

## From Your Pastor

February News Notes ~ As Lent Approaches

### Daily Mass Schedule during Lent

Monday – Friday: 7:00 and 9:00 am; and 5:30 pm

Saturday: 7:00 and 9:00 am

**Mass During Lent** – Though it is hard to believe, Ash Wednesday is only ten days away. The penitential Season of Lent begins on Wednesday, February 25. While I know that the obligations of many of you do not allow the opportunity for daily Mass, I encourage those members of the Parish for whom it is possible to give daily Mass during Lent serious consideration. To help you fulfill this kind of commitment, we will add a third Mass during the weekdays of Lent at 5:30 pm. Lent is a very sacred time in our journey of faith. It is the time set aside to prepare, with God’s grace, for the annual Easter Triduum – our solemn celebration of the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord. God’s grace, as we know, is most fully present in the Eucharist. As the Second Vatican Council teaches us, the Eucharist is “the source and summit of the Christian life” (LG, 11). Said in another way at the same Council, “The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch” (PO, 5).

### ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

7:00 am, 9:00 am, 5:30 pm, and 7:00 pm

*“Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel”*

**Thank You for Your Assistance** – I am very grateful to those of you who were available last weekend following the 9:30, 11:15 and 12:45 Masses to offer a suggestion on the stain we should use on the newly refurbished doors of the upper and lower churches. In the end, the consensus was that we go

with a lighter than a darker stain that will bring out the true color and shows the grain of the oak wood in the doors. I think you will be very pleased with the finished result when you see it. Thank you very much for your help.

**New Plaza in Front of the Church** – This spring some very important work will be done to the plaza area in front of the church on Market Street. As you have no doubt noticed, the asphalt walkways from the steps of the upper church to Market and Arlington Streets have been deteriorating and are in need of serious repair. We will use the necessity of this major repair as an opportunity to fix up the whole area in front of the church. The hedges, which have been failing for some time, will be removed to make way for a newly configured and more open landscape. I am deeply grateful to a subcommittee of the Pastoral Council which has been working with Patrick McGeoghan of PKM Landscape Design in Winchester on this project during the past several months. Hugh Gallagher serves as the chairman of the committee and he is joined on the committee by Maureen McGrail, Michael O’Hara, John Reen and Anthony Rufo. A drawing of the plan for the new plaza will be available this weekend and next at the door of the church. There is a Suggestion Box with paper and pencils nearby. The committee would love to hear from you. Please contact any of the members directly or leave a note in the Suggestion Box.

**Grand Annual Collection Moved to The Fall** – You recall that last year the Archdiocese permanently moved the inauguration date of the annual *Catholic Appeal* from the first Sunday in May to the first Sunday in March. This necessitated the moving of our Grand Annual Collection from March to May. Because of the financial challenge this had on our parishioners this past year, the Finance Council has decided to move the Grand Annual to the fall. We will have more to say about this during the summer and early fall.

God bless each of you.



*Mrs. Fay*

## *SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

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**Prayers are requested** for those who are ill, for vocations to the Priesthood and to the Consecrated Life; for married couples and for families; for the safe return home of the men and women in our military services; and for the repose of the souls of Jennie A. Manganaro, Mario Paulino, Daniel Mahoney and the deceased members of our parish, our families and our benefactors.

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**The Monday Night Prayer Group** will meet on Monday at 7:15 pm in the lower church.

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**Volunteers:** All volunteers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, CCD teachers, visitors to the sick and elderly and anyone who may have the potential for contact with children need to fill out a CORI form available at the rectory. A government issue ID must be presented with the completed form. Some people have already done this. **If you have not please do so as soon as possible.** You may call Patricia McShane for further information on this matter.

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**Coffee and doughnuts** are served in the school cafeteria after the 9:30 Mass every week. All are invited to come.

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**The 2010 Mass Book** is available. The donation for an arranged Mass is \$10.00 There are also openings for memorial donations for the Hosts, Wine and Candles for months in 2009 and 2010. The donation for these memorials is \$50.00. To arrange Masses please call or visit the rectory during regular office hours, Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

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**Peter's Pence** will be taken up next weekend: This collection enables the Holy Father to respond with financial assistance to our brothers and sisters in need throughout the world. Please be as generous as your means will allow.

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**The St. Vincent de Paul Society** would like to thank everyone who supports the work that is done by your contributions in the boxes at the doors of the church. The next meeting will be on Tuesday February 24 at 7:00 pm in the rectory,

**We Welcome** into our community of faith Ethan Daniel Gamez Lopez, Angel Eduardo Gamez Lopez, Talia Marie Burkhart, Tyler James Bubanas-McGrath, Colin Richard Gavin and Charlotte Siekman who were baptized at our church. We extend congratulations to their families

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**Congratulations** to Edwin Ovidio Ascenio Escobar and Rosa Alba Ramos Deras who were married in our church recently. May God bless their union.

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**Holy Communion to the Homebound.** If you know someone in the parish who is elderly or infirm and not able to come to Mass, please give Patricia McShane a call at the rectory (617-782-5774) and we will arrange for them to have someone visit them regularly with Holy Communion.

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**RCIA:** Are you not Catholic, but thinking about becoming one? Or would you just like to learn more about our Faith? Please call Patricia at the rectory to let us know.

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**A Celebration!** The Brighton-Allston Historical Society cordially invites you to an afternoon reception to salute Brighton-Allston's own Artists of Vision and the second Anniversary of the Heritage Museum. The reception will take place at the Museum Saturday, February 28 from 1:00 – 3:00. All are welcome.

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**Caritas Good Samaritan Hospice,** a Catholic Healthcare provider, offers compassionate care for those facing life-threatening illness. Hospice care is not just for the last days of life. It can enhance the quality of life for many months for patient, caregivers and family. For information, or to make a referral, call 781-769-8282.

### *PARISH GIVING*

**Parish Offertory (Feb. 7 – Feb. 8): \$6,267**

**Latin Mass (Feb. 6): \$110**

**St. Vincent de Paul (Feb. 7-Feb. 8): \$96.25**

*Thank You for Your Generosity*

## ***FEBRUARY 15, 2009***

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### **Sunday, Feb. 15 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**(Sat.)** 4:00 pm Alice G. Maher, Mem.  
7:30 am Francis, Florence & Mary Lawton, Mem.  
9:30 am *Missa pro Populo*  
11:15 am Arthur A. Gomez, Mem.  
12:45 pm Pedro Guardado, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann.  
5:00 pm Sr. Eric O'Brien, CSJ, 10<sup>th</sup> Ann.

**Mon.** 7:00 am Mary & John Mahoney, Mem.

**Tue.** 7:00 am Andrew & Eileen Doyle, Mem.

**Wed.** 7:00 am Francis E. Palkey, Sr., Mem.

**Thu.** 7:00 am Rose A. Dawson, Rose A. Flynn &  
Margaret Versiackas, Mem.

**Fri.** 7:00 am Giovanni Cedrone, Mem.

### **Sunday, Feb. 22 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**(Sat.)** 4:00 pm Albert McGilvray, 18<sup>th</sup> Ann.  
7:30 am Joaquin Gutierrez, Mem.  
9:30 am Clemente Baccari, Mem.  
11:15 am *Missa pro Populo*

#### ***The ARISE Prayer***

Gracious God and Father,  
we enter into your presence  
realizing you know us better than we know ourselves.  
You know the cares and sufferings  
we carry in our hearts.  
You call us to holiness  
and we trust you to lead us together  
on our journey to be a renewed Church,  
for with you all things are possible.  
Create us anew in Jesus Christ your Son.  
Liberate us from all that keeps us from you.  
Heal us from every form of sin and violence.  
Transform us to live your Word more profoundly.  
Awaken us to the sacred; rebuild trust among us.  
Enliven our parishes; reunite our families.  
May your Holy Spirit empower us  
to live as a community of love,  
freed to share in your work  
of recreating our world and restoring justice.  
We believe you are doing something new,  
calling us to arise together in Christ  
to celebrate the fullness of life. Amen.

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**UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

**Thursday February 26 – 7:00 pm**  
Mass of Healing

**Sundays February 15 & 22 & March 15 & 29**  
Family Masses at 9:30 am

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