

Mass Intentions

Donald Butler	2nd Anniversary Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(11/1)
Edward & Alice Worthy	Memorial Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(11/1)
David Berkowitch	Birthday Remembrance	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(11/2)
Nancy J. Frontiera	4th Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(11/2)
Lucia DeMarco	Month's Mind Mass	9:00 a.m. Monday	(11/3)
Vincent A. Perillo	3rd Anniversary Mass	4:00 a.m. Saturday	(11/8)
Joseph & Frances Soli	Memorial Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(11/8)
Mabel Melanson	Birthday Remembrance	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(11/9)
Robert Forbush	Memorial Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(11/9)



All Souls Day: At the 10:00 a.m. Mass this Sunday we will remember the faithful departed whose funerals were held during the past year. We welcome their family members and assure them of our prayerful support during this time of loss. Following the Mass all are invited to the Parish Hall for fellowship and refreshments.

Prayer Service—a day of prayer for men of the Parish. Dr. Leo Fahey will lead our day looking at these two integral parts of the Christian life, namely, prayer and service. Men, take advantage of this opportunity on Saturday, November 22 leaving from St. Margaret's by car pool to the convent of the Little Sisters of St. Francis in Danville, NH returning after Mass at about 5:30 p.m. Sign-up by calling the rectory.



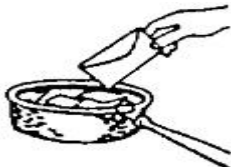
United Parish Food Pantry: We are grateful to you for faithfully donating food on the second weekend of each month to the Food Pantry. Your gift of food is always needed and very much appreciated. Our next monthly food collection is the weekend of November 8 & 9. Thank you.



Saint Margaret Thanksgiving Dinner: Thanksgiving is November 27 and we are planning a Thanksgiving Dinner here at Saint Margaret's for anyone who is not

able to cook or who would enjoy being in the company of friends at Church. We would like to invite you to come and have an 'old fashion' Thanksgiving Dinner with us. In addition to our guest, we are seeking volunteer help: 1) Are you be able to bake a pie or make a dessert? 2) Would you help to serve dinner (1:00 – 3:00 p.m.)? 3) Would you help with the clean up? This is a wonderful opportunity of service.

Offertory Collection: Last week's collection was \$3,262.00. Thank you for your generosity to the Parish.



Alaska: A wonderful adventure awaits you as you discover to magnificent beauty of our nations largest state. From Fairbanks to Anchorage by land and Seward to Vancouver by ship, there is much to see. Brochures for this Parish adventure are available at the Church doors. In addition, **an informational meeting is planned for Tuesday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.** The trip is planned for June 7 to 19, 2004.



An evening of enrichment

for all those involved in our Sunday Eucharist: On Tuesday, November 18 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Father Brian Mahoney from the Office of Worship of the Archdiocese of Boston will help us reflect on the various ministries involved at Sunday Eucharist (ushers/greeters, lectors, minister of communion, cantors) by asking a few questions: What is ministry? What is Liturgy? What is Liturgical Ministry? The purpose of course is that the worship we offer God should always be done with the utmost care and respect.

Christmas Light Ball: Take part in a craft night and make your own Christmas Light Ball on Tuesday, November 11 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. There is a sample Light Ball and a sign up sheet in the vestibule of the Church. Cost is \$15.00 for each Light Ball you wish to make. Call Michael Arsenault (781-233-2051) if you have questions or need more information. We appreciate Michael's initiative. Proceeds to benefit our Building Fund.

In gratitude: Gifts totaling \$130.00 in memory of Mark Ciampa and a gift of \$100.00 in memory of Rosalie Klecker were received this past week. These will be added to our Building Fund. Our gratitude to all.

