Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 15th

4:00PM **Josephine Pasquale** *Family request*
Edward J. Comeau *4th Anniversary requested by family*
Gerald Guilfoyle- *1st Month anniversary requested by family*

Sunday, January 16th

8:30PM **Intention of the Celebrant**
11:30AM **Julia Rodriguez Arce** 2nd anniversary
Raul Albizu *En sus 8 años de fallecido pedido por su hija y nietos.*
Gladys Alvarado *por un mes más de fallecida peidida por su familia*
5:00PM ***Fr. Edward King*** *(Living)* for a Blessed New Year *Nault & Gaff Family*

Monday, January 17th

5:30PM **Intention of the Celebrant**

Tuesday, January 18th

5:30PM **Evelyn Laporte**

Thursday, January 20th

5:30PM **Michael & Hannah Downs and Deceased members of the Downs Family**

Friday, January 21st

5:30PM **Maria LaFleur –** *Famiy Request*

Saturday, January 22nd

8:30AM **Robert Laprel** *In loving memory requested by the Johnston Family*
4:00PM **Luke J. Dorsey** *Anniversary Requested by family*
Arthur Mullen *Anniversary Requested by Family*
Josephine Pasquale *Family request*

WEEKLY COLLECTION
Offertory January 8th: $6,908.00
THANK YOU!

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Parish Monthly Special Collection

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Evangelization Sunday! Next weekend the second collection will support the Archdiocese of Boston's evangelization and outreach initiative ***Catholics Come Home***. All proceeds will fund the purchase of television and radio advertisements to welcome home to our Catholic family those who have been away for any reason. The *Catholics Come Home* campaigns in other dioceses have been extremely effective at inviting and bringing Catholics to renewed participation in parish life. Please visit www.CatholicsComeHome.org for more information.

Pastors Note's As the Christmas season comes to an end we can look back and say that it was truly a great season. The Advent and Christmas season are special for many reasons, but because they are so full of tradition and memory, we sometimes forget that the purpose of it all it to make us aware that we are people who remember the beginning of the life of Jesus in order to remember anew the story of our redemption. In Advent we began simply by denying ourselves the pleasure of singing the Gloria and entered into a period of waiting and preparation. This preparation was achieved by prayer and penance. The evenings of prayer during Advent were well attended this year and the liturgy committee and all who participated were rightly proud of what they accomplished. During the period of Advent we had two special nights set aside for all those who wanted to visit a priest for confession. The celebration of the Nativity was wonderful this year from the decoration of the church, inside and out, to the usual great music to the culmination of the season with the 3rd annual Christmas concert. We also started a new practice of processing in from the back of the Church. I hope this helps us to recognize the importance of the Gospel message and the important roles that ministers have in our community. Thanks to all who had a part in any of these events. I was particularly pleased by the concert which featured both the St. John the Baptist and St. James children's and adult choirs. The concert is an opportunity to do what we don't usually do which is to applaud loudly the efforts of all our musicians. The concert was given two times, to allow parishioners from both parishes to experience the great talent that we have at our parishes

For a short period now we turn our attention to ordinary time and the regular events of the life of Christ which eventually will lead us to his passion and resurrection in the Lent and Easter season. Ordinary time is the name we use to recognize that we are counting the days until Jesus returns in glory.

A big announcement for us is the start of a new web site. Thanks to the hard work of Kathleen Lynch and with the assistance of a great web host site (www. Luckymarble.com) we have a good website with lots of flexibility and room for growth. We are presently working on the different pages of the website, but we hope to include ministries, music, religious education, different groups, online giving, and language pages for our different communities. There will also be a blog page from the pastor. This is a new step for the parish and I am confident it will help us to continue to grow and attract parishioners of the social networking age in which we are living.

