

Mass  for the  
Intentions *for the Week*

Sat Feb 27	5:00 pm	Jim & Kathleen O'Shea
Sun Feb 28	9:30 am	Francis Macey
Mon Mar 1	7:00 am	Martin Mayer
Thur Mar 4	9:00 am	Anne Sanderson
Sun Mar 7	7:30 am	Leon Moreau
	9:30 am	Antonio Aponte
	11:30 am	John McQuilkin

### 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, Diane, Sr John Francis, Tony Spagnicoto, Diane Backman, Warren, Margaret Jungers, Bob C, Deb A, Mary O, Norman, 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 Please remember that some people would prefer their names not be published in this fashion.*

### Especially for Lent Evening Prayer

Evening Prayer is celebrated at 7:00 pm on Sunday evenings during Lent. This is a quiet time of sung prayer, candlelight, incense, and a brief reflection, Take the opportunity to give yourself the gift of this refreshing, peaceful time during the Lenten season.

### Giving Trees

Holy Family's Service & Justice Commission is sponsoring the Easter Giving trees for the Family Life Center in Roxbury, MA. Please take a tag from the trees located at the entrances of the church. *Please return your tag with accompanying gift or food no later than March 21<sup>st</sup>.* Thank you for your support!

### Circle of Friends

Circle of Friends will be meeting on Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Coffee will be served at 9:30 am; at 9:45 we will begin screening the video "Scenes From a Parish". For details, please contact Joanne Mente at 978-369-4479.

### Music News

#### Listen to and Learn About the Handbell Choir

The Handbell Choir will be playing at the 11:30 am Mass on March 7<sup>th</sup>. After the Mass, we invite any interested parishioners to come up to the handbell table and take a look at the bells and the music and give it a try if you like. The handbell ringers will be ready to enthusiastically show you how to ring, how to play using the music, and how much fun we have. Beginners are welcome! Come and take a look for yourself. For more information, see Jim Barkovic, Music Director.

#### Choirs Sing Handel

The Parish Choir has just begun working on a large choral work by Handel... not the "Messiah" this time 'round, but rather a delightful, spirited work entitled *O Praise the Lord with One Consent*. The choir will be joined by the choir from West Concord Union Church and the Westford Chorus, and accompanied by a professional chamber orchestra. If you would like to join the massed choir in learning and presenting this work in concert in May, we'd love to have you join us! Choir rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings from 8-9 pm at West Concord Union Church, 1317 Main St, Concord. For more information, please speak with a choir member or with Jim Barkovic, our Music Director, at 978-486-4377.

### Special Events Committee

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



**March 13<sup>th</sup>: St Patrick's Dinner:** Full course corned beef dinner will be served. Chicken tenders with fries for the kids! Dessert is also included. As always, we will be featuring Door Prizes and the Innish Free School of Dancing performing their step dance routine at this event. This event is BYOB. RSVPs are *required* by March 9<sup>th</sup>. Just fill out the bottom of the flyer with your check, made out to Holy Family Parish, and drop it off at the Parish Center or place it in the weekly collection basket. Details are available in the flyer insert.

The next scheduled Special Events Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Parish Center. New members are ALWAYS welcome!

### World Day of Prayer

The Annual World Day of Prayer service and luncheon will take place this year on Fri March 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am across the globe. The host church in Concord this year is Trinity Episcopal Church on Elm Street. The Service has been prepared by the Church Women of Cameroon and is very poignant and beautiful. All are invited to attend.

**Weekly Schedule**

**Faith Festival & Confirmation Classes, Level I** Sun Feb 28 at 4:30 pm at Monument Hall

**Evening Prayer** Sun Feb 28 at 7:00 pm at the church

**Rosary** before and after daily Mass

**Women's Scripture Study** Mon Mar 1 at 10:00 am at Monument Hall

**ARISE!** Mon Mar 1 at 11:15 am at Monument Hall

**Faith Festival** Tues Mar 2 at 9:30 am at Monument Hall

**Moms & Tots** Tues Mar 2 at 9:30 am at Monument Hall

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

**Youth Leadership Board** Tues Mar 2 at 6:15 pm at Monument Hall

**Youth Council** Tues Mar 2 at 7:00 pm at Monument Hall

**RCIA** Tues Mar 2 at 7:00 pm at the Parish Center

**Circle of Friends** Wed Mar 3 at 9:30 am at Monument Hall

**Chastity Retreat Parents Meeting** Wed Mar 3 at 7:00 pm at Monument Hall

**Handbell Choir Rehearsal** Thur Mar 4 at 6:30 pm at West Concord Union Church

**Adult Choir Rehearsal** Thur Mar 4 at 7:30 pm at West Concord Union Church

**Stations of the Cross** Fri Mar 5 at 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm at the church

**Faith Formation News****Review of Religious Education Programs: Committees Meet**

The Faith Formation Commission has begun a review of our religious education programs. As we celebrate five years of grace as Holy Family Parish and look to the future, this is a good moment to assess what is effective, what needs to be improved in these programs. This will help us to continue handing on the treasure of our Catholic faith to the next generation of disciples of Christ and to their parents. Assisting the members of the commission are catechists, parents, and other interested parishioners. Several committees have been formed, including curriculum committees for each of three levels: grades 1-5, 6-8, and high school. Additional committees are reviewing the sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation. There is a committee reviewing the Faith Festivals. Finally, a scheduling committee is reviewing the totality of our programs in relation to the needs of our community, spaces, and resources. If you have any thoughts that will enable us to better share the light of Christ through our program, please contact Tony Carbrello ([CRE55church@aol.com](mailto:CRE55church@aol.com)) or David Thorp ([DFF55church@aol.com](mailto:DFF55church@aol.com)).

**Community News****Lecture Series Continues: Save the Date!**

Thursday, Mar 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm is the next date of the lecture and discussion series being held at St. Irene Parish, Carlisle. The program being presented is "The Legacy of Vatican II".

**Youth News****Youth Council**

Our next Youth Council Meeting is Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!

**Middle School Roll-On America Outing**

Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> all Holy Family Middle School Youth are invited to join us for a night of roller skating and laser tag at Roll-On America in Lancaster, MA. We will depart from the church parking lot at 6:00 PM (following Mass) and return by 9:30 PM. The cost is \$15, which includes skate rental, unlimited skating, unlimited laser tag, unlimited pizza, and soda. To sign up, please contact Michele Fisher at [michelevf@aol.com](mailto:michelevf@aol.com) or 978-371-2246. Come join us for a night out of high speed FUN!!

ATTENTION PARENTS: We need parents willing to serve as chaperones and drivers for this event. If you are able to help, please contact Michele Fisher. Thanks!!

**Palm Sunday Passion**

Holy Family Youth Ministry is looking for youth (Grades 9-12) interested in being a part of our Palm Sunday gospel reading of the suffering and death of our Lord. We are hoping to have at least a dozen youth willing to read at both the 9:30 and 11:30 AM Masses. There will be opportunities for individual speaking parts or roles as part of a group. *These parts require no acting or costumes, simply reading.* If you are interested in participating in this liturgical ministry, please contact Annette Pollack ([atpollack2@aol.com](mailto:atpollack2@aol.com) or 978-369-4415) or Tom Valle ([tfvalle@verizon.net](mailto:tfvalle@verizon.net) or 978-369-5970).

**Summer Service Trip Raffle Set**

The Holy Family youth who will be participating in this summer's service trip at Sacred Heart Parish in Maryland need your help! The youth are planning to sell raffle tickets after all Masses the weekends of March 20 & 21 and March 27 & 28 to help raise money for this trip. If you have sporting event tickets (like Red Sox tickets, etc) or other items that you would like to donate for the raffle, please contact Kristin Canty at 617-216-0402 or [kristincanty@aol.com](mailto:kristincanty@aol.com), or Terri Finigan at [finigant@fin-plans.com](http://finigant@fin-plans.com). Those parishioners who do not have items to donate: please plan on purchasing raffle tickets to support our cause! Thank you!

