

Mass Intentions

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)
George Woodbury	Memorial Mass	9:00 a.m. Wednesday	(4/28)
Phyllis Dello Russo	30th Anniversary Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(5/1)
Vincent Gallant	6th Anniversary Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(5/1)
Bryant Kimball	Birthday Remembrance	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(5/2)
Dante Frontiera	4th Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(5/2)



The Celebration of First Holy Communion will take place this Sunday and Sundays, May 2 & 9 at the 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning Mass. 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.

First Communion: Last Sunday several of our children received Eucharist for the first time. We welcome them to the table of the Lord: **William Garland, Stephen Sheehan, Kelsey Vater, Sarah-Ann White, Kerri McCarthy, Anthony Coughlin, Amanda DaCova, Nicole Ryan and Pasquale DiCenzo.**



Marian Devotions: Please join us for Benediction and the recitation of the Rosary at 7:00 p.m. on the Wednesday's of May. On May 19, Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. for the Feast of the Ascension. Benediction and rosary will follow after Mass.

Annual Baby Shower: In support of the Pro-Life Office of the Archdiocese we will have our annual Baby Shower on the weekend of May 8 & 9. Especially needed are: baby blankets, gowns, pacifiers, baby bottles, crib sheets, sleep & play sets, baby towels, blanket sleepers (0-6 & 6-12 months), baby toiletries, onesies (6-9), diaper bags, disposable diapers, socks, baby face cloths. If you prefer, please write check to: Fund for the Unborn. Thank you very much.

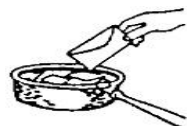


Saint Margaret's Annual Tea: will be held on Sunday, May 2 at 1:00 p.m. Tickets are available after Mass or at the Rectory at \$10.00 each. This is a very enjoyable event. Please call Simone Sarnie (781-233-4088), Gloria Johnson (781-231-5187) or Carol at the Rectory (781-233-1040).



National Day of Prayer: You are invited to this annual event which will take place on Thursday, May 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium. Come and pray for our country.

Our Weekly Offering: Last weekend's Collection was \$3,433.00. *Thank you for your generosity to the needs of the Parish.*



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.

You have put on Christ, in Him you have been baptized. Last Sunday we celebrated the Baptism of **Chase Raymond Ledbury** child of Todd & Pamela, **Mikayla Chelsea Hashem** child of Michael & Gail, **Kayla Rose Tracy** child of David & Debra, **Jamie Joseph Kehoe** child of Lisa, **Cami Joan** and **Caden Noone Carpenter** children of Michael & Teresa, **Cole Michael LeBlanc** child of David & Jennifer. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Operation Rice Bowl: Last call for your Rice Bowl offerings. 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.

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.

Alleluia! He is Risen! Alleluia!

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.

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.*

Anointing of the sick



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.

The Monthly Breakfast: Our sincere thanks to everyone who assisted at making last Sunday's breakfast such a treat. It was very well attended and the omelet I had was especially good! Thanks to everyone who makes this possible. Not only is a good breakfast enjoyed but community is built as we share a meal together.

Our Stewardship Committee is in the process of recognizing the many people who give of their time and talent for the good of our Parish community. As we continue to recognize people and groups, it is wonderful to know that there are over 300 people who in one way or another are involved in the life of our Parish. We are grateful and offer our sincere thanks.

A Loving Response by Fr. Jeffrey Day

During the Easter season we are mindful of what Jesus' resurrection accomplished: reconciliation between God and humanity. It is true that this reconciliation took place on a communal level, but each individual also experiences reconciliation with God in a very personal way. One such personal moment, recorded at the end of this Sunday's Gospel, took place between Peter and Jesus. Let's take a moment to put this Gospel passage in perspective. Just a few weeks ago, on Good Friday, Jesus is subjected to many insults and betrayals. In what must have been particularly hurtful, Peter denied knowing Him - three times. In today's Gospel, the Risen Jesus wants to reconcile with Peter. Jesus asked him point-blank - three times - "Do you love me?" Each time Peter answered yes. Jesus' encounter with Peter tells us a lot about how we as individuals reconcile with God. After we have sinned, there eventually comes a moment when each of us must face God - but He is the one who wants to initiate the meeting. He isn't going to scold us or even ask us if we are sorry. But there is one very important thing He wants to ask us, and that has to do with our love. Jesus died for us because of love, and so reconciliation with God requires our loving response. Without a response of love, the resurrection doesn't mean much. With love, all wounds can be healed.

Kevin Baumann: We continue to keep the "bucket" with flippers 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.

Is God Calling? How am I being called to feed the lambs of Jesus? Could it be as an ordained or consecrated person? If God is calling you, call Father Oscar Pratt at the Vocation Office 617-746-5436.

We are the Stewards of God's many gifts: In today's Gospel, Jesus tells Peter again and again, "If you love Me, feed my sheep." He says the same to each of us, "If you love Me, use the gifts I have given you to serve your brothers and sisters."

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:

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