Speaking of this new time, Cardinal O'Malley is going to be speaking to us next week about a new program called "Catholics Come Home©". This nationally known program is intended to correspond with Evangelization Sunday. It is the Cardinal's desire that we try to reach all those who have left the Church for whatever reason and give them a message that we miss them and wish them to return to us. The program will feature television commercials as well as activities at the diocesan and parish levels. In place of homilies from the priests next week, we will hear directly from the Cardinal. Stay tuned.

Peace,
Father Murray

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The next day [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'"
- Jn 1:29-30

Readings for the Week of January 16, 2011

Sunday:	Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34
Monday:	Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	Heb 6:10-20/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	Heb 7:25---8:6/Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	Heb 8:6-13/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday:	Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday:	Is 8:23---9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23

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Background on the Gospel This Sunday we break from our reading of Matthew's Gospel (the primary Gospel for our current liturgical cycle, Cycle A) to read from John's Gospel. We heard Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism last Sunday, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today, we hear John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus as found in John's Gospel. John's Gospel differs from the other Gospels because John does not describe Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. Instead, John the Baptist announces that he knows that Jesus is the Son of God. In today's reading, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John's testimony he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the one who is to come after him. John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God" and the "Son of God." By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus' ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity. John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus clearly distinguishes John's baptism from the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John baptizes with water; Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John also puts his practice of baptism in the context of Jesus' ministry. The purpose of John's baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel. John the Baptist's sense of purpose is clearly identified in this reading: he baptized in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. John's witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives.

Died in hope of the Resurrection. In your charity please pray for the eternal rest of ***Ann Bilodeau and Katherine Mosher***. May God grant them peaceful rest with the saints and the reward of a good and faithful life. Pray also for the consolation of their loved ones.

Mass Schedule Jan 15-16
4:00 PM St. John's Fr. Walsh
4:00 PM St. James Fr. Murray
7:00 PM St. James Fr. Joseph/ Fr. Murray
8:30 AM St. James Fr. Murray/ Deacon Leo
8:30 AM St. John's Fr. Leo
10:30 St. John's Fr. Murray/Deacon Tom
11:30 St. James Fr. Walsh/Deacon Nelson
5:00 PM St. James Fr. Walsh

For those who are interested, Father Murray will be offering a four week course on the Gospel of Matthew. We will meet in the lower Church at 7:00 PM and study for one hour. All are invited. We will begin on Thursday, January 28 and continue to February 3, 10 and 27th.

Family Connection The ministry of John the Baptist prepared for and pointed to the ministry of Jesus. In a similar way, our lives are to offer testimony to who we know Jesus to be for us and for the world. Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. How does the witness of our lives give testimony to the reconciling presence of Christ? As a family, identify as many titles for Jesus as possible, such as Lamb of God, Son of God, Prince of Peace, and so on. Talk together about what these different titles mean and what they tell you about Jesus. Then read together today's Gospel, John 1:29-34. Consider how John the Baptist gives testimony to who Jesus is. Talk about what people might come to know about Jesus by observing your family life. Pray together that your family life will show others that Jesus is the Son of God, the lamb who takes away the sins of the world. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

JANUARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE
23rd -Grades K - 9 meet at the school**.**

Court Sacred Hearts #864, Bradford MA ***needs you!!*** We need you, because God needs you! And YOU need CDA! We are a national Catholic organization of women dedicated to prayer, good works, and the helping of others less fortunate. You will make new and dear friends and have fun while enriching your life and others. Regular meetings are held the 2nd Saturday of every month. Please contact Regent Sheila Kanan, 978-373-4990.

Please keep in your prayers all our men and women serving to protect our Country.

OPEN HAND FOOD PANTRY Catholic Charities sponsors our local food pantry for the needs. The pantry is housed at the Universalist-Unitarian Church in Monument Square. There are plastic containers at the back of the church to receive your donations of non-perishable food which will be brought to the food pantry of distribution.

Journey of Hope 2011 Conference

Hurting from a divorce or separation? Find hope and healing at the Journey of Hope 2011 Conference, March 4-6 in Atlanta GA. Guests include Archbishop Wilton Gregory, Vatican Analyst Fr. Thomas Williams, and EWTN host, Johnnette Benkovic. Early registration discounts and scholarships available. Information and registration at www.journeyofhopeconference.com.

EVENT LISTING March 4 – 6, Atlanta GA

The Journey of Hope 2011 Conference is for Catholics who have fallen away from the Church, those who are questioning the relevance of the Church at this stage in their lives, and those who seek to understand and follow the church's teachings. It offers men and women – wherever they are in their faith journey – help with the struggles and pain of separation and divorce. It provides resources that foster healing and helps attendees navigate life after divorce. Speakers and workshops address issues of healing, living the Catholic faith and making the Catholic faith a part of a rich and fulfilling life after divorce.

This year's speakers include:

- **Archbishop Wilton Gregory** of the Archdiocese of Atlanta will perform Mass
- **Fr. Thomas Williams**, LC, ThD, Catholic priest and professor of theology and ethics at the Regina Apostolorum Pontifical Antheneum in Rome, Italy
- **Johnnette Benkovic**, EWTN host and founder of Living His Life Abundantly and Women of Grace
- **Yvonne Marchese**, Executive Director, Catholics Come Home
- **Fr. Tony Palazzolo,** Pastoral Consultant, Diocese of St Augustine

Complete information about the conference, including schedules, speakers, hotel information, registration details and early registration discounts, testimonials from 2010 attendees, and much more can be found at www.journeyofhopeconference.com or by calling 1.888.654.3397

St. Vincent DePaul Society- Quarterly Report
October 1st, 2010- December 31st, 2010
Number of Families Assisted-105

Expenditures	**Receipts**
Rents-$25,825	$30,000 (1)
Utilities-$3,478	$6,756 Supply Boxes
Lodging-$833	$295 Interest
Storage-$683	$322 Increase in value of Mutual Funds
Holidays Meals-$350	
Community Meals-$250	**Total: $37,373**
Dues-$170	
Operation Cost-$115	**(1) Received from the Estate of Margaret J. Dondero a former Parishoner**
Other-$674	
Total: $32,378	

Quiero empezar diciendo a todos los que estuvieron involucrados en la fiesta de los niños, gracias por sus esfuerzos y por el tiempo con los niños. Nuestra parroquia está llena de gente muy buena, muy generosa y lista para colaborar en las actividades de la parroquia. Me alegró ver tantos niños recibiendo regalos. Era para mí una epifanía maravillosa. Este tiempo de la navidad está lleno de eventos especiales y esto es sólo uno de ellos, hay misas especiales, retiros, conciertos, y por supuesto el tiempo para estar con nuestras familias también. Otra vez, gracias a todos los que colaboraron en este evento. Este domingo celebramos el bautizo del Señor y después empezaremos con el tiempo ordinario. Tenemos mucho tiempo hasta la cuaresma y la pascua.

Pronto la iglesia en Boston va a empezar un programa nuevo que se llama El Regreso de Los Católicos a su Casa. Este programa tratará de iniciar un movimiento del regreso de los católicos que han abandonado o han dejado de asistir a la iglesia por ésta o cualquier otra razón. En verdad, no es importante saber porque dejaron la iglesia, a menos, que la razón sea una acción específica (anular un matrimonio, oír una confesión etc.). La esperanza del Cardenal quien inició este programa es que muchos católicos vuelvan a la iglesia. Sin Embargo, él sabe que debemos estar preparados por su regreso. Vamos a oír más sobre este programa durante la misa del día 23 de enero. Hasta entonces, quizás podemos mirar alrededor de nuestros vecinos y ver si alguno de ellos es un candidato para participar en este programa. El Cardenal también quiere que nosotros sepamos que habrá propagandas de este programa en la televisión y en la radio. El mayor deseo del Cardenal es que todos ellos regresen a Jesucristo. Que este deseo del Cardenal se haga también nuestro deseo. La Paz, P. Roberto

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