

Mass Intentions

Ernest Plassman	1st Anniversary Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(3/27)
Ella Mae Williams	8th Anniversary Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(3/27)
Nancy J. Frontiera	Birthday Remembrance	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(3/28)
Louise DiBiccari	2nd Anniversary Mass	9:00 a.m. Monday	(3/29)
George Woodbury	Memorial Mass	9:00 a.m. Wednesday	(3/31)
Paul Tomlinson	9th Anniversary Mass	9:00 a.m. Thursday	(4/1)
Josephine Palermo	1st Anniversary Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(4/3)
Vito Inserra	5th Anniversary Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(4/3)
Rosetta Minichiello	1st Anniversary Mass	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(4/4)
Connie Gualtieri	5th Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(4/4)



Holy Week - Palm Sunday Palm will be blessed and distributed at all the Masses next weekend.

The Sacred Triduum

April 8 - Holy Thursday: Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m. (no morning Mass). At 7:30 p.m. the Mass of the Lord's Supper with the 'washing of the feet' will be celebrated. After Mass Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will continue until 10:30 p.m. concluding with night prayer. The collection taken up at this Mass will be for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society of our Parish.

April 9 - Good Friday: Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m. The Good Friday Service at 3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross will be at 7:30 p.m. The collection taken up at these services will be for the shrines in the Holy Land. Confessions will be heard after the 3:00 p.m. service.

April 10 - Holy Saturday: Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m. The Easter Vigil will begin at 8:30 p.m. **Please note that there is no 4:00 or 5:30 p.m. Masses on this day.**

April 11 - Easter Sunday: Masses will be at 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 a.m. The Easter collection is for the retirement needs and medical care of the priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. In their name I thank you for your generosity.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation: In addition to the regular time, Confession will be heard on Good Friday after the 3:00 Service and on Holy Saturday from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Stations of the Cross: Join us for this meaningful Lenten devotion on then Fridays of Lent (April 2 & 9) at 7:00 p.m. Following Stations, we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 8:00 p.m. This time will be marked by silence and for personal prayer. Come, be still, and pray in His presence.

Ecumenical Services: There is a wonderful Ecumenical Spirit in our Community. You are welcome to participate in these services: on Sunday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m. at East Saugus United Methodist Church, 85 Chestnut Street. On Good Friday, April 9 at 10:30 a.m. at Breakheart Reservation Main entrance join us for the Way of the Cross. On Easter Sunday, April 11 join us for the Sunrise service at the Iron Works at 6:00 a.m.

Lent: Spring training for Christians!

What can we do? In the light of the fact that our Parish is the Parish that has been recommended to close in our cluster should the Archbishop deem it necessary, many have asked "what can we do?" Certainly we must pray and continue in a spirit of "joyful hope". And of course everyone is free to express his/her own feelings and opinions. The people you may wish to write to are: Most Rev. Sean O'Malley, 2121 Commonwealth Avenue, Brighton, MA 02135; Most Rev. Richard Lennon, 2121 Commonwealth Avenue, Brighton, MA 02135; Most Rev. Francis Irwin, 99 Margin St. Peabody, MA 01960; Sister Kathleen Crowley, St. Pius V Parish, 215 Maple St. Lynn, MA 01904; Rev. John Farrell, Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, 17 Grove St. Lynnfield, MA 01940. I have placed a copy of my letter of recommendation on the bulletin board, if your wish to look at it. Thank you for your concern and your desire to help the situation.

Newly Baptized: Last Sunday five infants were baptized. Our congratulations to **Stephen**, son of Stephen & Rachel Dewsnap, **Darianna**, daughter of Robert & Dineen DiFlumeri, **Emily**, daughter of Matthew & Janice, **Kiara**, daughter of Edward & Jennifer and **Devin**, son of Christopher & Kara Williams.

With Appreciation: The Stewardship Committee is in the process of expressing appreciation to the many people of the Parish who participate in the life of this community. Last Sunday some of the people who serve as Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Cantors, Choir Members and Altar Servers were given certificates of appreciation and name buttons. (Name buttons could help us to get to know each other by name) and breakfast! In all 105 people were recognized. What a blessing these good people are to the Parish and to all the others (approximately 300 people) who give their time, talent and treasure for our Parish. Thank you.

