



It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: "A voice of one crying out in the desert, 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.'" *Matthew 3:3*



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Faith Formation & Confirmation 6-10

FAITH FORMATION (September—May)

GRADES 1-5

Sundays 10:15AM-11:30AM In Our School

617-387-7009

Fran Foley, Co-Director Grades 1 and 2

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SPANISH FAITH FORMATION

Sunday: 10:15AM-12 NOON In Our School

FAITH FORMATION GRADES 6-10

Thursdays 6:00-PM7:15PM Our School

ADORATION OF THE

BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursday after 7:00AM Mass (Chapel)

Benediction 6:30PM

CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

Friday: 7:30PM In The Chapel

SODALITY

First Friday of the Month at 12:15PM

RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Saturday: 3:00PM-3:45PM

BAPTISM

1st and 3rd Sundays at 2:00PM (Chapel)

Call Rectory to make arrangements

WEDDINGS

Call Rectory at least 6 Months prior for appointment

RECTORY HOURS

8:30AM-12PM and 12:30PM-3PM

PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY

Monday-Saturday 7:00AM (Chapel)

SATURDAY

(Sunday Vigil) 4:00PM

SUNDAY

7:00AM; 9:00AM(Family); 11:00AM

12:15PM Spanish Community

4:00PM Haitian Community Mass Returns

5:30PM Mass

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 (St. Maria Giuseppe Rossello)

7:00AM.....Vietnamese Intention.....
4:00PM.....John Leone.....8th Anniversary

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 (IMMACULATE CONCEPTION)

7:00AM.....Thomas & Josephine Saia.....Memorial
9:00AM.....Timothy Smith.....5th Anniversary
11:00AM.....In Thanksgiving.....
5:30PM.....Joan Glynn.....Memorial

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 (St. Juan Diego)

7:00AM.....The Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10 (Pope St. Gregory III)

7:00AM.....Thomas Saia.....23rd Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11 (Pope St. Damasul I)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12 (Our Lady of Guadalupe)
7:00AM.....Frederick Callinan.....Memorial
.....Charlotte Darmody.....Memorial

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13 (St. Lucy)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 (St. John of the Cross)

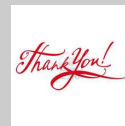
7:00AM.....Philip Thomas DiCecca, Sr.....Memorial
.....Ralph Graff Howland.....Memorial
4:00PM.....In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart;
.....Blessed Mother; Angels and Saints.....

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 (St. Mary DiRosa)

7:00AM.....John and Bertha Casey.....Memorial
9:00AM.....Ryan MacDonald.....3rd Anniversary
11:00AM.....All my Family and Friends Living and Past.....
.....Remembrance
5:30PM.....Kerri Feeley.....4th Anniversary
.....Robert Usher.....Memorial



**REMEMBER
JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON**



Thank you to **Jacque Fabrizio, Chairperson**, for all her hard work in planning and coordinating our Christmas Bazaar. Thank you to George and Linda Furtado for their help as well and all those who volunteered. We would like to also thank those who purchased tables to sell their items.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING:

- \$2,000 Bob LeFave
- \$300 Louis O'Connell
- Lottery Fran Murphy
- \$99 Kevin Creel
- \$1000 Club Membership—Pasquale Guarino



SNOWFLAKES WITH GIFT OPTIONS WILL BE IN THE LOWER CHURCH HALL AFTER ALL MASSES. PLEASE DROP OFF GIFTS EARLY SO WE MAY DISTRIBUTE TO THOSE FAMILIES IN NEED.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



As we do every year, we host Christmas Dinner in our Lower Church hall on Christmas Day. We welcome all those who would like a hot meal, may be alone this Christmas or not able to spend it with family or friends.

**CHRISTMAS DAY
AFTER 10AM MASS IN LOWER CHURCH HALL**

DONATIONS NEEDED: TURKEYS, SPIRALED HAMS, GREEN BEANS, POTATOES, GRAVY.

BAKED GOODS NEEDED: (Drop off after 4pm Mass on December 24th)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: TO HELP SET UP AND SERVE

WE ASK THAT VOLUNTEERS SHOW UP BETWEEN 9-9:30AM

ALL 9TH AND 10TH GRADE FF STUDENTS ENCOURAGED TO VOLUNTEER FOR SERVICE HOURS

Any questions, please call Fran at the Rectory!

MIDWEEK REFRESHER

Let Us Pray for the Sick in our Parish and those we have been asked to remember:

Especialy, Mary Agnes, Mark Amaral, Ricardo Belizaire, Mary Ann Burley, Janet Burridge, Lorraine Callinan, J. Case, Mattherw Chaves, Phil Clark, Charles Comeau, Robert DelRossi, Donna Del Vecchio, Robin Doucette, Dorothy Doran, Katherine Draper, Biriella Eisnor, Arleen Ellsworth, Michelle Fraser, Robert Freedman, Robert Frost, Rosemarie G., Kim Georges, Nina Hanlon, Mary Harkins, William Kemp, Eddie King, Kelley Ann McClelland, Shirley Melanson, Marcie Meserve, Phillip Morris, Christine Muise, Ann O'Brien, Diane O'Brien, Mary O'Brien, Nicole Olson, Lisa Orben, Camille Presti, Trixie Ricci, Peggy Riley, Frank Rousseau, Drew Simmons, Brad Steed, Laura W .

