

Mass Intentions

Saturday 4:00 PM	February 12 Parishioners
Sunday 9:00 AM	February 13 For the Faithful departed thru the Intercession of Mary
11:30 AM	Isabella Fazzina
5:00 PM	David Martone
Monday 12:10 PM	February 14 Alan Champagne—2nd Anniversary
Tuesday 12:10 PM	February 15 Deceased Family and Friends of Paul Ashton
Wednesday 12:10 PM	February 16 Parishioners
Thursday 12:10 PM	February 17 Gloria L. Sannella
Friday 12:10 PM	February 18 Katherine Stevens
Saturday 4:00 PM	February 19 Sister Margaret Lavin
Sunday 9:00 AM	February 20
11:30 AM	Lilliana Ciciotti

OUR PARISH SUPPORT

Offertory - February 6	\$2,911.
Peter's Pence Collection	\$1,060.



SANCTUARY LAMP - MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Our pray in memory of - George Mackool

HOLY FATHER — PETER'S PENCE

Thank you for your generous support of the essential work of the Holy Father and his charitable acts through the Peter's Pence collection. You have helped to cast Christ's love upon the world. To read more about the good done through the Peter's Pence Collection, please visit www.usccb/nationalcollections.

PRESIDENT'S DAY - Monday, February 21

Mass will be at 10:00 AM.

In Memoriam

Please remember in your prayers Katherine Ginewicz and Leonora Counihan Grant whose funerals recently took place here at St. Joseph Parish. May they rest in the Lord's peace.

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There's the old joke about the fourth grader who had just memorized the Ten Commandments. He was very proud of his accomplishment since he had studied hard and had managed to recite them all without a single mistake. When his mom came to pick up him and his younger brother from religion class the two were standing together on the curb. The younger brother was shaking and sobbing. When mom enquired what had happened, the younger brother pointed to the older and said that he had been punched by him. The mom turned to the fourth grade boy and asked, "Didn't you just learn the commandments? You got them all correct, but now look what you did to your brother. What does the fifth commandment say?" To which the fourth grader replied, "The fifth commandment is, 'You shall not kill.' And I didn't kill him. I just socked him really good!"



Of course it is precisely this kind of literalism that Jesus expects his followers to leave behind. In the Sermon on the Mount, he is teaching his disciples, those who want to live by his words. Again and again in his discourse, Jesus asks his followers to move to a higher ethic by saying, "You have heard it said? But I say to you?" Each time, Jesus proposes moving beyond the strict limit of the law to a fuller understanding of the concept. And that's where it can get difficult.

The fourth grader's behavior was clearly unacceptable, even according to the common understanding of what is required by the fifth commandment. But what is asked of the followers of Jesus is so much more. (Just wait till we get to next week's Gospel!) As Christians, we are asked by Jesus to live beyond the law. We are asked to see the law not as a minimal requirement for what we shouldn't do, but as an invitation to extend the boundaries of what we should.

**REFLECTIONS FROM
FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY**

Please God the day will come when we will be blessed with the joy of heaven. Beyond any possible doubt this was the glorious state of Mary of Nazareth being reunited with her son Jesus Christ.

There was a frightful day when a cowardly Roman official knowing that the accusation was false allowed Jesus to be tortured to death. His Mother Mary, her sister and others prepared the body of Jesus for burial.

A few words from Jesus as He was dying were priceless. He spoke to His Mother "Woman behold your Son" as He entrusted May to His close friend John. His friend John received precious words also, "Behold your Mother."

The conclusion of the first letter found in St. John has its blessings. "What we have seen and heard we proclaim to you now, so that you too may have fellowship with us: for our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son, Jesus Christ.

Considering the world in which we live we can say that excepting only her Son the greatest human person is indeed Mary, Mother of Jesus.



EMERSON COLLEGE BAKE SALE

Students from Emerson College will be here after all the Masses next weekend, February 19/20, 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.



OUR GRAND ANNUAL APPEAL
We are pleased to report a total of \$65,589, in pledges and donations, to our Grand Annual Appeal to date, 87% 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.

TESTING YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Which great American University was originally planned to be located in the West End? The land was purchased and building plans completed before it was forced to relocate.



**RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION NEWS**

The preschool Program, "Sing Praise, Play Music", will hold its second session next Sunday from 9-11:30 in the Parish Hall. We will continue to look at Mary, Joseph, and Jesus as a model of a loving family.

Our Family Mass – February 27 at 11:30 Mass.

Religious Education Classes – February 27, March 6 at 10:00 am.

Preschool Drop-In Program – February 20, 9-11:30 am in the Parish Hall.

ALTAR SERVERS

Father Dan and our Sunday Liturgies need your help!

We are looking to put together a group of parishioners willing to serve at the Altar of God. Young, old and every-one in between. All ages are invited to serve Him and help to enhance the beauty of our weekly liturgical pray. Our next meeting is Sunday, February 20, 10-11:15 in the Parish Hall. Anyone interested in becoming an Altar Server should plan to attend this meeting. Please contact Pat Harris with questions. (repatharis@verizon.net, 781-535-8655.)

OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

We welcome our newest parish members **Chloe Chan, Lochlan Dugan, William Dugan and Arthur Hess III.** Please remember them and their families in your prayers as their journey of faith has begun.



DAILY DISCIPLES
Serve your Parish...help your parish
We are in need of at least 10 "Daily Disciples" who are willing to help prepare our Church for Mass each week-day by opening, attending Mass and closing the Church. With the continued growth of our parish the office staff is needed *in the office* and parishioners are needed to help in the same way they do in other parishes. Please consider offering this time to be in the Lord's House maybe once or twice a month for an hour and a half. (depending on the number of disciples that step up on the plate!) Please call the office to leave your name or get further details. Thanks for your consideration and the many ways you help our parish grow and develop! God Bless.