

THE 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 6, 2005

The Readings for the 5th Sunday of Lent are:

Ez. 37: 12-14

Rom. 8: 8-11

Jn. 11: 1-45

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sunday, March 6, 2005

8:00 Alvara Santos
10:00 Mass for the People
12:00 William Francis Whalen
5:30 Marion Kelly

Monday, March 7, 2005

12:15 Nancy Cassidy
5:30 Robert Regan

Tuesday, March 8, 2005

12:15 Joanne P. Stuart
5:30 Catherine & Nicholas
Devereaux

Wednesday, March 9, 2005

12:15 Mary Morris Regan

Thursday, March 10, 2005

12:15 Rev. Frank Gilday

Friday, March 11, 2005

5:30 James & May Bowdring

Saturday, March 12, 2005

9:00 Stephen F. Maloney
4:00 Cecilia M. Stuart

The Special Collection this Weekend, March 5/6th is The Bishops Overseas Aid Appeal.



Accessibility Lifts- We are happy to announce that we now have accessibility for all levels of the church for those who are in need of assistance. Since the lifts need a key for operation, we would be happy to provide one for any parishioner who would benefit from the use of these lifts on a regular basis. Please contact the rectory to arrange for a demonstration. All staff will be trained in assisting anyone who needs access to the different levels of the church building.



Lenten Evening Prayer- Join the parish community in song, prayer and reflection with presiding and preaching by members of the parish on **Monday evenings at 7:15 pm in the Lannon Chapel**. The **March 14th** celebration will include a **Communal Reconciliation Service** providing the opportunity for private Confession.

Praying with Ignatius – An invitation to deepen your knowledge and experience of Ignatian prayer on Wednesday evenings, through March 16th. Participants are welcome to come from home or work for a simple Lenten supper following the 5:30 Liturgy. The Prayer Group is from 7 –8:30 pm, facilitated by Fr. Bob and other members of the Spiritual Development Commission. This can be a foundational experience for those interested in making the Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life next fall. We are hoping to meet two additional times in the Easter season. To register, please contact Fr. Bob at 552-6110 or vereec@bc.edu.



The Parish Retreat at Eastern Point – “Let Him Easter in us.” Using the Easter stories of encounter with the Risen One, you are invited into a time of silent reflection and inner joy and peace. With directors from the Spiritual Development Commission, you will have an opportunity for spiritual conversation, silent prayer and gatherings of prayer and worship with the parish community, as well as members of the Jesuit Urban Center. The retreat will be held Friday, April 8th to Sunday, April 10th. The cost for the weekend is \$185 (all inclusive) with a deposit of \$85 at registration. If anyone is in need of financial assistance in order to attend, please let us know. Please register through the parish office 617-552-6102 or ignatius@bc.edu.

Do Something New for Lent! Come for dinner and discussion at **Our Church, Our Home**. Join us for an enlightening presentation on the Seven Sacraments of the Church by Amy Strickland, followed by discussion, based upon Part 2 of the Catechism. All are welcome whether this is your first or fifteenth time. We just ask that you let us now that you are coming so that we can set a place at the table for you. RSVP to cfdesq@hotmail.com or leave a message at 617-7822-5812.

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, we celebrate Laetare, "Rejoice", Sunday. It is the midpoint of the Lenten season. In our scriptures, we are invited to a new vision. We ask to see the Lord Jesus as the one who is our source of healing and our cause for rejoicing. We are enlightened by his life-giving presence and action in our lives.

As you entered the Church this weekend, you may have seen something "new". As I told you at the end of last year, we have had a new altar made for our sanctuary. The wood for the altar comes from the pews that were removed from the rear of the church when we created our gathering space. The design of the altar incorporates details from the wood carvings in the sanctuary area and was designed by Fr. Jim Lafontaine, S.J.. This simple wooden table speaks eloquently of what we do in our Eucharist. It is at once the Lord's table and the altar of sacrifice as it reflects the wood of the Cross on the reredos behind it. When I first saw it, my heart leapt with joy at its beauty and simplicity. I hope that you will have the opportunity to enter the sanctuary and see the beautiful hand-carved workmanship that created it.

