

From Your Pastor



THIS WEEKEND – ARISE SIGN-UP SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 19-20

Today is *ARISE* Sign-Up Sunday. Members of the parish who are serving as *ARISE* team leaders will be at the doors of the church following each of the Masses this weekend to offer you the opportunity to sign up for the Third Season of *ARISE*, which begins the week of October 4. We remind you that it is not necessary for you to have participated in the previous Seasons of *ARISE* to sign up for this Season.

At the heart of *ARISE* is the opportunity for parishioners to gather in homes once a week during the six week process for prayer, reflection and sharing. Last weekend I provided you with some personal testimonies of parishioners who have participated in *ARISE*. Why else should you consider signing up?

- **To know God better.** To learn more about God, talk more freely about our faith, and hear how God has influenced other peoples' lives.
- **To grow spiritually.** To see more clearly how the Holy Spirit has touched our lives and to become more willing to ask for the Spirit's guidance in our everyday lives.
- **To meet new people.** Praying and reading the Bible with others brings people closer. New relationships are formed and deepened.
- **To talk about God.** Society and daily pressures offer little opportunity for us to pause and to reflect on our spiritual life. Small communities provide the time and support for reflection.

To improve ourselves. Wherever we are in our relationship with Christ, there is always

- room for improvement. Being in a small community offers this opportunity.
- **To put faith into action.** Baptism calls us to reach out to others, to help improve the quality of life for all. Small communities assist us in identifying ways to respond to others' needs. These communities support outreach.
- **To change the way we see the world.** Small communities enable us to view the world and all in it with the eyes of Christ. This leads us to become more attuned to the needs, issues, and problems of others.
- **To improve relationships.** Being in a small community impacts our relationships with more understanding, tolerance, patience, and love.
- **To experience different prayer styles.** The Catholic Church has a rich variety of prayer and methods of prayer. It is a gift to experience the many ways of communicating with God.
- **To be rejuvenated.** Bringing the daily worries, cares, and frustrations into an atmosphere of prayer, reflection, and faith sharing brings new life to our everyday world.

Please pray the *ARISE* prayer for the success of the Third Season of the *ARISE* process this fall in our parish. You will always find it in the Sunday bulletin and we will pray the *ARISE* prayer at every Mass following the prayer after Communion.



God bless each of you.

Mrs. Fay

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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; for the prayers listed in our book of intentions; and for the repose of the souls of Robert J. Sullivan, Roberto Zamora, Frances Kelley and the deceased members of our parish, our families and our benefactors.

Father George Flynn, of the Society of Saint James, will be speaking at all the Masses this weekend. The Society, founded by Cardinal Cushing in 1958, has about forty members serving in Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador. The second collection will be for the Society of Saint James Please be as generous as your means will allow. For more information on the Society visit their website: www.socstjames.com.

Please remember the Saint Vincent de Paul boxes. Through spiritual exercises the Society gains grace and strength to achieve its goal of aiding those who are in material need. The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 22 at 7:00 pm in the rectory. Interested parishioners are welcome to join.

Knights of Columbus will meet on Thursday, September 24 at 7:00 pm in the K of C Hall.

A Walking Tour of Historic Brighton Center is being sponsored by the Brighton-Allston Historical Society on Saturday, September 26 from 1-3pm. The tour starts at the Museum. Pre-registration is required and there is a \$5.00 fee. Please call the Museum at 617-635-1436.

5K Walk for Recovery at Herter/Artesani Park (across from CBS-WBZ station) to support the Allston Brighton Substance Abuse Task Force. 9:00 am registration and the walk begins at 10:00. Suggested contribution \$5.00 includes T-shirt & refreshment. There will be raffles and a 50/50 drawing. Family friendly and dogs welcome. For more information call Helen Connolly at Caritas Christi 617-789-2967.

The 2009 CatholicTV Telethon will be on Friday, September 25 and Saturday, September 26 from 9:00 am until 9:00 pm both days. Please tune in (Comcast Ch. 45 and Verizon Ch. 296) and make a donation to support this very important work of the Church.

The BAHS is sponsoring a viewing of the exhibit *Light from the Mysterious East A Photo-Archival Retrospective* presented by Fr. Carney Gavin on Saturday, October 3 from 1:00 – 2:30 pm at the Carney Gallery, Fine Arts Center, Regis College in Weston. All are welcome. For further information contact the Brighton-Allston Historical Museum at 617-635-1436.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Sunday, September 20 – Beginning of Religious Education Classes (10:30 English Grades 1-8; 11:00 Spanish Grades 1-10)

Monday, September 21 – Beginning of Religious Education Grades 9-12 English (6:30-8:00 pm)

Thursday, September 24 – Beginning of Special Needs Religious Education Classes (4:15 – 5:30 pm)

Thursday, October 15, 7:00 pm - Theology on Tap at the Greenbriar; Speaker will be Andy Rennie.