Penny Sale: Our thanks to those who donated over 200 items for the Penny Sale, to those who supported the event by attending and most especially we thank Melita Davis and her daughter Amara Georges who organized everything and made it all happen. The Parish realized at profit of \$1,500.00 from this event.

The Monthly Breakfast: Our thanks to Jim Forgione and his wonderful team of workers for last Sunday's breakfast serving the largest breakfast crowd yet! Keep April 18 open and come to join us for our next monthly breakfast on Sunday, April 18 from 8:30 to 12 Noon. Donation: Adults (\$5.95) and children (\$3.00) Thanks for your support.

The Liturgy of the Word for Children: We are please to announce that beginning Easter Sunday morning at the 10:00 a.m. Mass, we will once again provide the Liturgy of the Word for children grades K through 5. If you would like to help please see Gerri Milgroom after Mass on Easter Sunday.

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: April 1, June 3, and August 5, October 7, December 2, 2004. These are held in the Parish Hall and begin at 7:00 p.m. Please call the Rectory to register.

Saint Margaret's Annual Tea: will be held on Sunday, May 2 at 1:00 p.m. Anyone interested in hosting a table, helping with the event or would like more information, please call Simone Sarnie (781-233-4088) or Gloria Johnson (781-231-5187).

United Parish Food Pantry: Our thanks for your continuous support of the local food pantry. The second weekend each month we invite you to bring non-perishable food to Church. The food is then brought to our local food pantry (located at the Cliftondale Congregational Church) where it is distributed on Friday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon. Please know that your gift of food is always needed and very much appreciated. *Thank you.*

Protecting God's Children: We will be providing two more opportunities for those who volunteer in any and all capacities in the Parish to participate in the child sexual abuse prevention program, "Protecting God's Children." In order to be a parish volunteer participation in this program is mandatory. The program is being offered on Tuesday March 30 from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

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, (April 2) this Sacrament is offered following the 9:00 a.m. Mass or call the Rectory for a more convenient time.

Knights of Columbus Annual Pancake/Sausage Breakfast: All are invited to this annual event on Sunday, March 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 Noon at the K of C Hall. Donations are \$10.00 per family; \$3.00 per person.

Second Collections:

Parish Monthly (Palm Sunday) April 3 & 4

Our Weekly Offering: Last Sunday's Offertory Collection was \$3,005.00 and the Bishops' Overseas Aid Appeal was \$783.00. Thank you for your generosity to 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, April 2 from 6:45 to 9:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

First Communion will be celebrated on Sundays at the 10:00 a.m. Mass on April 18 & 25, May 2 & 9



Teen Youth/24-Hour Fast: St. Margaret Parish will hold its fourth annual inspirational 24-Hour Fast this year from 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 8, through approximately 9:00 p.m. on Friday, April 9. Prior to the Fast, the teens will be raising funds to be donated to needy organizations in the town of Saugus. The 24-Hour Fast is open to and welcomes any teen of high school age. Please see the bulletin board at the back of the Church for further information or call Bev Gorman at 781-233-8306 to receive the necessary package of information. Consent forms must be signed by parents or guardians and returned as soon as possible so that we can prepare and plan for the number of teens who will participate in the Fast.

Annemark Nursing Home Collection: In conjunction with the 24-Hour Fast, the teens will be making Easter cards for the patients at Annemark Nursing Home and collecting the following items which are needed by Annemark for the patients' activities program: baby dolls, baby doll clothes and carriers, teddy bears, bingo prizes, hand lotions, nail polish and remover, nail files, cotton balls, games, large dice, large puzzles, arts and crafts materials (such as fun foam), party materials, VCR movies (PG ratings), wrapping paper, stencils, rulers, measuring tapes, construction paper and scissors (round tips). If you are interested in making a donation, you can bring any of the above items to any of the Masses on March 27 and 28 or April 3 and 4. If you have any questions, please call Bev Gorman at 781-233-8306.

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.

Is God Calling? What am I racing after in my life? Fortune? A life in Jesus? What is the prize I seek at the finish line? If God is calling you, call Father Oscar Pratt at the Vocation Office at 617-746-5436.

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: