

Mass Schedule and Intentions

March 8 – March 15

Saturday 7 March – 2nd Sunday of Lent (Vi)

4pm Gert Deslauriers

Sunday 8 March – 2nd Sunday of Lent (Vi)

8am Leonel Resendes

10am Rose Cunha Moniz

5pm Pro Populo

Monday 9 March – St. Frances of Rome (Vi)

9am Connie Sylvia

Tuesday 10 March – Feria (Vi)

9am Richard T. Saunders

Wednesday 11 March – Feria (Vi)

9am Albert Vigeant

Friday 13 March –Feria (Vi)

9am Richard T. Saunders

Saturday 14 March – 3rd Sunday of Lent (Vi)

4pm Laurier Cormier

Sunday 15 March –3rd Sunday of Lent (Vi)

8am Rosa and Antonio Afonso

10am Pro Populo

5pm Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Simas

Financial Report

Income:

Parish Collection	\$5,064.76
Shrine and Candles.....	\$142.00
Stipends (funerals)	\$200.00
Credit Cards	\$1,350.00
Total	\$6,756.76

March Budget.....	\$25,000.00
March Actual.....	\$5,064.76

Major Expenses:

Avg. Weekly Staff Salaries	\$1,706.50
Avg. Weekly Staff BC/BS	\$570.41
Avg. Weekly Pension.....	\$197.73
Monthly Property Insurance.....	\$1,444.64

PRAYERS PLEASE

Please remember to pray for the sick of our parish especially: **Lionel Marot and Todd Talbot**;
Please also remember our parishioners who are serving abroad in the military especially **Bryon Kuehne**.

SANCTUARY LAMP

Each week the sanctuary candle over the tabernacle can be burning in memory of a loved one. If you are interested in this type of memorial, please contact the parish office. The Sanctuary Lamp this week is in memory of **Mae Caron**.

PASTOR'S COLUMN

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS – I am pleased to announce that starting on Thursday 26th March we will have the Traditional Latin Mass or more properly called the Extraordinary Form of the Mass according to the liturgical books of 1962. This Mass will be celebrated every Thursday at 5:30pm with the exception of certain major feasts which demand a second or unique parish Mass e.g. there will be no Extraordinary Mass on Thursday 9th April which is Holy Thursday. The Mass will be a Low Mass and as such there will be no music for the time being, eventually we may attract some musicians and singers that will be able to accompany the celebration. We will provide missals with translations of all the Mass parts and will provide translations of all the prayers of the day. The **readings and gospel will be in English** and there will be a short homily, again in English. The Traditional Latin Mass is a most beautiful expression of our liturgical heritage and well worth your considered participation. All are very welcome to attend.

ADVERTISERS – Please support our advertisers who make this bulletin possible. They support our parish; we likewise should support them! Please thank them for their support of St. Francis Xavier when you use their services.

SOUND SYSTEM UPGRADE – If you would like to donate something toward the cost of the sound system upgrade you can do so either in the second collection which will take place on the following two weekends or you can send a check to the parish office making sure that you write in the memo “Sound System”.


LENTEN DEVOTIONS – During Lent we will have **Stations of the Cross each Friday evening at 6:30pm**. We will end with Benediction. Please consider attending these wonderful devotions as one of your Lenten spiritual practices.

BENEDICTION – Many younger families are unfamiliar with the great devotion of Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. I would encourage you all to discover this awesome form of worship It consists in the singing of certain hymns, or litanies, or canticles, before the Blessed Sacrament, which is exposed upon the altar in a monstrance and is surrounded with lights. At the end, the priest, his shoulders enveloped in a humeral veil, takes the monstrance into his hands and with it makes the sign of the cross (hence the name Benediction) in silence over the kneeling congregation. Every Monday night at 6:30pm we have Evening prayer followed by Benediction. Stations of the Cross also conclude with Benediction.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Religious Education helps to build a strong foundation **Confirmation 1 Level 8 Retreat** Saturday, March 14, 11-5pm at SFX School gym, we will conclude with Mass. **Confirmation will be held Thursday, March 19, at 7p.m. at St. Francis Xavier.** Rehearsal is Wednesday, March 18, 7pm in Church. All candidates and sponsors should attend. A parent is required to substitute if sponsor cannot be there. **First Eucharist Day of Reflection,** Saturday, March 21, 1-3:30pm. We **are still** collecting items for our troops. Six boxes have been sent out already. List of items is found outside Rel. Ed. Office.

 **ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL** – The entire school began the season of Lent by attending mass on February 25; and on February 27 we held our annual “burying the Alleluia” for Lent. The Grand Raffle ended on March 6. Please return any money if you have not already. Registration is open for the rest of the year. If you are interested, please call the school at 508-995-4313.

CATHOLICISM 101

WHAT KIND OF WORSHIP IS DUE TO THE SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST? – The worship due to the sacrament of the Eucharist, whether during the celebration of the Mass or outside it, is the worship of latria, the adoration given to God alone. The Church guards with the greatest care Hosts that have been consecrated. She brings them to the sick and to other persons who find it impossible to participate at Mass. She also presents them for the solemn adoration of the faithful and she bears them in processions. The Church encourages the faithful to make frequent visits to adore the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the tabernacle.
Coming next week: Why is the Holy Eucharist the paschal banquet?