If you are wondering what happened to the marble altar that was added to the church in the 1970's, it is presently being stored so that its' materials may be used for a large baptismal font at the entrance of the church. This altar has served our parish for more than thirty years and will continue to be a source of sacramental grace for all who enter the waters of baptism.

Another cause for rejoicing has been the completion of the lifts that give access to parishioners to all levels of the church. Additional work is continuing on the sacristy restroom so that it is completely accessible. We should have all of the work completed in the next few weeks. (Hopefully before Holy Week!)

As always, thank you for your generous support and commitment to our Parish Community. May the final weeks of the Lenten season offer you much grace and many reasons for rejoicing in Christ, Our Lord.

Peace!

Fr. Bob

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, March 6 th	Lenten Reading Group – Rectory Library	10:45 am
" " "	Book Discussion – Rectory 2 nd Floor	11:15 am
" " "	Contemporary Music Ensemble – Upper Church	4:30 pm
" " "	Film Fellowship for Lent – Rectory 2 nd Floor	6:30 pm
Monday, " 7 th	Lenten Evening Prayer – Lannon Chapel	7:15 pm
Tuesday, " 8 th	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting – Rectory	7:15 pm
Wed. " 9 th	Children's Carol Choir – Choir Room	4:30 pm
" " "	Little Rock Bible Group – Lannon Chapel	7:15 pm
" " "	Parish Choir – Friary Room	7:15 pm
" " "	"Praying with Ignatius" – Rectory	7:00 pm
Thursday, " 10 th	"Our Church, Our Home" – Friary Room	6:30 pm
Friday, " 11 th	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Lannon Chapel	12:45 pm
Saturday, " 12 th	"Return of the Prodigal Son" – Rectory Chapel	10:00 am



Lenten and Easter Dances – Saltate et Jubilate (SJ Dance) is offered by members of the BLDE on Sundays in Lent and in the Easter Season. Why not enter into the experience of movement prayer as it reflects the dynamics of the liturgical seasons?

Cost \$10 per class – Sundays 3:30 –5:00 pm – Brookline Academy of Dance. Please call Jamie Huggins at 617-552-6130 for more details.

"Helping Hands" St. Ignatius Youth Group is starting a new program of service opportunities for students and their families. "Helping Hands" is a new group that will meet once a month to discuss and plan ways to assist different organizations that are in need of financial aid or volunteers. Please e-mail Stacie Johnson, Youth Minister, or Heather Shaw, Church Ministry Intern, if you are interested. Stacie.Johnson.1@bc.edu or shawb@bc.edu.



Voice of the Faithful – On Sunday, March 13th, the Voice of the Faithful will meet in the Lannon Chapel from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Topics to be discussed include the role of our affiliate in the coming year, the national convention in Indianapolis in July, and how we can be more effective in achieving the VOTF goals. All members and other interested parishioners are urged to attend. For more information, contact Steve Sheehan at 617-783-6336 or email at sheehan1777@aol.com.

Catholic Gay and Lesbian Concerns – St. Ignatius has formed a community of parishioners concerned about the challenges that our Gay and Lesbian brothers and sisters continue to face in our Church. In an effort to facilitate conversation for our Gay and Lesbian parishioners, as well as parents and family members of Gay and Lesbian Catholics, we are providing an informal context in which people feel free to talk about their questions and concerns. If you are interested in coming together for support, education and faith-sharing, please contact Fr. Bob at the rectory or robert.vereecke@bc.edu

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Operation Rice Bowl – There's still time to pick up a calendar and Rice Bowl! This is the thirtieth anniversary of Operation Rice Bowl and we'll be a part of that milestone. Rice Bowls and information are available in the gathering space upstairs and in the hall outside the Lannon Chapel.



TO START THINKING.... about the Project Bread WALK for HUNGER! This year's Walk is on May 1st. Registration information will be available soon. In the meantime, get the date on your calendar and/or in your PDA. Let's have a huge TEAM IGNATIUS this year – a team including sponsors and Medical Volunteers! Registration forms are in the Gathering space.



*Senior Parishioners
You are cordially invited to a
St. Patrick's Day Luncheon
Thursday, March 17th*

12:15PM Mass Lannon Chapel

12:45PM Lunch Friary Room

RSVP - 617-552-6107

by Friday March 11th

An at the Door Collection for new white cotton socks for women and men who are temporarily residing at the McGinnis House, a medical facility for Boston Health Care for the Homeless, will be held next weekend, March 12th/13th. Look for the sock boxes!