Let Us Pray for the Deceased of our Parish:

Theresa J. O'Donnell
Dolores A. Payne



Let Us Pray that our men and women in the service might be safe in the days and weeks ahead. Especialy those connected to our Parish as well as those unknown to us:

Mark Baldacchino, Kevin Caulfield Jr., Anthony Cruciotti, Joseph Dang, Jason Doucette, Matthew Evans, John Fitzgerald, John Fitzpatrick, III, Christopher Grace, David Grace, James Lally, Andrew McGlinchey, John O'Rourke, Matthew Pothier, Christina Racca, Stephen Ramunno, Alex Recupero, Alex Sclafani, Melissa Lynn Vizena as well as those unknown to us.

We ask that you remember all those that have given so much for us: The Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard. Please bless them and their families.

Scripture for the Week of December 8, 2013

- 8 **SUN** Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
- 9 **Mon** Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
- 10 **Tue** Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
- 11 **Wed** Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30 41
- 12 **Thu** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47
- 13 **Fri** Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
- 14 **Sat** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- 15 **SUN** Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Read: Matthew 3: 1-12

Reflect: At the time of John's ministry there were in the desert religious groups who multiplied purification rites. John, however, preached a unique baptism before the judgment, and that baptism was a baptism of repentance. With a prophetic insight, he sees the axe which already strikes at the foundations of the entire world. John announces that with the coming of the kingdom, a crisis is very near, a crisis which we will only be able to face through penance, the fruit of conversion. Is he not Elijah who has come back for the conversion of all things by fire? Among his hearers we find men of importance who will bring upon Jesus suffering and pain. John foresees them burning as straw after the harvest. But as the "Voice" of the Messiah he considers himself unworthy of preceding Jesus. His baptism is only of water, not of the Spirit. We acknowledge our uneasiness before this hard and pure prophet. We must recognize that the God who is both awesome and merciful manifests His power both in the clap of thunder and the gentle breeze. The Baptist's message calls Jew and Christian to the realization that we come under God's judgment by living in God's love. "For stern as death is love...its flames are a blazing fire" (Song of Songs 8:6). The Baptist keeps us from taking lightly God's love for us. His gospel is an Advent text which forces us to look toward the appearance of the King, who from this day until the last day, separates the chaff from the wheat.

Pray: On a regular basis we need to pray for a sense of repentance. We need to rethink and change how we are living our faith.

Act: Baptism was the beginning of a process that will be concluded in death. Each day gives us an opportunity to live our baptismal faith by rejecting evil and sin and thus living in the freedom of the children of God.



The Altar Bread, Wine and Sanctuary Candle for the Weekend of December 1st are in remembrance of:

Our Parish Family

Thank you and blessings!

Bereavement Mass

Our next Mass will be **SUNDAY DECEMBER 22ND AT 11:00AM**. As an expression of sympathy for our families that have lost a loved one, every month we will celebrate a Mass for those that have passed away. This Mass will be for those who passed away In November:

Frieda M. Lattanzi, Kathleen McDonald
Patricia McDonald, Lawrence J. Navarro
Assunta Parris, Josephine Supino

THANK YOU FOR YOUR



GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION
AMOUNT NEEDED \$22,077

Thank you to those who have given to the Grand Annual Collection already. The recommended amount for each family is \$200. As Fr. Jerry stated in his letter, some can do more and we hope you will. Blessings!

\$31,611 STAIN GLASS FUND (TO DATE)
INCLUDES \$25,000 GIFT

We have spent \$19,545 on the first window
Windows are not part of the
Capital Campaign Items

PRAYER MINISTRY
EVERY SUNDAY 10:00-10:45AM
Meets at the St. Joseph's Altar

SPARE CHANGE
DECEMBER 15TH
All Masses

SODALITY (FIRST MASS/LUNCHEON)

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC
JANUARY 4TH

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK
JANUARY 5TH



SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

When: WATCH HERE FOR THE NEXT DATE
Time: 7:00PM
Place: Lower Church Hall

Please visit our Facebook page at:
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/IC-Everett-Social-Justice-Group/389672121142705>

<https://twitter.com/lcsJgroup>

ALL ARE WELCOME!



ONLY \$4
THIS SUNDAY DECEMBER 8TH

7:30-10:30AM

In Our Church Hall

Join your fellow parishioners for breakfast (Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, toast, juice, coffee and tea yummy!



1000 CLUB:
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH AT 4:45

Our club has been part of our Parish for over 30 years. It has helped in paying many bills and it continues to do that. We would like to increase membership so that it may pay a few more bills. If you are a member—thank you! Maybe you could give one as a gift or buy another. If you don't have one, please consider purchasing one. Thank you in advance.