20-Week Club		
Week 13 Club 30		
\$25.00	#187	Adele Monticello
\$20.00	#154	Vivian Tripp
\$15.00	#67	George T. Souza
\$10.00	#82	Pat Poirier

THE ANCHOR – SUBSCRIPTION TIME AGAIN – Renewal notices have been sent for the Diocesan Newspaper, *The Anchor*. Each parish is assessed a number of households for subscriptions. Our assessment is 400 families at \$5,600 per year. We collected \$1,248 from subscribers last year and the parish paid the difference of \$4,352 to meet the assessed quota. Please return your *Anchor* envelope in the weekly collection basked before April 1.

FUNERAL – A funeral Mass was celebrated this week for Beatrice Pereira. Please keep Beatrice and her family in your prayers.

 CALENDAR		
Sunday		
Rel. Ed. 1-6	8:40-9:40am	Parish Ctr.
Second Graders at Mass	10am	Church
Rel. Ed. 2,4,5,7	11:15-12:15pm	Parish Ctr.
Confirmation 1&2	3:45-6pm	Parish Ctr.
Monday		
Rel. Ed. 1-7	4:15-5:30pm	Parish Ctr.
Benediction	6:30pm	Church
Cub Scout Committee	6:30-7:30pm	Hospitality
Tuesday		
Adult Choir	7-9pm	Church
Wednesday		
MAK Group	9:30-10:30am	Hospitality
Catechist Training	6:30-8:30pm	Hospitality
Thursday		
Children’s Choir	4-5pm	Church
Adult Choir	7-9pm	Church
Development Committee	7-8:30pm	Room 5
Friday		
Stations of the Cross	6:30pm	Church
Please visit our web site SFXACUSHNET.ORG for a complete printable and viewable church/school calendar of events.		

The Law of Fast

All adults (18 and older) are bound by the law of fast up to the beginning of their 60th year. On days of fast, those bound by the law are limited to a single full meatless meal. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one’s needs; however, together these two meals should not equal another full meal. There are two prescribed days of fast: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Law of Abstinence:

Those who are 14 years of age and older are obliged to observe the law of abstinence. On days of abstinence, those bound by the law abstain from meat. On all Fridays of Lent, abstinence is prescribed and Ash Wednesday.

LENTEN RICE BOWLS – Please continue to donate your extra coins in the Rice Bowls. Perhaps donating the money instead of stopping at Dunkin Donuts or Starbucks as a Lenten sacrifice! All Rice Bowls will be collected on Holy Thursday.

BE RECONCILED TO GOD
The Diocesan Reconciliation Weekend 21-22 March 2009 <i>Watch the video and listen to the radio ads on</i> www.bereconciledtogod.com

PARISH NURSES – Blood pressures are available the first and third Wednesday of each month. Blood pressures are available on the third Sunday of each month.

CERTIFICATES

Food certificates are available before the Saturday 4:00pm Mass and after the 8:00am Sunday Mass and before and after the Sunday 10:00am Mass; also from the parish office during the week. Please support your parish by purchasing your groceries in this way.

ARE YOU REGISTERED? - To be registered means you are receiving mailings from the parish office. This does not necessarily mean you receive budget envelopes. If you have been attending our church and would like to register, please stop by the parish office. You will need copies of sacraments received for ALL members of your immediate family.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 10:00-11:00am
Saturdays 3:00-3:45pm
Mondays 5:30-6:30pm

DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN - publication is Monday 12 noon. If there is a Monday holiday, then the deadline is by Friday. **All announcements must be written.** Please be as brief and to the point as possible as space is limited.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES – Adult Confirmation classes we be held in April and May for those parishioners who are 18 years of age or older and have never been Confirmed. These classes are held at Bishop Stang on Monday evenings. Interested parishioners will need to fill our paperwork and meet with Msgr. prior to registering. Please contact Maureen in the parish office for further details.

PLEASE NOTIFY US OF ADDRESS CHANGES

COMMUNION TO THE HOME BOUND – If you are sick or homebound and unable to get to Holy Mass, please call Msgr. to arrange for a visit so that we can bring you Holy Communion and assess your pastoral needs.

FLOWERS – If you would like to donate towards flowers for the weekend Masses, please see Maureen in the parish office to discuss the options. **Thank you** to those who are already giving toward flowers. During Lent, we do not decorate the altar with flowers. This money will go towards flowers to decorate our altar once Easter comes!

TROPICAL PARADISE DINNER DANCE – After a long, cold snowy winter, join your fellow parishioners at the Century House March 14 for a Tropical Paradise featuring a sit-down dinner of your choice of Baked Stuffed Chicken or Scrod, dancing and more! Tickets are \$25 each before and after all weekend masses and in the Parish Office. Shake off those winter blahs and come join the Conga line! Tickets must be purchased by March 9 and will not be sold at the door. Seating for tables of ten can be reserved.

We are looking for a few good items for our Chinese Auction. If you have a new, gently used item or a gift certificate and would like to donate it for our fundraiser, please bring it by the Parish Office by March 12.

DIOCESAN DIVORCED & SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUP

This group meets at the Family Life Center in N. Dartmouth from 7-8:30pm on the second and last Wednesdays of each month. There is no fee and is open to all separated/divorced persons.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

For a deeper understanding and richer communication and better quality marriage, plan to attend a Marriage Encounter weekend. For more information, call 1-800-367-0343 or www.mene.org.

Readings for the week of March 8, 2009

- Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10
- Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
- Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
- Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
- Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

TAX FORMS – It's that season once again. If you would like a printout of your yearly donations for 2008, please call Maureen in the parish office.

✂ Please clip and return.

**St. Francis Xavier
Faith Formation
8 March 2009**

Student Name: _____

Level: _____