

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week

Saturday, March 31, 2007

4:00 PM James T. O'Shea

Sunday, April 1, 2007

8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Knights of
Columbus, Leo Council 508

10:30 AM Paul W. Carey ~ 25th Anniversary

Saturday, April 7 & 8 2007

Easter Sunday ~ No Intentions

 In Loving Memory

Recently enrolled in St. Ann's Memorial Fund
James P. Gibbons by Mary Vaillancourt



As he was approaching the slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. - Lk 19:37

Readings for the Week of April 1, 2007

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 2631a/Gn 22:118 or 22:12, 9a,

1013, 1518/Ex 14:15-15:1/Is 54:514/Is 55:111/Bar 3:915, 32-4:4/Ez 36:16-17a,

1828/Rom 6:311/Lk 24:1-12

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

ATTENTION EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND
ALTAR SERVERS

Sign up sheets for Holy week Masses are in the sacristy. Please stop by and fill in your name for the Mass that you are available to serve. Thank you!



ALTAR FLOWERS

You now have the opportunity to have flowers placed on our altar in memory of loved ones. The Parish makes arrangements for the flowers. The name of your loved one and the donor will be placed in the bulletin for that weekend. The donation is \$35. *The Sundays of Lent and Advent are excluded, as flowers are not permitted during the Liturgical Seasons.* Please call the rectory if you are interested in donating flowers for a particular weekend.

Please note: Due to the popularity of this program, we will now have two flower arrangements on the Altar. Please call the rectory for more details.

We Welcome New Members to St. Ann's



If you are new to this parish, we wish to welcome you and hope that you find this to be a warm and caring community. Should you wish to register for our parish census, please call Maura at the Rectory office at 531-1480. Registration can be completed in a few minutes over the phone, there are census forms on the bulletin board in the rear of the church or a form can be mailed to you.

SUNDAY MORNING SOCIAL

There will not be a Sunday Morning Social today or next week. Please join us after the 10:30am Mass on Sunday April 15th for our next social.



LENTEN REGULATIONS

Abstinence: Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligations of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, meat may not be used at all.

Fast: Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of the sixtieth year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the days of fasting. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday	7 PM Mass
Good Friday	3:00 PM Liturgy *note time change
Easter Vigil	8:00 PM
Easter Sunday	8:30 AM and 10:30 AM



The story of the anointing of Jesus is one of the few stories that appear in all four Gospels. As people begin to grumble about the cost and waste of the perfume, Jesus responds: "you always have the poor with you and any time you want to you can do something good for them." As we continue our Operation Rice Bowl journey let us remember in prayer that as a community of faith, we have the obligation to reach out to those most in need. The Gospel specifically calls us to take action on behalf of the most vulnerable members of society. May our fasting move us to action on behalf of the poor. May our almsgiving assist Catholic Relief Services' programming in the United States. 75% of your gifts to Operation Rice Bowl support Catholic Relief Services' programs around the world. The remaining 25% of your contributions stay in dioceses in the US to assist local hunger and poverty alleviation programs.



Now accepting registrations for our pre-school for the 2007-2008 school year.

St. Ann's Preschool is a pre-kindergarten program that helps prepare your child for kindergarten. We have a parent-child component that invites parents to participate in the classroom helping with projects, activities, music, storytelling, sharing and creating. We encourage creativity in each child. There is playtime, learning time, quiet time, and plenty of music. We even have theatrical productions! There is a 2-day and 3-day program. Children must be at least 3 years old by September 1, 2007 for the 2-day program and 4 years old by September 1, 2007 for the 3-day program. For more information please call Leanne at 978-532-3329.

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

St. Ann's Pre-School will be holding an open house on April 25, 2007 from 6:00 - 8:00pm. We will be accepting registration for the 2007-2008 school year at this time.

We Welcome the Newly Confirmed

March 14, 200 ~ Most Reverend Francis X. Irwin

Laura Anastos	Michael Foster	Allyson Lussier	Richard Pelosi	Keith Walsh
Danielle Austin	Julian Gallo	Kevin Martins	Caitlin Pinkham	Kelly Walsh
Anthony Bogdanowicz	Bianca Gallo	Shauna McGrath	Caitlin Pires	Ashley Zagarella
Stephanie Cafarella	Nicole Gallucio	Alexander McMahan	Brenna Provost	
Rebecca Calder	Nicholas Guarente	Nicholas Melville	Meghan Reid	
Paul Campbell	Nicholas Guido	Emily Milewska	Christopher Scotina	
Olivia Colombo	Andrew Guido	Amanda Morales	Ashley Silvia	
Matthew D'Aveni	Frank Hennessey	Melissa Moreschi	Derek Spencer	
Stephanie DeYoung	Dennis Kanarkiewicz	Michael Murphy	Bethany Sylvester	
Gregory Doonan	Bryan LaRochelle	Christopher Nicosia	Lauren Tucker	
Alexandra Ford	Michael Leone	Brendan Pelissier	Rachel Viger	

***WALK FOR HAITI
GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 6TH***

COMMUNITY LIFE CENTER TRACK

Faith and Concern, Inc. supports projects in Haiti which promote life and hope now and for the future of the Haitian people. Whether providing a teacher's salary, building a schoolroom or science lab, helping to create a fish farm or training young women for employment, *education with wellness* is our priority. Last year we contributed \$19,600. Together we make a difference.

