

Mass Intentions

Albert & Phyllis DelloRusso	Memorial Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(12/18)
Mary Rossetti	3rd Anniversary Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(12/18)
Joan Grella	1st Anniversary Mass	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(12/19)
Frank & Josephine Ciampa	Memorial Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(12/19)
Edwin & Lucian Cherubin	Memorial Mass	9:00 a.m. Wednesday	(12/22)
Frank Trudeau	Memorial Mass	4:00 p.m. (up) Friday	(12/24)
Geraldine Favuzza	Memorial Mass	4:00 p.m. (down) Friday	(12/24)
Brian Crowell	7th Anniversary Mass	5:30 p.m. Friday	(12/24)
Maryann Frassica	Memorial Mass	8:30 a.m. Saturday	(12/25)
Deceased Members McCauley, Castiello, Russo & Frontiera Families		10:00 a.m. Saturday	(12/25)



No afternoon Masses on Christmas Day

Susan LaVacca	1st Anniversary Mass	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(12/26)
For the People of the Parish	Holy Family Sunday	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(12/26)



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. Sign up to participate in the pageant will be Sunday, December 12 & 19 after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall. Rehearsals will be Thursday, December 30, 1:00—3:00 p.m. and the dress rehearsal on Friday, December 31, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Rehearsal will be followed by a Cast Pizza Party. For information call Mary Ellen Picardi (781-233-0363). All children & young people welcome to participate in this annual and memorable event.

December Brunch Buffet: Bring family & friends to the special December Brunch Buffet, Sunday, December 19, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Menu includes: Roast Turkey, Roast Beef au jus, Chicken with Ziti & Broccoli a la Giovanni, Omelets, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans a la Vinnie, assorted breads and pastries. Donation: Adult \$10.00, child under 10, \$5.00.



The Parish Mass schedule for December 24, 25 & 26 and for December 31, January 1 & 2 is as follows:

December 24, Christmas Eve:

4:00 p.m. Church & 4:00 p.m. Parish Hall
5:30 p.m. Church

December 25, Christmas Day: 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

Please note: no afternoon Masses on December 25

December 26, Holy Family Sunday: 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

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.



Christmas Flowers & Decorations: If you wish to make a donation toward the Christmas flowers & decorations in memory of your loved ones, envelopes may be found at the doors of the church. 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.

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). Prior to Christmas, Fr. George will be visiting home-bound parishioners bringing them Holy Communion. Our Parish also has some wonderful Ministers of Holy Communion who would be glad to visit on a regular basis throughout the year. Thank you.

The Hammersmith Christmas Stroll: Our thanks to everyone who helped make the Stroll so successful—the beautiful baskets, the baked goods, the cards & wrapping paper, the stuffed animals, the food, etc. Posted in the vestibule is the list of all the raffle winners. In all the Stroll raised \$2,744.00 for the Parish.



RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

(Confessions) prior to Christmas will be celebrated on Wednesdays, December 15 and 22 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Stewards of God's Gifts: When he discovered that Mary was with child, Joseph resolved to end their engagement with as little disgrace as possible. But obedient to the voice of God, he changed those plans and became instead the protector of the child Jesus and His mother Mary. God grant that I may be as open to the leading of the Holy Spirit!

Religious Education: Classes will resume after the Christmas vacation on Sunday, January 9, 2005. Classes for Grades 1 through 6 are held from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. at the Belmonte Middle School.



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 after the New Year 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.

Candle Sale: The young people in our Religious Education Program were very successful in their Candle Sale during the months of September & October realizing a profit for the Parish of \$880.00. Our thanks to the 49 children who participated. The two top winners with the most candles sold were Olivia Riley (first place) who won a \$25 gift certificate to the Mall and Brandon Ferragamo who won a \$25 gift certificate to Home and Garden Party for his family.

O come, O come, Emmanuel!

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.

Grand Annual Collection: Sincere thanks to those who have given to this year's Grand Annual Collection. To date \$18,240.00 has been received. Because we can sometimes forget or misplace appeals such as this, a reminder letter has been sent out. 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. Thank you for your generosity. As we continue with needed repairs to Parish property, we rely on your generosity. Thank you.



Offertory Collection: Last Sunday's collection was \$3,385.00 and the Parish Monthly Collection was \$1,952.00.

Thank you for your generosity to the needs of your Parish.

A report from United parish Food Pantry: In September, 111 families were assisted with 423 bags of groceries. In October, 129 families with 519 bags and November, 155 families assisted with 812 bags of groceries. At Thanksgiving, 117 turkey dinners were distributed. There is a tremendous need. Our monthly collection of food on the second weekend of each month is always needed. 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. from the Cliftondale Congregational Church.

Joseph's Trust by Fr. Jeffrey Day

The level of trust that Joseph demonstrated in today's Gospel passage is astounding. Imagine if what had happened to Joseph had happened to one of you. An angel - in a dream - tells you that the Holy Spirit, and not a man, caused a conception. The angel goes on to say that the child will save all of us from our sins. You would probably respond by saying, "I had the strangest dream last night" and then proceed to go on to other things. But the remarkable thing is that Joseph actually believed the message. He actually was willing to put his faith into action and take Mary into his home as his wife. Joseph's reaction took a great deal of trust. Joseph believed and trusted that the child would actually do for the world what the angel said He would. The Advent season calls us to the same faith and trust that Joseph had in his day. We are asked to believe what seems on the surface to be fantastic: that a child can be conceived without an earthly father and can actually forgive our sins. Do we believe that the child whose birthday we will soon celebrate has the power to save us?

Children have never been good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them. James Baldwin

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: