

**Mass Intentions**

<b>Saturday</b> 4:00 PM	<b>January 8</b> Joseph & Delia Pasqua
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 AM 11:30 AM 5:00 PM	<b>January 9</b> Special Intention Parishioners Joseph Cullinan
<b>Monday</b> 12:10 PM	<b>January 10</b> Open Hearts Memorial Guild
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:10 PM	<b>January 11</b> Daniel Gonzales
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:10 PM	<b>January 12</b> Special Intention
<b>Thursday</b> 12:10 PM	<b>January 13</b> John Leary
<b>Friday</b> 12:10 PM	<b>January 14</b> In memory of the Marron Family
<b>Saturday</b> 4:00 PM	<b>January 15</b> Special Intention
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 AM 11:30 AM 5:00 PM	<b>January 16</b> Parishioners Swithen & Jolyon Rodrigues Daniel O'Brien

**Parish Support**

<b>Clergy Benefit Trust</b>	<b>December 25</b>	<b>\$5,412</b>
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>December 26</b>	<b>\$1,477</b>
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>January 2</b>	<b>\$2,856</b>



**MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY**

We will celebrate Martin Luther King Day with a Mass on Monday, January 17th at 10:00am! Please join us!



Martin Luther King

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed him. - Mt 3:13-15



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**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

A lot of times, as people grow up, they have a role that they play as part of their life. It's easy to recall some of the names that were used to describe certain folks in school: the class clown, the teacher's pet, the good girl, the "bad" girl, the bully, the class nerd, etc. For good or ill, each of these persons was thought of as just a little bit out of the norm, and so the rest of the class gave them an identity (or maybe they took it on themselves). When you go to a class reunion ten or twenty-five years later, the temptation is to view that person in the same light, even though they may have turned out very different. That happened recently, in which a person who was not exactly a stellar student ended up becoming a very successful businessman and has now retired fully ten years before anyone else in the class is even approaching standard retirement age.



In the Gospel today, Jesus is revealed with an identity. He is the beloved Son, with whom the Father is well pleased. As Son of the Father he will redeem the world and reconcile humankind to its Creator, putting an end to the ancient enemy, death, through his own dying and rising. That message of salvation and the telling of the story of Jesus' life, miracles, teachings, and saving acts is recounted not just by Matthew, who wrote down today's Gospel, but by Christians throughout the ages in their preaching and their lives.

In promoting vocations this Sunday, the church invites us to be aware that the work of spreading the good news continues to this day. Jesus went from his baptism in the Jordan to call his disciples to follow him and to spread his message. That call continues in our day, for some as priests, deacons, or religious, and for the rest as people who share the story of Christ's love.

**REFLECTIONS FROM  
FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY**

St. Athanasius has a unique approach and fine thought in regard to our relationship with Mary the Mother of Jesus. We may see her in a spiritual sense as one whom God has blessed especially to introduce us to Himself.

The Virgin Mary surely brought St. Joseph close to the Son of God. In the years that followed since the Son of God came to Earth, she would have been the means of bringing many others close to Him.

At times we meet people who help us in one way or other to progress in material ways; TV presents such. Why should it be a surprise that the earthly person closest to God should help us to progress in spiritual ways?

It is the will of God. A means of coming close to Him is found especially in His Son who came to us on Earth. The next question is how? A scholar offered a fine answer: "At the appointed time God sent His Son born under the law to redeem from the law those who were subject to it, that we might attain our status as adopted daughters and sons."



**OUR GRAND ANNUAL APPEAL**

We are pleased to report a total of \$52,985 in pledges and donations, to our Grand Annual Appeal to date, 65% of our goal of \$75,000. Pledge cards and envelopes are available in the back of the church. Thank you for your faith, love and generous support! Through your kindness Jesus' work continues.

**AN EVENING OF PRAYER AND SONG**

On the eve of the celebration of the birthday of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Sunday, January 16, 7:00 PM**  
St. Katherine Drexel Church  
517 Blue Hill Ave., Dorchester

Featuring the Archdiocese of Boston Black Catholic Choir  
A reception will follow the prayer service.

Presented by the Office of Outreach and Cultural Diversity,  
Black Catholic Ministries of the Archdiocese of Boston.

**TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE**

There are several statues of Christopher Columbus in Boston. But where is there a statue of an even earlier Catholic on public (not church) property? Hint: it's in St. Cecilia's Parish. (Answer next week)



Religious Education Classes will be held on Sunday, January 9, at 10:00 am.

Altar Servers of all ages needed! Anyone who served as a child or wished they could have, can be part of our group. If you are interested, please contact us at repatharis@verizon.net. EVERYONE WELCOME. **Very flexible schedules.**

As you clear up from Christmas – your Christmas Cards can help us out! There's a box in the Kids Corner to leave them off. Thank you!

**IT'S WORTH REPEATING**

With the Baptism of the Lord we close our Christmas season. Once again we thank the many parishioners who, from the planning of the Poinsettia Festival to the taking down of the last Christmas tree, gave their Time, Treasures and Talents Their assistance helps us all grow in our relationship with the Lord. We thank them for their faith and ministry.

**WELCOMING THOSE BAPTIZED HERE AT ST. JOSEPH PARISH** as we ready to welcome our 2011 babies we lift up in prayer the last group of 2010.



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| Andre Gaba      | Caroline Hartwell |
| Sergio Gaba     | Sophia Knob       |
| Benjamin Harter | Joseph McQuarrie  |
| Jonathan Harter | Liam Millsom      |

**We Remember...We Celebrate...We Believe**

**Those Who Have Gone Before Us Marked  
With The Sign Of Faith**

Clara Armato	Rita Gagne
Frank Armato	Frank Kondracki Sr.
Joseph Armato	Sophie Kondracki

**WHAT GOES UP MUST COME DOWN**

This Sunday after the 5:00pm Mass help is needed to take down the Christmas Decorations. Many hands make light work. It will take but a moment. Thanks!