FOXWOODS TRIP:
DECEMBER 17TH \$25PP

Bus leaves Rectory by 7AM Sharp!
Return to Rectory by 7:30PM

Free Buffet or \$10 Food Credit and
\$10 Slot Play
Coffee AND.....on Bus Down

Call Rectory to Reserve a Seat!

NO PAYMENTS ON BUS...
Please Pay at Rectory



THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF
OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

We will be making our annual trip to the LaSalette Shrine on December 27th.

Watch here for more details!



GRADES 6-10 SCHEDULE

DECEMBER CLASSES: 12TH, 19TH

SERVICE HOURS

9TH AND 10TH FF STUDENTS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER SERVICE

GRADES 1-5 INFORMATION

DECEMBER CLASSES: 8TH, 15TH

Blessed and Holy Christmas Season to all!

CLASSES WILL RESUME: JANUARY 26TH



BRING A BOOK—BUY A BOOK

This new Fundraising Program, in the hallway out back, is called "Bring A Book-Buy A Book". All books are \$1.00 and any money collected will go towards our Stain Glass Fund. So bring a Book and Buy a Book and put your donation in envelope by book, in the Collection Box or hand to Rick. Thank you and Blessings.



BELOW ARE SOME WAYS IN WHICH YOU CAN HELP OUR CHURCH

LECTOR:

Proclaim God's Word to those who come to worship with us.

SPECIAL MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST:

Distribute the Eucharist at Mass, the Hospital, Nursing Homes and the Homebound.

USHERS AND GREETERS:

Ensure a Welcome to all, assist at offertory time, pass out bulletins when leaving.

CLEANERS:

This Ministry cleans on Friday afternoons.

WEEKEND RECTORY HELP:

We need volunteers to answer the phones and doors on Saturdays and Sundays. You may pick the time your available and training will be provided.

If you are interested in any of these or other Ministries in our Parish, please call the Rectory and let us know your interest and we will get you started!

50/50 WINNER

Govostes (11/24)

Norine Piazza (12/1)



90 PLUS" God Bless those who are celebrating a birthday this month:

**Pauline Clifford, Mary Downing
Carmela Grossi, Elizabeth McNeil
Cecilia Mulrennan, Palma Nolan, Helen Thompson**



(Twitter@Pontifex)

"We are all called to be friends with Jesus. Don't be afraid to love the Lord."

Pope Francis

UPCOMING EVENTS/NEWS AT OUR NEIGHBORING PARISHES ETC.

CHEVERUS SCHOOL ALUMNI

Are you a graduate of Cheverus School? We need your help entering data. We have over one hundred years of office cards that we hope to enter into a data base. You bring yourself and a laptop, we'll supply refreshments! If you are able to help, send an email to twalsh@cheverusschool.com. Thank you, Teresa Walsh.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL REVERE, MASSACHUSETTS

IC School in Revere will celebrate its 100th Year Anniversary beginning in September of 2013. The school will host an alumni Mass, open house, and family breakfast for former students and community members in October of 2013. The year's celebrations will culminate with a gala dinner at Anthony's of Malden on April 12, 2014.

www.tinyurl.com/icreverealumni
lcschool@icrevere.org



IMPORTANT NOTICE: A major heating pipe has caused the front step of the lower altar to warp along with several boards on the altar. Work is ongoing.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR GIVING

Our Parish Family has a family in financial need, as they comfort and care for their daughter, Nicole. She is a Second Grader who received a heart transplant at the age of six days old. Currently, she is in the hospital and has spent more there than at home. This time, since October, she has had multiple issues. As you can imagine, the financial needs of the family are significant.

In this giving season, please do what you can to dig a little deeper and make a donation to Nicole's family. Just put your gift in an envelope with Nicole's name on the front. You may put the envelope in the collection box, drop it off at the rectory and we will pass it along to the family. There is no deadline. Thank you in advance for your generosity! Blessings!



DECEMBER 24TH (CHRISTMAS EVE): 4:00PM AND 11:00PM

DECEMBER 25TH (CHRISTMAS DAY): 8:00AM AND 10:00AM

Eucharistic Adoration Of The Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held **EVERY THURSDAY** from 7:45AM to 6:30PM in our Chapel. Each Thursday's adoration will conclude with **Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 6:30PM**. All are welcome to come and spend some time in the Lord's presence. Please invite other to join you.

The **Rosary** at 6:30AM (Before Mass)
 The **Angelus** at 12:00PM
 The **Divine Mercy Chaplet** at 3:00PM
 The **Rosary** at 5:30PM for Peace and
 the Holy Father's intentions
 The **Divine Mercy Chaplet** (Sung) at 6:00PM

If you would like more information, call
 Madeline McComish at 617.387.7820.



Our parish would sincerely like to thank **MURPHY O'HARA FUNERAL HOME** for sponsoring our bulletin. Without them this publication would not be possible.

