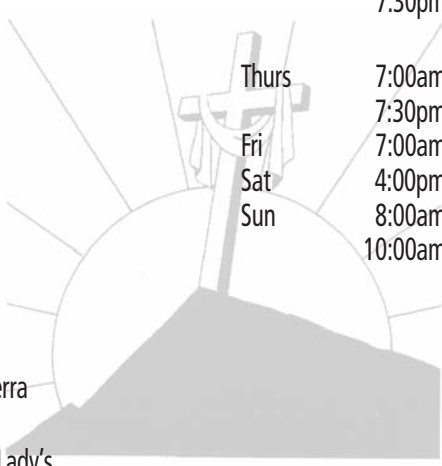


6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASSES

February 13, 2010 - February 21, 2010

Sat	4:00pm	Marie Barthelmes Josephine Gentile Anthony Lucenta Mary Palumbo		7:30pm	Ash Wednesday For all Parishioners of Our Lady's
Sun	8:00am	Thomas & Ruth Boucher	Thurs	7:00am	Timothy J. McCormick
	10:00am	Clementina Grieco William & Jean Flynn	Fri	7:30pm	Lenten Mass (every Thursday during Lent)
Mon	6:00pm	Donald MacKinnon	Sat	7:00am	Walter Shields
Tues	9:00am	President's Day	Sun	4:00pm	Joseph Cottone
Wed	7:00am	Joseph Joerg		8:00am	Angelo & Angela Marini
	7:00am	Ash Wednesday		10:00am	Edward Boudreau
		Angelo & Immaculata Lacerra			Cesidio & Colomba Leone
	12:15pm	Ash Wednesday For all Parishioners of Our Lady's			Christopher Joseph & Aurelio G. Polci
	3:30pm	Ash Wednesday - Service of the Word			Mario and Giacomina Vincenzino
					Steven Plotyca
					Lawrence P. Quinn
					Angelina & Cesidia Antonellis
					Anne C. Cooney
					Elizabeth Haley

In your prayers please remember Jane Russo, Vytas Durickas and all who have died.
May they experience the new life promised by Christ's Paschal victory.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 15th for the The President's Day Holiday.
Note: Daily Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am.



Wednesday, February 17, 2010

7:00am	Mass with distribution of ashes
12:15pm	Mass with distribution of ashes
3:30pm	Service of the Word with distribution of ashes (planned for families with children)
7:30pm	Mass with distribution of ashes

Our Lady's Is Pleased To Announce These Upcoming Marriages:



Isabella Montillo

&

David Carter

Scripture Readings can be found at www.usccb.org

Sun., February 14	Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12,16-20; Lk 6:17,20-26
Mon., February 15	Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13
Tues., February 16	Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21
Wed., February 17	Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6,16-18
Thurs., February 18	Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
Fri., February 19	Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
Sat., February 20	Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
Sun., February 21	Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13
Sun., February 28	Gn 15:5-12,17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

Offertory Collection Update

The Offertory Collection for January 30th-31st
\$9,218.00

The Offertory Collection for February 6th-7th
\$8,727.00

The Special Collection for Peter's Pence
\$499.00

A Word from Fr. John - About a Few Things...

It's Monday the 8th of February and I am about to go off on a few days of R + R – but I'll be back before you read this article in the bulletin. We just come out of a fantastic weekend here at Our Lady's! We had our Parish Faith Festival entitled, "Faith Fitness" this weekend. In the course of the weekend, more than 300 parishioners of all ages "worked out" with us on the life of prayer and the forms it can take. The evaluation forms have been overwhelmingly positive! I want to thank all the volunteers who worked very hard on the logistics of feeding and serving large groups in short order. But I especially want to thank the members of the staff who planned and presented this extremely beneficial – and fun – experience to help strengthen our faith.

As you are reading this, though some of you may be heading off to school vacation, the Church around the world is beginning the Season of Lent this week on Ash Wednesday. For those who are traveling, (and who haven't left yet) www.masstimes.org can help you find a Mass for Ash Wednesday wherever you are. Lent is a 'sacramental time' in the sense that it offers us an intense, time-limited experience of what the entire Christian life is – a life of on-going conversion that emerges from our baptismal integration into Christ and the Church. We have a group of people preparing for full initiation at the Easter Vigil and others preparing for Confirmation and Full Communion with Catholic Church during the Easter Season. These folks remind us of who we are and the dignity that is ours in Christ through Baptism! All of our registered parishioners were mailed a schedule of Lenten Liturgies and events, including the schedule for Ash Wednesday. Also, our Lenten booklet for prayer and reflection this year is "The Little Black Book" which is available at the doors of the Church. It is produced by the Diocese of Saginaw, Michigan and has been very helpful as a Lenten tool for many. ARISE, Together In Christ is also beginning our 4th Season this week with 130 or so people registered. If you haven't registered and want to do so, it's never too late. I just heard that a few of the groups have had pot luck suppers to spend some time together, outside of the meetings, for fellowship and the deepening of growing relationships. ARISE Together in Christ is a blessing!

One of the Lenten events, not only in our parish, but in all the parish churches and chapels of the Archdiocese of Boston is called: The Light Is On For YOU! The Light Is On For YOU is an initiative by the Church to make the Sacrament of Penance easily available in all the churches and chapels of the Archdiocese from 6:30pm – 8:00pm on Wednesdays in Lent, beginning the Wednesday after Ash Wednesday. Here at Our Lady's, either Dennis or I will be available in the Upper Church, in the gathering space, near the room where the priest vests for Mass, rather than in the Penance Room in the lower Church, because a visitor from another parish would have trouble finding our Penance Room. This broad availability of the Sacrament of Penance is offered by the Church in the hopes that people who have been away from the Church and the Sacraments may return easily. But it is also for the faithful who find it hard to get to the Sacrament of Penance on Saturday afternoons. This Lenten initiative gives easy midweek access to the Sacrament of Penance for an extended time in the evening.

Needless to say, Lent is not an experience in isolation, it is part of the life and work of the Risen Christ. Lent is, therefore, intimately connected to the Easter Season. Let me ask you to look ahead to the Three Days, or Triduum, of Christ's Dying and Rising, which begins on the evening of April 1st and concludes on the evening of Easter Sunday, April 4th. Try to block out these days as a time of less activity and more availability for reflective prayer and especially for the magnificent Liturgies of the Lord's Supper, the Lord's Passion, the Great Vigil of Easter and Easter Day.

After the Parish Faith Festival this past weekend, mindful of the beginning of Lent this week, and looking forward to the Triduum of Christ's dying and rising, I am very grateful to be part of this extraordinary community of faith and for the opportunity of serving as your pastor.

Parent Reminder: In the interest of safety, please accompany your children to the restroom during Mass.

The Moms, Pops & Tots Playgroup meets every Wednesday morning. An email is sent out every Tuesday with information about our Wednesday play destination. Please contact Carla: cpuzzell@yahoo.com or call 617-504-5940 with any questions. Come join the fun!

Helping Hands Volunteers Needed! ALTHOUGH WE HAVE MANY HANDS RIGHT NOW ... WE SURE COULD USE A FEW MORE ... MAYBE YOU CAN OFFER YOUR SET? Please come join us. If you are able to cook and deliver meals once a month to people in our parish community who are in need, please contact Jo-Anne Vergilio at vgilio2@yahoo.com or Robin McManus at robinhelpinghands@gmail.com. You can also call the parish office for more information. Thanks to all who help in this important ministry.

Our Lady's Scripture Study and Faith Sharing Group generally meets every other Tuesday from 7:00pm-8:30pm in the Colella Room of the Parish Center. The upcoming meeting dates February 23rd, and March 9th and 23rd. ALL ARE INVITED TO COME WHENEVER POSSIBLE. The full text

of all these readings can be found in your bible or at: <http://www.usccb.org/nab/>.

Young Adults Third Thursdays: The Young Adults will be gathering for drinks and dinner at Union Street Restaurant on February 18th at 7:00pm. Find us in the upstairs section. If you have questions or need directions, contact Jen Suehs-Vassel at: jsuehsvassel@ourlady.com.

Attention Young Adults (20's & 30's)! Please join us on Saturday, February 27th for a workday at Nazareth House, a homeless shelter in Roxbury for families affected by the HIV/AIDS virus. We will be working from 1:00pm- 4:00pm and will be doing some work around the residence: perhaps some cleaning, painting, light handy work. We are also hoping to have a chance to further interact with some of the resident families by hosting an ice cream social. This has been a very gratifying event for those who have participated in the past. The residents truly appreciate the work we do, and I know you will find it a fulfilling way in which to spend a Saturday afternoon. Please contact Deb at deborah.orozco@gmail.com to RSVP or for more information. All Young Adults are welcome!

The Honduras Committee will be holding a meeting to plan the Lenten Fiesta and other Lenten activities on February 21st at 3:00pm in the Fickett room. If you are interested in joining our meetings, please contact Jen Suehs-Vassel, at jsuehsvassel@ourladys.com.

Justice and Peace Committee: Because of the President's Day Holiday on Feb. 15th, the Justice and Peace Committee will hold its next meeting on Monday, February 22nd, at 7:00pm in the Fickett Room. All are welcome! For more information, contact John Marshall at penmarj@comcast.net or Larry Kessler at ljlk02136@aol.com

IS GOD GREEN? Andover Theological School and Massachusetts Interfaith Power & Light are sponsoring a film series on faith and care for creation. The films will be shown at 6:30pm on Tuesdays at the Andover Newton Theological School, Room 201 Davis Hall, 210 Herrich Road, Newton Centre, MA 02459. Admission is \$5.

• **February 23rd:** "BILL MOYERS ON AMERICA: IS GOD GREEN?" This 55 minute documentary features Bill Moyers and his team of investigative journalists as they profile three evangelical Christian communities that have taken on care of the environment as a moral and biblical obligation, despite the fact that many of their brothers and sisters in the faith disagree with their stance.

• **March 2nd:** "THE GREEN PATRIARCH" The Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, the first major Christian leader to make the environment a moral imperative, is a man on a spiritual mission to save our earth, save God's creation. This video follows him from the Patriarchate in Istanbul across the globe where he continues to gather members of the scientific community and representatives of the world's religions to join in constructive dialog and silent prayer for the planet.

"Be the Change You Want to See in the World..." This quote from Gandhi is an essential component in the many service-learning experiences that impact the lives of Trinity Catholic High School students. Each year Trinity Catholic students and staff offer their time and talents to such experiences as: Cradles to Crayons, Breast Cancer Walk, Project Smile, Walk for Hunger and immersion trips to Camden, NJ and the Dominican Republic. We continue to invite your prayers and support for our service endeavors.

Adopt-a-Student: Are you interested in mentoring a high school student? Assisting him or her with homework, spending time together, going to athletic and school events together or helping financially? Our mission is to provide mentoring and financial assistance to students whose families wish to provide them an education in the tradition and environment of Catholic schools. There is a chasm between a catholic elementary school tuition and a catholic high school tuition. Many families are unable to make that leap in tuition. By providing tuition gap assistance, you will assist us in matching the needs of deserved students and families. The amount of assistance for students in need of financial aid is in the range of \$1500 and \$5000 per year. Trinity Catholic dedicates a large portion of its operating budget to financial aid and seeks additional support from foundations such as the Catholic Schools Foundation, Boston Scholars, and ABLE Boston (Access to Better Learning & Education). However, the number of applications we receive exceed the number we are able to fund. Please join us by investing in tomorrow, and support a Catholic education. Possible gifts include:

- \$500 or \$1000- partial scholarships
- \$5000- half-scholarship
- \$10,000- full scholarship, including full tuition, uniform, and books.

If you are interested, please contact Kelly Surapaneni, principal at 617-244-1841 ext. 324 or ksurapaneni@trinitycatholic.com.

ARISE Together In Christ

Session 1

Luke 4:1-13 Led by the Spirit into the Wilderness . . .

The opening session of Season IV of ARISE Together in Christ, coinciding with the beginning of Lent, focuses on Christ's desert experience at the beginning of his ministry. Coming immediately after his baptism and the assurance of his favor with God, the forty days are for Jesus a time of testing. They are a time for discerning who he is and who he is called to be. And although he was tempted by the devil, Jesus was led into the wilderness by the Spirit. The desert experience was a God-given moment of choice, of life choices, and the time of testing was overshadowed by the Spirit.

Lent is a God-given moment for us as well. It is our own journey into the wilderness. It is a time to consider who we are and who we are called to be. It is a time to review our relationship with the world and creation; with family and friends, colleagues and acquaintances; and especially with God. Each of these areas raises questions about our life choices. How have our choices affected these relationships? Where are they fragile or damaged? Where do we need to seek or offer forgiveness and reconciliation? Where are the strengths in these relationships? Where do we need to treasure and nurture and support them? What are the life choices we want to recommit to or reconsider for the future?

Like Jesus, we are led by the Spirit who overshadows us and strengthens us on our Lenten journey. We are given these forty days for prayerful and constructive consideration of who God is calling us to be. And at the end of the journey, we will reaffirm and recommit ourselves to the fundamental life choices we made in baptism as we celebrate the Paschal Mystery, the death and resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.