

Mass Intentions for the Week



Sat	Aug 15	5:00 pm	<i>Josephine Donato</i>
Sun	Aug 16	8:00 am	<i>Howard & Evelyn Barre</i>
		10:30 am	<i>Joseph Cushing</i>
Mon	Aug 17	7:00 am	<i>Margaret Dowd Feeney</i>
Tues	Aug 18	9:00 am	<i>Ray McCarthy & Ray McCarthy Jr</i>
Wed	Aug 19	7:00 am	<i>Mary E. Niles</i>
Thur	Aug 20	9:00 am	<i>Paul Roche</i>
Fri	Aug 21	7:00 am	<i>Kathleen Gallagher</i>
Sun	Aug 23	10:30 am	<i>Helen & Edward Murphy Alison Murphy</i>

Prayer Requests

Please Pray for.....

Herbert, Jim and Larry, Paul, Jason, Bob, Christina Duffy, Jeanne, Charlie, Jacki, Brad R., Stacey McW., Bob and Kay, Alda Tully, Charlotte, Catherine, Ted, Marian Height, Michael, Michael M., Patty, Elissa, Bob, Kay, Carmen, Sally, Francesca, Frank, Ellen, Julia, Christopher J., Louise Poulin, Gerard, Maureen, Fr. Jim Field, Cindy Spillers, Lori, Mary, Eduardo, Clare, Marjorie, Joe, Fr. Bilicky, Connie, MJ, Sara, Hank, Baby A., Jim, Marguerite C., Jack, Judy, Leslie Erica, Nancy F., Kris, Paul, Barbara, Margaret Ann Lyons, Debbie, Gerard, Jason, R.H., Yolanda Z., Hope, Maria, Anne Sanderson, Sonja Nunes, Mary D., Jean Kelly, Philip, Uncle Gene, Lorraine Kane, Joe, Ginny, Matt Davis, Kim, Gina, Luis C., Bill, Natalie, Gerry, Hope, Pearl, Denise, Kathy, Lynn, Jim W., Sheila, Christian G., Ciara M., Andrew, Michele C., Jacqueline R., Petro Acevecro, Matt Berry, Billy, Eddie H., Bobby J., Joanne, Jim K., Peter Marks, Bruno, Tom W., Paul, Timar, Christine, Sean, John, Tony, 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 Please remember that some people would prefer their names not be published in this fashion.

Summer Weekend Mass Schedule

During the summer, Mass is celebrated on the weekends as follows:

Saturdays at 5:00pm

Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30 am

This schedule will be in effect through Labor Day Weekend.

Inquiry Program

Are you interested in learning about the Catholic faith? Come and see... satisfy your curiosity, enrich your knowledge about Catholicism: its beliefs, practices, traditions, worship history and more. The Inquiry Program is especially geared towards those who have never been baptized, those baptized in another faith, or baptized Catholics who have never been instructed in or who have not practiced the Catholic Faith. The group warmly invites non-Catholics to attend. Later sessions of this program are presented for those who are interested in continuing their faith journey in the Catholic tradition. This process is called the **RCIA** (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). It provides an opportunity to come and share your questions about the Church. Sessions will begin in September. For further information, please contact Sr. Rose Marie Lipke at 978-369-7442, or RoseL55Church@aol.com.

Bereavement Group

Summer is upon us, and it brings back many memories of the past. At this time of year some of us are left only with these memories and no one else who remembers them or who can share them with us. Holy Family's Bereavement Group offers support to all who find themselves in need of assistance in coping with their loss. The next meeting for the group is Wednesday, August 12th at 7:00 pm and is held at the Parish Center in West Concord. New members are always warmly welcomed. For more information, please call Sr. Rose Marie at 978-369-7442.



Coffee and Doughnuts!

Come join us for coffee, juice, and doughnuts, available through Sunday August 30th, following the 8:00 am and 10:30 am Masses. Refreshments will be served outside near the parking lot, weather permitting, or inside in the Gathering Space in case of rain. Please join us for fellowship and fun after Mass!

Faith Formation News

Please remember to register your family for Religious Education *as soon as possible* so we can plan for teachers and materials for next year. Children in grades 1 through 10 attend classes, and the whole family is invited to attend three Faith Festivals during the year. For more information or for registration material, please call the Parish Center at 978-369-7442.

Check "Cross Currents" Out on our Website!

