

Mass Intentions

Albert & Phyllis Dello Russo	Memorial Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(12/20)
Mary Rossetti	2nd Anniversary Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(12/20)
Dorothea Stroup	1st Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(12/21)
Frank Trudeau	Memorial Mass (upper Church)	4:00 p.m. Wednesday	(12/24)
Geraldine Favuzza	Memorial Mass (lower Church)	4:00 p.m. Wednesday	(12/24)
Brian Crowell	6th Anniversary Mass	5:30 p.m. Wednesday	(12/24)
Deceased Members of Castiello, McCauley, Russo & Donald MacDonald	Frontiera Families Birthday Remembrance	8:30 a.m. Thursday	(12/25)
Joseph Gurski	Memorial Mass	10:00 a.m. Thursday	(12/25)
Rev. Edward Frizzell	Memorial Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(12/27)
Charles Hansen	Memorial Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(12/27)
Robert Forbush	2nd Anniversary Mass	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(12/28)
		10:00 a.m. Sunday	(12/28)



Masses for Christmas

On Christmas Eve Masse will be at 4:00 p.m. in the Church and 4:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall, and 5:30 p.m. in the Church. On Christmas Morning Mass will be at 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Masses for the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God (New Year's Eve and Day): Masses for this Holy Day of Obligation will be on Wednesday, December 31 at 4:00 p.m. and on Thursday, January 1 at 10:00 a.m.

The Feast of Epiphany: January 4 is Epiphany Sunday and we will again present our annual Pageant. We will have sign-up for the Epiphany Pageant after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 21st in the Parish Hall. All ages are welcome to participate. A wonderful presentation every year, we retell the story of the birth of our Lord Jesus. Rehearsals are: Friday, January 2nd, at 2:00 p.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, January 3rd (Dress Rehearsal) at 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We are looking forward to the participation of many of our young people. If you have any questions, please call either Corinne Riley 781-231-7995 or Fran Carlino 781-231-9034.



Grand Annual Collection: Thank you very much for the generous response. 181 families of the parish have donated \$25,485.00! Our thanks to them and our encouragement for all to support our Parish needs. Because we can sometimes misplace letters asking our help (and we all get so

many of them), I am sending a second letter of request to registered parishioners from whom we have not yet heard. I'm sure they want to do their share also. If you have given and receive another letter, please forgive us.

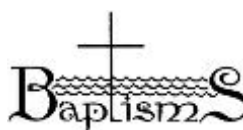
O Come Divine Messiah!

Annual Christmas Brunch: Come to the Christmas Brunch on Sunday, December 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Menu includes Seafood Newburg, Roasted Turkey, Eggs, Sausage, Roasted Potatoes, Vegetables, Juice & Coffee. Donation: Adults \$8.95 and children under 12 is \$5.00.

Christmas Flowers: If you would like to make a donation toward our Christmas flowers and decorations in memory of a loved one, envelopes for this purpose may be found at the Church door. In order to publish our list of memorial donations for Christmas, kindly make your donation by December 22. Thank you.



Hammersmith Christmas Stroll: Let it Snow! Although this year's Stroll experienced white-out conditions, we will continue to have several of our Stroll tables open again this weekend. Prizes from the 'Raffle Table' will be drawn after the Brunch on December 21. Please come, support the Parish and take a look at all the items that have been generously donated by many very wonderful people.



Baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: Taylor Nicole child of Kenneth and Julie Ventrice, and Ashely Abrev child of James and Sheylla Kennedy.

The Sacrament of Baptism: is usually celebrated on the third Sunday of each month at 12 Noon. The next celebration of Baptism is December 21 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: 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.

Stewardship: The Gospel today tells of the Virgin Mary, pregnant herself, hurrying off to help her cousin Elizabeth. The model of good stewardship, she who had given herself to bear the Savior gave her time and love to others as well.

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.

The Church Roof: Work is underway on the Church roof! New shingles and new gutters will replace the old ones that have served us for well over thirty years! We accepted the proposal of the CBC Construction Company of Danvers, MA. Their bid was \$68,942.00. This is a major expense for our Parish but obviously needs to be done. Hopefully the work will be done in a timely manner and that the weather will cooperate!

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. At the next 7th and 8th grade meeting on Friday, January 9, someone will make a presentation on Snow CAMPS. Parents are welcome to hear all about it. Information will be available at that time.



Marriage Encounter: A weekend experience to Build Communication, Create Romance, Enrich the Values of Marriage, Family and Faith. For couples who want a better quality and richer communication in their Marriage. Next Encounter, January 16 to 18, 2004. Call 800-367-0343.

*“Christ is not valued at all
unless he is valued above all”*
Saint Augustine

Offertory Collection: Last weekend's Offertory Collection was \$00000.00 and the Parish Monthly Collection was 00000.00.

Thank you for your generosity to the Parish.



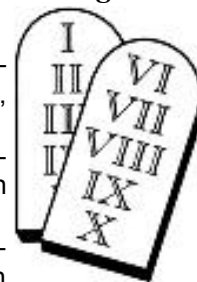
Religious Education

Grades 1 to 6: Classes will resume after the Christmas vacation, on Sunday, January 11, 2004.

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

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

Grade 10, Year II Confirmation – the next meeting for students & sponsors will be Sunday, January 11 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.



We wish all our catechists, grade coordinators, helpers, hall monitors, discussion group facilitators, our students and all who are part of our Parish Religious Education Program a very blessed and holy Christmas day and season. Christ Jesus whose birth we remember during this holy season is the reason for all our religious education: that each of us may come to know him as Lord and Savior, that each of us will deepen our love for him in our worship and prayer, and that each of us may serve him more faithfully in the poor and needy. Merry Christmas!

United Parish Food Pantry: Our sincere thanks for your continuous support of our local food pantry. Please know that your gift of food is always needed and very much appreciated. The next food collection will be the weekend of January 10 & 11.



Thank you.

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.

The Christmas collection is for the benefit of the priests of the Archdiocese of Boston—their medical & retirement needs. On their behalf, thank you very much.

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: