

Mass Intentions for the Week



Saturday, January 23	4:00 p.m.	Frank Burns
Sunday, January 24	9:00 a.m.	Antonino Gemellaro
	11:00 a.m.	Ida Mazzone & Rose Rosetti
Monday, January 25	6:45 a.m.	Annie & Tom Costello
Wednesday, January 27	6:45 a.m.	Lottie & Walter Gabala
Saturday, January 30	4:00 p.m.	Anton Wybieralla & Family & James Fitzpatrick & Family
Sunday, January 31	9:00 a.m.	John C. Tiernan
	11:00 a.m.	Eufemia Pantalone

If the Mass Intention is for a family member or friend, please see someone in the sacristy before Mass should you wish to bring forward the offertory gifts.



Church Support The collection for January 16-17 was \$3,952.46. The Grand Annual to date has received \$87,374.53 from 371 parishioners. The second collection this weekend is for the Church in Latin America. We will keep you informed as to how much we collect for the victims in Haiti. Many thanks for your generosity

Saint Vincent de Paul Society

The next meeting of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society will be held on Sunday, February 7, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in classroom 4 in the lower church. This critically important group in our parish responds to families in need providing food and when possible financial assistance for fuel and rent payments. The committee is seeking new members who will help to forward the charitable work of the parish. Please consider assisting in this important ministry.

Pennies for the Unborn

Once again, the Catholic Daughters of America are enlisting your help. This weekend, January 23-24, members will collect any offerings of pennies (or larger coins or dollars) you wish to make to help encourage and support women to make the choice to carry their babies to term. Members of the Catholic Daughters will be at the doors of the church to receive your offering.

**We Celebrate Who We Are!
Lord Have Mercy
Generations of Faith This
Weekend**

Before we receive Communion, we pray, "Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us." Please join us this Sunday, January 24 (12:30 – 3:00 p.m.) when we will explore and learn together the implications for Christ's mercy and love in our hearts and lives. Generations of Faith is for everyone of all ages. Please call 617-484-9357 or email stluke.faithformation@verizon.net to register.

SAFETY CORNER: Teach Children to Say, "Stop It"

Teach children to say, "Stop it," to instructions that might encourage them to do things they really do not want to do. Reinforce the rule that children should say, "Stop it," to requests or demands that make them uncomfortable, even if they think they should obey. A discussion of these rules can teach a child that there are some times when it is okay to say, "Stop it," and other times when it is okay to go along with the instructions.

Adult Baptism

Many of you are aware that for the past year and a half, Debra DeMasi has been participating in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. At the Easter Vigil this year, Debby will be received into the church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. At the 11:00 a.m. Mass today, Debby will be anointed with the Oil of Catechumens. Please join in prayer for her that the remaining days of her preparation for Baptism will be marked by growth in her knowledge and love of God.



Belmont Manor

Father Petringa will celebrate Mass for the residents of the nursing home on Wednesday, January 27 at 10:15 a.m. We are grateful to the members of the parish who will assist Father Petringa and Sister Kathleen by escorting residents to the dining room for Mass and praying the Rosary before Mass.



Getting to Know You

The Parish Pastoral Council's attempt to gather information about parishioners' interests and to update census information has gone very slowly. We are extending our efforts through the month of February and urge all members of the parish to take one of the forms at the doorways of the church, complete and return the form to us. The completion should only take five minutes of your time and your effort will greatly help us. Recently, we drew names of those who already completed the forms and gift certificates were awarded to three lucky parishioners. Another drawing will take place at the end of February. Please help us help you!

Renovation Ideas

Last week you received an insert in the bulletin that identified suggestions for renovations. If you did not receive one there are additional copies at the doors of the church. Please look it over and if you have any ideas or comments kindly let one of the renovation committee members know. The members are: Ed Barwicki, Mary Cieslik, Cathy Conway, Doug Dowling, Lou Fabrizio, Mary Anne Glynn, Casey Grant, Paul Madden, Kevin Mahony, John Pacetti, Karen Shea, Mary Jane Sullivan, Fran Williams, Casey Young, Father Petringa and Sister Kathleen.

Help us Identify the Homebound

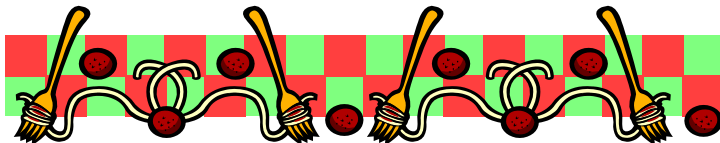
Did you know that we rely on you or family members or neighbors to let us know if there is someone who is sick or frail and unable to come to church? Please help us to be present to those who are in need of receiving communion or of being anointed. A simple phone call with the name and telephone number of the person is all that is necessary and we will make contact with the person. Thanks for helping us bring the comfort of the sacraments to our parishioners.

For Lent - a New Heart and a New Spirit!

Lent is a time for reconciliation. Come together with others to participate in ARISE Together in Christ and foster a heart for healing and a spirit of forgiveness.

ARISE offers the opportunity to develop a closer relationship with Christ, grow in community, and reach out in service to others. Small groups are continuing and new ones are forming this Lent.

If you are not already participating in a group and would like to do so, you may sign-up on the weekend of January 30 and 31, or you may call 617-484-1996.



Winter Social

Tired already of the winter? Of being cooped up? Plan to join us at the end of the February School vacation week on Saturday, February 20th after the 4:00 p.m. Mass!

We will have some simple hors d'oeuvres from 5:00-5:30 p.m. Then, we will have some salad and rolls followed by a pasta feast. Tickets may be purchased in the parish office Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. or after Mass on the weekend of February 6-7. Cost: Adults \$8.00 and Children: \$5.00.

Lenten Retreat: Hold the Dates

The annual collaborative Lenten practices will begin Sunday, February 28 at 3:00 p.m. with a communal reconciliation service. The annual retreat will be held on Sunday afternoons, March 7, 14 and 21 at 3:00 p.m. Father Michael Medas will be our guest speaker each of the afternoons. Please hold the dates and plan to join us for this opportunity to pray and reflect about our journey in Christ.

Save the date:

January 27	Belmont Manor
January 30-31	Arise Sign-Ups
February 3	Prayer Shawl Mtg.
February 7	St. Vincent dePaul Mtg.
February 11	Parish Finance Council
February 14	Arise Season IV begins
February 15	Presidents' Day
February 17	Ash Wednesday
February 20	Winter Social