Next time you're checking for parish news online at the Holy Family website, www.holyfamilyconcord.org, remember to read Bernie Swain's column "Cross Currents", a weekly Faith Formation opinion piece that's thought provoking and sure to spark lively conversation around your dinner table!

Weekly Schedule

Rosary before and after daily Mass

St Vincent DePaul Mon Aug 17 at 7:00 pm at the Parish Center

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



School Supplies Needed

The Holy Family Service and Justice Commission will be collecting school supplies to distribute to children in Lawrence by Lazarus House/Good Shepherd Center. Needed are new pencils, notebooks, tape, glue and gluesticks, scissors, staplers, backpacks, paper, and folders. Items will be collected the weekends of August 28&29 and Sept 5&6. Thank you advance for your support!

Special Events Committee News

Chair: Joanne Cormier 978-369-3085

Co-Chair: Bernadette Jaros 978-369-7687

We are looking ahead to the upcoming Christmas Fair to be held on November 21st and 22nd. If you are able to knit or sew, please consider making a donation to our table for handmade items. If you enjoy baking homemade delicacies like cookies, pastries, etc. are always most appreciated! Donations of jewelry, children's games and toys (in good condition), items for men, White Elephant donations will also be gratefully accepted! There are many more features to be announced at a later date—please watch the bulletin for more information!

The next Special Events Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday September 10th at 7:00 pm at the Parish Center. New members are always welcome!

Adult Choir News

Beginning this fall, the Handbell and Parish Choirs will be rehearsing at the church on THURSDAY evenings (and some occasional Wednesday evenings). The first rehearsal for the Parish Choir will be on Thursday, September 10th and for the Handbell Choir on Thursday, October 1st. The Handbell Choir will rehearse from 6:30 – 7:30, and the Parish Choir from 7:30- 9:00. The Handbell Choir is open to anyone in grade 6 and up (including adults). The Parish Choir is open to anyone in grades 9 and up. Join us!

Last Chance to Sign Up for VBS!

Don't miss the final opportunity to register your children for Vacation Bible School, being held half-days on Mon Aug 24th thru Thurs, Aug 27th! Registration forms can be found at the doors of the church or on the parish website, www.holyfamilyconcord.org. For more info, please call Lauren Sprague at 978-372-1326 or e-mail at scott-lauren@comcast.net.

Community Reminders

Ride to Mass

A parishioner and new resident at Newbury Commons is looking for a regular or occasional ride to the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturdays. If able to help, please call Sheila at the Parish Center, 978-369-7442.

Apartment Needed ASAP

Concord woman is seeking an apartment available within the next three weeks (current residence has been sold). Quiet, non-smoker, no pets; working female with Masters in Divinity. References available. Please call 978-369-1092.

Housing Needed Immediately

A faithful Holy Family parishioner, a full-time employed sales-marketing professional, single male, is seeking housing. Willing to offer good cooking skills, cleaning, lawn mowing, etc. as partial payment of rent. Need is immediate. Please call the parish office.

Upcoming Adult Education Opportunity

St. Irene Parish, located at 187 East St Carlisle, announces its upcoming adult education and lecture program: *“The Catholic Perspective on Abortion and Stem Cell Research”*, presented by popular lecturers, authors, and television hosts Angela and David Franks. Scheduled for Wed, Sept 9th at 7:30 pm, this will be the first in a series of presentations in which the audience is encouraged to ask questions and interact to understand these complex contemporary issues. This program is open to all who wish to glean a better understanding of the Catholic point of view. For more information, please contact Ernest Carabillo at 978-371-2166.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter of Massachusetts and Rhode Island

Scripture says: “Watch carefully how you live, not as foolish persons, but as wise, making the most of the opportunity. Make the most of the opportunity God has given you in your marriage. The next events in New England are offered on: Sept 11-13, Sept 18-20, and Sept 25-27, and Oct 23-25. For more information please call Ralph and Jane Becker at 1-800-710-WWME or visit their webpage at www.wwmeMA.org.

Workshop on Visiting the Sick

Beginning on Tues, October 6th and running thru Nov 10th, a workshop on *Pastoral Care to the Sick and the Homebound* will be offered at Sacred Heart Parish in Lexington from 10:00 am until noon. Kelly Dunn will be teaching the course. The workshop will include a review of communication skills, the basics of pastoral visitation, key illness issues, spiritual needs and concerns, grief, loss and dying, and caregiving issues. An evening program will be offered at St Bridget's in Lexington in the Spring. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Dunn at 781-259-0650.