

Mass Intentions

Josephine & Frank Favuzza	Memorial Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(4/17)
Mary Quinlan	12th Anniversary Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(4/17)
John Greenwood	3rd Anniversary Mass	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(4/18)
Carl Lanzillo	11th Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(4/18)
Richard Gorman	Memorial Mass	9:00 a.m. Monday	(4/19)
George Woodbury	Memorial Mass	9:00 a.m. Wednesday	(4/21)
Albert Dello Russo	Birthday Remembrance	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(4/24)
James & Marion Smith	Memorial Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(4/24)
Mabel Melanson	1st Anniversary Mass	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(4/24)
George Castiello	6th Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(4/24)



What can we do? In the light of the fact that our Parish is the one 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 encouraged to express his/her own feelings and opinions. The people you may wish to write to and express your feelings and opinions 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. It is there should you wish to read it. Also, if you write to any of the above mentioned, would you please send a copy along to me. By putting all your letters together we should have a wonderful collage of who we are as a Parish. Already, several very heartening letters have been copied and sent to the rectory. Thank you for your concern and your desire to help the situation.

Operation Rice Bowl: Please return your Rice Bowl offerings as soon as possible. These will be sent along to Catholic Relief Services, the overseas relief and development agency of the United States Catholic Community. Responding to human need, CRS provides assistance on the basis of need, not creed race or ethnicity. In most emergency situations of the world CRS is there in your name.

The Monthly Breakfast: 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.

Good Friday At Breakheart Reservation: A very large group gathered on Good Friday for the Annual Good Friday Walk through Breakheart stopping along the way to reflect on various scenes of our Lord’s Passion. Most impressive is the last stop. Up on the hill is a crucifixion scene. Our sincere thanks to the teens of St. Margaret’s for this inspiring tableau and to Chris Harvey who puts it all together; to Mary Doyle for her Scripture Reading and Joe Johnson for his personal reflections and testimony.

Alleluia! He is Risen! Alleluia!



The Celebration of First Holy Communion will take place at the 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning Mass on April 18 & 25, and May 2 & 9. Our congratulations to the young boys and girls and their families as they prepare to celebrate their first reception of our Lord in the Eucharist.

The Liturgy of the Word for Children: We are pleased to announce that on Sunday mornings at the 10:00 a.m. Mass, we will once again provide the Liturgy of the Word for children grades K through 5. All children are invited to participate. After arriving in the usual manner, the children are called together after the Opening Prayer of Mass and together are led to the Parish Hall where they hear the Scripture for the day and are involved in a teaching and/or an activity. They return to Church as a group during the Preparation of the Gifts. If you would like to help in this wonderful ministry to our children, please see Gerri Milgroom after Mass on Sunday.

Our Thanks to the 17 Teens who participated in the 24 + hour Fast from Holy Thursday to Good Friday. Together they raised \$1,200.00 to help programs that help provide food and necessities to the poor and hungry through the Parish St. Vincent de Paul Society, the United Parish Food Pantry and Catholic Relief Services for Haitian Relief. In addition they wrote Easter Cards to Nursing Home Residents and filled Easter Eggs for the children at Bridge House in Lynn. Our thanks to them for the gift of their time and donations from their sponsors. Our thanks to Beverly Gorman who coordinated the entire event ensuring its success as well as providing our teens a wonderful and fun learning experience. Our thanks to everyone who donated items that will be used at the Anne Mark Nursing Home.

Easter Joy and Thanksgiving: We wish to thank everyone for their spirit of love and giving which made our Lenten, Holy Week and Easter so special. The music provided by our youth choir, adult choir, contemporary group and cantors, those who decorated the sanctuary with Easter flowers and those whose donations made it all possible, the altar servers, the lectors and eucharistic ministers, the ushers - our thanks to them all. To all who attended the Sunday evening ecumenical services, the Lenten Mission, the Stations of the Cross, daily Mass, the Triduum Services, those who prepared the collations—thank you. Encouraged ourselves let us invite others to join us often at the Altar of Praise.

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: 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. There are a limited number of tickets available for this event. Please call Simone Sarnie (781-233-4088) or Gloria Johnson (781-231-5187).

Our Religious Education classes for Grades 1 through 6 are complete for the year. We thank most sincerely the wonderful men and women of the Parish who have so faithfully given of themselves to share their faith with our children. We are very much indebted to them.



United Parish Food Pantry: Our thanks for your continuous support of the local food pantry. The second weekend each month (May 8 & 9) 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.*

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, (May 7) this Sacrament is offered following the 9:00 a.m. Mass or call the Rectory for a more convenient time.

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? Thomas believed because he saw Jesus. What will it take for you to respond to God's call to priesthood or consecrated life? If God is calling you, call Father Oscar Pratt at the Vocation Office 617-746-5436.

Our Weekly Offering: The Easter Sunday Collection was \$4,207.00. *Thank you for your generosity to this collection which is given for the health and retirement needs of the Priests of the Archdiocese.*



Kevin Baumann: We continue to keep the "bucket" with flowers 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 Death of a Christian—Our Faith Response: A three part workshop is planned for April 24 (part I & II) from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and May 10 (part III) from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Saint Joseph Church, 770 Salem Street, Malden. This program will study the Church's Belief, Prayer and Pastoral Care for the passage through Dying, Death and Burial. It is open to all people. The presenters are Father Sean McCarthy and Ms Marguerite Heenehan. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board in the vestibule of the Church.

We are the Stewards of God's many gifts: "Blessed are they who have not seen and have believed," Jesus says in today's Gospel. For those who have not seen to believe, however, we must be good stewards of our faith, living it joyfully and sharing it generously. Then, in our time too, "men and women in great numbers" will be added to the Lord.

Walk for Hunger, Sunday, May 2: With the current economic downturn, your neighbors need your help more than ever. Your pledges will support 400 food pantries (our Saugus Food Pantry included) soup kitchens, and food salvage programs in 124 communities across the state. Be one with the approximately 40,000 concerned people of Massachusetts who participate in this annual event. For information, call 617-723-5000 or visit www.projectbread.org There are also pledge and sponsor sheets in the vestibule of the Church.

Marriage Encounter: A Weekend experience to enrich communication and stimulate growth in marriage. Upcoming weekends are: April 30 and June 18. For information, call 1-800-367-0343.

Beginning Experience: Has your marriage ended by death, divorce or separation? Do you wish to move on with your life, but do not know how? Consider attending a Beginning Experience weekend to be held at the Salvatorian Center, 30 East Street, Methuen, MA on April 23—25. The weekend is designed for those beyond the initial stages of grieving who desire to begin again. For information/registration call Roger at 617-773-3519 or Jennifer at 978-425-4708. Space is limited.

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: