

*Family life is rooted in the unconditional love of God as witnessed by the Holy Family.*

**Announced Masses**

<i>Saturday</i>	<i>December 30</i>	<i>8:00 AM</i>	<i>Margaret Wrenn-Leary &amp; Brenda Leary-Aquino</i>
		<i>4:00 PM</i>	<i>Richard G. Flaherty</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>December 31</i>	<i>8:00 AM</i>	<i>Paul Harrigan</i>
		<i>10:00AM</i>	<i>William Maher</i>
		<i>4:00 PM</i>	<i>Parish Community of St. Peter</i>
		<i>6:00 PM</i>	<i>Special Intention</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>January 1st</i>	<i>8:00AM</i>	<i>Intention of World Peace</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>January 2nd</i>	<i>8:00AM</i>	<i>Pro Life</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>January 3rd</i>	<i>8:00AM</i>	<i>Sr. M. Petros</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>January 4th</i>	<i>8:00AM</i>	<i>Maria Correia</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>January 5th</i>	<i>8:00AM</i>	<i>Arthur Takash</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>January 6th</i>	<i>8:00AM</i>	<i>Special Intention</i>
		<i>4:00PM</i>	<i>James J. Moran, Jr.</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>January 7th</i>	<i>8:00AM</i>	<i>Margaret Walsh</i>
		<i>10:00 AM</i>	<i>Patrick Downey</i>
		<i>12:00 Noon</i>	<i>Robert Shea</i>
		<i>5:00PM</i>	<i>George Coyle</i>

*Please remember in your prayers: Theresa Downing, Mildred Duris & Virginia McNulty who were buried from our parish.*

**From the Pastor ~**

- *Thanks for all the thoughtful cards and gifts sent to me for Christmas. Saint Peter Parish is truly my home and all of you are my family! Many blessings be with all of you and your families as we begin a new year!*
- *To date parishioners have contributed \$115,400.00 to the **Grand Annual Collection**. The goal is \$150,000.00. If you have not contributed yet to this Collection of our Parish, please do so. We have extended our deadline because our goal has not been reached. There are still envelopes at the entrances of the church .*
- *January 1st, The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God is a Holy Day, but not one of Obligation this year. Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 AM on January 1st for the Intention of World Peace.*
- *If you would like to make a donation in memory of your loved ones for **Christmas flowers and decorations**, envelopes are at the entrances of the church. Place the envelope in the collection basket with your parish offering. The names will be listed in the bulletin on next weekend, the Feast of the Epiphany, January 7/8.*



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**Family Life**

*Family life is sacred, but it is not without trial. Perhaps this is the most important message we can glean from today’s readings. If Jesus, Mary and Joseph can trip up sometimes—can disconnect—then we shouldn’t find it surprising when such things happen to us as well. And parents everywhere (children, too) can probably relate to—and take some solace in—the Gospel’s account of Mary and Joseph after Jesus explained why he stayed behind in the temple. They heard his words, Luke tells us, “But they did not understand what he said to them” (Luke 2:50). Amen! Nevertheless, Jesus does go back home with them, and continues to thrive under their care.*

*Offertory collection for December 23/24 was \$6,403.00. The Christmas Collection for the retired priests of the Boston Archdiocese was \$9,913.00. We are grateful for your support.*

*Parish Council Meeting will take place on January 4th in the Parish Center at 6:45PM.*

**The Christmas Giving Tree-:**

*The Parishioners of St. Peter Parish truly showed the meaning of Christmas to many children and adults in need with the "Giving Tree".*

*Thank you to the Patterson Family and friends who gave many hours of their time to work on this huge project and deliver these gifts to these agencies.*

*Thank you to the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who helped Mrs. Laskey bring all of these gifts from the church to the parish center for sorting.*

*The following agencies benefited through your generosity this year:*

**Bethany Hill School & Apts., Framingham**  
over 100 gifts

**Nazareth Residence, Roxbury**  
over 60 gifts

**Gentle Shepherd Ministry, Dorchester**  
11 gifts

**Robert McBride House, Fenway**  
9 gifts

**Franciscan Hospital for Children, Brighton**  
31 gifts

**CAP - Children with Aids Program, Mattapan**  
60 gifts

**Greater Boston Catholic Charities, Cambridge/  
Somerville**  
54 gifts

**Bridge Over Troubled Waters, Boston**  
24 gifts

**New Beginnings Adults Recovery Program,  
Framingham**  
20 Gifts

Miscellaneous gifts with either no tags or arrived late were distributed to some of these agencies. **72 Gifts;** Cash donations were also given to these agencies totaling over **\$1,500.00.**

**St. Peter School News**

*School will resume on January 2nd after the Christmas break. The Faculty, Staff and the Children of our school wishes everyone a Happy New Year! Once again thanks for supporting our wonderful school.*

*Happy 2007*

**Religious Education:** Classes will resume on Jan.7th at the regular scheduled time.

**Theology of the Body Study Group-** Please join us as we explore Pope Paul II's incredible insights of the human person-body, soul and spirit. The next session is Jan. 11 from 7:00PM to 8:30PM in the Parish Center. For more info contact Tim Meagher at 617-821-9093 or Wendy Moore at 617-584-7244.

**Couples Retreat/ Marriage Encounter-**This program is for Couples who believe they have a good marriage but desire a deeper understanding and more spirituality in their marriage. The upcoming dates Jan. 12th, Feb. 16th or March 23 weekends For further info call: 1-800-367-0343.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42

Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38  
[23, 31-34, 36, 38]

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6;  
Mt 2:1-12



**MOST HOLY  
NAME OF JESUS**

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