

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASSES

June 4, 2005 — June 12, 2005

Sat	4:00pm	Anointing of the Sick Mary & Domenic Palumbo Stephen & Connie Colella George Domeniconi	Sat	4:00pm	Bruno Giuseppe Jacqueline Frechette Ned D'Angelo Paul Daniel MacIvor Almerindo, Raffaele, Emelia, &... ...Antoinetta Fortuna
Sun	8:00am	John Rossi Jeffrey Rayner	Sun	8:00am	In Honor of San Antonio Saveria & Ned D'Angelo Rose Bianchi Gerardo Cedrone
	10:00am	Giovanna, Luigi, Madeline, Suzanne... ...& Debra Franchi Reverend William Cummings Lillian & Joseph Brady		10:00am	Albert & Sara Luisa Capuno Alisa Marenghi Nicola & Maria Iaconelli Nancy Giordano & Joseph Russo Pauline & Reynard Groffi
Mon	6:00pm	Pauline Bono Emmett		6:00pm	
Tues	7:00am	Benefactors of Trinity Catholic			
Wed	7:00am	The Deceased Members of the Parish			
Thurs	7:00am	Benefactors of Our Lady's			
Fri	7:00am	Joseph & Alice Gerraughty The Sick of the Parish			

In your prayers, please remember Mary DeFazio, Assunta Arpino, Diane F. Gabis, and all who have died; may they be at peace.



Please note that effective June 20th through Labor Day, the parish office hours will be 7:00am-3:00pm, Monday-Friday.

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



Michelle Iovanna	&	Colby Weston
Holly Brooks	&	Nicholas Patten
Meredith Fields	&	David Fioretti
Melissa Callahan	&	Marc Angelucci

Scripture Readings:

Sun., June 5	Hos 6:3-6; Rom 4:18-25; Mt 9:9-13
Mon., June 6	2 Cor 1:1-7; Mt 5:1-12
Tues., June 7	2 Cor 1:18-22; Mt 5:13-16
Wed., June 8	2 Cor 3:4-11; Mt 5:17-19
Thurs., June 9	2 Cor 3:15-4:1,3-6; Mt 5:20-26
Fri., June 10	2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 5:27-32
Sat., June 11	Acts 11:21b-26;13:1-3; Mt 5:33-37
Sun., June 12	Ex 19:2-6a; Rom 5:6-11; Mt 9:36-10:8

Interested In Becoming A Catholic?

If you know of someone who is thinking about becoming Catholic, or is already Catholic and has not received Eucharist and Confirmation, and would like to be part of this process, please contact Marie at 617-527-7560 x214 for further information. Now is the time to join the process and prepare for these sacraments!

Being Faithful to Church Teaching & Welcoming to All

From time to time I get complaints about this parish, and me in particular, that our efforts to be welcoming undermine the teaching of the church. For example, since we try to welcome gay people and baptize children of gay couples, isn't this contrary to the teaching of the church? Or when we encourage parents who are divorced and remarried to be a part of the community, isn't this somehow going against the church that only recognizes a second marriage when an annulment has been obtained? These are challenging issues and deserve some commentary.

I think it is always important to distinguish between the ideal that the church teaches to guide us in life, and the real life situations in which we often find ourselves. Ideally, there should not be divorce. No one gets married planning to get divorced. But sometimes life is messy and the ideal is not always possible. Many couples in second marriages may be doing their best to raise children in the faith and working hard to put together a new life. While this may not be the ideal, it still represents the human attempt to rebuild a life as best as one can. To exclude these people seems contrary to the spirit of Jesus. While we work hard in this parish to promote the dignity of marriage — for example, we have an excellent pre-Cana team for our engaged couples — we still need to find ways to make sure that the divorced and remarried are also welcome. Upholding the ideal is not diminished by recognizing and reaffirming those who have found themselves in special situations. With regard to gay people, it is a similar, although somewhat different, issue. The church clearly states that sexual activity belongs in the context of marriage. But it also states that we need to welcome gay people into the community. So while gay marriage is not acceptable according to the official teaching of the church, gays who are married are acceptable. Similarly, there are some engaged couples preparing for marriage who are living together, although this is not permitted by official Catholic teaching. But we still welcome them and work with them on their journey. It may not be ideal, but we need to meet the people where they are in their lives.

It is interesting to note that the head of the German Episcopal Conference, Cardinal Lehman, and Cardinal Kasper who is in the curia in Rome, have tried for years to allow divorced and remarried Catholics (without an annulment) to be able to receive communion. This has not been granted by Rome, but they are going to revisit this with the new Pope. In other words, these are two Cardinals who see that although the ideal of marriage is life-long commitment, there are cases when people in second marriages, which are not officially recognized by the church, should be able to come to the table. This will continue to be a challenge for us — to be faithful to our church and to its entire people. I think we are doing this at Our Lady's, and our attendance points to the fact that the message of welcoming and healing is truly needed in our church today.

"Moving Forward", a monthly bereavement support group for those coping with the loss of a loved one due to death, will meet Monday, June 27th at 7:00pm in MaryEllen's office. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call MaryEllen at the parish office, or email Katherine Curran at kchrcu@comcast.net.

Moms, Pops, and Tots will Meet on Wednesday from 9:30-11:00am in the McPherson Room. New members are always welcome to join us! If you have any questions, please call Carole McElduff at 617-641-0892.

Baptisms: Next weekend there will be baptisms at the 4:00pm Mass and the 10:00am Mass. Please keep our baptism families in your prayers.

Parent Workshop: The Power of Positive Discipline (For parents/caregivers of children 1-3 years) Accentuate the Positive! Eliminate the Negative! Join Parent Educator and Parishioner Margaret Hannah for this 90-minute session on Saturday morning, June 25th, from 9:30-11:00am in the McPherson Room, and learn how to set limits with young children. Review approaches to discipline and negotiating techniques. Explore your own philosophy of discipline and come away with valuable parenting tips and tools. To register call or Rosemary at 617-527-7560 ext. 213 or email her at rseibold@ourlady.com. Margaret Hannah, M.Ed., is a Parent Educator for WarmLines Parent Resources, based in Newton for 27 years. WarmLines is a non-profit organization that helps parents and educators connect with one another and with the resources they need. WarmLines offers many programs and services for new and not-so-new parents.

RCIA: THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (and children who have reached catechetical age, approximately 7 years old.) We are always pleased to welcome new members into the church. Inquiry sessions are held every Tuesday evening, 7:00-

8:30pm in the parish center, S.Marie's office, for those who wish to celebrate sacramental initiation through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. We welcome those who belong to no particular faith tradition, those who belong to other faith traditions and Catholics who have been baptized but who have not received Confirmation or Eucharist. Sessions for children are held on Sunday mornings from 11:00am-11:45am. Since it is the community who initiates new members, please consider becoming a sponsor for prospective members. Being a sponsor is being a trusted friend who offers support and counsel as needed. Sponsors walk with catechumens and candidates through the formation process to the Easter Vigil. For further information please contact S. Marie at the parish office at ext.214 or email mlabollita@ourlady.com

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Knitting as a form of prayer! We're off to a great start thanks to 15 people who signed up for this ministry last weekend. We invite anyone who knits or crochets to consider this ministry. Respecting the wishes of those who began this ministry, Janet Bristow and Victoria Cole-Galo, the shawls that are made must be given away unconditionally and not sold for profit. Some of the recipients of these shawls will include those who are undergoing dialysis, chemotherapy, surgery, new moms and dads, those who have lost a loved one, those celebrating special moments or life transitions etc. When Shawls are presented, they will include special prayers for the recipients. Knitters are invited to gather here at the parish center the first Wednesday of the month at 10:00am or 7:00pm or to gather in small groups in private homes. If you are not able to join a group you are welcome to do this on your own at your convenience. For those of you who do not knit and would like to contribute yarn to this ministry please know that all donations are gratefully accepted. For more information contact Marie at the parish office at ext. 214 or Joanne Tarabelsi at joel929@hotmail.com.

Justice and Peace Committee Meeting: Our next meeting will be on Monday, June 6th at 7:00pm in the Fickett Room. We will be finalizing our calendar for 2005-2006, touching base on our action work which includes: fighting the newly filed bill to reinstitute the death penalty in Massachusetts and working for more affordable housing in Newton. And of course, we will be celebrating all of our great work this year. If you have thought of getting more involved with justice issues, come join us for this meeting and see what we're about. All are welcome! For more information, contact Kate Carter at kcarter@ourladys.com or at ext 232.

Honduras Committee Update: Our next meeting will be on Sunday, June 12th after the 6:00pm Mass in the Colella Room. We will offer some time for prayer and shared scripture reflection and then touch base on our projects, including: our fundraising program, our 2005 summer trip to San Marcos, the effect of CAFTA on San Marcos and our collaborative coffee project with the coffee growers of San Marcos. This year, one of our main priorities is building community, both within the committee here at Our Lady's and with the people of San Marcos. If you have an interest in being part of a faith-based community that is cultivating a mutual relationship with a community in the developing world, you may want to come to these meetings to learn more about our work with the people of San Marcos. If you have any questions, or would like more information about the Honduras Committee, please contact Anthony Chamberas by phone at 617-679-1290 or by email at achamberas@rmf.harvard.edu.

