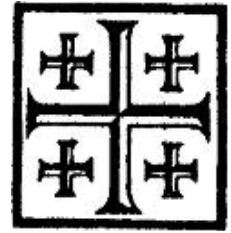


Mass Intentions

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| 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) |
| Frederick Jewkes | 2nd Anniversary Mass | 9:00 a.m. Monday | (5/3) |
| Pasquale DiFlumeri | Birthday Remembrance | 9:00 a.m. Tuesday | (5/4) |
| Pauline Beyea | Month's Mind Mass | 9:00 a.m. Thursday | (5/6) |
| Phyllis Dello Russo | Memorial Mass | 4:00 p.m. Saturday | (5/8) |
| Edward & Alice Worthy | Memorial Mass | 5:30 p.m. Saturday | (5/8) |
| Richard Reynolds | Birthday Remembrance | 8:30 a.m. Sunday | (5/9) |
| Giuseppi Zirpolo | 2nd Anniversary Mass | 10:00 a.m. Sunday | (5/9) |



The Celebration of First Holy Communion will take place this Sunday and Sunday, May 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: **Kiera Hastings Powers, Steven Howell, Brittany Howell, Delaney Barry, William Hunter, Robert Roberto, James Cresta-Devine, Timothy Rebidue, Felicana Prego and Devon Moschella.** They join those who received First Communion the prior week: 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.



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.

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

Our Weekly Offering: Last weekend's Collection was \$2,851.00. Thank you for your generosity to the needs of the Parish.



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.



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.

Hospice Care, Bereavement Programs: Adults grieving the Loss of a Parent. This is a structured six-week group. Call 781-279-4100 to register. Meets Tuesdays, May 4 to June 8 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. 41 Montvale Avenue, 2nd Floor, Stoneham, MA. Adults Grieving the Loss of a Spouse or Partner: This is a structured six-week group that will meet on Tuesdays, May 4 to June 8 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at 41 Montvale Avenue, 2nd Floor, Stoneham, MA. Call 781-279-4100 to register.

The Monthly Breakfast: Our sincere thanks to everyone who assisted at making April's Sunday breakfast such a treat. It was very well attended. Plan on joining us for Breakfast on Sunday, May 16 from 8:30 to 12 Noon. Menu includes: Pancakes, scrambled eggs, potatoes, polish sausage, fruit, coffee and juice. Donation: Adults \$5.95 and children under ten, \$3.95.

Volunteers Needed: We are looking for help for a "spring cleaning" of our wonderful kitchen. High School youth can earn community service credit! Please call Jim Forgione to offer your help (781-231-0312). Date for cleaning is Saturday, May 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon.



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.

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

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 or our Parish. We are grateful and offer our sincere thanks.

We are the Stewards of God's many gifts: Paul and Barnabas encountered both violent rejection and joyful acceptance of the message they preached. We, too, may meet with mixed reactions when we use our gifts in the service of God. But, the Gospel assures us, the reward for those who follow faithfully is eternal life.

Mass of Hope and Healing: Archbishop Sean will celebrate this Mass of Hope and Healing on Sunday, May 23 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, 1400 Washington Street, South End, Boston. All the sick are welcome to participate as well as their loved ones and caregivers. For information call Jean at 617-789-2457.

The Ministry of Consolation of Immaculate Conception Parish, Malden/Medford, have planned a "We Remember Liturgy" as an opportunity for families to gather and celebrate the lives of children who have died and the brief lives of babies who died as a result of miscarriage and stillbirth. This Mass will be on Friday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Parents, grandparents, and siblings are encouraged to participate. Immaculate Conception Church is at 600 Pleasant Street, Malden (Route 60) corner of Fellsway East. For information call 781-324-4941.

Alleluia! He is Risen! Alleluia!

To ensure their safety and well being, children in need of using the restrooms during the time of Mass should be accompanied there by a parent.

Is God Calling? On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially for our Archdiocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If God is calling you, call Father Oscar Pratt at the Vocation Office 617-746-5436.

The Catholic Appeal: "We cannot solve every problem, but we can do much." This is the Annual Catholic Appeal weekend. We would like to thank those of you who have sent in pledges already. If you have brought your pledge/gift with you today, please put it in an envelope and place it in the collection basket. Your contribution does make a difference. The Parish goal of the Appeal is once again \$29,335.00. Last year our Parish contributed \$14,180.00. Thank you very much. The challenge is great, but the needs of countless people who receive services funded through the Appeal continue. They need the support that we can provide. Please respond to this year's Appeal as generously as your means allow.

No One Can Take Us

by Fr. Jeffrey Day

It is a beautiful and peaceful sight to watch a mother hold a child in her arms. The child is comforted because he knows that nothing can happen to him - he is totally secure. Adults observing such a sight may long to have that level of security once again, especially when we consider our own sinfulness and the harsh realities of the world. Some people - and unfortunately even some Christians - live in fear of the world. But in today's Gospel, Jesus offers us a level of security that goes even beyond what a mother can offer her child. Jesus tells us that we are sheep and He is the shepherd. He tells us that we are to hear His voice and follow Him. He tells us that we will be safe in the palm of His hand, and that no one can take us from Him. He promises us eternal life. A child must eventually leave his mother's arms and learn to walk. He may stumble and fall, but the mother will do her best to protect him. The same is true of us Christians. The world is a harsh place, and we occasionally listen to the wrong voices and fall into danger and sin. But our souls will remain safe if we stay close to the voice of the One who shepherds us. Jesus will pick us up, brush us off, and lead us to eternal life.

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:

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