

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Sat. 5p Jack Senden
 Sun. 8a The people of the parish
 10a Yamitz Family

WEEKDAYS AT 8:00a

Mon. Imelda Salamone
 Tues. *Communion Service*
 Wed. Michael & Laura Cleary
 Thurs. Margaret & Ivan Quinley
 Fri. John Cleary

NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. 5p Rosa Janisch
 Sun. 8a Melvin Giles
 10a The people of the parish

RESHMENTS

1st Sunday Parish Council
 2nd Sunday Mary Patterson
 3rd Sunday Maggie Hart-Mahon & Bob Mahon
 4th Sunday Anna Forder

Assignment #1: Write a poem about Baseball and God

And on the ninth day, God
 In His infinite playfulness
 Grass green grass, sky blue sky,
 Separated the infield from the outfield,
 Formed a skin of clay,
 Assigned bases of safety
 On cardinal points of the compass
 Circling the mountain of deliverance,
 Fashioned a wandering moon
 From a horse, a string and a gum tree,
 Tempered weapons of ash,
 Made gloves from the golden skin of sacrificial bulls,
 Set stars alight in the Milky Way,
 Divided the descendants of Cain and Abel into contenders,
 Declared time out, time in, stepped back,
 And thundered over all of creation:

"Play ball!"

—Philip E. Burnham

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS & BROTHERS

Margaret Malone, Kimmy King (Jerry's cousin), Ellen Knighter, Mary Dunaway, Maggie Yanochick, Kristian Logan Booker, Charles Malone, Rosie Cockrell, Julie Hasenstab, Dorris Furrer, Richard Mullen (Tom's brother), Eileen McGartland, Trish Curtis, Ed Burton, Virginia Wolf, Gene Kilgen (Jan's husband), Millie Naeger, Dan O'Brien, Jim Krings, Dennis Flavin, Lisa Picker, Tom Curtis and Alexa Glore (Trish Curtis' family), Marsha Koeller (Susan Sanner's daughter), Lucille Nash, David Sieben (Rocky's father), Steve Hasser (Ruth's brother), Santa Lee (Diane's mother), Barbara Peper (Anne Perkins' step-mother), Glenda Beasley, Peggy Moss (Marcy Soda's cousin), Dorothy Wilson, Kim Knight, Daniel Whealon (Mary Whealon's twin brother), Sue Lauritsen's son Nodric, Lila Mae Kofron, Danielle Oliveros (Nancy Buck's granddaughter), Paul Wegman (John's father), Paul Oldenburg, Susan Christopher, Lorrain Sopp (Barb Sopp's dad), Carrie Brown (Roland Martir's daughter), Hazel Jones, Jack Fagen, Nancy Buck's daughter Chris, Louis Cordia, Edward Dee (son of Mary Ellen Dee), Jeffrey Williams, Frank Janisch, Arthricia Temes, and Genevieve Pollack.

May He Rest in Peace Please hold Melvin Giles, father of Carol Giles-Straight, and his family in your prayer. He died earlier this week.

First Communion Joey, Grace, Levi, Matt, Julia, Benjy, and Ciara thank all the people in this faith community who made last weekend's celebration of their First Communion so wonderful. Thanks to everyone who prayed with these young people. And thanks to all who hold them now in your hearts. Share your photos of First Communion online. Get a username and password from Sean and then visit:
<http://gallery.mac.com/stcronan#100130>

Candlelight Vigil for Peace Sunday evening at 7:00p on the steps of St. Francis Xavier (College) Church at Grand and Lindell.

St. Vincent de Paul Breakfast volunteers needed for breakfast next Sunday (20 April 2008.) Please sign up on the times you are able to help with the preparation, cooking, and serving for the breakfast. We shall serve from 8:30a to 1:00p in the hospitality room in the Parish Center. Please sign up to help. . . and definitely mark your calendar and come eat! This fundraiser is our main mechanism to help us continue to help our neighbors. Please continue to support us. Sign up sheet is in the back of church. Thank you. Bill Blow

feast
 of **SAINT CRONÁN**
Irish Music & Potluck Lunch
 Sunday 27 April
 following the 10:00a Liturgy

COPA

begins this weekend

experience | analysis | theological reflection | action

What does welcome mean?
be a part of the discernment
Sign-up in the chapel

B.A.S.I.C (AA) meets every Saturday from 11:00a-1:00p in the lower level of the Parish Center.

T'ai Chi Chih 9:20a (note the new time) Sundays, outside (weather permitting) or in the balcony.

Clothes & More The next giveaway is Saturday 19 April. Help needed to set up and sort this Friday 18 April from 5:00-7:00p. Help also needed at 8:30a Saturday. Call Dorothy Lucey at 644-1035.

