

Blest are they who trust and hope in the Lord. Blest are they who are poor and who endure insult, for their reward shall be great: eternal life.

Announced Masses

Saturday	February 10th	4:00PM	Buckley, Largenton & Sammett Families
Sunday	February 11th	8:00 AM	Kathryn Lovejoy
		10:00 AM	Paul Mahoney
		12:00 Noon	Walter & Margaret Hall
		5:00 PM	Mary, Edward, Geraldine Sullivan, Gira Casarona & Antonette Papaleo
Monday	February 12th	8:00 AM	William & Mary O'Brien
Tuesday	February 13th	8:00 AM	Mass for Vocations
Wednesday	February 14th	8:00 AM	Paul F. Mahoney
Thursday	February 15th	8:00 AM	Special Intention
Friday	February 16th	8:00 AM	Mary Moran
Saturday	February 17th	8:00 AM	Edward McCabe
		4:00 PM	Erickson Family
		Sunday	February 18th
		10:00 AM	Helen T. Travers
		12:00 Noon	Parish Community of St. Peter
		5:00 PM	Evelyn Flanagan

From the Pastor ~

- Today is **World Day for the Sick**. Please keep all the Sick in your prayers .
- **Lent** starts on Wednesday, February 21st. The Schedule for Ashes is as follows: 8AM Mass; 12 Noon Mass; 3:00 PM Service and 7PM Mass.
- We are privileged to have Fr. John Burchill and Sr. Barbara Metz SND to lead our **Parish Lenten Mission** on March 5,6, and 7th. Please join us!



- Mark your calendar! **Saturday, March 10th, the Saint Patrick Day Famine Mass** will be celebrated at the 4:00 PM Mass followed by dinner and entertainment in the Parish Center. There will be reserved seating for dinner. Tickets will go on sale Feb 22nd . Please call the Parish Office for any questions.
- **If you are celebrating your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2007**, Save the date : Sunday May 27 at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, the 11:30 AM Mass. Cardinal O'Malley invites all couples to join for this annual celebration. Mass will include a renewal of marriage vows by all participating anniversary couples. More info to follow in April.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

- Valentine's Day approaches, and its immediate impact may be heard in the rectory, as the newly engaged come forward to "set a date." We owe this scenario to reforms made by the emperor Charlemagne late in the eighth century. He required that nobles and commoners alike have public weddings, and also required that marrying couples be examined for factors that would block a marriage, such as previous marriages or close kinship. The pope was more conservative, however, and resisted the emperor's creativity. It was enough for the pope that the couples exchange consent. That tradition is passed on to this day, to some couples' surprise. In 866, Pope Nicholas ruled that a marriage was legal and binding even without a liturgy or public celebration. After that, it was the consent of the couple, not the blessing of parents or priest, that made a marriage "count." If consent was lacking, such as through abduction or fear, then the marriage could not "take." Charlemagne got a great deal done, but he was a political flash in the pan, and the empire had virtually collapsed by the year 1000. Europe broke into a checkboard of princedoms and languages, and at last all marriages came under the church, the glue holding the known world together.



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 10/11, 2007

Offertory collection for February 3/4th was **\$5165.00**. The **Fuel and Snow Collection** was **\$1431**. Thank you for your generosity.

Valentine Dance for children, today, February 11th from 2:00 to 4:00 in school cafeteria. Donations of snacks welcomed.

Sacred Heart/St. Peter Travel Club, St. Patrick Day Celebration /Next trip is on **March 15** to see Tony Kenny's Ireland at The Venus DE Milo in Swansea, MA. Cost is \$59.00 includes show and dinner. Bus leaving at 10:00AM and returning at 5:00PM.

Notice: A minimum of 10 people required for pick-up at Saint Peter Church.. Call 617-924-9089 for info.

Pastoral Visitor Project and the Office of Spiritual Life invite all pastoral visitors and Eucharistic Ministers to the sick and homebound to attend a Day of Prayer "Ministry in Christ's Name" to be held Saturday February 17 from 9:30AM to 12 Noon at Our Lady's in Newton. For more info or to register, call the Office of Worship and Spiritual Life at 617-779-3640.

RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: Soon we begin the journey to Easter Sacraments! We hope you will be among us as we prepare for the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. All who are in need of preparation or who know someone, please contact the Parish Office. **Confirmation for adults will take place on Thursday, April 12, 2007; 7:00 PM at St. Mary's Parish on Norfolk Street in Cambridge.** Bishop Hennessey will administer the Sacrament.

Day to Celebrate Consecrated Life: Saturday March 3rd from 10AM to 2:15PM at St. Ignatius Church, Chestnut Hill. The guest speaker will be Rev. Mother Agnes Donovan, SV For more info please contact Office of Regional Bishop at 508-647-1542.

A Day of Recollection for women interested in religious life will be held Saturday, March 10, 2007 for more info please call Sr. Marian Batho, CSJ at 617 746-5637.

The **2007 Boston Catholic Directory** is now available. Please call the Parish Office to purchase this book.



~St. Peter School News~

The School will be having a belated Mardi Gras Spaghetti Supper on Tuesday, February 27 at 6:00PM in the school cafeteria. All are welcomed! Mark your calendar for the Annual St. Peter Auction which will be held on Friday, April 27th in the Parish Center from 6:30PM to 11:00PM. Our guest auctioneer will be TV personality, Billy Costa from New England Cable News. Donations are needed for auction items such as: sports tickets, restaurants certificates, jewelry, services etc. Please contact the Advancement Office for further information.

The 3rd Boston Catholic Conference on March 17 and the 2nd Boston Women's Conference on March 18th will be held at the Boston Convention Center. Contact: info@bostoncatholicmen.org or nfo@bostoncatholicwomen.org for more info. We encourage all Catholic men and women to consider attending these conferences.



88 Key Program is in progress, please do not forget to purchase a key. For more info please call Parish Office.

Religious Education News

February 11th: class as usual;
Feb. 18th: no classes.

We all enjoy Sunday morning refreshments after the Family Mass. Volunteers are needed to help serve coffee and donuts. There will be a sign up sheet in the cafeteria.

Attention First Communion Parents:

On Sunday February 11 and 25th, there will be information available for the First Communion Retreat. There will be a table with information describing each workshop of the Retreat along with a sign up sheet. Please see Kathy Smith. Many hands make for an enjoyable, spiritual experience for parents and children alike.