

## St. Jeremiah celebrates Sunday mass

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**F**RAMINGHAM -- St. Jeremiah parishioners will return this weekend to the church to celebrate their first Sunday Mass since the Archdiocese of Boston closed the doors three months ago.

Parishioners who continue to fight to keep St. Jeremiah open hope to see former church members come back for tomorrow's 10:15 a.m. Mass, the first there since May 8.

"I think people who are still active today with St. Jeremiah are reaching out to friends and inviting them to come back. We're hoping people will come home to St. Jeremiah," said Jackie Lemmerhirt, co-chairwoman of the Appeals Committee.

Lemmerhirt said many parishioners stopped going to church altogether after the Archdiocese closed it, triggering the around-the-clock vigil that continues today.

The Archdiocese cleared the way for the Sunday Masses, which will continue after tomorrow, according to Lemmerhirt. An Archdiocese spokesman could not be reached for comment yesterday.



Tomorrow's Mass, which will be celebrated by the Rev. Mark O'Connell, will also recognize the 56th wedding anniversary of Frank and Bernardine Reilly, one of the original St. Jeremiah families.

Reilly said he and his wife, who now go to St. George's for Mass, had hoped to see the Sunday Masses at St. Jeremiah start up again in time for their anniversary.

"We believe in miracles," he said, "and we've been praying for it, and it came."

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