

Mass Intentions for the Week



Sat	Jan 16	5:00 pm	John & Lucinda Nunes Steve Nunes
Sun	Jan 17	9:30 am	Thomas A Fineran
		11:30 am	John B Finigan
Tues	Jan 19	9:00 am	Patricia Fichtner
Wed	Jan 20	7:00 am	Dr Frank D'Ambrosio
Fri	Jan 22	7:00 am	Herb Weaver (special intention)
Sun	Jan 24	11:30 am	Pedro & Carlota Fernandez

Prayer Requests

Please Pray for...

Philip, Kay, Carmen, Sally, Francesca, Frank, Ellen, Julie Uncle Gene, Joe, Ginny, Matt Davis, Kim, Gina, Luis C., Bill, Natalie, Gerry, Hope, Pearl, Denise, Kathy, Lynn, Jim W., Sheila, Christian G., Ciara M., Andrew, Jacqueline R., Petro Acevecro, Billy, Eddie H., Bobby J., Joanne, Jim K., Peter Marks, Tom W., Timar, Christine, Sean, John, Tony, Pearl, Joan, Travis L., Joe P., Eduardo, Catherine S., Ted, M.J. Ann, Peg, Don, Gail, Mary, Paul, Ed, Bobby, Wayne Dodge, Matt Berry, Lenny, Debbie, Rachel, the Killilea family, Bill, Liz, Brad, Jeanne, Deb Christian, and the residents, patients, and staff of area nursing homes and Emerson Hospital.

If there is someone who is sick and whose name you would like in the bulletin so that our parish may hold them in prayer, please contact the Parish Center. We will leave a name on the list until you call and tell us otherwise or until our periodic clearing of the list. Please remember that some people would prefer their names not be published in this fashion.

Bereavement Group

The Bereavement Group is a support offered to all those who are grieving the 'loss' of a loved one. It provides an opportunity to deal with the many emotions and feelings that are an issue at this time. Through discussion one is able to feel much-needed support. The group meets every other week. The next meeting is January 20th at 7:00 pm at the Parish Center in West Concord. If you have any questions, please contact Sr Rose Marie Lipke at 978-369-7442.

ARISE Needs Host Homes

The popular ARISE Together in Christ program features small groups of our parishioners gathering in private homes to share faith and conviviality. Meeting once a week for six weeks, all are invited to connect your life's story with readings from Scripture. The next session will begin in February and coincide with the Lenten season. *We are in need of host sites, of all sizes, to gather in;* no matter if it is a kitchen table to gather round that seats four or a family room that accommodates ten. Please call Deacon Gregory at 978-371-9696 for more information.

Our Parish Prays for Life

Join the Holy Family Parish community on January 21st at 7:00 pm at the church for an hour of prayer, music, Exposition of the Holy Eucharist and Benediction. Our parish will join with nearly 200 other parishes to participate in the 2010 Archdiocese of Boston Holy Hour for Life, being held on the vigil of the National Day of Prayer and Penance.

Exposition is a Eucharistic Devotion that dates back to the 13th century. It fulfills a desire for the faithful to contemplate Christ in the consecrated bread in order to foster interior communication with him. Benediction is a blessing of the people with the Holy Eucharist. The Holy Hour will be filled with Scripture readings, common prayer, musical selections and silent meditation. Spend one hour visiting with Jesus and contemplate the inalienable dignity of each man, woman and child in our world and the wonder of life.

Special Events Committee

Chair: Joanne Cormier 978-369-3085
Co-Chair: Bernadette Jaros 978-369-7687

Feb 13th: **Mardi Gras Pot-luck Supper scheduled:** a Mardi Gras Pot Luck will be held at Monument Hall. All ages are invited for an evening of tasty food, special activities for children, and a Mardi Gras Grand Parade! *If you play the saxophone or trumpet we would love to have you lead the parade! Mardi Gras beads for everyone!* A flier with details is forthcoming.

Save the Date: St. Patrick's Dinner set for March 13th.

The next scheduled Special Events Committee meeting will be held on Thursday February 11th at 7:00 pm at the Parish Center. New members are always welcome!

Save the Date: Intergenerational Choir Concert

The second annual Intergenerational Choir Concert will be held at Holy Family Parish on Sunday January 31st at 3:00 pm. All are invited to attend this terrific event.

St Vincent dePaul Thank You!

The members of the St Vincent dePaul Society extend a heart-felt thank you to all Holy Family parishioners who contributed to the *Giving Trees* during the Christmas season. It was through your contributions that over 50 Concord families received assistance during 2009. Additionally, we would like to thank those who remember and support us throughout the year. Thank you for your prayers, and may God bless you.



Weekly Schedule

Rosary before and after daily Mass

Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament Tuesdays from 12:00-1:00 pm in the church

Moms & Tots Tues Jan 19 at 9:30 am at Monument Hall

RCIA Tues Jan 19 at 7:00 pm at the Parish Center

Circle of Friends Wed Jan 20 at 9:30 am at Monument Hall

Youth Steering Committee Wed Jan 20 at 7:00 pm at the Parish Center

Bereavement Group Wed Jan 20 at 7:00 pm at the Parish Center

Handbell Choir Rehearsal Thur Jan 21 at 6:30 pm at West Concord Union Church

Holy Hour for Life and Exposition Thur Jan 21 at 7:00 pm at the church

Adult Choir Rehearsal Thur Jan 21 at 7:30 pm at West Concord Union Church

First Reconciliation Sat Jan 23 at 3:00 pm at the church

Youth News

Youth Steering Committee—Our next Youth Steering Committee Meeting is Wednesday, January 20th from 7:00 – 8:30 PM in the Basement Conference Room of the Parish Center (55 Church Street). The Youth Steering Committee is responsible for implementing and facilitating activities requested by our Youth Council as well as advising the Coordinator of Youth Ministry. Any parents of youth (Grades 6-12) interested in supporting and growing our Holy Family Youth Ministry Program are invited to join the Youth Steering Committee!

Youth Council—The next Youth Council Meeting will be Tuesday, February 2nd from 7:00 – 8:00 PM at Monument Hall. Any youth (Grades 6-12) interested in being Christian leaders at Holy Family and in the local community are invited to join the Youth Council!

Christmas Tree Pickup THANK YOU!!—Thank you very much to everyone who supported our youth this past weekend for our Christmas Tree Pick Up! We collected over 500 trees and profited close to \$11,000, which we will be sharing with the town of Concord Boy Scouts. Every year this fundraiser is more and more successful thanks to the faithful support of you, our parishioners!

Thank you also to all our volunteers, including truck drivers, follow car drivers, office workers, and youth! We had well over 70 volunteers from our parish helping with this event. Finally, a enormous thank you to our Christmas Tree Pick Up Fundraising Committee. This event would not have been such a huge success without everyone contributing!!



Faith Formation News

Childcare Volunteers Needed

Childcare volunteers: the Religious Education program offers childcare for the younger children of our catechists, and we are in need of additional help in this area. We are looking for two people for Wednesday afternoons, 4:00-5:30, and one person on Tuesday evenings, 6:00-7:30. Classes resume the final week of January and continue every other week through Easter. Please contact Tony Carbrello at 978-369-0071 if you can help. *Thank you!*

Join Us at the Faith Festival!

Join us for our upcoming Faith Festival, *The Domestic Church*. Our Director of Faith Formation, David Thorp, will be leading the adult session on how to live out in our families what we do together as a parish family. Breakout groups with age appropriate activities for children will be offered as we examine the topic in a more practical, hands-on way. Our remaining session will be held on:

Sunday, Jan 24th at 4:30 pm

First Reconciliation Reminder

Those children who are scheduled to receive the sacrament of First Reconciliation on Saturday, January 23rd should arrive at the church *promptly* at 2:50.



Girl Scout Religious Recognitions

All Girl Scouts in grades 2 through 6 are invited to earn the Catholic religious recognitions (official awards worn on the front of the sash/vest). Brownies earn *Family of God*, and Juniors earn *I Live My Faith*. The program will begin in late January and conclude in early April. The cost is \$16/girl and the registration deadline is on Wed, Jan 13. This fulfilling and doable activity is an excellent complement to faith formation. For details and to register, Brownies should contact Karen Brown at dmbkjb@comcast.net or 978-318-9663. Juniors can contact Jane Torpie at jane.torpie@verizon.net or 978-371-9064.

Community News Help Needed

Caring person needed to act as occasional companion for a senior Holy Family parishioner. Hours would be approximately three days per week for a few hours each day (probably Tuesday afternoons, Wednesdays and Saturdays). Hourly rate is negotiable. Please call Susan at 978-369-1892 for more information.

Spirituality Course Offered

The Spirituality of the Psalms, a course taught by Celia Sirois, is being held at St Brigid's in Lexington on Thursday mornings through February 5th. No pre-registration required. For more information, please log on to WINGS@lexingtoncatholic.com.

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