Can we count on you to walk with us, pray and make a donation, 100% of which goes directly and entirely to the work and the people of Haiti? We are ecumenical and non-sectarian. Having a 501C3 non-profit status, your donations are tax-deductible.

See the bulletin board in the back of the church for additional information.

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL FUND



Our Easter Flower Memorial Fund enables us to beautifully decorate our altar during the Easter Season. Envelopes are available at the doors of the church for those who wish to donate in memory of a loved one, or to simply donate to this most important effort. We will publish a list of those remembered in a special Easter Bulletin.

ARE YOU AN ALUMNI OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL?

You are cordially invited to attend an Alumni Reunion Open House on Thursday, April 26th, 2007 from 6-8pm at 19 Chestnut Street Peabody. Come tour your Alma Mater. Catch up with old friends. Take a walk down memory lane. Refreshments, hors d'oeuvres, and cash bar available. If you have any questions, please contact the Development Office at 978-531-0444. Please check the St. John's School website at www.stjohns-peabody.com for updated information on the upcoming event.



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GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual collection for the Holy Land. We ask you to be generous. Your financial contribution will support the works of the Catholic Community in the Middle East and to protect the Holy Places and Christian shrines.

Financial Report		
February 2007		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Pledge/ Budget</u>
<u>Difference</u>		
OAP*	\$16,173	\$21,540
(\$5,367)		
Non-OAP Collections	<u>3,937</u>	<u>1,865</u>
<u>2,072</u>		
February Totals	\$20,110	\$23,405
(\$3,295)		
July thru Feb. Totals	\$205,590	\$187,240
\$18,350		

Financial Report

This past month's (February) offertory collection totaled \$20,110. Thank you very much for your donations! This collection pays for the operating costs of St. Ann's Parish such as staff salaries, utilities, program costs and basic building maintenance. These funds are also used to pay the costs associated with the Parish's Religious Education program not covered by fees charged for those classes. On average, we need to collect \$23,405 each month or \$5,401 each week to maintain our current level of services. Your help in reaching this amount will be critical to continuing the good work of our Parish.

Notes

FY07 Projected Offertory Collections.....\$280,865
Total FY07 OAP* pledge amount.....\$258,765
Balance to be raised by Non-OAP collection**...\$ 22,100

<u>Budget Amounts:</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Weekly</u>
OAP*	\$258,765	\$21,564	\$4,976
Non-OAP	<u>22,100</u>	<u>1,841</u>	<u>425</u>
Total	\$280,865	\$23,405	\$5,401

* OAP stands for Offertory Awareness Program. Parishioners participating in this program annually pledge an amount they will contribute to the offertory collection over the year. These pledge amounts can be paid quarterly, monthly, or weekly.

** Non-OAP collections include loose cash donations and envelope money from parishioners not participating in the OAP* program. This amount must increase if OAP* pledges are not met.



APRIL 1, 2007

MEETINGS

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Finance Committee Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 2nd at 7pm in the Rectory.

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING

The Liturgy Committee Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 11th at 7pm in the Dev. Center.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Parish Council Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 16th at 7pm in the Development Center.

These meeting are open to the parish and all are welcome to attend!

SOCIAL CALENDAR

**Join
The Fun!**



The Social Committee has put together their calendar of social events for the coming year. Although these dates are subject to change they thought you might like to have them in advance so you could write them on your calendar.

* **Note date change...Sat. June 2nd Luau**

The Social Committee is always looking for new members. If you are interested in joining call Lou Cersosimo at 978-532-1804. Thank you!

BOSTON CATHOLIC DIRECTORY

We have received the updated published copy of the Archdiocese of Boston Catholic Directory. This directory lists all the bishops, priests, deacons, sisters and churches in the Boston Archdiocese. The parish enables you to purchase a directory, from one of the ushers, at a reduced rate of \$10. Supplies are limited so buy yours now before they are all gone! You can pick one up in the usher's room after all Masses.

Liturgy Corner

Sunday as a Day of Worship

Titles of Sunday in Christian Experience

To appreciate fully what Sunday means in Christian life more is necessary than simply answering how and when Sunday developed as the day of worship. It is essential to answer why it occurred. Basically, that means understanding the theology of Sunday, particularly in the early Church. Examining the various titles that were given to his day can most effectively do that.

Continued from a series presented by Rev. Brian E. Mahoney, Director, Office for Worship, Archdiocese of Boston