

Mass Intentions

Edward H. Worthy	Memorial Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(2/21)
Palph & Elena Vietri	Memorial Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(2/21)
Alice Coviello	26th Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(2/22)
George Woodbury	Memorial Mass	9:00 a.m. Wednesday	(2/25)
Doris Letourneau	Anniversary Mass	9:00 a.m. Friday	(2/27)
Peter Frontiera, Sr.	34th Anniversary	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(2/28)
Maria, Francesco & Luigi Barbera	Memorial Mass	5:30 a.m. Saturday	(2/28)
Marguerite Rosso	15th Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(2/29)



Reconfiguration of Parishes: Many of you saw Archbishop Sean on Boston Catholic Television. (If you missed it, a tape of his talk is available for you to borrow.) He addressed the need to reconfigure the Parishes of the Archdiocese. Every Parish is to be involved in this process. Our cluster of eight Parishes (Incarnation & St. Mary's in Melrose, St. Joseph, St. Florence & Most Blessed Sacrament, in Wakefield, St. Patrick in Stoneham, Blessed Sacrament & St. Margaret in Saugus) needs to prepare a report to the Archbishop by March 8, 2004 answering two questions: "If the Archbishop needs to close one parish in this cluster for the good of the Church, how would you recommend that your cluster be reconfigured and why? The second question is the same except that it asks about if more than one parish were to close. On February 16, the priests of the cluster responded to the directive of the Archbishop by: 1) scheduling three meetings: February 15 & 22 and March 7. At these meetings the priests, two staff members, two members of the Pastoral Council and one member of the Finance Council from each of the 8 parishes will be present. Representing our Parish are: Carol Nadeau, Gerrie Milgroom, Jim Forgione, Rosemary Reed, Eileen Mahoney and Fr. George. 2) Sister Mary Jude Waters, O.P. was hired to facilitate the process for these three meetings of our cluster. On February 10, several of the priests of the cluster met with Sister Mary Jude to plan the process and the first meeting which was held last Sunday, February 15. Please pray for all who are participating in these meetings. The future effectiveness of the Church's mission in this area is at stake. We all pray that whatever is recommended will be for the long term good of all the people of the area of our cluster.

A Good Steward: Today's Gospel has encouraging words for good stewards - "Give and it shall be given to you. For the measure you measure with will be measured back to you." What encouragement to give generously of the resources entrusted to our care!

The Living Rosary: will be on March 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Church, 50 Walsh Ave. Peabody. All Welcome.

Ash Wednesday is February 25: Ashes will be distributed at the 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Masses and at a Service at 4:00 p.m.

Ecumenical Services: We have a wonderful Ecumenical Spirit in our Community. All are most welcome to participate in the following services on Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

February 29 St. John's Episcopal, Prospect Street
 March 7 Church of the Nazarene, 60 Essex Street
 March 14 Unitarian Church, Main at Summer Street
 March 21 Saint Margaret Church, 431 Lincoln Avenue
 March 28 East Saugus United Methodist Church, 85 Chestnut Street

Stations of the Cross: Join us for meaningful Lenten devotion on Fridays of Lent (February 27, March 12, 19, 26, April 2 & 9) at 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Mission: Please join us for this year's annual Mission, which will be Monday through Thursday, March 22 - 25. Our focus will be the Gospel of Saint Luke. There are two reasons why we have chosen this focus: to help us gain insight as we read from the Gospel of Luke throughout this liturgical year; and Luke is often referred to as a physician - we as church need his medicine. The evening sessions will be at Blessed Sacrament Church at 7:00 p.m. and the morning sessions will be at Saint Margaret's at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to participate in this important annual event in the life of our Parish.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick: In the Letter of Saint 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. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick 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, this Sacrament is offered following the 9:00 a.m. Mass or call the Rectory for a more convenient time.

Next Monthly Breakfast: Sunday, March 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 Noon. Donation: Adults (\$5.95) and children (\$3.00). We are very encouraged by the large number of people who came to last Sunday's breakfast! Our thanks to you for your support.



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. There is a small amount of financial assistance for those who wish to participate.

The Silver Ring Thing: is coming to our area. On Saturday, March 27 and Sunday, March 28 at Merrimack College, North Andover, MA. This is a high-tech program using music, skits, and comedy performances about sexual abstinence to answer the old question, "Why Should I Wait?" Clearly the best mix of high-tech sound, lighting, special effects about guys, girls, dating, love, second chances, choices. For Middle School through College. On Saturday from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. there will be a special seminar for parents by Doctor Meg Meeker, author of the book "Epidemic: How Teen Sex Is Killing our Kids." Pre-registration required and you should bring \$15.00 along for the Silver Ring plus follow-up stuff.

The Master of Arts in Ministry Program is designed specifically for the laity invites you to an informal Open House to learn about the program and the application process. Located at St. John's Seminary, Brighton, at St. Williams Hall (lower level) the Open House is Thursday, February 24 at 7:00 p.m. Call 617-779-4104.

Annual Penny Sale: Always a lot of fun and a good fund raising event for the Parish, we will have the Penny Sale on Saturday evening, March 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Your help is needed to make the Penny Sale a success. Please donate new items with a value of \$5.00 or more. You may leave them in the front entry way of the Rectory at any time or when you come to Church on the weekend.

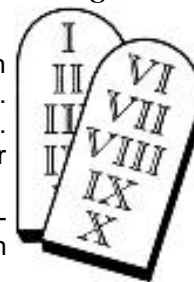
Collection Information: The Offertory Collection last weekend was \$3099.00. Thank you for your generosity to the Parish.

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. Classes will resume after the winter school vacation on February 29.

Grades 7 & 8 The next meeting is Friday, March 5 from 6:45 to 9:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Grade 9, Year I Confirmation will continue on Wednesday, March 3, 2004 at 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.



Adult Confirmation: There will be a regional confirmation for adults who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. It will take place shortly after Easter. If you are an adult and never confirmed and would like to begin preparation for the reception of this Sacrament, please call the rectory soon in order to begin preparation. Call Father George At 781-233-1040.

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 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.

Annual Financial Report: During the month of February a complete financial report for the year 2003 will be made available for the people of the Parish.

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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: