

Saint Elizabeth Parish

350 Reedsdale Road, Milton, MA 02186

www.stelizabethmilton.org

Parish Mission Statement

The mission of the Parish of Saint Elizabeth is to give witness to the Kingdom of God on earth, to support one another, and to strive for a deeper relationship with God.

As a community of faith, we welcome all to participate in living out the Gospel message of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

We pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to serve better the Lord and one another.



Pastoral Staff

Rev. Aidan J. Walsh
Rev. Robert Clark, S.S.C.
Sr. Mary K. Walsh, C.S.J.

Ms. Clare Joyce
Donna Mitchell
Mary Shea DiCenzo
Susan Tuzzo
Dr. George Ashur
John Connolly
Barbara Lydon

Pastor
Priest in Residence
Director of Religious Education
Coordinator for Grades K-6
Coordinator for Grades 7-10
Religious Education Assistant
Business Manager
Administrative Assistant
Director of Music
Facilities Manager
Receptionist

Schedule of Masses

Sunday Masses:

Saturday: 4:00 and 7:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am

Daily Mass: Monday—Friday, 9:00 am

Telephone Numbers

Rectory (617) 696-6688
Religious Education (617) 698-5763
Fax (617) 698-4864

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:30 am to 4:00 pm

Sacraments

Baptisms:

First Sunday of the month, 1:00 pm
Parental instruction required.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:0—3:45 pm
Anytime by appointment

Eucharist Ministry to the Sick:

Please call the Parish Office to receive the Eucharist at home.

R.C.I.A.

Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults
Sister Mary K. Walsh, C.S.J.
617-698-5763

Marriage:

Please call the rectory at least 6 months before the wedding date.

The Third Sunday Lent, March 7, 2010

MASS INTENTIONS

Prayers are requested for the people of our parish, for those who are hospitalized, for our deceased relatives and friends, and for the following intentions:

Saturday, March 6

4:00 pm Dorothea Kiley—2nd Anniversary

7:00 pm Special Intention

Sunday, March 7

7:30 am Parishioners of St. Elizabeth

9:30 am Monica & Marie Folan—Memorial

11:30 am Cornelius Hegarty—20th Anniversary

Monday, March 8

9:00 am Anne Ashur—B'Day Mass

Tuesday, March 9

9:00 am Charles Power—Memorial

Wednesday, March 10

9:00 am Hilda Pennington—Memorial

Thursday, March 11

9:00 Josephine Flaherty—B'Day Mass

Friday, March 12

9:00 am Albert Lasis—Memorial

Saturday, March 13

4:00 pm Robert Ahern—13th Anniversary

Rosemary Ahern—1st Anniversary

7:00 pm Patrick & Kate Kearney—Memorial

Martin & Agnes Keneavy—Memorial

Sunday, March 14

7:30 am Parishioners of St. Elizabeth

9:30 am Mary E. Shaughnessey—2nd Anniv.

11:30 am James F. Greene—13th Anniversary

The Sanctuary Lamp is given this month

in loving memory of

Walter Phinney from Arlene & family



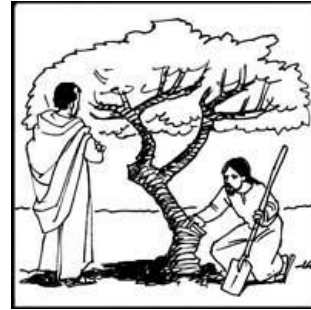
Altar Breads and Wine are given this month

in loving memory of

Robert & Rosemary Ahern from their family

Our sincere thanks to William Finnell and family for the beautiful gold pyx given to the parish in loving memory of *Michaela E. Finnell*. We will use this pyx to bring Communion to our parishioners who may be ill at home or in the hospital.

FROM THE PASTOR



Recently I came across several articles in *Celebrations* which I would like to share with you today and next Sunday.

“The parable of the fig tree includes a detail that will make sense to any gardener. If a tree or plant is not productive, it may benefit from having its roots stirred up and a little fertilizer applied. In the same way, if we have stopped producing and growing morally, we may need to examine our root motives, untangle our lives from dead habits and bad influences. Prayer is a time to stir up roots. And even our past failures can be a source of growth and insight. Just as old, decaying matter and fertilizer nourish new plant growth, our old sins and past failures contain valuable insights and motivation for personal growth. Repentance acknowledges past failures and learns from them. Virtue that flows from experience is stronger than virtue that flows from simple innocence.”

Best Wishes and Prayers,

Fr. Aidan

Parish Stewardship

Weekend of February 27-28

Offertory \$8,336

Today's Second Collection is for Snow Removal.

Next week's Second Collection is the Monthly Maintenance.

As always, we thank you for your generosity, particularly during these difficult economic times. The offertory is our primary means of meeting parish weekly operational expenses.

Electronic Giving—If you are interested in this program, please take a form at the entrance of the church, call the parish office or visit our website www.stelizabethmilton.org.

“The Light is on for You,” - every church and chapel in the Archdiocese of Boston will have individual and private Confession available, every Wednesday in Lent from 6:30 pm.

Why Confess Your Sins to a Priest?

Q Why is it necessary to go to a priest for confession if I can pray to God on my own?

