

Mass Intentions

Saturday 4:00 PM	January 15 Special Intention
Sunday 9:00 AM 11:30 AM 5:00 PM	January 16 Parishioners Swithen & Jolyon Rodrigues Daniel O'Brien
Monday 10:00 AM	January 17 Mass for Martin Luther King Day
Tuesday 12:10 PM	January 18 Special Intention
Wednesday 12:10 PM	January 19 Jacqueline Lawlor
Thursday 12:10 PM	January 20 Liliana Ciciotti
Friday 12:10 PM	January 21 Special Intention
Saturday 4:00 PM	January 22 For the Poor Souls in Purgatory through the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Sunday 9:00 AM 11:30 AM 5:00 PM	January 23 Special Intention Family Mass Parishioners

Parish Support

Offertory **January 9** **\$3,365**



PLEASE NOTE! PLEASE NOTE! PLEASE NOTE!
Due to an envelope misprint the collection for the Church in Latin America, originally schedule for January 23, 2011, will be taken up on **September 11, 2011**

The only second collection next week will be The Evangelization Collection.

THE WORK OF EVANGELIZATION

Next week's second collection will support the Archdiocese of Boston's evangelization and outreach initiative. All proceeds will fund the purchase of television and radio advertisements to welcome home to our Catholic family those who have been away for any reason. These campaigns in other dioceses have been extremely effective at inviting and bring Catholics to renewed participation in parish life. Please visit the Archdiocese web page BostonCatholic.org for more information.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

There's a sheep farm just down the road from where I live. The herd is out grazing in the pasture almost every day, and when I go to the grocery store I pass by the field and see them wandering around. Cheese is an important agricultural product in my part of the world, and right now there is a great shortage of sheep's milk for quality artisanal cheeses. Part of the problem is that even though there is increased lamb production in the United States, they're not making it to maturity because the price for slaughtered lambs is so high. Australia and New Zealand are exporting less to the US, and so domestic production is going to slaughter rather than being raised for the milk.

Yes, the lamb is led to slaughter. And even though our celebration of Easter is months away, already the Gospel sounds the theme of the direction in which we are heading. We hear John the Baptist describe Jesus as the Lamb of God in today's Gospel. We use that same imagery when we plead with the Lamb of God in the litany that we sing at Mass during the breaking of the bread. But do we really consider what it means when we call upon Jesus by that title?

In the Book of Exodus, it is the Lamb of God whose blood marks the way for the angel of death to pass over the places where the blood is seen. As Lamb of God, Jesus shed his blood, marking all who are baptized in his name with the Holy Spirit, which John the Baptist describes in today's Gospel. Sin and death have no power over us because we are saved by the blood of the Lamb. When we plead, "Lamb of God, have mercy on us," we acknowledge that Jesus gave his life for us. And when we eat his flesh and drink his blood, we join ourselves to him.



**REFLECTIONS FROM
FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY**

“O Marvelous exchange!” Our Creator has become one of us, born of a Virgin. Jesus Christ who is eternally divine has humbled Himself to share in our humanity. He, the creator of all who could ever exist, came down from Heaven so that we might share in His life. Simply, He comes to share our life so that we might share in His.

In one simple action He humbles Himself by taking the life of a child obedient to His parents. Mary and Joseph think that He is with a group returning to their home after time spent in the Temple. He is not. Mary and Joseph spend three days looking for Him. When they find Him, they are upset, as any parents would be. Their words once they find Him are “Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety.”

Jesus responds “Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s House about my Father’s business?” He becomes obedient to them.

Sacred Scripture tells us, “Mary kept all these things in her heart.



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: LEIF ERICKSON**, whose statue is on the Commonwealth Avenue Mall, was converted two years before his trip to America.

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

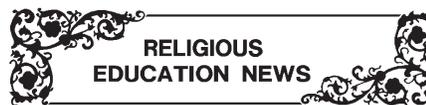
St. Katherine Drexel Church
517 Blue Hill Ave., Dorchester

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.

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

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



The religious education group created a “Thank You Prayer Scroll” this Sunday. Parents and families are invited to add to the scroll when we next meet on January 23. Continue our Thank You Prayer by including everyone who helps us in any way in our prayers.

Tomorrow, Martin Luther King Day, take time to help your children understand that each person is a child of God and there should be no differences in how they are treated.

Family Mass will be on January 23 at 11:30. If you’d like to participate, email a note to repatharis@verizon.net.

Old Christmas Cards – Box in the Kids Corner! Thank you!

OUR GRAND ANNUAL APPEAL

We are pleased to report a total of \$53,820 in pledges and donations, to our Grand Annual Appeal to date, 71% 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.

WHAT GOES UP MUST COME DOWN ... AND IT DID LAST SUNDAY!

Thanks to all who helped take down the Christmas decorations. Many hands made for quick and light work, it took but a moment, actually not even 20!!! Thanks to the many volunteers who helped.

HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE

A Holy Hour is spending time with the Lord, present in the Blessed Sacrament, as taught by Our Lord to Margaret Mary Alacoque in 1673. A Holy Hour is a treasured Catholic devotion; it is a beautiful Eucharistic opportunity which helps us to keep Jesus at the center of our lives.



Come to Pray For Life

Please join us on next Sunday January 23, 2011 at 3:30pm as our parish joins with thousands of others in the Archdiocese of Boston Holy Hour for Life. The Holy Hour for Life will unite the Archdiocese of Boston in prayer, asking forgiveness and peace, on behalf of all people, for sins against the dignity of the human person in the many ways in which human lives are taken for granted, hurt or even destroyed. Please join us. All are welcome!