

Mass Intentions

- Saturday, January 23**
 4:00 PM St. Peregrine
- Sunday, January 24**
 9:00 AM Thanksgiving for Henry Abou-Hamad and Family
 11:30 AM Dorothea McCarthy
 5:00 PM For the parishioners
- Monday, January 25**
 12:10 PM St. Anthony for the Souls in Purgatory
- Tuesday, January 26**
 12:10 PM Thanksgiving for Mary Saadeh and Family
- Wednesday, January 27**
 12:10 PM St. Jude
- Thursday, January 28**
 12:10 PM Msgr. Richard Cunningham, Month's Mind
- Friday, January 29**
 12:10 PM Ursula Vincent
- Saturday, January 30**
 4:00 PM Marie Theresa Buenrostro
- Sunday, January 31**
 9:00 AM Ursula Vincent
 11:30 AM Lucy Santoro
 5:00 PM For the parishioners

Parish Support

January 16-17 Offertory \$2,176

Special Collection for Haiti earthquake victims \$2,411



CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

This week's second collection supports various pastoral projects throughout Latin America and the Caribbean, including evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis. For the cost of your morning coffee, you could buy a child her First Holy Communion book. Can you spare a few cups? Please be generous. For more information please visit www.usccb.org/latinamerica.

BLESSING OF THE THROATS



In honor of Saint Blaise, throats will be blessed at all Masses next weekend. May God in His goodness Bless us all!

"He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." Jesus said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." - Lk 4:18b-19, 21



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OUR GRAND ANNUAL APPEAL

We are pleased to report a total of \$54,959 in pledges and donations to our Grand Annual Appeal to date, 79% of our goal of \$70,000. Pledge cards and envelopes are available in the back of the church. Thank you for your faith, love and generous support! Through your kindness Jesus' work continues.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do you believe that you are supposed to be Christ in this world today? You're baptized in his name. You call yourself a Christian. You sign yourself with holy water and make the sign of the cross. Do you really believe that the Spirit of God is upon you?

Sometimes it's hard to conceive that. We can get ourselves into a baptismal inferiority complex: I'm not good enough to think that I can be Christ in this world. Only extraordinarily holy people-saints-can be like Christ. Thinking like that can lead to baptismal suicide, drowning in the waters of baptism without ever experiencing the power of the Resurrection. Paul doesn't mince any words this week when he tells the Corinthians, "You are Christ's body." He can say that because we have all been given of the one Spirit.

So, if you're baptized you have the Spirit of God, just like Jesus in today's Gospel. That Spirit of God sends us to bring good news to the poor, "to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free."

WOW! What a task. It sounds impossible. As a matter of fact, it is, if we tried to do it alone. But we don't have to. We can do all those things-and more-because we are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, through one Spirit. How we work that out in each community is part of the discernment of the Spirit that takes place, discovering the best ways to use each person's talents and gifts. God's Spirit is given for the common good, and it is in the community of faith that each of us discovers the ways that God wants us to fulfill our baptismal call.

**REFLECTIONS FROM
FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY**

The world of business is very much at home in advertising, which in turn depends on popular appeal. The effort centers on convincing readers that they really need the subject advertised.

This is not a newspaper; however, it must reach out, not for commercial gain but for eternal happiness. How is a person attracted to the good news of Jesus Christ and through this to God Himself?

The life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ tell of His great love for us. He expresses it simply, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you." Jesus asks us in turn to love Him; how?

We love God by keeping His commandments, responding to His unity with Father and Holy Spirit. This is the way of giving to and receiving from the Son of God who died for us.

"Christianity has not been tried and found wanting; it has not been tried." Whoever wrote this offers food for thought: the word "try" means effort. Jesus offers Himself to us as He is. We need to respond to this blessing. Eternal joy comes from our effort to be one with Jesus.

CORI FORM REMINDER

Cori forms must be filled out by all Lay Ministers. If you have not filled out a form yet please do so before or after Mass. Forms are in the sacristy.

2009 CATHOLIC APPEAL

Responding to God's Grace, Renewing our Church

Thank you to all supporters of the 2009 Catholic Appeal. Our parish has raised \$30,500 from 60 households, reaching **100% percent** of our parish goal. It's not too late to contribute. Remember, our parish will receive 25% of all funds we raise above our goal. You can pick up information packets with pledge forms in the back of the Church.

VOLUNTEER -- WEST END SENIOR CENTER



The Center is looking for a volunteer to help with its food program on Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:30 to 3:30 to help put food on the shelves, bag up food for clients, and perhaps help bring food to shut-ins. Please call Karen Gertsch, Project Coordinator, 617-263-4650.

BABY BOTTLES



Again this year our church is participating in a Baby Bottle Campaign for A Woman's Concern. On January 30-31, individuals and families will receive Baby Bottles to take home, fill with their change and return on February 28. Last year, A Woman's Concern Pregnancy Health Services ministered to over 2,000 women who were involved in a crisis pregnancy.

Services they provide at no cost, because of the generosity of many, include pregnancy tests, ultrasound exams, medical consultations, parenting and adoption preparation, on-going friendship and long-term practical support.

PARISH COUNCIL

There will be a Parish Council meeting this Tuesday, January 26, 2010, at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

PARISH COOKBOOK

A group will be meeting soon to coordinate a "recipe exchange" We are going to assemble a parish cookbook so that we can share our family favorites. Steaks and chops soups or salads. Let's open the vaults and share our tasty treats.



Lent is a time for reconciliation. Come together with others to participate in *ARISE Together in Christ* and foster a heart for healing and a spirit of forgiveness. *ARISE* offers the opportunity to develop a closer relationship with Christ, grow in community, and reach out in service to others. Small groups are continuing and new ones forming this Lent.

No matter where you are on your faith journey, whether or not you have studied the Bible or are knowledgeable about the Catholic Faith, there are no right or wrong answers. *ARISE* is an invitation to participate, to build community, to learn from each other and to share our gifts. Prayerfully consider joining us as you embark on your Lenten Journey this year.

Look and listen for details on how to get involved in our parish. For more information call the rectory at 617-523-4342.

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