Second Collections

Women Religious	November 1 & 2
Parish Monthly Collection	November 8 & 9
Grand Annual Collection	November 15 & 16



Religious Education

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

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

Grade 9, Year I Confirmation meets on Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Grade 10, Year II Confirmation – the next meeting for students and sponsors will be Sunday, November 2 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

The Sacrament of Baptism: is usually celebrated on the third Sunday of each month at 12 Noon. The next celebration of Baptism is November 16 at 12 Noon. The Preparation Meeting prior to the Baptism of a child is every other month. Future Baptism Preparation meetings for parents & godparents are: December 4, 2003 and 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.

Catholic High School Placement Examination: The Placement Exam for Catholic High Schools will be on Saturday, December 13. For registration/information on test locations, contact a local Catholic high school or call the Catholic School Office (617-298-6555).

Catholic Schools Open House: Most are having an 'Open House' to give prospective students information about their school. Call for dates for the 'Open House'. Elementary Schools: St. Joseph, Wakefield (781-245-2081), St. Mary, Melrose (781-665-5037), Our Lady, Lynnfield (781-599-4422), Sacred Heart, Lynn (781-592-7581), Immaculate Conception, Revere (781-284-0519), Cheverus, Malden (781-324-6584). High School: Saint Mary, Lynn (includes Middle School) (781-595-7885), Nazareth Academy, Wakefield, (781-245-5210), Pope John, Everett (617-389-0240), Bishop Fenwick, Peabody (978-531-8200), Austin Prep, Reading (includes Middle School) (781-944-4900), Malden Catholic, Malden (781-322-3098), St. John's Prep, Danvers (978-774-1050).

Changes in our Worship: Starting on November 30, 2003, the first Sunday of Advent, there will be some changes to the celebration of the Mass, such as, kneeling at the end of the *Agnus Dei*, and a greater use of silence within the celebration of the liturgy. One might ask, where did these changes come from and why are they happening at this time? Both of these questions are very good. Answering the first question requires a little historical background to be given.

In 1969, under the authority of Pope Paul VI, a new Roman Missal was promulgated. The Roman Missal is one of the books used for celebrating the Mass and most importantly it contains the presidential prayers. These are the prayers prayed by the presider (bishop or priest) during Mass. Also, included in the Roman Missal was the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (or the GIRM). The GIRM contains both the directives for the celebration of Mass, as well as, the theology behind the words, actions and postures within the celebration. The General Instruction was modified in 1975 and this was the second major edition of the GIRM, but the changes were not such that most people would have noticed any difference. In 2000, under the authority of Pope John Paul II, a new Roman Missal was promulgated and with this a new GIRM, the Third Typical Edition of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal. Unlike the previous updated version of the GIRM, there are changes to this new edition that will be clearly noticeable to the congregation. The changes that will be implemented are not being initiated by your parish priest or even the local bishop; rather, these changes will take place throughout the worldwide Church. Certain changes though have been determined by the Bishops of the United States with the approval of the Congregation of Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, solely for use in the United States. Why are these changes being instituted now? In the life of the Church, as in any person's life, it is good at times to analyze how one is living out his or her life. In a sense, this is what the Church has done regarding the Mass. The celebration of the Mass, whose primary purpose is the worship of God, is at the heart of Catholic life. It is essential, then, that we, as a Church, celebrate the Mass with as much care and concern as possible. The revisions that are to be implemented are intended to do just that. Examining the changes reveals that they are few and actually act more as clarifications than actual changes. After a little more than thirty years, different customs developed in different parishes and dioceses, particularly where the original General Instruction was not clear about a particular practice. These divergences of practice, for a small period of time, were not necessarily a problem, for it allowed a better understanding of how best to express the theology of the Mass. Now, after some thirty or more years, there is a better sense of how best to pray the theology which the liturgy is trying to express. This is an important reason for these changes happening now. In these small revisions to the Mass, there are obviously various theological points that the GIRM seeks to articulate but three theological points in particular can be considered prominent: the communal, hierarchical and sacrificial nature of the liturgy. In the next two articles how these three theological points are expressed will be discussed.