

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 18, 2012
 4:30 p.m. Joseph Kunz, 10th anniversary

Sunday, February 19, 2012
 8:00 a.m. Daniel Keleher, Sr.
 9:30 a.m. Jose Couto
 11:00 a.m. People of the Parish,
 Living and Deceased

Monday, February 20, 2012
 8:00 a.m. John Ford, 20th anniversary

Tuesday, February 21, 2012
 8:00 a.m. Tony, Frank and Michael Forte

MORNING MASS will be CELEBRATED in the CHURCH starting FEBRUARY 22

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE
 February 22, 2012
 Mass and Distributions of Ashes
 8:00 a.m. - Mildred Purificato
 4:00 p.m.
 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 23, 2012
 8:00 a.m. Jose, Maria, Teresa and Antiono Couto

Friday, February 24, 2012
 8:00 a.m. Mary Rose
 6 - 6:45 p.m. - Confessions
 7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 25, 2012
 4:30 p.m. Amelia Delgado, 6th anniversary

Sunday, February 26, 2012
 8:00 a.m. People of the Parish, Living and Deceased
 9:30 a.m. Dorothy Joan Grey, 17th anniversary
 11:00 a.m. Phyllis Sousa, 12th anniversary

In your prayers... Please remember in your prayers the sick of the parish. If you wish to have someone added to the prayer list call the rectory and their name will be mentioned in the bulletin.



Drop non-perishable food items in baskets at the rear of the Church. Food is delivered to My Brother's Keeper on the first Monday and to Easton Food Pantry remaining Mondays. Thanks.

MUSIC FOR THE WEEKEND
 Gathering: # 575 - Preparation: # 418
 Communion: # 424 - Sending: # 570

Readings
 Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25/2 Cor 1:18-22/Mk 2:1-12

LITURGICAL MINISTERS
LECTORS
 4:30 p.m. - Chris Vaughan and Gerald Koelsch
 8:00 a.m. - Elizabeth Symynkywicz
 and Stephen Freitas
 9:30 a.m. - Robert Peterson
 11:00 a.m. - Jeremy Berry
 and Courtney Hargreaves

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
 4:30 p.m. - Linda Paulsen, Barbara Morrissey
 and Victor Madden
 8:00 a.m. - Sue Casey, Wayne Casey, Claire Dalton
 9:30 a.m. - Bill Morse, Elaine Flanagan
 and Kim Pressey
 11:00 a.m. - Claire Dalton, Dan Bechtel
 Lori Bechtel

ALTAR SERVERS
 4:30 p.m. - Eileen G. and Caitlyn J.
 8:00 a.m. - Martin K. and Virginia K.
 9:30 a.m. - Madeline L. and Emma L.
 11:00 a.m. - Steve C., Domenic C. and Stephanie B.



OUR LADY'S ROSARY PRAYER GROUP
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS
ICC HALL CHAPEL - 6 P.M.

(enter the door at the outside stairs)

CALL Ann at 508-631-0533 for more information.



BAPTISMS

Baptisms are held once a month. Call the rectory office to make an appointment to meet with Fr. Paul Fedak. A parent meeting is held each month that you are required to attend prior to your child's baptism.

MANY THANKS
 TO OUR ADVERTISERS

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PARISH COLLECTIONS

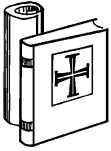
Weekly - \$5,404

Maintenance Fund - \$2,150

NEXT WEEK

Ash Wednesday Collection for Evangelization
Second Collection next Sunday for
Catholic University of America

VALENTINE HEART GAME – Thank you to all who gave to the success of our Heart Fundraiser. I am very proud to say we collected \$950. towards our new stove. Thanks again for your support to ICC on behalf of the Fundraising Committee.



Longing for the Holy *February 19 - March 29*

You may join any number of groups that will be meeting during Lent in the Parish Hall (upstairs). The evening meeting times are

Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays at 7 p.m. There is a morning meeting on **Sundays at 9 a.m. (starts 2/26)** in the Conference Room and on **Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m.** (after morning mass). Everyone is welcome to join any of these groups by calling Claire Dalton 230-0017 or email her cddal@comcast.net

WE ARE TRYING TO BE GREEN – The parish has established an email address program for large mailings in order to save money and paper. You can help by sending an email to parishmailings@icceaston.org. We will then add your email address to the program. Please be assured that your address will not be given out.



30 WEEK CLUB FUNDRAISER: Immaculate Conception Parish is preparing to launch our 5th year of the 30-Week Club fundraising campaign. **We need you!!!** If you are currently an active member in this Club –

thank you. If not, please take the time to join. ***For just \$3 per week (or \$90)*** you will be eligible for weekly drawings, receive a free dinner at the year-end Dinner Dance, help the parish offset some of its increasing expenses and meet new friends. Call Nancy Ambraziejus @ 774-285-9163 for more information. Sign up forms are also available at the back of the church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

No classes this Sunday, Feb. 19th
....happy school vacation week!!

SCHEDULE for FEB. 26th

Session I – 9 a.m. - Grades 1 to 5*

Session II - 10am - Grades 1 to 5

Afternoon Session - Grade 6 and 7

Evening Session - Grade 8 and 9

***Make up meeting** for First Communion parents will be at 9 a.m. on Feb. 26th.

Mass of Enrollment for this year's Confirmation class will be at the 11 a.m. Mass on March 4th. Students and Sponsors are to attend, followed by class until 1 p.m.

LITURGICAL NEWS - Ministers are needed to help with the celebration of the Eucharist. We are in need of lectors and Extraordinary ministers, especially for the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Please call or e-mail the rel. ed. office for more information.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting on Monday, February 20th at 7 p.m. for anyone interested in joining the Fundraising Committee. Please bring your ideas. Thank you. Paula A. Amoroso, Chairperson

CATHOLICISM Series to screen at The Father Peyton Center: Please join us **Wed., Feb 29** as we begin a 5-week series for Lent. From **10 – 11:30 am**, we will screen a 1-hour segment of the series followed by discussion. The beauty of the Catholic faith is illustrated in a rich multi-media experience. The first week's topic will be: *Amazed and Afraid: The Revelation of God Become Man*. For more information on the series, visit www.CatholicismSeries.com. For more info on events at The Father Peyton Center visit www.FamilyRosary.org/Events or call **508-238-4095**. Holy Cross Family Ministries, founded by The Rosary Priest, Father Patrick Peyton, CSC, is at 518 Washington St., N. Easton, MA. Event is free and open to the public.



HOMELESS MEAL - Our next meal will be prepared on Thursday, March 1st at 5 p.m. in the parish hall kitchen. Anyone can come, just drop by. All help is welcome and appreciated. Any questions, contact Cheri Linden 238-6559.

DISCOVER EWTN'S NEWEST SERIES! This spring, EWTN Global Catholic Network will premier several new and exciting series. From an interactive talk show covering issues pertinent to families, children, and seniors in "Living Right with Dr. Ray", to the kitchen of Fr. Leo Patalinghug in "Savoring the Faith", to the new animated special for children in "The Way of Cross for Kids"; there will be something new to enrich your Faith. For more information go to www.ewtn.com/series. EWTN broadcasts on Comcast channels 56 and 238.

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER FEDAK:

QUESTION CORNER

QUESTION: "What's the difference between Catholic and Christian?"

ANSWER: Perhaps the question should be phrased: "what is the difference between Catholicism and Protestant Christianity?"

All Catholics are Christians, but not all Christians are Catholics. A Christian is someone who believes in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and is baptized. A Catholic is a specific kind of Christian – one who also believes the Catholic Church was founded by Christ and who accepts it as possessing the fullness of Christian truth and the means of salvation. This involves three main things: (1) sincerely holding to the Catholic Faith as taught by the Magisterium of the Church (the official teaching body of the Church); (2) accepting the Sacraments of the Catholic Church, and (3) submitting to the teaching authority of the pope and the bishops in communion with him.

There are sincere non-Catholic Christians – Protestant and Orthodox Christians, for instance – who believe many, but not all, of the things we believe as Catholics. Sometimes they may even be more faithful or charitable than many Catholics. That is because the Spirit of Christ is at work in them, too.

The words "Catholic" and "Christian" were once interchangeable. The first Christians called the Church "Catholic", or "universal" to distinguish it from heretical, splinter groups that denied necessary Christian truths. Thus, the early Christians came to be known as Catholic.

Around the year 1,000 A.D. many Christians in the East – Greece, what is now Turkey – split off from the Catholic Church. They are called Orthodox Christians. They believe many of the same things we do, but also reject important truths such as the pope's authority.

Five hundred years later, a German monk named Martin Luther had some ideas about what true Christianity was. Some of his views were contrary to what Catholics believe Christ intended for His Church. He and his followers broke with the Catholic Church and formed what is now called Lutheranism. Other men and women had ideas of their own and started their own churches, too. Today there are over 20,000 different Protestant churches.

The Catholic view is that this division and confusion among Christian communities contradicts the will of Jesus. He wants His followers to be one (John 17:11). We believe the unity Christ desires for His followers only exists fully in the Catholic Church.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

**Blessed Jacinta and Francisco Marto
(1910-1920; 1908-1917)**

February 20, 2012

Between May 13 and October 13, 1917, three children, Portuguese shepherds from Aljustrel, received apparitions of Our Lady at Cova da Iria, near Fatima, a city 110 miles north of Lisbon. At that time, Europe was involved in an extremely bloody war. Portugal itself was in political turmoil, having overthrown its monarchy in 1910; the government disbanded religious organizations soon after.

At the first appearance, Mary asked the children to return to that spot on the thirteenth of each month for the next six months. She also asked them to learn to read and write and to pray the rosary "to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war." They were to pray for sinners and for the conversion of Russia, which had recently overthrown Czar Nicholas II and was soon to fall under communism. Up to 90,000 people gathered for Mary's final apparition on October 13, 1917.

Less than two years later, Francisco died of influenza in his family home. He was buried in the parish cemetery and then re-buried in the Fatima basilica in 1952. Jacinta died of influenza in Lisbon offering her suffering for the conversion of sinners, peace in the world and the Holy Father. She was re-buried in the Fatima basilica in 1951. Their cousin, Lucia dos Santos, became a Carmelite nun and was still living when Jacinta and Francisco were beatified in 2000. Sister Lucia died five years later. The shrine of Our Lady of Fatima is visited by up to 20 million people a year.