

TWENTIETH SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions August 29-September 5, 2009

Saturday

5:00 PM Orginia Amaro

Sunday

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish

9:30 AM Charlie Cosgrove

11:15 AM Edward White

Monday

9:00 AM Joseph MacEachern

Tuesday

9:00 AM Bill Hanlon

Wednesday

9:00 AM For the intentions of our wailing wall

Thursday

9:00 AM Agrippina Sturzo

Saturday

5:00PM Jennie Puccio

Sunday

8:00AM For the People of the Parish

9:30 AM Kevin Giroux

11:15 AM Thelma Selemme

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

During the summer you encounter a lot of reruns on television. In the spirit of the summer reruns, this column is a rerun from last week. I will rerun it during August because many people are away. Someone told me that the first two weeks of August are the most popular vacation times. I thought it was around the fourth of July.

As you may have read in the newspaper or heard on television, Cardinal Sean has raised the retirement age for priests in Boston from 70 to 75. It did not come as a total surprise. All you had to do was the math. By that I mean he has to cover 292 parishes plus other ministries such as hospital chaplains, college chaplains, etc. He does not have enough priests to cover those. So from a human resource perspective, I knew something had to give. Secondly, it benefits the Clergy Benefit Trust. He will not be paying out a retirement stipend for an additional five years and at the same time the parish or institution where the priest is assigned will be paying into the trust. This is just another temporary stop gap measure. The Church needs to develop a long term strategy to deal with the clergy shortage issue. Prayer alone is not the solution.

The religious education is in need of teachers and aides. The needs are listed elsewhere in the bulletin.

As part of the celebration of the Year of the Priest, the Archdiocese is having a priest appreciation dinner at the Seaport Hotel in Boston on September 16. The tables are \$5,000.00 each. Since there are 10 people at a table, tickets are \$500.00. They would like each parish to sponsor a table.

If anyone is interested in purchasing a ticket, please call the rectory. All proceeds will benefit the Clergy Benefit Trust.

Over the past several weeks I have been writing about a new proposed model for the financial relationship between the parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston and central ministries. This week I am repeating what I wrote last week since many people were away. I will also tell you what the new model is. The goal of the model is to streamline the relationship, make it more transparent and fairer. What is the current relationship? Currently each parish has a Catholic Appeal target. There are no consequences if you do not reach the target... Each parish also pays a school tax (6% of offertory and monthly), a hospital tax (2.5% of offertory and monthly), Cathedraticum (1-2% of offertory and monthly), 50% of the Communication collection and various fees (audit, real estate, etc.). They want to simplify this approach.

The new proposed model will consist of a parish tithe and a Catholic Appeal assessment. The parish tithe will be 10% of offertory (including the monthly), the Grand Annual collection and net rental income. Net rental income is generated when a parish leases a building or parking lot to an outside entity. We do not have any net rental income. The parish tithe replaces all current taxes and fees. Each parish will have a Catholic Appeal assessment. The assessment will be 7-8% of offertory (including the monthly), the Grand Annual collection and net rental income. The difference between the current goal for the Catholic Appeal and an assessment for the Catholic Appeal is that an assessment requires us to pay the assessment even if the money collected for the Catholic Appeal does not equal the assessment. Any shortage would have to come out of the parish operating revenue. Let's assume that this year's goal is an assessment. Our assessment is \$29,500.00. Thus far we collected \$27,297.00. Under the new model, I would have to write a check from the parish to cover the \$2,203.00 shortfall. Under the new model the Catholic Appeal assessment will be much greater than the current goal of \$29,500.00 because the assessment will be 7-8% of offertory (including the monthly), the Grand Annual collection and net rental income.

Under the new model, more money will be going out of the parish than under the old model. Since we are not running a huge surplus, more money going out of the parish means one of two things, either we make cuts here at the parish in order to meet our obligation to the diocese or we increase our revenue to meet our obligation to the diocese.

In the coming weeks, I will present a comparison between the old model and the new model from a dollars and cents perspective.

In fairness to the Archdiocese of Boston, this is the model that I was familiar with when I was stationed in New Jersey. I would venture that most dioceses use this model. Since they have not used it in Boston, it may seem to be draconian to some. I will continue to keep you informed.

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Finally, the latest update from the Catholic Appeal's office states that 216 parishioners have pledged \$27,667.00 towards our goal of \$29,500.00. Thanks to all who gave. If you would like to give, it's not too late to give!!

Well I guess that is it for now. Until next time, take care and pray for some sun (the orange ball that used to be up in the sky.)

Fr. Earley

SUMMER HOURS

Rectory Office hours Tues., Wed., Thurs., 10am to 2pm
CCD Office hours Mon, Tuesday, Wednesday 10am to 3pm

ST. THOMAS WOMEN'S CLUB

Opening Mass on Monday, Sept 14 at 6:30pm in the Chapel. All Women of the Parish are invited to join us.

ST. FRANCIS HOUSE MENS COLLECTION

September 19 & 20

Once again the Charities Committee will have a Clothing Collection for the St. Frances House. They are in need of the following items in sizes large through 6X:

Winter jackets
Men's casual shirts
Men's pants
Men's and women's sweatshirts
New and gently used footwear
Backpacks/bookbags
New men's underwear
New men's t-shirts
New men's crew socks

You may also donate your time, we are always looking for volunteers.

PROTECTING GODS CHILDREN CLASS

All volunteers in the Parish who have not already taken this class Must Attend either on Sunday August 30 12:30pm
Or Wednesday Sept 9 at 6pm

Both Classes will be held in the basement of the Church and will last approximately two hours.

