

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 13

4:00 PM Patrick Holohan

Sunday, February 14

9:00 AM Joseph Cohan

11:30 AM Mary Colleen Nelson

5:00 PM For the parishioners

Monday, February 15

10:00 AM Presidents' Day Mass

Tuesday, February 16

12:10 PM Thanksgiving for Mary Saadeh
and Family

Wednesday, February 17

8:00 AM Ash Wednesday Mass

12:10 PM Ash Wednesday Mass

5:15 PM Ash Wednesday Mass

Thursday, February 18

12:10 PM Robert Crehan

Friday, February 19

12:10 PM St. Anthony for the Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, February 20

4:00 PM

Sunday, February 21

9:00 AM St. Anthony for the Souls in Purgatory

11:30 AM Isabella Fazzina

5:00 PM For the parishioners

Parish Support

February 6-7

Offertory

\$2,726

Peter's Pence

\$903



Sanctuary Lamp

In memory of Alice Beharry

Monday, February 15 - PRESIDENTS' DAY

Mass will be at 10:00 AM.

LENT AT ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Lenten Novena—Wednesdays, 12:10 PM

"The Light is On for You" Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation every Wednesday during Lent.

Stations of the Cross—Fridays after 12:10 PM Mass

March 17, 7:00 PM—Mass honoring St. Joseph and St. Patrick, with party to follow in the parish hall.

March 20—Stations of the Cross with Mary
Saturday morning 10:am

March 21—Lenten Day of Prayer
His Story, Our Story 12:30pm - 3:00pm

LITTLE BLACK BOOKS—As we prepare for Lent, the readings in the very popular Little Black Book will resume. The six-minute meditations will focus on the Passion and will contain a variety of timely thoughts, information and quotes. A donation for the Little Black Book is \$2.00.



"Blessed are you who are poor,
for the kingdom of God is yours.
Blessed are you who are now hun-
gry, for you will be satisfied." - Lk
6:20-21

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's unlikely that anyone has wished you "Happy Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time!" And I doubt that any Hallmark store carries fancy cards celebrating the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. It is Valentine's Day, and many cards and chocolates will be proffered to loved ones on this day named after a martyred Roman priest whose feast has become synonymous with the celebration of love.

We're used to hearing Matthew's version of the Eight Beatitudes. Luke does things a little differently. He gives us only four beatitudes, paralleled by "woes." And Luke is very concrete. If you're poor, you'll be rich. If you're rich, you'll be poor. If you're hungry, you'll be filled, and vice versa. Luke's blessings and woes provide a good challenge for us as we enter into Lent. Our fasting and almsgiving are directed at balancing out that equation of emptying ourselves to help the poor and the hungry. In doing that, we can become a blessing to others, and at the same time, bring about less woe in this suffering world.

So maybe it is appropriate that we celebrate Valentine's Day (and the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time) with a Gospel about blessings and woes. After all, true love isn't always easy; it demands some sacrifice. We'll be asked to sacrifice during Lent, placing a demand on our love. May we be as faithful as that martyred Roman priest, whose name has come to symbolize love, who imitated his Master, by giving up all.



A TIME FOR CATECHESIS

Starting next week there will be inserts in the bulletin weekly that will help us come to a deeper appreciation of our liturgy. When it comes to Mass why do we do what we do and how do we come more fully incorporated into the Body of Christ? In reviewing these facts we will be better able to prayerfully enhance the beauty of our liturgies.

**REFLECTIONS FROM
FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY**

This year Lent will be rather unusual. Its beginning is on February 17; the glory of Easter comes on April 4. The early date of Easter has been celebrated with a wild winter storm on occasion.

“Lent” may have had the welcoming and lengthening of daily hours. So good news may be a competitor.

In years gone by the Jesuit Fathers had a priest with the nickname “Terrible Terry.” His students spoke of his bark being worse than his bite. He was also famous for his Lenten sacrifices. “Terrible Terry” began Lent with a determined act of sacrifice, especially denying himself of food.

His smile was angelic on Ash Wednesday, a little less so on Thursday, and rather grim on Friday and Saturday. Sunday he was free to eat a big meal and his smile returned. Monday was grim, Tuesday he was especially grouchy. His smile on Wednesday was angelic, for his Lenten sacrifice had ceased.

In present times Lent is mild and asks little. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fast and Abstinence.

Please remember Father Charles Sheehy in your prayer as he recuperates from hip surgery.

BAKE SALE



Students from Emerson College will be here after all the Masses this 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.

BABY BOTTLES



Thank you to all who picked up a Baby Bottle. 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 collect the weekend of February 27/28.

MARCH MADNESS

Watch this space for February Frenzy. Yes we have tickets.!



MASS SCHEDULE

February 17 is Ash Wednesday, and our Lenten Journey will begin. Ashes will be blessed and distributed during the 8:00AM, 12:10PM and 5:15PM Masses.



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. The program begins next week—still time to join!****

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

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 fundraiser for our parish. Please submit copies of recipes either by E-mail to mbnelson19@gmail.com or 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).



FIRST COMMUNION PRAYER

Over the next couple of months we would ask that you keep our First Communion class in your prayer as their learning continues and their time to meet Jesus in a Sacramental way gets closer.

CORI FORM REMINDER

There are still some people who have not filled out a Cori 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.