

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, February 6

4:00 PM Swithen & Jolyon Rodrigues

### Sunday, February 7

9:00 AM Ursula Vincent

11:30 AM Angela Kuhns, Month's Mind

5:00 PM For the parishioners

### Monday, February 8

12:10 PM Thanksgiving for Alfred Abou-Hamad  
and Family

### Tuesday, February 9

12:10 PM

### Wednesday, February 10

12:10 PM Alice Beharry

### Thursday, February 11

12:10 PM In memory of the Marron Family

### Friday, February 12

12:10 PM Thanksgiving for Giselle Damiani  
and Family

### Saturday, February 13

4:00 PM Richard McCarthy

### Sunday, February 14

9:00 AM Joseph Cohan

11:30 AM Mary Colleen Nelson

5:00 PM For the parishioners

## Parish Support

January 30-31

Offertory

\$2,839



### HOLY FATHER PETER'S PENCE

This week's second collection, Peter's Pence, enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to requests for aid to needy throughout the world - those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Please visit [www.usccb.org/ppc](http://www.usccb.org/ppc) for more information.

### BAKE SALE



Students from Emerson College will be here after all the Masses next weekend, February 13/14, for a Bake Sale. Proceeds from the Bake Sale will be used as they assist the poor during their Spring Work break. Last year it was a great success, so please plan to support their efforts again.



Astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon,

"Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."  
- Lk 5:9-10.

### BABY BOTTLES



*Thank you to all who picked up a Baby Bottle last weekend.* We are collecting our spare change for A Woman's Concern to help women in unexpected pregnancies choose life, parent or place for adoption. Don't forget to collect your change in the Baby Bottles from now until the end of February. The filled bottles will be collected the weekend of February 27/28.

### 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the old Walt Kelly comic strip "Pogo" every time things would get to be too much for the main characters you could bet on seeing the "Gone fishin'" sign posted on a nearby tree. It was a literary device that Kelly used, to bring a break to the previous action and change the story line. In a way, Luke does the same thing in Sunday's Gospel. After the press of the crowds, Jesus convinces Simon to let him teach from the boat. Then he tells him to head out into deep water to fish. We've changed the subject from Jesus healing and preaching. Suddenly, we've "Gone fishin'," and while initially that's what is literally happening, it doesn't stay that way for long. It's a setup for the greater point of the story: "From now on you will be catching men."

It's not just Simon and the sons of Zebedee that get led into this convenient little scenario. Gospels are not just quaint stories. They are good news for us as well. Jesus gets into life with us, much like he got into Simon's boat. He tells us to go out a little farther, that is, to stretch our faith a little more. And even when we want to give up ("we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing") he tells us to cast into the deep. Trusting in him, we find that wondrous things happen as we witness the meaning of Jesus in our lives. In the end, the example of our faith is to lead others to Jesus. That's where instead of fish, we'll be catching men and women.

It wouldn't be the worst thing in the world if we hung a little "Gone fishin'" sign somewhere where we would see it every day, as long as we remember that our faith is the net, and from now on we're out there fishing to bring others to Christ.

**REFLECTIONS FROM  
FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY**

We propose but God disposes; this may be said of Ignatius Loyola. His life was a military one, and he was injured in battle. The injury changed his own life and the lives of countless others.

While he was incapacitated, Ignatius read whatever books were available. He enjoyed novels, but running out of the small stack available, he turned to some spiritual books. He soon made a discovery.

Ignatius enjoyed the novels, but once read, they were quickly forgotten. Slowly it dawned on him that the spiritual books offered him a new sense of himself in relation to God; in brief, they changed his life.

Beyond doubt, St. Paul being an example, there are people who have a sudden turn to God; such was not the case of Ignatius. He recalled an incident where he was violently angry with a person he thought was an enemy.

We propose, God disposes. Ignatius set a standard; on the one hand he would assault his enemy, on the other hand ignore him. The former soldier made the choice to ignore; he had started on the way to be a soldier of Christ.

**CORI FORM REMINDER**

Thank you to all who have already filled out a Cori form. There are still some people who have not filled out the form. **Cori forms must be filled out by all Lay Ministers.** If you have not filled out a form yet please do so before or after Mass. Forms are in the sacristy.

**PROJECT RACHEL**

Do you know someone who is carrying grief and sorrow over a past abortion? **Project Rachel** is the post-abortion ministry of the Catholic Church to help those dealing with the pain of abortion. **Project Rachel** will offer three "Come to the Waters" healing retreats this spring: Sunday, February 28; Saturday, March 13; and Saturday, June 5. For more information and registration, contact **Project Rachel** at 508-651-3100 or [help@projectrachelboston.com](mailto:help@projectrachelboston.com).

**CALLING ALL COOKS AND BAKERS!**



The creation of St. Joseph's Church cookbook is under way! We think this would be a fun way for parishioners to share their favorite dishes as well as serve as a fund-raiser for our parish.

Please submit copies of recipes either by E-mail to [mbnelson19@gmail.com](mailto:mbnelson19@gmail.com) or [judy.fahey@gmail.com](mailto:judy.fahey@gmail.com), or by leaving copies of them in the designated recipe basket in the back of the church.

Please indicate the type of recipe (i.e., appetizer, main dish, dessert, etc.) and your name (if you wish to have it listed with your recipe in the book).

The deadline for submitting recipes is February 21. Our goal is to have the cookbooks ready for sale by the end of March and to hold a potluck dinner in the parish hall to enjoy those delicious recipes in April!



**SEASON FOUR—**

*New Heart, New Spirit*

Meet new friends, pray and read scriptures, deepen faith and encounter Christ today.

**Lent is a time for reconciliation. Come together with others to participate in *ARISE Together in Christ* and foster a heart for healing and a spirit of forgiveness. *ARISE* offers the opportunity to develop a closer relationship with Christ, grow in community, and reach out in service to others. Small groups are continuing and new ones forming this Lent.**

*ARISE* is an invitation to participate, to build community, to learn from each other and to share our gifts. Prayerfully consider joining us as you embark on your Lenten Journey this year.

*For more information call the rectory at 617-523-4342.*

**MARCH 5-7: A RETREAT FOR ALL YOUNG ADULTS**

Young adults need Jesus Christ today! If you are seeking truth, joy and love, they are found in the heart of Jesus. Join with other young adults in their 20's and 30's for a weekend to open up, rekindle or deepen your relationship with Christ. The retreat will combine Mass and Adoration, inspiring Talks and Witnesses, Personal Prayer and many opportunities to meet other young adults from the Greater Boston area. The retreat is co-presented by the Antioch Retreat Group and YHOPE (Young Heralds of Pauline Evangelization) and will be held at the beautiful Daughters of St. Paul Retreat House in Billerica. It begins on Friday evening and ends on Sunday afternoon. For more information, or to register for the retreat email Bernadette Michaud, [Bmich777@hotmail.com](mailto:Bmich777@hotmail.com), or Fr. Michael Harrington, [Mharrington527@gmail.com](mailto:Mharrington527@gmail.com)