St. Ignatius Film Fellowship for Lent — Please join us in the rectory following the 5:30 Mass Sunday, March 6th and March 13th. as we begin our Lenten series. Film fellowship gatherings will consist of a movie viewing (accompanied by a light supper) followed by discussion. For more information, please contact Julie Harder at 617-734-7757 or email her at jharder@verizon.net.

An At-Home Directed Retreat for 3, 4, or 7 Days – Have you been considering this opportunity to deepen your relationship with God? Limited room is available. Between March 30th - April 3rd and May 4-8th competent retreat directors will be available to meet with you for a 3, 4 or 5 day retreat right here at St. Ignatius Parish! For more information, call Joan McCarthy, CSJ at 617-825-3137.

Healing Story: “Homecoming: The Return of the Prodigal Son – Saturday, March 12th 10:00am – 12:30 pm- Rectory Chapel. A reflection on Rembrandt’s tender painting from The Hermitage in St. Petersburg, and Henri Nouwen’s powerful story of his encounter with the gospel story and art. For all those who are touched by a desire for “homecoming, affirmation and reconciliation,” this morning retreat is a gift of prayer and healing with time given for quiet viewing of Rembrandt’s painting

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education Office -- 617-552-6105

E-mail – blichade@bc.edu



First Eucharist Retreat – Saturday, March 12th – Noon – 4:00 pm – At least one parent should join their child at the retreat at 3:00 pm for a family project. **As this is a very large class – we need many helpers! Our Thanks to our several volunteers, but we still need more help! If you can assist at the retreat, please call or email Deborah.**

Ministry Training Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Collectors/Ushers and Altar Servers for children and adults will take place on March 6th and March 13th during RE sessions as follows:

Altar Servers (Grades 3 and above) March 6th and 13th – 11:15 am

Lectors – (Grades – 5) March 14th 9:00 am (Grades 6 and above and Adults) - 11:15 am

Eucharistic Ministers – (Confirmed High School students, adults) – March 13th and 20th- 11:15 am

Usher/Collectors (Grades 2 and above) – March 20th – 9:00 am

Attention!



Cell Phones must be turned off while students are in RE

classes – If an emergency arises, parents should call the rectory office 617-552-6102. A staff person will immediately go to your child’s class and advise them of the situation and your instructions. Also, classes are always open to parents who, in an emergency, would need to communicate with their child. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

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PASTORAL ASSOCIATES		
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*Richard Moynihan, M.Ed./M.A.	Business Manager	617-552-6117
Elizabeth McLaughlin	Administrative Assistant	617-552-6102
<i>*designates member of the Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Team</i>		

The Sacraments

Eucharist

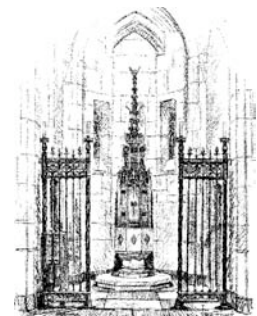
Sunday	Upper Church: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon, 5:30 PM Lower Church: (September – June) 10:00 AM, Family Liturgy
Weekday	12:15 PM, 5:30 PM
Saturday	9:00 AM, 4:00 PM (Vigil)

Baptism

Adults are baptized at the Easter Vigil as part of the Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults. Infant and child baptisms are by arrangement.

Confirmation

Our confirmation program begins in the 10th grade. Students are confirmed in the spring of the 11th grade. Young adults who have been catechized but are not yet confirmed should contact the rectory for an alternative program.



Matrimony

Must be registered as a parishioner six months prior to beginning Marriage arrangements.

Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:15 - 3:45 PM Upper Church or by arrangement.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Fridays 12:45 - 5:00 p.m.
Lannon Chapel

Anointing of the Sick

By arrangement.

Community Care - If you know of a family or individual in our parish struggling with a death, illness or other difficulty, contact: Ginny Carroll 617-327-4519, Maureen Eldredge 617-469-0496, Mary Riordan 617-787-8926

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