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St. Ann's Church

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St. Ann's Church

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Mass Schedule

Daily Mass: 9 a.m. Monday-Saturday

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Celebration of Baptism is usually on the last Sunday of the month at 12:15 p.m. (after the 11:00 a.m. Mass)

Please call the office to schedule a Baptism.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Arrangements should be made with priests or deacon at least six months prior to wedding date.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please notify us if you know of someone who should receive this sacrament, or someone who is unable to get to church, but would like to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

Rosary: 8:30 a.m. Monday-Saturday

Welcome! if you are new to the Parish, please introduce yourself after Mass or at the rectory. We want to know and serve you. We hope you will support your parish by your prayers, your presence and your talents.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 19:

7:00 am Giuseppe Bongarzone
9:00 am Meloni Family
11:00 am Frances LaRosa

Monday, February 20:

9:00 am Marylyn Murray

Tuesday, February 21: (St. Peter Damian)

9:00 am Danielle Struzziery

Ash Wednesday, February 22:

7:00 am
9:00 am mass
4:00 pm Service
7:00 pm Mass

**Saturday, February 25:**

4:30 pm Silvana Calabria

Sunday, February 26:

7:00 am Margaret Cornwell
9:00 am Irma & Joaquim Silva
11:00 am KerriAnne Luggelle

Ash Wednesday: Collection for Church in Africa, Central and Eastern Europe

The Spirituality of Stewardship – Report on Offertory Contribution

As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them with others and return them with increase to the Lord.

	Last <u>Week</u>	Year to <u>Date</u>
Envelopes	\$2,735	
Loose Cash	\$1,854	
Total	\$4,589	\$34,419

Many of our parishioners contribute electronically through Parish Pay. You may sign up at www.parishpay.com or by calling the Parish Office at 925-0680.

The 2012 Catholic Appeal
The weekend of March 3rd and 4th, 2012

In the parable of the Good Samaritan, a man is beaten, robbed and left to die in a ditch. He is saved by a traveler from Samaria – the

Good Samaritan – who is so moved by the humanity of this wounded man that he sacrifices his time and resources to save this other person's life. We, too, are called to act out of love and help others. Each year, the Archdiocese of Boston asks Catholics throughout the Archdiocese to support the many ministries of the archdiocese and each of us at St. Mary's Parish are invited to respond with the same kind of generosity as the Good Samaritan.

This year, we will be asked to pledge our support starting the weekend of **March 3rd and 4th**. In the weeks and days leading up to this weekend, please prayerfully discern how we are being called to support the Church in her work beyond the boundaries of our parish. For more information about the Catholic Appeal or to make a pledge to our parish campaign, please visit:

www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org.

Parish Activities

Sunday, February 19:

Bake Sale after all Masses
NO Grade 10 Confirmation

Monday, February 20:

NO Grade 6, 7 & 11 Faith Formation classes

Tuesday, February 21:

NO Grade 3 & 4 Faith Formation classes
7:00 pm Rosary prayed. All are welcome!

Ash Wednesday, February 22:

NO Grade 2 Faith Formation class

Thursday, February 23:

NO Grade 1 & 5 Faith Formation classes
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, February 26:

12:00 pm Parish Baptisms
6:30 pm Grade 10 Confirmation class to 8:00 pm

“To live in a manner worthy of our human dignity, and to spend our final days on this earth in peace and comfort, surrounded by loved ones – that is the hope of each of us.”

This is the opening sentence to a profound and important document put out by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) recently on physician-assisted suicide. On Election Day this coming November, the citizens of Massachusetts will be asked to vote on something called “*An Initiative Petition for an Act Relative to Death with Dignity.*” This Act, if approved, would legalize Physician Assisted Suicide (PAS) in Massachusetts. Those who support this act will frame the issue in terms of palliative care for the terminally ill. This is a seriously flawed bill, morally and otherwise. As Cardinal Sean mentioned in last week's homily, intentionally causing a person to die, or providing the person with the means to take their own life, is a determination that a person's life no longer has value and is better ended. It is vitally important that we, as concerned Catholics, educate ourselves on this issue and work to defeat this gravely flawed Act. I encourage everyone to read the bishop's document. It can be found at www.usccb.org/toliveeachday.



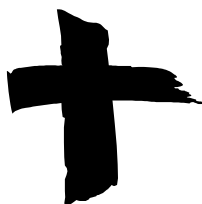
The collection on Ash Wednesday (February 22) supports the Church in Africa and in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection will help the Church spread the word of God in these areas and train the Church leaders of tomorrow. The collection also helps our African and Eastern European sisters and brothers in the faith both materially and spiritually rebuild their churches, many of which have suffered great persecution (in many cases, in the very recent past.) For more information, please visit: www.usccb.org/churchinafrica and www.usccb.org/ae. Thank you for your generosity.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From the Pastor...

My friends, this week we begin the holy liturgical season of Lent. Ash Wednesday is on, of course, Wednesday which means that Tuesday is Mardi Gras (literally, "Fat Tuesday.") As some of you know, I used to live in New Orleans. Anybody here who has ever lived there, or visited there, or even seen it in a movie has some idea what it can be like. It has great food – things like jambalaya and fried oysters (the best!) and pecan pie– and it also has great music and, really, just a wonderful culture all around. Every week it seems there's a parade or a festival for one reason or another; the Great Tomato Festival Parade or Jazz Fest, for example. The most famous time for festival and parade, certainly, is Mardi Gras. Every year, in the weeks leading up to Mardi Gras, there are lots of parades and parties – which are all quite fun – but they save the best music and the best food and the best parades for "Fat Tuesday" itself. All day long, people celebrate. They eat and drink, they literally dance in the street and they generally just whoop it up and have fun. As the night wears on, everybody makes their way out into the streets, there's food, drink, parties and then, at midnight, right when Mardi Gras turns into Ash Wednesday, everything . . . stops. The restaurants close. The parties stop. The fire trucks come out to literally wash the streets of all the debris and everybody goes home, and the next day, the churches are filled to the brim with people, ready to receive their ashes, just like you are today, and to begin the solemn Season of Lent. It's a very powerful image of what this season can be for us, too. A time to "wash away the debris" in our lives, to simplify and focus anew on the mystery of Christ's sacrifice for us, and to prepare ourselves for the power and majesty and joy of Easter.

