

St. Mary of the Assumption

Brookline, Massachusetts

We Remember in Prayer

Your prayers are requested for Clifford Ackerman, Robert Connors, Tim Corcoran, Joseph Costello, Marjory Coyne, Dot Critchley, Gerald Dean, Pat Devine, Jim Dewire, Joan Doherty, Colleen Donahue, Terry Dooley, Arthur Fair, Emma Jane Fair, Joe Fremont-Smith, Michelle Gibson, Lori Kennedy Gillis, Jose Gomez, Jack Kirrane, Frances Kilcline, Joanne Lambert, Ann Larkin, Soo Jin Lee, Dr. Kathy Lisowski, Dr. Anthony Maiella, Mrs. Charles McInnis, Lorette Mello, Zarek Merza, Michael Mullarkey, Ann Mulligan, Janice Murphy Sweeney, Shirley Pollard, Kathleen Quinn, Marianne Rathslag, Rebecca Rosado, Bob Sachetti, Janet Shute, Leo Smith, Joseph Spinner, Gene Townsend, Bernard W., Lance West, Sister Doris Wiswell, Ingrid Wolcott, the faithful departed, including Cynthia Mahon Saltalamacchia, Joseph Foley, Eugene Lyne, Joseph Loughney, Jr., Gabriel Antonie Parent, and those for whom prayers have been requested.

Saturday, May 22

4:00 p.m. Virginia Arsenaault-Morris,
Anniversary

Sunday, May 23

8:00 a.m. Irene B. Sullivan, Anniversary
9:30 a.m. Tom and Jeannette Condon &
Tom Condon, Jr., Anniversary
11:30 a.m. Thomas R. Cook, Anniversary

Monday, May 24

7:30 a.m. Anne Whelan, Anniversary
12:10 p.m. The Diamond Family, Memorial

Tuesday, May 25

12:10 p.m. Hugh & Anne McCourt, Memorial

Wednesday, May 26

7:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners
12:10 p.m. Rose Doherty, Birthday Memorial

Saturday, May 29

4:00 p.m. Zenaid Almeida, Anniversary

Sunday, May 30

9:30 a.m. Tim and Seamus Brady, Anniversary
11:30 a.m. Mitchell Gomez, Anniversary

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

*Next on Sunday, June 13
after the 8:00 and 9:00 am Masses*

FOOD PANTRY REMINDER

The next Brown Bag Sunday will be June 19/20.

SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTIONS

This weekend, May 22 and 23

To benefit the Seminaries

A NOVENA TO ST. ANTHONY FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

Please join us on Tuesdays following the 12:10 pm Mass, for a Novena in Honor of St. Anthony.

ST. MARY'S PRAYER ROSARY GROUP

May 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the lower church

SUNDAY MORNING ROSARY GROUP

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

ST. MARY'S BOOK CLUB

Monday, June 7th at 7:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Rectory. We will discuss "Lit" by Mary Karr. New members welcome.

YOUNG ADULT NEWS

We meet the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month in the lower church at 10:30 a.m. All young adults (ages 21-35) are invited to join this group. Please contact Jason at jdsmolko@gmail.com if you are interested in attending.

THANK YOU!!!

To all the members of our Knitting Group from the Veterans' Hospital in West Roxbury. We received a thank you note from the staff and residents thanking everyone for their beautiful handmade afghans that were donated there. The gifts were very much appreciated.

PREGNANCY HELP THANKS US

"On behalf of the many clients served by *Pregnancy Help*, the Archdiocesan crisis pregnancy center, operated by the Pro-Life Office, we would like to thank you for the generosity of the parishioners of St. Mary's in cooperation with the CDA Court Brookline. In addition to the many baby gifts and diapers, a total of \$687.25 was donated at the Masses at both St. Mary's and St. Lawrence. We especially appreciate the fact that the work of Pregnancy Help was mentioned at all the Masses."

*"I am the Alpha and the Omega,
the first and the last,*

the beginning and the end."

Pentecost Sunday

May 22/23, 2010

ADULT EDUCATION:

Doc Miller from Facing History and Ourselves will be giving a presentation in the School Cafeteria on Thursday June 3rd at 7:00 p.m. entitled "Seeing the Other as the Embodiment of the Sacred." Please join us for this enriching hour to deepen our understanding of our faith.

WELCOME

We welcome to the parish staff two new members during the month of June. Deacon Jim Manzi is a permanent deacon who has been serving the Archdiocese since 1998 and will continue his ministry in the sacramental, liturgical, education and charitable works of our parish. Mr. Adrian Milik is a seminarian student beginning his third year of theology studies for the Archdiocese at Saint John's Seminary in Brighton. He will be learning about and participating in all areas of parish life here at Saint Mary's for the coming two years as he prepares for ordination. Please extend greetings to both of them and keep them in your prayers as they join us in our common mission as disciples.

PENTECOST SUNDAY CONCERT

You are invited to join us for this Pentecost Sunday concert, May 23 at 3:00, at St. John Chrysostom Parish in West Roxbury. Choir members from area parishes, accompanied by Dr. Janet E. Hunt of St. John Seminary, and conducted by Fr. David Michael, will present a program of beautiful sacred music. A reception will follow.

SOCIAL JUSTICE EVENT

Sunday, May 23rd at 7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish, (lower church), 1321 Centre St., Newton. Sponsored by Sacred Heart Parish Justice and Peace Committee. Speakers will be Donna Barry, Advocacy & Policy Director, Partners in Health (PIH) and Fr. Richard Butler of our Parish. Admission is free, event is open to the public and refreshments will follow in the Lower Church.

CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE:

Thank you to all who participated in the 2010 Catholic Appeal. We have raised \$54,244 from 154 households.

WHAT HAS THE CATHOLIC CHURCH DONE TO EFFECTIVELY RESPOND TO SEXUAL ABUSE BY CHURCH PERSONNEL?

The Catholic Church has done more to protect children than almost any other organization in the United States. Consider:

Safe Environment training is taking place in 193 dioceses/eparchies of the country. Over 2 million adults have been trained to recognize the behavior of offenders and what to do about it.

Over 5 million children have been equipped with the skills to help them protect themselves from abuse.

Background checks are conducted on Church personnel who have contact with children. Over 2 million volunteers and employees; 52,000 clerics; 6,205 candidates for ordination have had their backgrounds evaluated.

All dioceses/eparchies have Codes of Conduct spelling out what is acceptable behavior. This serves to let people know what can and cannot be done as well as letting others know what behavior can be expected. It encourages the reporting of suspicious behavior.

All dioceses/eparchies have Victim Assistance Coordinators, assuring victims that they will be heard. In 2009, \$6,536,109 was spent on therapy for the victims of clergy sexual abuse.

All dioceses/eparchies have Safe Environment Coordinators who assure the ongoing compliance to the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*.

Bishops are meeting with victims. Dioceses/eparchies have Healing Masses, retreats or victim/survivors and other reconciliation events.

There is a Zero Tolerance policy on abusers since 2002. When even a single act of sexual abuse by a priest or deacon is admitted or is established after an appropriate process in accord with canon law, the offending priest or deacon will be removed permanently from ecclesiastical ministry, not excluding dismissal from the clerical state, if the case so warrants (CIC, c. 1395 §2; CCEO, c. 1453 §1).4.

Dioceses/eparchies require intensive background screening as well as psychological testing for those wishing to enter the seminary.

The Catholic Church has worked hard to protect children. Much has been done but more needs to be done. Until child sexual abuse is no longer a part of

society, the Church will continue its efforts to stop it.