A *Sacramental confession allows God’s loving mercy and His grace-filled absolution to be confirmed to us through the ministry of the priest.* When we pray to God, we do not necessarily hear God’s response. We are often far more harsh on ourselves than God could ever be. God sees us with love, mercy and an abundance of forgiveness. We see ourselves and our sin through the eyes of guilt and shame. It is important for us to receive from a priest the unconditional love and mercy of God, as expressed and experienced in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Christ, through the priest, invites us to let go of anything that gets in the way of our relationship with Him. Christ, through the priest, encourages us to open ourselves to the peace and grace which can only be found through God’s forgiveness. In sacramental confession, we hear the direct expression of God’s love, through the priest and the ministry of the Church. In sacramental confession, we know we have received the gift of absolution from our sins by God’s chosen instruments, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the ministry of the priest.

The Communal Nature of Sin

When we sin we not only offend God, but we also offend the individual or individuals against whom we have sinned, if not the entire community of faith. Sin uproots us from our real home, the heart of God the Father. Sin also uproots us from the communion of the Church and the mystical body of Christ, which is the Church. We need to receive not only God’s forgiveness, but the blessing of the Christian community...

Because Christ Said So

Finally, and most importantly, we should go to confession to a priest because Jesus told us to do so. In His first appearance to the apostles after His Resurrection, Christ breathed on them and said to

them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (John 20:22-23). By these words, the Church and the priest have been entrusted with one of the most sacred and awesome ministries of Christ, that is, the ministry of reconciliation. I want my sins to be forgiven, not retained. I want them to be loosed, not bound. Through the sacramental ministry of the Church and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, our sins are forgiven and we are given the grace to be more like Christ. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation we experience and embody the saving ministry and healing grace of Jesus Christ..."

Excerpts from Pilot article written by Very Reverend Richard M. Erikson, PhD., V.G.

Cardinal Séan O’Malley will celebrate St. Patrick’s Day Mass on Wednesday, March 17th, at 12 Noon at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross.



Free mini-bus shuttle will run from Quincy and Dorchester. You must call to confirm a seat on the bus, 617-479-7404 x 13. *Reservations must be made no later than March 15th.*

The Catholic Appeal

Last week, we heard from Cardinal Sean of the importance of the **Catholic Appeal** to life of our Archdiocese which supports over 60 ministries in the local church. All we have and all we are is a gift from God. We are responsible for using these gifts as God intends. The Church is one of God’s great gifts to all humankind. We are all responsible for providing the resources the Church needs to carry out its mission. The **Catholic Appeal** is a significant opportunity to embrace that responsibility.

Last year 196 St. Elizabeth families contributed \$105,651 to the Appeal, which achieved its overall goal of 15MM, in a very difficult economy. This year, our parish goal is \$90,500. If you have not yet received a packet from the Cardinal, please take one at the church entrances.

Every gift is gratefully received by Cardinal Sean; every gift matters.

The William T. Fidler School of Religion
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IMPORTANT DATES

Any Catechist or Parish Volunteer who has not yet been trained in the VIRTUS, Protecting God's Children program is encouraged to monitor the following website to find and attend a training session of his/her convenience: www.bostoncatholic.org. Click onto: Protecting Children, Related Offices & Services—Child Advocacy, Training Schedule.

March 15th (Week of)

2010—2011 Religious Education Registration packets will be distributed during class for Grades 1-10. All updated Registration Forms are due back to the Religious Education Office by Wednesday, April 7th.

"Please plan ahead for Religious Education."

Let us remember in a special way, our Service Men and Women and their families:



Sgt Kristen M. LaLond, Mark O'Callaghan, PFC William Coughlin, Sgt. Billy Torney, SPC Dave Wall, Jeff Marrier, Sgt. Nicholas O. Polce, Daniel Burke, John Peters, Pvt. Tom Ryan, Spc. Sean Norris, Christopher Collins, Nat'l Guard, Pvt. Ryan Lorelike, SSgt James O'Donoghue, Tim Finch, Air Force, SSG Gordon "Chip" Hunt, Pvt. Sean M. Foley and Capt. Richard King., PFC Daniel Farquharson and Lt. Mark Wise and SRA Timothy Allen, Sgt. Tommy Latham, US Army, P.F.C James Palmer, US Army Rangers and Sgt. Sean Hinds, US Marines. *Please call the Parish office if you would like to add a name to our list.*

Saint Francis of Assisi 50th Anniversary Gala—

Saturday, March 20 at 6:00 pm at the newly renovated Tirrell Room, (Elks Hall), 254 Quarry Street, Quincy. Live & silent auctions, appetizers, dinner, (choice of entrée), cash bar & music by the Noel Henry's Irish Showband. Tickets - \$60; reserved table (8) - \$450. Contact Kathleen at kcummings@sfab.org or 781-848-0842 x17.

Lenten Schedule

Daily Mass

Monday-Friday at 9 am

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Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent

following 9 am Mass

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"The Light is On For You"

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm through March 31.

Adoration, Sacrament of Reconciliation and

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament

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Lenten Night of Reflection

Wednesday, March 24

Rev. David Nicgoriski, CMV

Details to follow



*Keeping
a Holy Lent*

Fast From, Feast On

Fast from judging others; feast on Christ living in them.

Fast from words that pollute; feast on phrases that purify.

Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.

Fast from anger; feast on patience.

Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism.

Fast from worry; feast on appreciation.

Fast from complaining; fast on appreciation.

Fast from unrelenting pressures; feast on unceasing prayer.

Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others.

Fast from personal anxiety; feast on eternal hope through Jesus.

Fast from discouragement; feast on hope.

Fast from thoughts of weakness; feast on promises that inspire.

Fast from everything that separates you from the Lord.

Feast on everything that draws you to the Lord.

William Arthur Ward, 1921-1994

American teacher, author, teacher and pastor