

## St. Mary of the Assumption

Brookline, Massachusetts

### **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 Bill Barry, Gretta Byrne, Mary Jeanne Walsh Mason, Paul Redding, Kevin White, and those for whom prayers have been requested.

#### **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

#### **Wednesday, February 8**

12:10 p.m. Gretta Byrne, Anniversary

#### **Saturday, February 11**

8:00 a.m. Sanctity of Life

4:00 p.m. Marie P. O'Dea and  
George T. O'Dea, Jr., Anniversary

#### **Sunday February 12**

9:00 a.m. Mary Griffin, Anniversary

9:30 a.m. Pat DeBruin, Memorial

11:30 a.m. Helen Mary Cook, Anniversary

### **SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

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

### **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

### **SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, FEBRUARY 11/12**

Will be Part I of our Annual Fuel Collection

### **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**

Our book is "*Between Heaven and Mirth*" by James Martin S.J. We will meet on February 27th at 7:00 pm in the rectory. The March selection is '*Mariette in Ecstasy*' by Ron Hansen for the meeting on March 26<sup>th</sup>. All 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](mailto:MirandaMA@aol.com).

### **ALTAR SERVER MEETING**

Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **TAX TIME**

If you would like a printout of your contributions to St. Mary's Parish this past year, please call Susan at the rectory at 617-734-0444 or email [scrapo1351@yahoo.com](mailto:scrapo1351@yahoo.com).

### **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.

### **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

please contact Joe at 617-610-1841 or  
[george\\_oubre@yahoo.com](mailto:george_oubre@yahoo.com).

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#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

##### **ST. MARY'S CAMPUS**

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

**Sunday, February 12:** Lenten Preparation Social, grades K-9 meet with their families in the lower church at 10:30. Grade 10 will meet as usual in the cafeteria.

**Sundays, February 19 & 26:** No Class-School vacation.

##### **FIRST RECONCILIATION**

Let us pray for the young people of our parish who received God's loving forgiveness for the first time in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, that they remember always that God loves them and has called them by name.

##### **ST. LAWRENCE CAMPUS**

Congratulation to our second grade class for making their Reconciliation yesterday.

**Feb 5th** Class.

**Feb 12th Lenten Social,** The speaker is Maureen Corcoran

**Feb 19th.** No CCD class

**Feb 26th** No CCD class

**March 4th** Class

#### **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.

#### **DIVORCE AND BEYOND**

Is a program is being offered here starting Saturday, February 11 from 10:00am to 11:30am.

It is a 10-week program designed for Catholics who are divorced or have already filed for divorce and is a parish-based self-help program based on the premise that sharing thoughts, feelings and experiences with others in the same situation is one of the most helpful ways to move beyond the pain of divorce. If you interested in this program,

#### **ARCHDIOCESAN PASTORAL PLANNING**

At the recent Central Region meeting of Pastors and Pastoral Associates, 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](http://www.rcab.org) and click the Pastoral Planning link or contact me ([revbmc@gmail.com](mailto: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.

#### **YOUR GENEROSITY IS APPRECIATED:**

The following is part of a letter we received from Crossroads Family Shelter in East Boston:  
"In December, we reached out to you in hopes of your continued holiday support that we have come to rely so heavily on in recent years. This year was no different – you responded with an abundance of gifts for the families of Crossroads Family Shelter. During an especially challenging time of year for homeless families, your gifts delivered much anticipated excitement from the children, and great relief from their parents. Please realize that the gifts aided the Crossroads team as well, as it enabled us to focus on our ultimate goal of securing affordable, sustainable housing for our families, so that next year their holidays will be celebrated in their own

homes. Please pass along many thanks to the members of St. Mary's for their continued support.”

*Go Pats!!*