

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday (2/4/12)

4:00 Leo Lawrence Memorial  
 4:00 Marinilli Family Memorial  
 4:00 Agostinho Martins 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

### Sunday (2/5/12)

8:30 Parishioners of St. Ann Parish Family  
 10:15 Philip Crispo 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
 6:00 Myron Jim Ammann 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

### Monday

9:00 Joseph Dempsey Memorial

### Wednesday

9:00 Cazilia Sidney Memorial

### Saturday (2/11/12)

4:00 Pasquale & Virginia Marinilli Memorial

### Sunday (2/12/12)

8:30 Parishioners of St. Ann Parish Family  
 10:15 Pierina Dalfonso 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## Parish Support

January 29, 2012

	Offertory	Attendance
4:00	\$ 807	91
8:30	\$ 479	84
10:15	\$ 439	155
11:15	\$ 485	125
6:00	\$ 129	35
Mail-in	\$ 139	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2478</b>	<b>490</b>
Monthly \$140		Latin America \$411
Charismatic \$140		

We currently have Offertory envelopes mailed out monthly to 250 families. There were 124 envelopes received totaling \$1656. The total collection taken at the weekend Masses not using the envelope system=\$822.

The Monthly Collection will be taken up at all the Masses next weekend, February 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>.

St. Vincent DePaul received \$88. Thank you.

The Rosary is said daily at 8:30 a.m. in the Lower Church.

Anointing of the Sick is offered on the first Saturday of the month after the 4:00 Mass.



Ash Wednesday is **Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Mass & the distribution of ashes will be at **9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.** at **St. Ann Parish**.

**Do Not Enter!** – Because of construction for our new elevator, the stairway off the sanctuary, near the sacristy, is closed and the doors have been nailed shut. The staircase will be removed very soon. If you find yourself near a door, which happens to be open for construction workers, please stay away. It is a construction zone and can be hazardous. Thank you for your patience during this time. We look forward to the completion of our elevator around June.



Pray for our sick: Frank Hooker, John Quigley, Juline Wilson, Michael Harrington  
 Due to the high volume of calls for the prayer list, the names will remain on the list for 2 months. If you need someone to remain on the prayer list, please call the rectory.



Religious Ed classes meet Sunday at 9:00 a.m. The dates in February for class are February 5, 12 & 26.



Senior Center St Ann Parish

Senior Center meets Tuesdays and Thursdays in the school from 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Refreshments and light lunch served. Call the office with any questions: 617-625-1904.

**Let's Celebrate! World Marriage Day is Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.** All married couples and their families are invited to join us for a special liturgy at the 10:15 Mass that will include a renewal of marriage vows. World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as the head of the family. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in married life. All married couples are invited to share a wedding picture that could be displayed that Sunday at the back of the church. Pictures can be brought to the parish office during the week and they will be returned after the Mass.

### NOVENA OF GRACE

The Parishes of Somerville are joining together once again in the Celebration of the Novena of Grace in honor of St. Francis Xavier. The Novena will take place from **March 4<sup>th</sup> to March 12<sup>th</sup>** beginning at **7:00 p.m.** We look forward to seeing you again this year.

March 4 Sunday St. Joseph  
 March 5 Monday St. Catherine of Genoa  
 March 6 Tuesday St. Ann  
 March 7 Wednesday St. Joseph  
 March 8 Thursday St. Catherine of Genoa  
 March 9 Friday St. Ann  
 March 10 Saturday St. Joseph  
 March 11 Sunday St. Ann  
 March 12 Monday St. Catherine of Genoa

The **Blessing of the Throats** will be this weekend, **February 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>** at all the Masses at St. Ann and St. Catherine of Genoa Parishes.

## *A Note from Fr. Brian:*

**Bulletin Connection to the Readings** – Mother-in-law jokes used to be a staple of stand-up comics. The comic strip Hagar the Horrible continues the tradition even today, often with Hagar taking off on a voyage just as Helga's mother arrives for an extended visit. In Mark's Gospel, Simon's mother-in-law appears not as a comic foil but as someone through whom the power of God is made manifest. When Jesus cures her of a fever, she is restored to her position in the community, offering the customary hospitality to guests. In what way has God's power been made manifest in our own lives?