There are many things we might meditate on this Lent, certainly, in an effort to grow closer to Christ. Today, I will simply offer you this. My friends, Christ suffered and died for us; this we know. What we sometimes forget is that He did this knowing whom He was dying for. I'll put it another way. It's very easy for us to have a low opinion of ourselves, my friends, how we look and speak, how we act, how we *are*. Christ died for us knowing whom He was dying for. In other words, *He* thought we were worth it. Let's take a moment to meditate on that, on the depth of Christ's love of us, on our worth in His eyes. Take a moment and imagine Jesus saying to us, "Just once, I would like you to see yourselves as I see you."



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! Last Saturday we held our fourth annual Valentine's Babysitting Evening run by the summer service students. We would like to thank all the children who participated in the evening and the parents who gave generous donations. We had 25+ children ranging in age from 3 - 12 all of whom were just wonderful!! The variety of activities games, crafts, and a movie ensured that all the children were kept busy throughout the evening. It was often difficult to discern who was having more fun- the high school students in charge or the children in their care so suffice to say fun was had by all!!



Wednesday Evening Confessions Across the Archdiocese this Lent

— On Wednesday, February 29th, from 6:30-8:00pm, and on all Wednesdays in Lent, we will be offering confessions here at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, together with all the Catholic parishes and chapels in the Archdiocese of Boston. This outreach is called "**The Light is On For You,**" and is an effort on the part of our Archdiocese to highlight the importance of the sacrament of confession in the life of Catholics and to make it as easy as possible for every Catholic to come or to return to this great source of God's mercy and healing love. You are welcome to come here or to go to any other Catholic parish or chapel. The Archdiocese has set up a website, www.TheLightIsOnForYou.org, with lots of great material and videos to help you prepare. Please make plans to come yourself and please invite others take advantage of this great opportunity to be reconciled and begin anew your journey in faith this Lent.

Deacon Ted Doyle Memorial Blanket Drive

For many years, you, the members of the parish, have shown great generosity in helping to purchase blankets for the homeless, for people in shelters, for refugees forced to live in cold apartments, and for local families experiencing hard times. In honor of our beloved Deacon Ted Doyle, who worked so hard for this cause, we the parishioners of St. Mary's are carrying on this tradition of sharing. At a price of \$8.00 each, these warm blankets can make a major difference to a family that is cold. Check should be made out to **St. Francis Christian Service**. Cash is also acceptable. Your donations may be left at the parish office or in the Donation Box in the Gathering Space. As Deacon Doyle always said, "**Your donation is tax deductible and divinely accountable.**"

Please do not bring actual blankets, as we have no facility to store them.



"Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, pick up your mat and walk?' But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth"—he said to the paralytic, "I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home." - Mk 2:9-11

Lent 2012

As we enter the gathering area on Ash Wednesday, we can't help but notice the stark wooden cross that will be draped in purple. This will be a reminder that we are celebrating the Lenten Season, a special time in our Church year. You may notice a few changes to the Liturgy. This is something that is observed throughout the universal Church:

● **The Gloria and Alleluia Verse:** The Gloria, as in Advent, is only recited or sung on Holy Days, solemnities, and feasts. In Advent the Gloria is omitted because we are anticipating the Birth of Christ. During Lent, the Gloria is omitted at Sunday liturgies so that we remember Jesus' great sacrifice for us. The Alleluia verse is omitted at all liturgies between Ash Wednesday and the Easter Vigil, since the Alleluia in Christian celebrations refers to the Risen Christ. A simple praise chant or refrain is substituted.

Here at St. Mary's we have established several traditions for the Lenten Season:

- **Soup Suppers on Friday evenings:** A time for families and friends to share faith, friendship and food. Each week there will be a variety of soup and bread provided by the members of one of our Ministries. A basket will be provided for donations, which will be used to help the St. Rock Haiti Foundation.
- **Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings:** (following the soup suppers). "The Way of the Cross" is one of the oldest Lenten devotions dating back to the fourth century and continues today in our parish during Lent. This can be a prayerful journey of self-discovery for us this Lenten season.
- **Lenten Mission:** On several Wednesday evenings in March we will have a Parish Lenten Mission. Details to be announced.

Sacrament of Reconciliation :

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FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

The Universal Church sets aside the days of fasting and abstinence. The Church fasts and abstains on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The Church also sets aside the Fridays during Lent as days of Abstinence.

Fasting (For all Baptized who are over 18 and under 59 years of age) means that only one full meal a day should be eaten. Small portions are allowed at the other two meals and nothing between meals except liquids.

Abstinence (For all who are 14 years of age or older) is that we do not eat meat. This way of penance, which the church gives us, is merely a basic practice. You may also choose other ways to do penance, which are positive changes in your lifestyle. Whatever your "Fast" might include, it should in some way enrich others, particularly the poor.

HILARY W. WILLIAMS, O.D.

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