

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat	Sept 26	5:00 pm	Kevin O'Toole
Sun	Sept 27	9:30 am	Philip Murphy
Mon	Sept 28	7:00 am	William Daly
Tues	Sept 29	9:00 am	Francis Cranston
Wed	Sept 30	7:00 am	Elaine Kaufman
Thur	Oct 1	9:00 am	Dr. William Haley
Fri	Oct 2	7:00 am	Teresa Philips
Sat	Oct 3	5:00 pm	Teto Florio
Sun	Oct 4	9:30 am	Frank Scimone

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, Michele C., 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., Fran MacNeil, Ted, M.J. Ann, Peg, Don, Gail, 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 Please remember that some people would prefer their names not be published in this fashion.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Beginning on Sunday, October 4th, children will be dismissed during the 9:30 Mass to participate in the Children's Liturgy of the Word program. All children in grades k- 5 are invited to attend to hear age-appropriate reflections on the Scripture readings. Preschoolers are also invited to attend, but must be accompanied by a parent. *Many thanks* to the adults and teenagers who have volunteered to be a part of this great ministry,

Inquiry Program

What is the Inquiry Program? It is a process by which interested adults become more informed about the Catholic Church. The program is opened to those who have been baptized in the Catholic Church but never received instruction, those who were never baptized, or those who were baptized in another faith. Sessions meet on Tuesday evenings in the Parish Center, 55 Church St, West Concord. For more information, please call Sr Rose Marie Lipke at 978-369-7442 or e-mail her at rosel55church@aol.com.

Handbell Choir Reminder

Holy Family's handbell choir will resume meeting *this Thursday*, Oct 1st at 6:30 pm at the church. For more information, please contact Jim Barkovic at kapellmeisterJRB@aol.com.

Bereavement Group

Holy Family offers a bereavement support group for anyone who has lost a loved one. Grieving involves many emotions such as anger, fear, stress, denial, anxiety and depression. The support group offers 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—we can help you ease your pain; come and let us walk with you. The next scheduled meeting of the Bereavement Group is Wed Oct 14th at 7:00 pm at the Parish Center. For more information, please call Sr Rose Marie Lipke at 978-369-7442.

Special Events Committee

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

Reminder of Upcoming Events:

October 1st at 7:00 pm: workshop for the Christmas Fair held at the home of Bernadette Jaros, 135 Authors Rd, 978-369-7687.

November 21st & 22nd: "Christmas Fair" held at Monument Hall. Donated items are needed for the white elephant, jewelry, children's games/toys, men's, handmade and crafts, homemade goods, and raffle.

December 11th: Boston Holiday Pops. Kindly fill out the bottom of the flier and return to the Parish Center by October 12th. Any questions? Please contact Joanne Cormier at 978-369-3085.

The next scheduled meeting of the Special Events Committee is Thurs, Oct 8th at 7:00 pm at the Parish Center.



Time to Turn Over a New Leaf!

It's time to turn over a new leaf at Holy Family Parish and we're going to start with a sprucing up of the grounds around our much-loved church on Monument Square. On Saturday, Oct. 17, we'd like a group of volunteers to cut back the overgrown vegetation that surrounds the church parking lot and tidy up the flower beds around the building. If you like working with your hands and being outside, we've got just the jobs for you! We'll start the saws sawing, the rakes raking and the brooms brooming at 8 a.m. and hope to have it all wrapped up by 2 p.m. If you can join in for just an hour, that's fine. All eager hands gratefully accepted! To sign up, or for further information, contact Parish Council member Kevin Dupont at: 978-369-5930 or dupont@globe.com.

Baptism

Please welcome Jack Woods Pennington, son of Kevin and Jane Pennington, into our parish family. He will be baptized this weekend.

Weekly Schedule

Confirmation Class, Levels I & II Sun Sept 27 at 4:30 pm at Monument Hall

Rosary before and after daily Mass

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

Women's Scripture Study Mon Sept 28 at 10:00 am at Monument Hall

Faith Formation Classes, grades 1-5 Tues Sept 29 at 4:00 pm at Monument Hall

Faith Formation Classes, grades 2-8 Tues Sept 29 at 6:00 pm at Monument Hall

Inquiry Program Tues Sept 29 at 7:00 pm at the Parish Center

Faith Formation Classes, grades 1-5 Wed Sept 30 at 4:00 pm at Monument Hall

Faith Formation Classes, grades 2-8 Wed Sept 30 at 6:00 pm at Monument Hall

Faith Formation Classes grades 1-5 Thur Oct 1 at 4:00 pm at Monument Hall

Handbell Choir Rehearsal Thur Oct 1 at 6:30 pm at the church

Choir Rehearsal Thur Oct 1 at 7:30 pm at the church

Baptism Preparation Class Thur Oct 1 at 7:30 pm at the Parish Center

**Faith Formation News
Teachers Still Needed!**

We are still in need of teachers, assistants, and other positions for our Faith Formation program. Please give prayerful consideration to helping us! Call Tony Carbrello at 978-369-0071 ASAP for more information or to volunteer. *Thank you!*

Workshop on Visiting the Sick

Starting on Tues Oct 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. For more information, please contact the Parish Center or call 617-746-5843.. **Pre-registration is required, and should be completed on or before Sept 30th.**

Baptism Preparation Class

Our next Baptism Preparation Class is Thur, Oct 1st at 7:30 pm at the Parish Center. Babies and/or siblings are welcome to attend. If you are planning to have your baby baptized soon or are expecting a baby and want to attend class before the baby's birth, call 978-369-7442 to register for the class.

Community News

Upcoming Adult Education Opportunity

The next session of St Irene Parish's adult education and lecture program: *"Introduction to End of Life Issues"*, will be presented on Thur, Oct 1st at 7:30 pm. at the St Irene's Parish Hall, 187 East St, Carlisle. For more information, contact Ernest Carabillo at 978-371-2166.

Youth News

Youth Council—The first Youth Council Meeting for the 2009-2010 school year will be Tuesday, October 6th from 7:00 – 8:00 PM at Monument Hall. The Youth Council serves as the primary idea-generating and decision-making group for our Youth Ministry Program and meets the first Tuesday of each month. Our meetings always start with games, include planning of upcoming youth activities, and close with a short program. Youth Council is youth-led and is a great casual way to get involved in youth ministry here at Holy Family Parish. 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!

Concord CROP Walk—This year's Concord CROP Walk for the Hungry will be Sun, Oct 18th from 2:00 – 3:30 pm starting at First Parish. Funds from the walk support community-based suppers and food pantries in Concord, and surrounding areas, as well as world-wide hunger relief, community development, and disaster relief through Church World Service. Any youth (Grades 6-12) interested in walking should contact Andrea Laux for a Sponsor Sheet. This is a FUN, easy way to make a difference in our local community, so sign up to walk TODAY!

HELP WANTED!! We are also looking for one or two adults (preferably a parent of a Middle or High School youth) who would be interested in helping to organize our Concord CROP Walk participation. If you can help coordinate, please contact Andrea Laux ASAP!

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about any item(s) in our Youth News, please contact our Youth Minister, Andrea Laux at YouthMin55Church@aol.com or 978-369-7442.

ARISE to Begin!

Our popular ARISE program will convene once again the week of Oct 11th and meet weekly for six weeks. ARISE provides a wonderful opportunity to build friendships and share life stories as you meet in private homes to 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. Sign ups for ARISE groups will take place on Oct 3, 4, 10, and 11. *Space is limited for this program!* We are still seeking volunteers to host and/or facilitate small groups. We need your help! No experience necessary, just a desire to have fun and share. If you are interested in finding out more, please call Deacon Gregory Burch at 978-371-9696.

Blessing of the Animals



Holy Family's annual Blessing of the Animals is set for Sun Oct 4 at 2:00 pm and will be held on the front lawn at the Emerson Umbrella. *All pets are welcome regardless of size* (please cage or leash all animals for their safety). Sponsored by Holy Family Parish, First Parish, Emerson Umbrella, and the Nature Connection.