Roundtable Discussion at Karen House Catholic Worker (1840 Hogan Street) on Sunday 27 April at 7p. The topic is Peter Maurin's *Easy Essays*. Aristode Pierre Maurin, later known as Peter Maurin, was co-founder with Dorothy Day of the Catholic Worker movement and is chiefly responsible for the movement's visionary qualities. For samples of his essays, visit the Catholic Worker website at www.catholicworker.org/roundtable/easyessays.cfm

Bayou Bash 2 Katrina benefit this Sunday from 12:30p to 7:00p at Iron Barley, 5510 Virginia at Bates. From Zydeco to *à capella* to a dash of St. Louis Blues... with the likes of the Zydeco Crawdaddys and the Bottoms Up Blues Gang. Addressing the daily burdens, hardships, survival, and loss of faith faced by the youth of New Orleans. For more information visit www.commongroundrelief.org.

Guatemala Speaker The NISGUA 2008 tour speaker for the Midwest will discuss opposition to the Xalalá hydroelectric dam, a mega-“development” project that would displace indigenous communities and damage the ecosystem in the Ixcán, Quiché region. Monday 14 April 5:00-7:00p at Bethel Lutheran Church, Forsyth and Big Bend. For more information visit www.ifcla.net

CODEPINK Rush Hour Bannering Every Wednesday at 4:00p on the Soulard pedestrian overpass above the I-44/55 split.

Human Rights Torch Relay Saturday 26 April 11:00a at Kiener Plaza. The HRTR is a global grassroots campaign to raise awareness of, and stop, the Chinese communist regime's human rights crimes prior to the 2008 Beijing Olympics. The HRTR strongly condemns the Chinese regime's ruthless crackdown in Tibet, arrest of 1878 Falun Gong followers, support of corrupt regimes in Myanmar and Darfur and persecution of Christians, lawyers, reporters and all who have suffered as a result of Beijing's pre-Olympics whitewash. For more information visit: www.humanrightstorch.org

These are intense times for this community. Nothing has been easy since November. (Come to think of it, has it *ever* been easy?) Last Saturday, the community met in its fourth Assembly in three months. Again, the Pastoral Team was struck by the depth of caring this community exhibits, and the gift of profound listening we give to one another.

This weekend we begin a four-week series of discussions concerning the kind and character of welcome we extend to LGBT Catholics in our midst. The Pastoral Team and the Parish Council have whole-heartedly embraced this model of discussion and theological reflection. It's crucial that you make a commitment to participate in COPA. There are two sessions each week – you can attend either session based on your schedule. If you're unable to attend either session on a particular week, you can catch-up online at www.stcronan.net; but we encourage you to make every effort to participate each week, because the program builds on the group's work from the previous sessions.

We owe a special debt of thanks to the faithful men and women who have shepherded the COPA project and curriculum to this point. This parish is grateful for the hours and years of work that have gone into this program. Your love for the People of God is evident in your passion, your care, and your advocacy for truth-telling.

I'd like to address one possible hesitation about COPA and the commitment it demands of participants, and I mean to do it openly and with love. We might examine our own relationships with LGBT parishioners, witnessing dedication and an integral presence in the ministerial life of our community, and then assume “*of course* we're a welcoming community.” Take caution in that assumption. You may well be right. And you may be overlooking some of the subtler blocks that are in place throughout society, even in the most well-intentioned communities.

“What exactly is a feast day? Just as one can say that an altar is a piece of earth raised a little towards heaven, so one can say of a feast day that it is a piece of time which touches eternity.” (Joseph Jungmann)

Sunday's First Communion celebration was joyous. The Pastoral Team is truly grateful for the hard work and delight these young people exhibited. Thanks to the parents and grandparents and cousins and siblings. Thanks to Madonna and all the catechists. Thanks to Mary Ellen and the choir and all who made such a joyful noise around the table of the Lord. You have nurtured these young souls well as they came to the Feast. Bless you. (smc)

A member of the Pastoral Team – Gerry, Louise, Sean – writes this column each week. We welcome your feedback.

Parishioners wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage are asked to contact a member of the Pastoral Team at least six months in advance of the proposed wedding date. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Saturdays at 4:30p and at other times by appointment. Adults who are interested in Sacramental preparation (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation) should talk with a member of the Pastoral Team about RCIA — the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

To add items to the parish long-range calendar, get in touch with Seán in the Parish Center.

For a continuously-updated list of parish events, visit: Visit: www.stcronan.org

To submit items for the bulletin, e-mail [delores\[at\]stcronan.org](mailto:delores@stcronan.org) or call the Parish Center before Noon on Tuesday.