

## Mass Intentions

**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

**Monday, February 22**

12:10 PM Nancy Bolduc, 1st Anniversary

**Tuesday, February 23**

12:10 PM In memory of the Marron Family

**Wednesday, February 24**

12:10 PM Alan Champagne, 1st Anniversary

**Thursday, February 25**

12:10 PM Patrick Keaney

**Friday, February 26**

12:10 PM Maura Baker

**Saturday, February 27**

4:00 PM J. Harold FitzGerald

**Sunday, February 28**

9:00 AM Mary Angley

11:30 AM Mildred, Robert, William, Dennis, &amp; Lois Pugliese, Cathy Roberts, Catera Carnazzo, and Charles E. Lynch

**MARCH MADNESS CELTIC TICKETS DRAWING**

February Frenzy. Yes we have three tickets for the Boston Celtics vs the Milwaukee Bucks on April 14, 2010 at 8:00pm at our own TD Bank Garden. Limit of 100 tickets at \$20.00 each will go on sale at all the Masses on February 27/28. Set the evening aside for you could be the big winner. Drawing will be at one of the Masses after all the tickets are sold.

## Parish Support

**February 13-14****Offertory****\$2,648****CATHOLIC APPEAL**

The weekend of March 6-7 will be Catholic Appeal Week-end here at St. Joseph's. The Appeal is to the Archdiocese what the weekly offertory is to our parish, so your support is critical. Because of the current economic climate, the need for the ministries supported by the Catholic Appeal has increased, making support for the Appeal more urgent than ever. Cardinal Sean is inviting every Catholic household to participate. Every gift matters. For more information please visit [www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org](http://www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org)

**SEASON FOUR—***New Heart, New Spirit*

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

The program begins this week—**Come join us on Saturday afternoon at 2:00pm in the parish hall!**

**BAKE SALE**

Thanks to all of you who supported students from Emerson College last weekend in their Bake Sale. Proceeds from the Bake Sale will be used as they assist the poor during their Spring Work break.

**1st Sunday of Lent**

So what's your temptation? Chocolate ice cream? Gossip? Alcohol? Petty thievery? Pornography? Or just plain ignoring God?

Gratefully, none of us has to stand up in front of the whole assembly and confess the specifics of our sins (just to be clear, chocolate ice cream isn't one!). We simply admit to our sinfulness before we enter into the celebration of the Eucharist, leaving the specific confession of sin to the privacy of the sacrament of penance when we speak individually with a priest.

Sunday's Gospel directs our attention that Jesus truly was a human person just like all of us. He was subjected to temptation, just like we are. In our desire to conform our lives to be more like Christ, we seek to avoid temptation, just like he did.

For those of us who are already baptized, this Lenten season is one of renewal. We are praying more, fasting, and helping others so as to recover our baptismal innocence. These forty days are meant to get us ready for the renewal of our baptismal promises at Easter. In those promises we rejected Satan, his works, and his empty promises. We rejected sin so as to live in the freedom of God.

These forty days will test our fortitude, but we don't go into them alone. We are surrounded by an entire community of faith, all of us working together to become even better Christians. Sometime during this season, we'll each confess our sins with a priest. But as we begin Lent, it might not hurt to tell one other person what you're striving for during this season. Ask them to pray for you, and to help you by being ready to ask how your Lent is going on a weekly basis from now until Easter.

**REFLECTIONS FROM  
FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY**

The Church uses an example of St. Paul as a reading for the evening prayer on the First Sunday of Lent. It may seem strange, for it refers to athletes running in a stadium.

Two thousand years ago, athletes seeking to win a race denied themselves many pleasures to gain an award. Paul speaks to us in terms of our seeking the award of receiving the joy and peace of Heaven.

Paul speaks of those who work. Their reason is that of supporting themselves or others who need and depend on them. So Paul sows spiritual seed to accomplish bringing others to Jesus Christ.

Back to the runner seeking an award. We might see Paul as the runner and the love and friendship of Jesus as his goal. His race has a wonderful goal. For the winner is not one person but whoever seeks to be united with Jesus Christ in His blessing to whoever seeks His joy, peace and happiness. In a rather far-fetched way each of us may think of Lent as a time to reflect on Jesus Christ and His love. The race He fought to win was on Calvary. It is for us, may we run it with Him.

**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 collected next weekend, February 27/28.



**CALLING ALL COOKS AND BAKERS!**



The creation of St. Joseph's Church cookbook is under way! Please submit copies of recipes to [mbnelson19@gmail.com](mailto:mbnelson19@gmail.com) or to [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).

Our goal after all the recipes are in is to hold a pot-luck dinner some time in the future to enjoy these delicious recipes .

**TIME FOR CATECHESIS**

Starting this 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.

**LENT AT ST. JOSEPH PARISH**

**LENTEN REGULATIONS**

On Ash Wednesday and all Fridays in Lent, abstinence is required for all those over the age of 14. On days of abstinence, meat may not be used. Fasting is required on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for those between the ages of 18 and 60.

**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.

**LENTEN NOVENA**—Wednesdays, during the 12:10 Mass. The Novena has had a long history in our Catholic tradition and is an important prayer of thanksgiving and supplication.

**“THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU”** Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation every Wednesday during Lent. 6:30pm—8:00pm

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS -**  
Fridays after 12:10 pm Mass

The Stations of the Cross are a powerful way to contemplate and enter into the mystery of Jesus' gift of himself to us. It involves our senses, experiences and emotions. To the extent we come to experience the love of Jesus for us, to that extent our gratitude will be deep, and deep gratitude leads to real generosity and desire to love as we have been loved.

**MARCH 20**—Stations of the Cross with Mary Saturday morning 10:00am  
Followed by a social in parish hall with coffee/tea and “**Zeppolles**” to celebrate her husband our patron- St. Joseph whose Feast Day is March 19th.

**MARCH 21**—Lenten Day of Prayer  
His Story, Our Story 12:30pm - 3:00pm  
Why not plan on saving this time to thank God for the gift of His mercy in our lives.