**Church in Latin American Collection** – Thank you for your generous donations to the Collection for the Church in Latin America.

**Suicide is Always a Tragedy** - Next week, February 11, is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Every year since 1992, the Catholic Church celebrates World Day of the Sick on this feast of Our Lady. Pope John Paul II wanted this day to be an occasion to reflect upon the mystery of suffering, to become more aware of our sick brothers and sisters, and to honor doctors, nurses and all who practice the healing arts. This year, World Day of the Sick is especially challenging for us in Massachusetts. This coming November, people in Massachusetts will be faced with a ballot initiative that, if passed, will de-criminalize doctor-prescribed suicide in our Commonwealth. Those who support the petition say that it will provide compassionate care for the terminally and incurably ill. Intentionally causing a person to die, or providing a person the means to take his own life, is not compassion nor is it an expression of care and concern, even if they ask us to do it.

**Next week**, we will listen to a prerecorded homily from His Eminence, Cardinal Seán O'Malley on assisted suicide and the dangers that it poses should it become legal in our state. He will talk about the fact that, as Catholics, we have the responsibility to defend the principle that each of us has the right to live each day until the time we are called to eternal life. We will receive prayer cards, brochures and other materials to help us to evangelize ourselves and others about end-of-life care. Many of these materials may be viewed at [www.suicideisalwaysatragedy.org](http://www.suicideisalwaysatragedy.org). Please do all you can to pray and work for the success of this education initiative.

**Proposal 2012** – Since the last article in the bulletin, the 127 **proposed** parish pastoral collaboratives have been released; they can be found at [www.planning2012.org](http://www.planning2012.org). The criteria

used is based on at least 1600 Mass goers per weekend and \$500,000 a year in weekly offertory. (Monthly, Grand Annual, and other collections are excluded) The Archdiocese wants to create financially strong and vibrant collaboratives which can take on the mission of Evangelization throughout the Archdiocese. Cardinal O'Malley has appointed Bishop Kennedy to head up the effort of Evangelization. Based on current trajectories, the Archdiocese can expect to have around 175 priests available for parish ministry in the Archdiocese in 10 years. This averages out to 1600 worshipers to one priest. This is the reasoning behind having 1600 Mass goers for a collaborative. Currently there are about 800 worshipers to one priest. As you can see, even if this model is not adopted, there will not be enough priests to staff the 290 parishes in the Archdiocese within a decade.

Our **proposed** collaborative is the Patronage of St. Joseph, St. Ann, St. Catherine of Genoa, and St. Clement Parishes. We have already been moving toward a tri-parish with St. Joseph; this proposal will include St. Clement. As a Tri-Parish, we do not meet the threshold of 1600 worshipers, or \$500,000 in weekly offertory; we are about 1500 worshipers and \$400,000 in combined offertory. If St. Clement is welcomed, it brings us just over 2000 worshipers and just under \$600,000 in weekly offertory.

To put things into perspective, there are 12 parishes which will stand as single parishes, there is one 5 parish collaborative (South Boston/Dorchester), 6 four parish collaboratives, and the rest are 2s and 3s. Based on the 2011 Catholic Directory attendance figures, there are 4 collaboratives with over 4,000 weekly worshipers, and 17 over 3,000; St. Michael in North Andover, which remains a single parish, has 2,995 worshipers a weekend! St. Joseph and St. Francis in Medford have 2,141; St. Anthony, St. Francis, Sacred Heart and St. Mary in Cambridge have 2,806. Most collaboratives have over 2,000 worshippers. St. Raphael in West Medford is one of the parishes proposed to stand alone; they have on average 1,900 worshipers. Looking at our collaborative, what at first glance seems to be large and complex, when compared to others in the diocese, is less shocking.

Consultations have been conducted around the Archdiocese and will continue in the coming months. They need our feedback so this process achieves the best result. Our Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils will be attending a meeting on March 1<sup>st</sup> at St. Columbkille in Brighton to listen to the proposals and to give feedback. This process, if accepted by the Cardinal, will be implemented over a period of time; it could take as long as 5 years. Currently there is **NO** timetable.

In summary, none of our parishes is closing. By strengthening our current resources, we will be able to move forward with the ability to evangelize here in Somerville and throughout the Archdiocese.


**Mass Intentions  
for the Week**

4:00	2/4/12	Saturday	Patrick Lydon - Mem.
7:00	2/5/12	Sunday	Emilio & Alodia Arruda - Anniv.
9:00	2/5/12	Sunday	Rev. John O'Brien, Louise O'Brien & John O'Brien - Mem.
11:00	2/5/12	Sunday	Russell Bent - 21 <sup>st</sup> Anniv. & Estelle Bent 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.
9:00	2/7/12	Tuesday	John Kelly - Mem.
9:00	2/9/12	Thursday	Anne Canniff - Mem.
9:00	2/11/12	Saturday	Special Intentions for Gina Johnson & Fam.
4:00	2/11/12	Saturday	Parishioners of St. Catherine of Genoa
7:00	2/12/12	Sunday	Enrollees in the Restoration Fund
9:00	2/12/12	Sunday	Hugo Romano - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv.
11:00	2/12/12	Sunday	Mary P. Reid - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniv. & Birthday Rem

Please pray for Mayda C. Dedieu & Frances Ramirez whose Funeral Masses were celebrated at St. Catherine of Genoa this past week.

## Parish Support

January 29, 2012

	Offertory	Attendance
4:00	\$ 931	140
7:00	\$ 167	30
9:00	\$ 419	145
11:00	\$ 907	132
Mail-ins	\$ 479	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2903</b>	<b>447</b>
Monthly	\$115	Latin America \$378
Parish Maintenance	\$135	Fall Collection \$655.92
St. Vincent DePaul	\$103	

We currently have Offertory envelopes mailed out monthly to 244 families. There were 227 envelopes received totaling **\$1998**. The total collection taken at the weekend Masses not using the envelope system = **\$905**.



**Please pray for:** John White, Emmanuel Souza, JoAnn Driscoll, Debbie Levis, Helen Hollum, Gina & Sandra Padre, Fatima Santo, Carlos Souza, Mario Soares, Mark & Clyde Jones, Cindy Farber, Catherine Peters, Kelly Baker, Maria & Donald Iontesi, Anne McEachern, Tom Taylor, Bonnie Wronski

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Ash Wednesday is **Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Mass & the distribution of ashes will be at **St. Catherine of Genoa Parish at 9:00 a.m. 5:30 & 7:00 p.m.**

**Let us welcome** Caleb Darrell Ashdown, Madison Angie Herard, Nicholas Matthew Johann, Henry Joao O'Meara & Sabrina Claire Poillucci who were baptized at St. Catherine of Genoa this past week.

### January Calendar Drawing

January 27	\$50.00 Rosa Martin
January 28	\$100.00 Betrand family
January 29	\$50.00 Denise Grace
January 30	Fudruckers Dawn Pereirn
January 31	\$500.00 Miladnajar

### St. Catherine of Genoa School Science Fair

#### Grade Winners:

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place 115 points Stain Removers
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place 117 points Music and Blood Pressure
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place 126 points Solar v. Air Pressure

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place 121 points 3 way  
The Cerebral Palsy & Therapy  
Which Sports Pumps you up  
Witnesses v. Clues
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place 129 points Electrolysis & Voltage
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place 133 points Which gases float

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place 121 points Eggsperiment
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place 126 points Family & Fingerprints
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place 128 points Fat Taste Test

#### Overall Winners

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Grade 8 Fat Taste Test (Amanda, Kelsi, Angel)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Grade 7 Electrolysis & Voltage (Andre)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Grade 7 Which Gas Floats (Zach, Sean, John, Geo)



**Religious Education – Grades 1-8 classes** meet Sunday mornings after the 9:00 Family Mass.

**CI & CII** – CI (Grade 9) will meet on **February 5<sup>th</sup>** & CII (Grade 10) on **February 12<sup>th</sup>**, after the 9:00 a.m. Family Mass.

**1000 Club** – Gift Certificates are available for all occasions. If you would like to join or request a Gift Certificate, call the rectory at 617-666-2087. The next drawing is February 9<sup>th</sup>.

**B I N G O** – St. Catherine Bingo Games are held on **Saturday** evenings beginning at 6:45 p.m. in the parish hall. All are welcome!

### 2011 Christmas Flowers

**In Memory of:**

Joseph R. Arsenault