PARISH GIVING

Parish Offertory (Sept. 5 – Sept. 6): \$4,572

Parish Offertory (Sept. 12 – Sept. 13): \$4,425

Catholic University of America (Sept. 5 – 6): \$1,204

Latin Mass (Sept. 4): \$55.00

Catholic Appeal (to date): \$37,993

St. Vincent de Paul (Sept. 5 – Sept. 6): \$210.39

St. Vincent de Paul (Sept. 12 – Sept. 13): \$107.20

Thank You for Your Generosity

**Sunday Message of November 6, 2006
by Pope Benedict XVI**

On 18 November 1965, the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council approved the Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation *Dei Verbum*. This Document is one of the pillars on which the entire Council is built. It addresses Revelation and its transmission, the inspiration and interpretation of Sacred Scripture and its fundamental importance in the life of the Church.

Gathering the fruits of the theological renewal that preceded it, Vatican II put Christ at the center, presenting him as "both the mediator and the sum total of Revelation" (DV, n. 2)...

The Apostles and their successors, the Bishops, are depositories of the message that Christ entrusted to his Church so that it might be passed on in its integrity to all generations. Sacred Scripture of the Old and New Testaments and sacred Tradition contain this message, whose understanding develops in the Church with the help of the Holy Spirit...

The Church does not live for herself but for the Gospel, and it is always in the Gospel that she finds the direction for her journey...*Dei Verbum* emphasized appreciation for the Word of God, which developed into a profound renewal for the life of the Ecclesial Community...

Among the many fruits of this biblical springtime I would like to mention the spread of the ancient practice of *Lectio divina* or "spiritual reading" of Sacred Scripture. It consists in pouring over a biblical text for some time, reading it and rereading it, as it were, "ruminating" on it as the Fathers say and squeezing from it, so to speak, all its "juice", so that it may nourish meditation and contemplation and, like water, succeed in irrigating life itself.

One condition for *Lectio divina* is that the mind and heart be illumined by the Holy Spirit, that is, by the same Spirit who inspired the Scriptures, and that they be approached with an attitude of "reverential hearing".

This attitude was typical of Mary Most Holy, as the icon of the Annunciation symbolically portrays: the Virgin receives the heavenly Messenger while she is intent on meditating upon the Sacred Scriptures, usually shown by a book that Mary holds in her hand, on her lap or on a lectern...

Let us pray that like Mary, the Church will be a humble handmaid of the divine Word...

SEPTEMBER 20, 2009

ARISE Together in Christ

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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LEVÁNTATE Unámonos en Cristo

Dios y Padre de infinita bondad,
acudimos a Ti sabiendo que nos conoces
mejor que nosotros mismos nos conocemos,
y sabes el peso que llevamos
en nuestro corazón.
Nos llamas a la santidad
y, porque para Ti todo es posible,
confiamos que nos guiarás unidos
por la senda que nos lleve
a ser una Iglesia renovada.
Créanos de nuevo en Jesucristo tu hijo.
Libéranos de todo lo que nos aleja de Ti.
Sánanos de toda forma
de pecado y violencia.
Transfórmanos para vivir
tu Palabra más profundamente.
Despierta en nosotros
la sed de lo sagrado.
Restaura entre nosotros la confianza.
Vivifica nuestras parroquias;
y reunifica a nuestras familias.
Que tu Espíritu Santo nos fortalezca
y nos congregue en una comunidad de amor,
liberados para servirte y continuar tu misión
de recrear el mundo y restaurar la justicia.
Creemos que haces algo nuevo,
con tu llamado a levantarnos en Cristo
para celebrar la plenitud de la vida. Amén.

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Sept. 20 – 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

- (Sat.)** 4:00 pm The MacIntyre Family, Mem.
7:30 am *Missa pro Populo*
9:30 am Carmela & Anthony Nicolosi, Mem.
11:15 am William Walker, Mem.
12:45 pm Blanca & Juan Homar, Mem.
5:00 pm The Twomey & O'Brien Families, Mem

Mon. 7:00 am John Mee, Mem.

Tue. 7:00 am Kenneth Compton, Mem.

Wed. 7:00 am Loreto Cellucci, 26th Ann.

Thu. 7:00 am Mercedes A. Gomez, Mem.

Fri. 7:00 am Rita & John Hanley, Mem.

Sat. 7:00 am Mass of Thanksgiving

Sunday, Sept. 27 – 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

- (Sat.)** 4:00 pm Michael MacIntyre, 7th Ann.
7:30 am Joaquin Gutierrez, Mem.
9:30 am *Missa pro Populo*
11:15 am Albert J. Maregni, 9th Ann.
12:45 pm Our Lady of Charity
5:00 pm Lucy Bolotte, 3rd Ann.

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