

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week

Sat	Aug 29	5:00 pm	Edward Wright
Sun	Aug 30	8:00 am	Evelyn Mathis
		10:30 am	Carol Robichaud
Mon	Aug 31	7:00 am	Rosemary Sullivan
Tues	Sept 1	9:00 am	Margaret Tympanick
Sat	Sept 5	5:00 pm	Marguerite Hamel
Sun	Sept 6	10:30 am	Frank & Mary Slaker

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, Tom W., Paul, Timar, Christine, Sean, John, Tony, Pearl, 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 Please remember that some people would prefer their names not be published in this fashion.

Prayer Request Update

We are preparing to refresh the Prayer List published in the weekly bulletin. **All names that we have received prior to February 1, 2009 will be deleted unless a request is made to keep a particular person held in prayer in the bulletin. Please call the Parish Center at 978-369-7442 with questions or additional information. Thank you.**

Summer Mass Schedule: Final Weeks

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** (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.



Coffee & Doughnuts-- Last Week!

August 30th is here and it also means that it is the last Sunday that Coffee and Doughnuts will be offered for this summer.

To all those who helped out at the 8 am and 10:30 am Masses—THANK YOU! Also, thank you to those who supported our effort by contributing to our coffee and doughnut collection jars.

Bereavement Group

Holy Family offers a bereavement support group for anyone who has lost a loved one. Grieving is a normal, natural and expected process which over a period of time allows one to accept and understand their 'loss'. Grieving involves many emotions such as anger, fear, stress, denial, anxiety and depression. The support group provides a process to cope with your loss, enable you to once again live as a whole person, and live with your loss in a healthy manner. Remember you are not alone—there are others with the same needs. We can help you ease your pain; come and let us walk with you. The next scheduled meeting of the Bereavement Group is Wednesday September 9th at 7:00 pm at the Parish Center. For more information, please call Sr Rose Marie Lipke at 978-369-7442.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word relies on many volunteers to make the program run successfully. We are in need of volunteer adults, high school students, musicians, and singers who can serve as part of a team and will be scheduled to help on Sunday each month. The little ones especially look up to the teenager volunteers! Our youngest parishioners really look forward to their special time of hearing the Word and reflecting on lessons at their own level of understanding. If you can help, please call Sr Rose Marie at 978-369-7442 or e-mail her at RoseL55Church@aol.com.

Weekly Schedule

Rosary before and after daily Mass

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

Protecting God’s Children Workshop

This workshop is one of several Virtus programs designed to prevent child sexual abuse. *It is a mandatory program for Religious Education teachers, Children’s Liturgy of the Word facilitators, and for any other adult that works with children in the parish and has not previously received Virtus training.* This two-hour session educated and trains adults about the risk factors for abuse and its warning signs, and is intended to instruct volunteers and parish employees in how to best maintain a safe environment for children in their care. Virtus training will be held at Holy Family Parish on Sat, Sept 19th at 9:00 am at the Parish Center. To register, please contact Cheryl at 978-369-0071.

Help Our Parish ARISE This Autumn

We are seeking Facilitators and/or Hosts for ARISE. Our popular ARISE program is scheduled to start up again, but we can’t do it without you! ARISE Communities provide a wonderful opportunity to build friendships and share life stories as you explore what the weekly Scripture reading is saying to you. This is not Bible studies, but a way to listen to God speaking in your life. Groups will begin gathering in homes the week of October 11th and will meet weekly for six weeks. No experience necessary, just a desire to have fun and share. Over 125 parishioners have participated in each of our last two sessions! For details, please call Deacon Gregory Burch at 978-371-9696.

Workshop on Visiting the Sick

Starting 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, a Certified Chaplain and former Director of Health Care Ministry for the Archdiocese, presently serving as Coordinator of Nursing Home Ministry at Holy Family Parish, will teach the workshop. 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. For more information, please contact the Parish Center or call 617-746-5843. **Pre-registration is required, and should be completed on or before September 30th.**

Collection Update

Our parish’s collections for July are as follows:
Offertory Collection \$30,112.30
Monthly Collection \$18,867.00

Holy Family would like to thank you for your continued support.

Collecting School Supplies

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 29 & 30 and Sept 5&6. Thank you advance for your support!

Circle of Friends News

First Meeting Scheduled

The first meeting of the new season for Circle of Friends will be held on Wed Sept 16th at 9:30 am at Monument Hall. We look forward to seeing you again, and please feel free to bring a friend! See you there!

Annual Fall Foliage Tour

Join the Circle of Friends on Wednesday Oct 7th for a beautiful foliage tour of New Hampshire. Price of \$59 includes: roundtrip motor coach transportation, foliage tour, a delicious luncheon at Hart’s Turkey Farm, and a tour of Thomas Plant’s Castle in the Clouds. We depart at 8:30 am and will return by 5:30 pm. All are welcome—you need not be a member of Circle of Friends to participate! Reservations are required as seats are limited; please call Bobbie Arena at 978-369-9047 to secure your spot!

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.

Choir Reminder

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!

Community Reminders

Local Woman In Need of Assistance

Local woman who is visually impaired is seeking help in grocery shopping/errands, reading mail, etc. If you are able to lend a hand, please call 978-807-5578. *Thank you!*

Adult Education Opportunity

Save the date: Wed, Sept 9th at 7:30 pm St Irene’s parish in Carlisle will offer *Tthe Catholic Perspective on Abortion and Stem Cell Research*”. All are welcome to attend this contemporary discussion. For more information, please contact Ernest Carabillo at 978-371-2166.

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