


2nd Sunday of Advent


MASSES December 5, 2009 - December 13, 2009

Sat	4:00pm	Ida Lorino Luigi Fusco Alessio Germani Deceased Members of the Marzilli Family Augustino & Jennie Bianchi Michael Murray Julian Tiberio, Sr.	7:30pm	Blessed Virgin Mary (High School Mass) For all Benefactors of Catholic Education Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary For all Parishioners of Our Lady's The Sick of the Parish
Sun	8:00am	Marge & Ray Garrigan Stephen Quinn Luigi & Maria Costanzo, Angelo Pane Shawn Langley, John Vignogna Francis E. & Mary C. Bradley, Marcie Porcaro Mary Ahearn Restuccia, John P. Ahearn Sr. Stephen D. Ahearn, Joseph Restuccia Ernest & Elise Richard Nancy Giordano Philomena & Nicholas Bontempo	7:00am 7:00am 7:00am 4:00pm	For all Men & Women Serving in the Military Deceased Members of the Parish Cecil Andrews Ralph, Carmen, Anna & Bernadette Vitti Eugene Paoletti Margaret McDonald Antonio & Amalia Baretto Robert & Edward McGettigan Mr. & Mrs. Augusto Farina Mr. & Mrs. Domenico Bove Maria C. Farina Wilfred "Frank" Sampson Paula Leone Carmine & Antonia Antonellis Josephine Vespa Mr. & Mrs. Conrad Larosee Conrad Larosee Marie Jean Laroche
Mon	7:00am	Joseph & Alice Gerraughty		
Tues	7:00am	Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary For all Parishioners of Our Lady's		
	10:30am	Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the	6:00pm	

In your prayers please remember Jean Graceffa, Stanley Birdwell, Olympia Contrada, Florence Coffey and all who have died. May they experience the new life promised by Christ's Paschal victory.



Tuesday, December 8th is the Feast of the The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a Holy Day of Obligation.
The Parish Office will be closed.
Masses will be celebrated at 7:00am, 10:30am (School Mass, all are welcome) & 7:30pm.



Scripture Readings can be found at www.usccb.org

Sun., December 6	Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6,8-11; Lk 3:1-6
Mon., December 7	Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
Tues., December 8	Gn 3:9-15,20; Eph 1:3-6,11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Wed., December 9	Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
Thurs., December 10	Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
Fri., December 11	Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
Sat., December 12	Zec 2:14-17; Lk 1:26-38
Sun., December 13	Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18
Sun., December 20	Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Offertory Collection Update

The Offertory Collection total for the weekend of November 21st-November 22nd:
 \$10,598.00
 (includes \$1,206.00 for Retired Religious)

The Offertory Collection total for the weekend of November 28st-November 29th:
 \$9,235.00
 (includes \$735 for Honduras)

Baptisms: There will be baptisms at the 10:00am Mass next weekend. Please keep our baptism families and expectant moms in your prayers.

Come One! Come All! Adults and Children, individuals and families - for Christmas Caroling with other parishioners. Tuesday, December 22nd from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. More details to follow.

Jeffrey Beatrice Family Fund: As many of you know, The Beatrice Family (11 children) - fellow parishioners - recently lost their 49 year old Dad. A fund has been established to assist them in their needs and to help save their home from auction. If you would like to contribute please send donations to The Jeffrey Beatrice Family Fund, c/o The Village Bank, 307 Auburn Street, Auburndale, MA 02466.

Holiday Benefit Concert for the Beatrice Family: On December 18th at 7:30pm, the Jubilee Singers from Newton North High School will be holding a holiday concert in memory of Jeff Beatrice, beloved father of 11 at Our Lady's Church. Please join us for an evening of celebration of Jeff's life through gospel music. Suggested donation is \$5.00 dollars, although all donations are welcome. Checks should be made payable to The Beatrice Family Fund. Reception in lower halls following concert.

Baptism Team Volunteers Needed: We have recently lost two baptism team members who have moved away and we are in need of additional volunteers. Please contact Rosemary at extension 213 if you are willing to serve in this joy-filled ministry. The schedule is very flexible.

Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed: We are looking for volunteers to be part of a team of people who serve at our Sunday Morning Coffee Hour after the 10:00am Mass. It is a great activity to do as a family, an opportunity for parents and children to offer service together and is just plain old fun. Families serve as part of a rotating team and serve approximately every four weeks or less during the year. If you would like to volunteer or find out more about this ministry, please contact Bob Gill at bob.gill@kw.com or call him at 617-584-8452.

Young Adults: Join us for a reception after the 6:00pm Mass on December 6th in the McPherson Room (lower church). Married or single, with kids or without, everyone is welcome! Young Adult Receptions will continue to happen on the first Sunday of every month after the 6:00pm mass.

Justice and Peace Committee: The Justice and Peace Committee will hold its next meeting on Monday, December 7th, at 7:00pm in the Fickett Room. And our next event after that will be our annual Christmas potluck on Friday evening, December 18th, in the rectory at 7:00pm. All are welcome! For more information, contact John Marshall at penmarj@comcast.net or Larry Kessler at ljk02136@aol.com.

Advent Opportunities for Prayer: The Season of Advent affords the Church (hopefully) times of solitude and stillness for prayer, so that Christ can be born in our hearts and revealed in our lives. There will have an evening of Penance on **Thursday, December 17th at 7:30pm**. Priests will be available for the Sacrament of Penance with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament as well. All are welcome!

Helping Hands Volunteers Needed! If you are able to cook and deliver meals once a month to people in our parish community who are in need, please contact Jo-Anne Vergilio at vglilio2@yahoo.com or Robin McManus at

Christmas Sing-A-Long

Come and join the fun as our choirs and Sunday morning religious education programs work together to lead us in our Christmas Sing-A-Long on Sunday morning, December 20th immediately following the 10:00am Mass in the church. All are welcome! Bring a friend for some holiday rejoicing! Refreshments will be served immediately following the sing-a-long in the lower halls.

robinhelpinghands@gmail.com. You can also call the parish office for more information. Thanks to all who help in this important ministry.

Our Lady's Scripture Study and Faith Sharing Group

generally meets every other Tuesday from 7:00pm-8:30pm in the Colella Room of the Parish Center. The upcoming meeting dates are December 8th & 22nd, January 5th and 19th, February 2nd & 23rd, and March 9th and 23rd. ALL ARE INVITED TO COME WHENEVER POSSIBLE. The full text of all these readings can be found in your bible or at: <http://www.usccb.org/nab/>

CARING FOR THE EARTH ~ GREEN GIFTS: As the holiday season approaches, think of bringing house plants instead of flowers when you visit friends and family. You'll do more than brighten someone's mood: many plants, like the areca palm, mother-in-law's tongue, money plant, peace lily, and certain orchids, are known for their ability to remove toxins from the air. For your next party, consider using potted greenery for decoration. After the event is over, donate the plants to a local hospital or nursing home. It's a gift that will help everyone breathe easier.

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Focus on Worship

The custom of the Advent wreath has been part of Catholic preparation for Christmas since the Middle Ages. Its symbolism is quite beautiful. The circle is an ancient symbol of the eternal. The greenery recalls the power of Christ the Savior to give us everlasting life. Four candles represent both Christ the light of the world and the four weeks of Advent.

As Christmas draws nearer we light first one, then two and more candles to give expression to our waiting and hope. If you have a wreath in your home, you might say this prayer together during this second week of Advent. Usually the candles are lighted at evening or at dinner. Then we pray together:

*God of power and mercy, open our hearts in welcome.
Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy, so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

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If You Missed the Trinity Catholic Open House – That's Okay! Your 8th grader can visit us for a Shadow Day! Students who are interested in learning more about Trinity are invited to spend a day shadowing a current freshman. Students will attend community gathering, classes, and lunch together. To arrange for a shadow visit, please call Carrie Kotecki, director of admissions, at 617-244-1841 x312 or email her at ckotecki@trinitycatholic.com.

What do Shaw's and Trinity Catholic Have in Common? They want to support education! Help support Trinity Catholic High School by simply using your Shaw's Rewards Card! By shopping on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday and using your card, Shaw's will donate a percentage of your spending to Trinity Catholic. To register your card, go to www.shaws.com, click 'learn', then 'community rewards', and 'shopper's login.' Enter your Shaw's card number and phone number and click on 'submit.' Trinity Catholic's number is: 49001022471. Or you may complete this information on the Shaw's registration cards located at the entrances of the church. Thank you for supporting Trinity Catholic!

High School Placement Test: If your 8th grade son or daughter is interested in attending a Catholic high school in the Archdiocese of Boston, the High School Placement Test will be given on Saturday, December 12th from 8am - 11:30am at Trinity Catholic. Register by calling Carrie Kotecki, director of admissions, at 617-244-1841 x312 or emailing at ckotecki@trinitycatholic.com. The fee for the test is \$25.

Come One, Come All... On December 10th at 7:30pm the Trinity Catholic Choir will perform their annual Christmas concert at Our Lady's church. The concert is free and a great way to share in the Christmas spirit with your family.

Grand Annual Collection

The first returns of the Grand Annual are in and so far we have raised over \$138,000 from 390 parishioners. Our goal is \$190,000 and we need everyone to take part in order to attain that goal. We recognize that these are difficult financial times and we certainly understand if your situation doesn't allow you to give. However, we are asking that you give according to your means. Whether you give \$100 or \$300; \$1,000 or \$5,000, your gift will be appreciated as it promotes the well being of Our Lady's. Thank you for your support.

"Turning Home" CD Release Concert: Anne Marie David, our Sunday evening contemporary choir director, has just released a new CD, "Turning Home", a wonderful mix of original songs and instrumentals. You are invited to an evening concert showcasing songs from the new CD on Friday, December 11th at Our Lady's at 7:00pm where she will also be joined by singer/songwriter Damian Israel Shiner. Anne Marie's songs bring to light the joys of childhood, the homeward yearnings for her Minnesota Christmas tree farm, and the sense of home that can only be found in a filled-up heart. "Turning Home" would make a wonderful Christmas present to delight the music lovers in your life. Join Anne Marie post-concert for some holiday goodies and a CD signing! Free will offering.

Silent Auction: Court of Our Lady's Chapter 1500 Catholic Daughters invites you to a silent auction and refreshments on Monday, December 7th from 7:00pm-9:00pm in Saint Jean's Hall in the lower church. All proceeds benefit local charities.

Festival of Carols: The Boston Boy Choir of the Boston Archdiocesan Choir School will perform its 47th Annual Christmas Concert a Festival of Carols on December 13th & December 20th at 3:00pm, in Saint Paul Church, corner of Bow and Arrow Street, Harvard Square, Cambridge, MA. The Church is handicapped accessible and free parking is available at the Broadway Garage. Reserved seat tickets, which can be purchased in advance by phone, on line at www.bostonboychoir.org, or at the door, are \$15, \$20 and \$25. For more information call 617-868-8658.

Christmas Flower Donations

We are now accepting donations in memory of deceased relatives and friends for Christmas flowers and decorations for the church. There is a Christmas flower envelope in your monthly envelopes that can be used. Please **PRINT NAMES CLEARLY** and either bring donations to the Parish Office or place them in the collection basket. **Donations will be accepted through Tuesday, December 22nd.**