



**ASH WEDNESDAY**

6:45am, 9:00am & 7:00pm

**WEEKDAY MASSES DURING LENT**

Monday – Friday @9:00am

**PENANCE SERVICE**

Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup> @7:00pm

Our guest speaker will be Father Robert Poitras from Saint Agatha's Parish in Milton.

**ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON**  
**LENTEN REGULATIONS 2008**

**ABSTINENCE:** Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligations of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, meat may not be used at all.

**FAST:** Catholics 18 & not over sixty years are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the days of fasting. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

Lent is a period of special penitential observance. Following the instructions of the Holy See, the Bishops of the United States have declared that the obligation to fast and to abstain from meat still binds on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In this matter, the faithful enjoy freedom in conscience to excuse themselves but, as the Bishops state, "no Catholic Christian will lightly excuse himself from this penitential practice." In addition, the tradition of abstinence from meat on the other Fridays of Lent is preserved. Again, the Bishops express their confidence that "no Catholic Christian will lightly hold himself excused from this penitential practice".

**LIFETEEN MASS: SUPERBOWL SUNDAY** – Lifeteen Mass 4:00pm followed by Superbowl Party. All high school teens and Edge kids are invited.

**LIFENIGHTS:** This week: – Game of Life

**Next week's Lifenight** - "Playing in the Gutter"

**PIZZA & PRAYER:** Mondays at 7:00pm in the Sacristy.

**The Edge:** will meet Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will attend the Lifeteen Mass at 4:00pm followed by the Lifeteen Superbowl Party. For more information call Karen Phillips @508-543-3001.

**UPCOMING EDGE EVENT:** February 23<sup>rd</sup> – DDR Night

Plan to mark the bicentennial of the Archdiocese of Boston by coming together in prayer and fellowship with pilgrims from across the Archdiocese and throughout the world at The Archdiocesan Bicentennial Pilgrimage to the 49<sup>th</sup> International

Eucharistic Congress in Quebec, Canada. Information sheets, itinerary and registration forms are at the doors of the church. For more information contact Fr. Michael Drea @617-479-5400, ext. 12

***GO PATRIOTS!!!***

*FEBRUARY 3, 2008*

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**“Seek the Lord”**

Well it's hard to believe that Ash Wednesday is just a few days away! For those of you keeping track it is the earliest Ash Wednesday in the last twenty years! The Readings this week are a great source for us as we prepare to be catapulted into Lent. We are all called to an intimate relationship with God. With our crazy schedules of work, school, sports, and all our errands it can be hard sometimes to keep up our relationship with God. Like anything in life it takes the desire and effort. Jesus is always there ready for us as we call upon him. The Gospel this week is truly worth reflecting upon. Meditating on a few of the beatitudes may be a good Lenten practice.

You will find in this week's bulletin Pope Benedict's Lenten 2008 message to all of us. May the Lord be with you as we approach the wonderful season of Lent. I want to remind you that we have 3 Masses on Ash Wednesday; 6:45am, 9:00am, and 7:00pm.

Not only are we anticipating Lent but the Super Bowl is here! We pray for a victory and a return to New England with their fourth world championship!! Enjoy the game!

Peace,

Fr. Jay

**BAPTISM CATHECHESIS**

Baptism Catechesis Class has been canceled for February 6<sup>th</sup> due to Ash Wednesday. The next class will be held March 5<sup>th</sup> @7:30pm in the church. All first time parents are expected to attend prior to their child's baptism. Godparents are also encouraged to attend. Please call the Rectory with the date you would like to attend. If you have any questions contact Father Jason or Deacon Richie.

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### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

9:00 Ellen Mague Special Intention

4:00 Mary & Steve Kennedy Memorial

Thomas J. Sullivan & Ethel Bresnahan

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

7:00 Ellen Guimond Month's Mind

9:00 John Bower Memorial

11:00 Arlene Lieneck 5<sup>th</sup> Ann

### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

9:00 Gerard LaFlamme 20<sup>th</sup> Ann

### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

9:00 Francis Devine 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann

### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

4:00 Robert Quintiliani 1<sup>st</sup> Ann

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

7:00 Edward Bagley Memorial

9:00 Stephen F. Cheney Memorial

11:00 Phyllis Westwater Birthday Remembrance

Please remember in your prayer the above intentions, the ill and infirmed of the parish, members of Benefactor Society and all our beloved deceased, especially Robert Giradin, whose Funeral Mass was celebrated this past week.

The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in loving memory of Arlene Lieneck. If you wish to remember a beloved loved one by lighting the candle in their memory please call the Rectory. An offering of \$25 is appreciated.