Crop Walk Coordinator Needed If you're passionate about world hunger — and also want to help benefit food pantries and aid agencies right here in Newton and surrounding towns — we can use your help. The Newton Walk for the World is looking for a recruiter at Our Lady's. The Walk benefits Church World Service, an international relief and development agency that has mobilized help for the victims of last year's tsunami in southern Asia and hurricanes in Florida, as well as the ongoing refugee crisis in Darfur. Twenty-five percent of the profits of the Walk stay in the local area. It's not a big time commitment: recruiter packets come in September, and the Walk takes place Sunday, October 23, 10K starting from and ending at St. Ignatius Church. We need a recruiter to find walkers and donors. For more information, call Mary at 617-965-7441.

Boston Pride Interfaith Prayer Service and Parade: The Gay and Lesbian Faith Sharing Group and the Justice and Peace Committee invite you to participate in this year's Gay Pride Celebration. For over 35 years Boston Gay Pride has served as a means for showing the diversity and visibility of Boston's Gay Community and provided an opportunity to comment on important issues with regards to social and political concerns of the times. Boston Pride is made up of people from all walks of life, straight and gay and many of the supporters are friends and family members. One way to show your support is to join the Gay & Lesbian Faith Sharing Group and the Justice and Peace Committee in the Gay Pride Parade and Pride Interfaith Service on Saturday, June 11th. The Interfaith Service, with keynote speaker Senator Jarrett Barrios, is being held at Old South Church on Copley Square starting at 10:00am. The Parade starts at 12:00pm beginning at Copley Square and ending at the Boston Common. Please join us in prayer and walk with us in solidarity as we affirm and support all people as they journey to become who God calls them to be. To participate and/or for further details, please contact Kate Carter at ext. 232 or at kcarter@ourladys.com.

The Separated and Divorced Support Group meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm in S. Marie's office. If you are separated or divorced and wish to share your struggles in a safe space, please consider joining us. For further support and information, contact S. Marie at mlabollita@ourladys.com or ext. 214. Thank you.

Pre-Cana: During the 6:00pm Mass on June 12th, the community will gather and bless the engagements of those couples who have participated in Our Lady's Pre-Cana Program that day. Please keep these couples who are preparing for marriage in your prayers.

Music Notes: We are currently accepting a limited number of new registrations from children in grades two through eight for the fall season of our Youth/Children's Choir. New registrants will find a printable registration form on the parish website at www.ourladys.com or you can call Kathy at 617-527-7560 ext. 227. Current members, please return your fall registration forms as soon as possible!

Fr. Cuenin to Lead Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: While peace is yet to be totally achieved in the Holy Land, things are much better now that the intifada has been called off and Israel is planning to remove the settlements from Gaza. Many of my rabbi friends have recently returned from Israel and report a whole new feeling of peace in the air. Therefore, I am planning to lead a small group of people on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land — March 26th through April 4th. This is just a week before Holy Week so it would be an excellent way to get into the spirit of the season. We will spend 5 nights in Jerusalem and 3 nights in Galilee right on the lakeshore. There will also be an option to stay in Rome for 4 nights on the way home. If you are interested please email me at whcuenin@ourladys.com and I will email an outline of the trip with costs and other information.

2005 Annual Catholic Appeal: Our appreciation goes out to all parishioners who have made a pledge to the 2005 Appeal. If you have not yet given to the Appeal, please consider making a gift that will help meet the needs of so many within our faith community. Remember, our parish will receive 25 percent of all funds we raise above our goal. So each gift has the potential to increase parish revenue while still supporting the ministries funded by the Catholic Appeal. Pledge forms can be found at the back of the church.

St. Anthony Mass in Italian on Monday, June 13th at 7:00pm at St. Bernard's, West Newton. Refreshments will be served in Father Moore Hall immediately following the Mass.

Catholics Worried About The Church

Walter is hosting a gathering on Wednesday, June 8th at 7:30pm for Catholics who are experiencing anxiety over some of the recent developments in the Catholic Church and who are therefore having a hard time staying in the church. This will be an informal evening to discuss any and all issues that are of concern, from the election of the Pope to issues regarding women in the church. The goal of the evening is not to convince anyone one way or another, but to offer a forum for open discussion. The meeting will be held in the Fickett Room, parish center. All are welcome!