



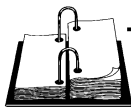
“Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, pick up your mat and walk?’ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth” – he said to the paralytic, “I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home.” ~Mk 2:9-11

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, February 26, 2012
Gn 9:8-15/ 1Pt 3:18-22/ Mk 1:12-15

Mass  for the Intentions  Week

- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21**
9:00 AM Nell & John Hagenbuch
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23**
9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24**
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- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25**
5:00 PM Catherine Bartlett
- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26**
10:00 AM Joseph M. McMullen
6:30 PM Christos & Gertrude Bezdaris

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated by Fr. Paul Clifford from 7:30-8AM & 8:30-9:15AM NEXT Saturday, February 25



The Week Ahead

- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19 – NO CLASSES**
FEBRUARY VACATION BEGINS
CLASSES RESUME
NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26
- NO Children’s Liturgy of the Word
High School Youth Group: Snow-tubing
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21**
Grade 7 & 8 Youth Group: Mardi Gras Party
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22**
High School Youth Group: Morning Prayer
- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26 – Religious Ed. classes resume**
NO Children’s Liturgy of the Word
12:00 PM Baptism

In Loving Memory
George A. McDonough
Robert “Sully” Sullivan
Peter Curran

NO COFFEE HOUR THIS WEEK
DUE TO SCHOOL VACATION

A BOOK FAIR is coming to St. John’s
.....And Just in time for Lent

A Pauline Book Fair is coming to our parish! The Daughters of St. Paul will be here with books, music, media and religious gift items for the whole family **NEXT weekend, February 25/26**. A rich and diverse selection of materials will be set up in the vestibule of the church after the evening Masses on Saturday and Sunday. An even larger selection will be available in the Parish Center following the 8AM and 10AM Masses on Sunday.

Parishioners, young and old, are invited to come and browse, drink coffee and meet your neighbors. We hope you will take advantage of this rare opportunity.

ASH WEDNESDAY

A Day of Fasting, A Day of Prayer

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- 8:00 AM MASS & ASHES
- 12:10 PM MASS & ASHES
- 4:30 PM LITURGY OF THE WORD & ASHES
- 7:30 PM MASS & ASHES



LENTEN SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS

- MONDAY – FRIDAY** 9:00 AM
- MONDAY** 6:30 PM
- WEDNESDAY** 6:30 AM
- SATURDAY** 8:00 AM

ROSARY

- MONDAY – FRIDAY** 8:35 AM

SOUP & STATIONS (6:15PM-Soup, 7PM-Stations)

FRIDAY EVENINGS

RECONCILIATION

- SATURDAYS** 7:30-8AM & 8:30-9:15AM

SOUP AND STATIONS

All are invited to join us for Soup and Stations of the Cross, every Friday evening during Lent. Soup, bread, and drinks are provided for adults, and a kid friendly meal is also provided. Join us at **6:15PM** in the Parish Center for the meal, and at **7PM** in the upper church for stations, as we engage in a Lenten pilgrimage to the Cross, with Jesus.



MUSTARD SEED

Thank you for your continued support of the people who come to this Catholic Worker Soup Kitchen for a nourishing meal. Please use the boxes on the tables at the rear of the church for your donation. Thank you for your generosity!

WINGS

The Winter season of WINGS concluded this past week with a prayerful reflection of the Stations of the Cross. WINGS' Spring season **will begin on Tuesday, March 13**, as we enter into opportunities to put our faith-into-action, with a focus on this year's theme of evangelization.

For registration and information, please contact Sue Lampert: suelampert@comcast.net or Cathy McDonald: cathleenmcdonald@comcast.net. Childcare is always available.

BLANKET DRIVE FOR THE HOMELESS

Blankets must be new!!

They can be dropped off after the Masses or anytime at the Youth Ministry office **from now until March 3rd**.

Cash donations will also be accepted! Please make your check out to St. John's Youth Ministry.

We will buy more blankets with your donations!

After the NEW blankets are collected – The High school youth ministry program will be distributing them in Boston on March 3rd.

LIFT – Catholic Worship for a New Generation

LIFT is an exciting monthly worship event, which includes vibrant praise and worship music, dynamic and challenging speakers and Eucharistic Adoration. Our events are free and open to all ages. Join us as we welcome **Mike “Gomer” Gormley** as our speaker **THIS Tuesday, February 21 from 7-9PM** at Fontbonne Academy – 930 Brook Rd. – Milton, MA. For more information about LIFT and directions to Fontbonne, visit our website at www.liftedhigher.com. Come join in worship with hundreds of Catholics from around the Boston area!

SPRING MASS & BREAKFAST FORUM

The Pro Life Office of the Archdiocese of Boston cordially Invites You to Mass and a Spring Breakfast Forum on **Saturday, March 10**. Rev. Msgr. Robert P. Deeley, Vicar General & Moderator for the Curia, will be the Celebrant and Homilist. Registration begins at 8AM and Mass begins at 8:30AM.

The Breakfast Forum speaker is M. C. Sullivan, RN, MTS, JD, who will speak on *Physician Assisted Suicide: How to Inform Ourselves for a Meaningful Response*.

This event will be held at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel on Route 1 in Norwood. If you would like to attend, please contact Nancy Barron (508-625-1542).

RETREATS

The Espousal Retreat House and Conference Center – 554 Lexington St.-Waltham, MA will be offering the following retreats.

February 26: A Day of Healing: Spiritual, Emotional, Physical, Relational. Presenter: Fr. Bob Masciocchi, CSS.

March 4: Working Through the Loss of a Loved One: How to Find Peace and Healing. Presenter: Jacqueline M. Sitte, RN, CARN, LADCI.

For more information, check our website at Miramarretreat.org or call 781-585-2460.

RELIGIOUS ED. OFFICE HOURS

Please note: the Religious Education office will be closed during February Vacation Week and will reopen for classes next Sunday, February 26.

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS ARE

**Monday – Wednesday....9:30AM-noon & 1-4PM
Thursday.....1-4PM**

ECHOES OF FAITH FINAL SESSION

Please join us as we learn more about our Catholic faith.

We ask that parish members who would like to attend please RSVP to the facilitator so we have an idea how many people might come. Please note the date change.

Wednesday, March 7 – 7-9PM at St. Cecilia, Ashland – “Church: Liturgy and Sacraments”

Janet Wilkinson: re-7-10@saintceciaparish.org

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Ash Wednesday.....February 22
Easter SundayApril 8
Confirmation (2 Masses) May 5
Ascension Thursday..... May 17

MARRIAGE IS A JOURNEY

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you enrich your marriage and add some pazazz to your journey. Whether you've been married 1 year or 50, a Marriage Encounter Weekend may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends in New England are **March 16-18, April 27-29, and June 22-24**. For more information, call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710-WWME or visit our webpage at www.wwme.org.

SAVE THE DATE!

The Blessed John XXIII National Seminary 20th Annual Golf Tournament will take place on **Monday, May 21** at the Weston Golf Club.

- 11:30AM Registration and Luncheon
- 1:00PM Shotgun Start
- 6:00PM Social Hour at Seminary
- 7:00PM Dinner, Prizes & Silent Auction

Space is limited to the first 112 players. For more information, please call 781-899-5500 or visit the “Events” page at www.blessedjohnxxiii.edu.

2012 Calendars are available at the back of the church. Please help yourself and enjoy them.



from the Deacon's Desk

The Blessed Mother's Visit

We were fortunate to have Ivan Dragicevic, one of the Medjugorje visionaries, at St. John's on February 9. For those of you who are unfamiliar with Medjugorje, it is a small village in the mountains in Bosnia Herzegovina. On June 25, 1981 the Blessed Mother appeared to 6 children, aged 10 to 16 years old. Three of the 6 visionaries see the Blessed Mother once a year, and three, including Ivan, have daily apparitions.

The evening started with the sacrament of reconciliation available at 5:00PM, and then we prayed the rosary at 6:00PM. At approximately 6:40PM Ivan came into the sanctuary and kneeling, had his apparition with the Blessed Mother, which lasted for eight minutes. At the end of the apparition the congregation prayed the Magnificat and the Litany of the Blessed Virgin.

At 7:00PM Mass was celebrated by Fr. Clifford and concelebrated by Fr. Shawn and several visiting priests. After Mass Artie Boyle, a father of 13 shared his story of his miraculous healing from cancer in Medjugorje. Then Ivan spoke of the messages the Blessed Mother has given him. The Blessed Mother is calling everyone to conversion, a continual process that brings us closer to her Son. We do this through what the Blessed Mother calls our 5 stones: Prayer, Fasting, Eucharist, Monthly Reconciliation, and Reading the Operations Manual, the Bible.

Here is an example of the monthly message the Blessed Mother gives to the world:

"Dear children! With joy, also today I call you to open your hearts and to listen to my call. Anew, I desire to draw you closer to my Immaculate Heart, where you will find refuge and peace. Open yourselves to prayer, until it becomes a joy for you. Through prayer, the Most High will give you an abundance of grace and you will become my extended hands in this restless world which longs for peace. Little children, with your lives witness faith and pray that faith may grow day by day in your hearts. I am with you. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Many thanks to Alicia Abu-Simmons for arranging to have Ivan come to St. John's, to Lisa English for designing the tri-fold brochure, to Richard and the music ministry for providing the music for the evening, and all the others who made this evening possible.

Pax, Deacon Mike