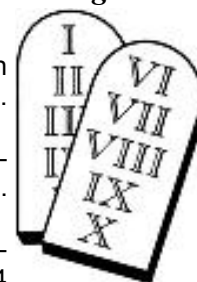
Kevin Baumann: We continue to keep the “bucket” with fliers about Kevin in the vestibule of the Church. Whatever you can do is greatly appreciated. You may deposit your offering directly into the Kevin Baumann Medical Fund, account # 25005, tax number 04-692-9285, at the Saugus Federal Credit Union. Please pray for Kevin and his family.

Second Collection:

Parish Fuel Collection - January 17—18

The Church in Latin America - January 24—25

Annual Financial Report: During the month of February a complete financial report for the year 2003 will be made available for the people of the Parish.



Religious Education

Grades 1 to 6: Classes are held on Sunday mornings from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. at the Belmonte Middle School.

Grades 7 & 8: The next meeting is Friday, February 6 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Grade 9, Year I Confirmation will resume on Wednesday, January 21, 2004 at 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Grade 10, Year II Confirmation – our next meeting for students & sponsors is Sunday, January 25 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

The Sacrament of Confirmation: On Sunday, February 15 at a 12 Noon Mass, Bishop Francis X. Irwin, our Regional Bishop, will be here at Saint Margaret's to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. As we prepare for this celebration, kindly keep our young people, their parents and their sponsors in your prayers.

Wedding Miracle by Fr. Jeffrey Day

The miracle in today's gospel - Christ changing water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana - can be interpreted in various ways. One interpretation sees this as marking the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Another interpretation sees this as an “epiphany moment” - a manifestation of Jesus' glory. The miracle is one of three great manifestations of Jesus' divine origins, the other two being the star that led the Magi to Christ, and Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan. Still another interpretation sees the miracle as foreshadowing the shedding of Christ's blood on the cross, and the reception of His precious blood in the Eucharist. Even with all of these various interpretations, the most common place we hear about this miracle is at the celebration of a wedding. As a priest I've been privileged to witness the vows of numerous couples on their wedding day. I'm still struck by the confidence exhibited by couples as they speak their solemn vows to one another. There is something miraculous in the fact that a man and a woman can manage the strength and courage to say that they will remain faithful to one another, no matter what happens. When Jesus performed His first miracle, it was just the beginning of many more demonstrations of the divine power of God. The same can be said about a couple on the day of their wedding. They have only just begun to witness to the power of God at work in their lives.

The Fuel Collection: will be taken up this weekend, January 17 & 18. Last year the cost of natural gas for the Parish was \$5,910. Indications are the cost of natural gas could be 30% higher this year. Not good news for anyone. Once again we rely on your generosity in helping the Parish meet this expense. Thank you.

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: