

We Remember in Prayer

Your prayers are requested for Lois Anderson, Jason Attride, Rose Bell, Jack Boland, Glen Brodeur, Bob Butler, Dick Butler, Paula Cieplik, John W. Clark, Dot Critchley, Dorothy Dalton, Gerald Dean, Gisa Delgado, Pat Devine, Jim Dewire, Colleen Donahue, Terry Dooley, David Farrell, Meg Ferrigno, Michael Gately, Jose Gomez, Joan Hamilton, Flemming Iverson, Ethel Johnson, Kiran Kenney, Cameron Kerr, Joanne Lambert, Ann Larkin, Allyn Lynch, Theresa Mahan, Dr. Anthony Maiella, Anastasios Mallios, Eilis McComiskey, Zarek Merza, Geraldine Miller, Michael Mullarkey, Ann Mulligan, Peggy Mullins, Janice Murphy Sweeney, Christine Reti, Michael Riley, Maeve Rock, Bob Sachetti, Virginia Solomon, Joseph Spinner, Nadege St. Paul, Jacob Sydney, Gene Townsend, Dan Tynan, Sr., Rose Vaz, Bernard W., Brady Wein, Sister Doris Wiswell, Katherine Zukotynski, the faithful departed, including Alyce G. Hart, Mario Villanueva Falvy, and those for whom prayers have been requested.

Saturday, January 28

4:00 p.m. Edward C. Finnerty, Anniversary

Sunday January 29

8:00 a.m. Arthur J., Anne T. & Arthur J. Obert, Jr.

9:00 a.m. Dr. Remedios Rosales-Bondoc, Memorial

9:30 a.m. Kim Alan Hamer, Birthday

11:30 a.m. Jack McKenna, Anniversary

Thursday, February 2

12:10 p.m. Robert Fish, Memorial

Friday, February 3

12:10 p.m. Mary (Fay) Ewanouski, Month's Mind

Saturday, February 4

4:00 p.m. Mary McCone, Anniversary

Sunday February 5

9:00 a.m. Irene Finan, Anniversary

11:30 a.m. Dr. John & Dorothea O'Leary and
Dorothea "Dot" O'Leary, Anniversary

**BLESSING OF THROATS
FEAST OF ST. BLAISE**

Friday, February 3rd

Throats will be blessed after all the Masses
this weekend, January 28 and 29.

**SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE
SICK**

February 12 after the 8:00 and 9:00 am Masses.

**SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION
THIS WEEKEND, JANUARY 28/29**

Will benefit the Church in Latin America.

**ST. MARY'S PRAYER ROSARY
GROUP**

February 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the lower church

SUNDAY MORNING ROSARY GROUP

Every Sunday following the 11:30 a.m. Mass

**BROWN BAG SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 18 AND 19**

**NOVENA TO ST. ANTHONY
FOR THE UNEMPLOYED**

Tuesdays following the 12:10 pm Mass

ST. MARY'S BOOK CLUB

Monday, January 30th at 7:00 p.m. in the lower church - Our book will be *Count Them One by One: Black Mississippians Fighting for the Right to Vote* by a parishioner Gordon Martin who will participate and show a relevant video. The book is the story of the people involved in a 1962 Justice Department prosecution of a Mississippi Registrar that led to the passage of the Voting Rights Act three years later. All are welcome.

ST. MARY'S AFGHAN GROUP TODAY

Sunday, January 29 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. New members are welcome.

MOTHER'S PRAYER GROUP

Meets Monday, February 6 at 10:30 am in the lower church. For more information, please contact Erin at MirandaMA@aol.com.

ALTAR SERVER MEETING

Sunday, February 12th at 1:00 p.m. in the church for all our current altar servers and for anyone in third grade or older who is interested in becoming an altar server.

AN INVITATION

The Congregation of St. Athanasius invites all to an observance of the Feast of the Presentation, Thursday, February 2nd at 7:30 p.m. in St. Lawrence Church. Those attending may bring unused household candles for the Blessing of

Candles which precedes the Mass. The blessing of throats will follow the Mass.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

ST. MARY'S CAMPUS

Sunday, January 29: Class,

First Reconciliation: Saturday, February 4 at 12 noon in the lower church.

Sunday, February 5: Class, Grade 5 participates in the 9:30 Mass.

Sunday, February 12: Lenten Family Social.

"Thank you" to the following grade 6 students who participated in last Sunday's 9:30 Mass and a special *"Thank you"* to their teachers Michele Geschickter and Joe Oubre. Elizabeth Bailey, Mickeyas Bekele, Nicholas Brown, Jake Boyd, Mary Corcoran, Teddy Cunha, Scott Cunha, Philip Dorfman, Andrew Geschickter, Nicholas Grimes, Colin Keegan, Pierre Kochi, Lauren Mahoney, Henry O'Brien, Michael O'Dea, Conor O'Neill, Emily Piken, Claudia Regojo, Marcella Walsh and Elizabeth Webler.

ST. LAWRENCE CAMPUS

January 29: Class.

First Reconciliation for grade 2: Saturday, February 4 at 12 noon in the lower church

DAY OF PRAYER-PASTORAL VISITORS

The Pastoral Visitor Project and the Office of Worship and 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 on Saturday, February 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon at St. John's in West Roxbury. There is no fee for the Day. For more information or to register, call the Office of Worship and Spiritual Life at 617-779-3648.

BENEFIT FOR BEACON ST. FIRE VICTIMS

Friday, February 17 at 6:00 p.m.

At Brookline High's Schluntz Gymnasium.

Basketball games between BHS students and the Police Department, BHS faculty and the Fire Department. Tickets are \$5.00 for students and \$10.00 for adults. Children under 10 are admitted free. All proceeds will go to the fire victim's fund. For further information, please call either Alan Balsam, Director of Public Health at 617-730--2302 or Joe Campagna, BHS Assistant Athletic Director, at 617-713-5290. Anyone unable to attend who would like to make a donation can mail a check

payable to "Beacon Street Fire Fund", to the Brookline Credit Union, 334 Washington Street, Brookline.

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CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Congratulations to Deacons John Healy and Adrian Milik who were ordained on Saturday January 21 by Cardinal O'Malley and had their diaconal debuts at our parish churches the following day. Both men will now be able to preach, baptize and witness marriage ceremonies in addition to their current pastoral ministry--John at St Catherine's in Westford and Adrian here at Saint Mary's. Keep them in your prayers as they make final preparations for their ordination to priesthood in June.

ARCHDIOCESAN PASTORAL PLANNING

At the Central Region meeting of Pastors and Pastoral Associates held on Friday January 20th, we were presented with "Proposed Pastoral Collaboratives," neighboring parishes that at some point within the next three to five years would be served by one pastor and staff. At this point in the planning process it is being recommended that Saint Mary's remain as a "stand alone parish" which will not be required to formally collaborate with neighboring parishes. The rationale is that the Brookline Catholic Community has already had parishes suppressed and merged over the last decades; we have two churches within our parish to provide sacramental services to as well as an entire town to provide pastoral and spiritual guidance. Keep in mind that this plan is still being revised and tweaked based on clergy and lay suggestions. Since we are being recommended as a "stand alone" does not mean that there will not be changes to our Mass schedule and clergy availability at some point in the future. I will continue to keep you informed of what is happening and what it means for our parish. For further information please go to www.rcab.org and click the Pastoral Planning link or contact me (revbmc@gmail.com) May the Holy Spirit guide the Church of Boston during this all important process to ensure that Christ's Gospel is practiced and preached.