NEW CORI'S FORMS FOR 2009-2010

We ask all volunteers in the Parish to please fill out a new cori. This includes all CCD Teachers and all ministries. The Forms are in the Sacristy. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE

EACH VOLUNTEER MUST PROVIDE A GOVERNMENT ISSUED PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION TO VERIFY HIS OR HER IDENTITY- MA LICENSE, US PASSPORT ETC.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The CCD Office is in need of volunteers

Grade 1	2 teachers
Grade 5	2 teachers
Grade 6	3 teachers
Grade 7	2 teachers
Grade 8	2 teachers

Office Help is always needed for all grades!

The requirements for teaching in the Religious Education Program are that you are a confirmed practicing catholic and in good standing in the Church.

CCD Classes will Begin the week of September 14

ARISE

Season Three of Arise Together in Christ, In the Footsteps of Christ, will begin this Fall. All who participated in Season two found the experience rewarding. Each Season consists of six, 90-minute weekly sessions. Most sessions are scheduled during the evening. Sign-up Sunday will be September 20th. Applications will be available at the entrance to the Church. Parishioners who have participated in Arise will be available to answer any questions you may have. And remember, ARISE is an opportunity to invite a family member, neighbor or friend to join you, whether a member of the parish or not.

Meditation of the Heart

By Carolyn M. Kenney

In last Sunday's gospel, Saint Peter said to Jesus, "We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." These words of Saint Peter, spoken with faith, are powerful and were spoken from his heart and soul. He had seen numerous miracles performed; he had seen Jesus' transfiguration. He would come to see Jesus death, resurrection and ascension into heaven.

Saint Peter, the first Pope, was a compelling and influential figure as he led the early church. We cannot physically see Jesus, as did Peter. However, we can visit Him every day as He waits for us in the tabernacle of our churches. Jesus walked with Saint Peter over 2000 years ago. They talked with each other, ate meals together and daily spread God's love with others. Each day, Jesus walks with you. He watches everything you do - at work, school and home. If we could see Jesus with our eyes, we would fall on our knees in humility and reverence. Visit Jesus during the week - He is waiting for you.

AUGUST 30, 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Aug 30 12:30pm Protecting God's Children 1pm Baptismal Instruction 7pm Prayer group	Aug 31	Sept 1	Sept 2	Sept 3	Sept 4 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration	Sept 5
Sept 6 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer group	Sept 7 Labor Day	Sept 8	Sept 9 Protecting God's Children Class 6-7pm Children Choir 7-8pm Adult Choir	Sept 10	Sept 11 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration	Sept 12
Sept 13 7pm Prayer group	Sept 14 Gr1 4-5pm 4 5:30-6:30 10 6:45-8pm Women's Club Mass 6:30pm	Sept 15 Gr 2 4- 5pm Gr 5 5:30 -6:30 Gr 8 6:45-8:00	Sept 16 Gr 3 4-5pm Gr 6 5:30-6:30 7-8pm Adult Choir	Sept 17	Sept 18 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration	Sept 19 FOOD & CLOTHING COLLECTION
Sept 20 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer group	Sept 21 Gr1 4-5pm 4 5:30-6:30 9 6:45-8pm	Sept 22 Gr 2 4- 5pm Gr 5 5:30 -6:30 Gr 7 6:45-8:00	Sept 23 Gr 3 4-5pm Gr 6 5:30-6:30 6-7pm Children Choir 7-8pm Adult Choir	Sept 24	Sept 25 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration	Sept 26
Sept 27 FAMILY FUN DAY 1pm Baptismal Instruction 7pm Prayer group	Sept 28 Gr1 4-5pm 4 5:30-6:30 10 6:45-8pm	Sept 29 Gr 2 4- 5pm Gr 5 5:30 -6:30 Gr 8 6:45-8:00	Sept 30 Gr 3 4-5pm Gr 6 5:30-6:30 7-8pm Adult Choir	Oct 1	Oct 2 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration	Oct 3
Oct 4 Gr 10 Mass 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer group	Oct 5 Gr1 4-5pm 4 5:30-6:30 9 6:45-8pm	Oct 6 Gr 2 4- 5pm Gr 5 5:30 -6:30 Gr 7 6:45-8:00	Oct 7 Gr 3 4-5pm Gr 6 5:30-6:30 6-7pm Children Choir 7-8pm Adult Choir	Oct 8	Oct 9 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration	Oct 10
Oct 11 7pm Prayer group	Oct 12 No CCD Class Columbus Day	Oct 13 Gr 2 4- 5pm Gr 5 5:30 -6:30 Gr 8 6:45-8:00	Oct 14 Gr 3 4-5pm Gr 6 5:30-6:30 7-8pm Adult Choir	Oct 15	Oct 16 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration	Oct 17 Food & Clothing Collection
Oct 18 7pm Prayer group	Oct 19 Gr1 4-5pm 4 5:30-6:30 9 6:45-8pm	Oct 20 Gr 2 4- 5pm Gr 5 5:30 -6:30 Gr 7 6:45-8:00	Oct 21 Gr 3 4-5pm Gr 6 5:30-6:30 6-7pm Children Choir 7-8pm Adult Choir	Oct 22	Oct 23 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration	Oct 24
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OUR LADY'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

August 25, 2009

“Dear children! Today I call you anew to conversion. Little children, you are not holy enough and you do not radiate holiness to others, therefore pray, pray, pray and work on your personal conversion, so that you may be a sign of God’s love to others. I am with you and am leading you towards eternity, for which every heart must yearn. Thank your for having responded to my call. “