

# The Holy Family

## MASSES December 26, 2009 - January 3, 2010

Sat	4:00pm	Winifred Conneely & Mary Celi Mary Annese Michael D. Caira	Fri	10:00am	The Feast of the Motherhood of the Virgin Mary For World Peace
Sun	8:00am 10:00am 6:00pm	Antonio Marini Al Sakakini Maria, Chumaceiro, Pierre Paul Pacanins Ramono & Betty Matos	Sat Sun	4:00pm 8:00am 10:00am	Joanne Mitchell Glenn Mackery Gloria Putnam Carmine DiMambro Delfino Pellegrini Michael Annis
Mon	7:00am	Deceased Members of the Parish			
Tues	7:00am	The Sick of the Parish		6:00pm	
Wed	7:00am	For all Men & Women Serving in the Military			
Thurs	7:00am 4:00pm	For World Peace Vigil of The Feast of the Motherhood of the Virgin Mary For World Peace			

In your prayers please remember and all who have died.  
May they experience the new life promised by Christ's Paschal victory.

### Our Lady's Is Pleased To Announce These Upcoming Marriages:



Elizabeth Morey	&	Nathan Bleharczyk
Melanie Busa	&	William Myers
Kathleen Quinn	&	Kevin Sutter

### Scripture Readings can be found at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

Sun., December 27	Sir 3:2-7,12-14; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:41-52
Mon., December 28	1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18
Tues., December 29	1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
Wed., December 30	1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40
Thurs., December 31	1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
Fri., January 1	Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Sat., January 2	1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
Sun., January 3	Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a,5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Sun., January 10	Is 42:1-4,6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16,21-22

### Offerory Collection Update

The Offerory Collection total for the weekend of December 12th-13th:  
\$11,177.00  
(includes \$830 for Immaculate Conception)

The Offerory Collection total for the weekend of December 19th-20th:  
*Not Available at Time of Publication*

**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.

**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.

**Sunday Morning Religious Education Classes** resume on January 3rd at regularly scheduled times.

**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.

**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 vgilio2@yahoo.com or Robin McManus at robinhelpinghands@gmail.com. You can also call the parish office for more information. Thanks to all who help in this important ministry.

**Young Adults:** join us for a reception after the 6:00pm mass on January 3rd downstairs in the McPherson Room. Married or single, with kids or without, everyone is welcome!

**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 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/>.

**Christmas Shopping with GoodSearch:** When you do your online christmas shopping, purchase used books, send flowers, please make sure to use goodsearch.com. Up to 5% of sales of the stores listed (half.com, Barnes&Nobles, Apple Store, iTunes, Best Buy, hotels, Travelocity, Target,...and 1200 more stores) give to non-profits who are registered. Our parish high school, Trinity Catholic is registered. Just

click on goodsearch.com, search for Trinity Catholic High School (Newton, MA) or enter in Trinity Catholic's access code (895282). The great part of this GoodSearch site is that once you go through their website it takes you directly to the store's website for the transaction. Spread the word..

**Applications Currently Being Accepted for Trinity Catholic High School 2010-2011 School Year:** All interested 8th grade students and families are encouraged to submit applications for the 2010-2011 school year at Trinity Catholic. Applications can be downloaded from the website at [www.trinitycatholic.com](http://www.trinitycatholic.com) under the Admissions tab. Applications and financial aid applications are due by January 8, 2010. If you have questions, please contact Carrie Kotecki, Director of Admissions, at 617-244-1841, x312 or [ckotecki@trinitycatholic.com](mailto: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](http://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!

**"Be the Change You Want to See in the World..."** Trinity Catholic High School students embody this quote from Gandhi in many ways and in many places. Service-learning is an essential curriculum component in the lives of Trinity Catholic High School students. Each year Trinity Catholic students and staff offer their time and talents to such experiences as: Cradles to Crayons, Breast Cancer Walk, Project Smile, Walk for Hunger and immersion trips to Camden, NJ and the Dominican Republic. Not only do they serve but they are inevitably affected by their experiences. Their eyes, hearts and minds are opened to the world around us and the impact they can have in it. This is truly vocation in action! We continue to invite your prayers and support for our service endeavors. In January there will be a number of opportunities. To hear more about them, contact Melanie Piendak at [mpiendak@trinitycatholic.com](mailto:mpiendak@trinitycatholic.com).

**Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline:** 1-800-645-8333 TTY: 1-800-377-1292. With the high cost of living in the Commonwealth and more than 522,000 people across the state struggling to put food on the table, chances are that a friend or neighbor of yours is having difficulty making ends meet this winter. Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline can help. The FoodSource Hotline is the only comprehensive information and referral service for the

hungry in Massachusetts. Counselors can provide information and screen callers for food stamp eligibility, connect them to school meal programs, and direct them to emergency food resources right in their neighborhood. Counselors can assist callers in 160 languages and the calls are both personalized and confidential. Extend your goodwill and reach out to those in need. A call to Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline may be all it takes to provide comfort to someone who is struggling. In response to the increased demand for help, Project Bread's Food Source Hotline has extended its hours to: Monday – Friday: 8:00am – 7:00pm ; Saturday: 10:00am – 2:00pm.

**Former Students and Graduates of the Jackson School and Walnut Park Montessori, Newton**, both sponsored ministries of the Sisters of Saint Joseph, we want to re-connect with you! Please send contact information to [alumni@jacksonwalnutparkschools.org](mailto:alumni@jacksonwalnutparkschools.org) or write to Jackson Walnut Park Collaborative, 71 Walnut Park, Newton, MA 02458.

**Going to the Hospital?** If you are being admitted to the hospital, please call the parish and let us know. We welcome the opportunity to have a parish staff member or volunteer visit you in the hospital. Before your admission to the hospital, we encourage you to celebrate the Anointing of the Sick. It is the church's sacrament for those dealing with serious health issues or the frailty that comes with age. Call us to arrange for this Sacrament.

## Grand Annual Collection

To date we have raised over \$157,000 from 425 parishioners in our grand annual collection. 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.

**I Would Like to be Confirmed:** For a variety of reasons, people miss the normal age for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Now you'd like to receive the sacrament that makes you a fully initiated Catholic, but you don't know how to go about it. Maybe you are contemplating marriage. Confirmation is strongly recommended but not required for a marriage in the Catholic Church, so you would like to be confirmed before your wedding. Call any member of the pastoral team at Our Lady's and we will try to arrange for your reception of Confirmation.

## Charitable Contributions

Due to recent changes in the federal tax laws for charitable contributions, parishioners who itemize deductions on Schedule A of their tax returns will no longer be able to deduct contributions to the parish unless they maintain a bank record or receive a written contribution statement from the parish. Cash contributions that are not in a parish envelope cannot be tracked by the parish and will not be included in the year-end contribution statement.

To ensure tax deductibility for contributions to our parish, the following payment methods are recommended:

1. Use of parish envelopes provided to you by the parish;
2. Written check made payable to the parish;
3. Direct deposit from your bank account;
4. Electronic giving via the ParishPay Program.

Our parish has tracked contributions made using the parish envelope system, and will, upon request, produce a written statement of contributions made during 2007. This information will include the name of the parish, name of parishioner, date of each individual contribution, and the dollar amount. Our parish cannot track cash contributions, regardless of the amount, that are NOT part of our parish envelope system.

Please note that this does not change the requirement that a taxpayer receive an acknowledgement from our parish for each deductible contribution of \$250 or more.

If you have any additional questions, please consult with your tax advisor.