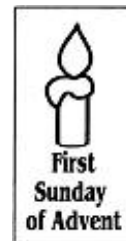


Mass Intentions

Vincent & John Perillo	Memorial Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(11/27)
Nelson Moscone	10th Anniversary Mass	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(11/28)
Bernard Sturniolo	1st Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(11/28)
Francis & Eileen Maxwell	Anniversary Mass	9:00 a.m. Wednesday	(12/1)
Helen Wladyszewski	9th Anniversary Mass	9:00 a.m. Friday	(12/3)
Richard T. Kane	18th Anniversary Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(12/4)
Charles & Lillian Kerce	Memorial Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(12/4)
Josephine Celata	7th Anniversary Mass	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(12/5)
Josephine Billingsley	20th Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(12/5)



**The Hammersmith Christmas Stroll:** The Christmas Stroll will be held on Saturday, December 4th from Noon to 4:00 p.m. The Parish will be participating in this event again this year with a lunch, raffles and bake sale. We are looking for your help in creating “Raffle Baskets”! A list of possible ideas is posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule. If you are interested in volunteering to help out the day of the stroll, or would like to bake, or give a raffle item, please call Joanne Eaves at 231-0182 or Beverly Gorman at 233-8306. Thank you.

**Parking Concerns:** The Clifftondale area will be busy on the day of the Stroll, Saturday, December 4 from 12 until 4:00 p.m. Many activities are planned in the churches and in places of business and the tree lighting in Clifftondale Square will be at 3:45 p.m. If you are planning to attend the 4:00 p.m. Mass, you are asked to park in the Parish Parking Lot on Jackson Street.

**FOOD FOR THE POOR, INC.** On December 4 & 5 Father John F. Miles, C.R. will speak at all our Masses about **Food for the Poor**, a ministry that provides direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Father Miles will share what he has witnessed about Food for the Poor’s mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another. Father Miles was ordained for the order of the Congregation of the Resurrection in 1951. He was the Rector of the Resurrectionist Theological Seminary and a pastor of several Parishes before joining Food for the Poor 15 years ago. We welcome Father Miles to our Parish.

**Christmas Flowers and Decorations:** Attached to the bulletin is an envelope for your use if you wish to make a donation toward the Christmas flowers and decorations in memory of your loved ones. Two requests: Please make your contribution before Tuesday, December 21 and print names clearly. These names will be included with the Christmas bulletin. Thank you.

**December Brunch Buffet:** Bring family and friends to the special December Brunch Buffet on Sunday, December 19, beginning at 8:30 a.m. until Noon. Menu and donation details to follow.

**Common Sense during the Cold and Flu Season:** If a person has a cold or the flu and attend Mass, it would be better, for the good of others, not to shake hands, but rather choose another suitable gesture such as a nod of the head or a verbal exchange of peace. We value the significance of the sign of peace, but we also need to exercise prudence.

**Congratulations** to the Parents and the God-parents of the newly baptized: **Patrick Walter Sasso**, child of Patrick and Amy; **Jake Ryan Camuso**, child of Robert and Michelle; **Thomas James Robinson**, child of Christopher and Gina.

**St. Vincent de Paul Blanket Drive:** will be held on December 4 & 5. Bins will be available for your donation of blankets which will be given to area shelters and the needy. Thank you.

**Good Stewards:** “At an hour you do not expect, the son of Man will come,” says Jesus. Good Stewards know that they are accountable to God for all they have and are and strive to live in readiness for His coming.

**theWORD among us** Advent begins Sunday, November 28 and is a special time of the year, a season of preparation for the greatest gift that humankind has or will ever receive, Jesus Christ, the incarnate Word of God. This gift is given us because “God so loved the world that he gave His only Son so that all who believe in Him might have eternal life.” For your prayerful Advent reflection and preparation for Christmas, we make available to you the Advent issue of The Word Among Us. Please take one for yourself and one for a relative, friend or neighbor. Of special importance is the helpful examination of conscience as you prepare for your pre-Christmas reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession).

**The Immaculate Conception:** Masses for the Holy Day of Obligation are Tuesday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. & Wednesday, December 8 at 9:00 a.m. There is also a Mass at Blessed Sacrament Church on Wednesday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m.

*Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, His love is everlasting.*

**Religious Education:** Classes for Grades 1 through 6 are held from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. at the Belmonte Middle School.



However, there are no classes on Sunday, November 28 because of the Thanksgiving recess. Classes resume on December 5 at the regular times.

Grades 7 & 8 - next class is Friday, December 3 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.



**Confirmation Year I:** Classes are on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Following the Thanksgiving recess, class will

resume on Wednesday, December 1 at the regular time.

**Confirmation Year II:** The next class for students & sponsors will be Sunday, December 5 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

**Is God calling you?** The King is a servant-leader, who let go of His life for our sake. Who will follow the example of Jesus and renounce worldly power for the chance to serve all as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you call Father Oscar Pratt at the Vocation Office 617-746-5949.

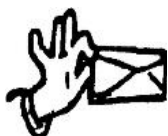
**The Living Rosary:** will be at Saint Joseph Church, 115 Union Street, Lynn, on December 5 at 2:00 p.m. There will be a procession followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the recitation of the rosary, the chaplet of mercy and benediction. All welcome.

**Auction results:** We are grateful to those who donated items for the Auction and for those who attended. Most especially we are grateful to the committee who planned, prepared and set into motion the entire event. Our thanks to Corinne Riley, Anna Swain, Liz Dellus and Samantha Dellus. The Auction realized a profit of \$4,115.00. Thanks to all.

**Second Collections**

December 4 & 5 Food For the Poor  
December 11 & 12 Parish Monthly Collection

**Grand Annual Collection:** Sincere thanks to those who have given to this year's Grand Annual Collection. To date the Parish has received \$12,495.00. As we continue with needed repairs to Parish property, we rely on your generosity. Thank you.



**Offertory Collection:** Last Sunday's collection was \$3,124.00 and the Campaign for Human Development collection was \$1,079.00. Thank you for your generosity

to the needs of your Parish and of the poor.

*This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us be glad and rejoice in it.*

*Psalm 118:24*

**Catholic High Schools Placement Test:** will be administered on December 11. For registration and information on test locations, contact one of the High Schools listed above. Nationally, 90% of Catholic High School graduates go on to college and students learn Catholic morals, values and discipline to help them succeed in life. "A Catholic Education Is An Advantage For Life."

**The Sacrament of Baptism:** is usually celebrated on the third Sunday of each month 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 2, 2004, February 3, April 7, June 2, August 4, October 6, 2005. These are held in the Parish Hall and begin at 7:00 p.m. Please call the Rectory (781-233-1040) to register.

**Catholic Charities has opportunities for Volunteers:**

- 1) A Volunteer is needed for the Salem Office to greet visitors and answer the phone one day a week from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. preferably on Thursdays.
- 2) A Volunteer is needed to tutor in an English as a Second Language Program at St. Patrick's Asian Center in Lynn.
- 3) A Volunteer with an ESL background is needed to assist in training volunteers.

For all of the above call Jean Goguen, the Director of Volunteers, at 781-593-2312.

**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, (December 3) this Sacrament is offered following the 9:00 a.m. Mass or call the Rectory for a more convenient time.

**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:**