

Mass Intentions

Saturday 4:00 PM	February 19 Sister Margaret Lavin
Sunday 9:00 AM 11:30 AM 5:00 PM	February 20 Lilliana Ciciotti Parishioners
Monday 10:00 PM	February 21 President's Day
Tuesday 12:10 PM	February 22 Intentions of the Rodrigues Family
Wednesday 12:10 PM	February 23
Thursday 12:10 PM	February 24
Friday 12:10 PM	February 25
Saturday 4:00 PM	February 26
Sunday 9:00 AM 11:30 AM 5:00 PM	February 27 Harold FitzGerald Leonora Counihan Grant—Month's Mind Parishioners

OUR PARISH SUPPORT

Offertory - February 13 \$3,393



SANCTUARY LAMP - MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Our pray in memory of - George Mackool

**PRESIDENT'S DAY - This Monday, February 21
MASS WILL BE AT 10:00 AM.**

George Washington's birthday on February 22 was a popular celebration in some states in the 19th century. In 1880 Congress designated it a federal holiday for the District of Columbia, and five years later, in 1885, expanded the holiday to include all federal offices in the country. After the Civil War some states in the north, led by Illinois, also designated Lincoln's birthday as a state holiday. The Uniform Monday Holiday Act, signed into law in 1968, and which took effect January 1, 1971, moved the celebration of Washington's birthday to the third Monday of February, but the official name of the holiday remains the same. It is only in the 1980s that the term "Presidents Day" began to appear in advertising as stores and car dealers sought a catchphrase to promote sales.



7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's not a question you ask in polite company. Actually, it probably is not a question you ask at all, except possibly in counseling or psychotherapy. The question is, "Who do you hate?" The quick response is, "Well, I don't hate anybody. There are some people I dislike, and some folks I don't get along with, but I don't really hate anyone." So maybe a better way of asking the question is, "Who is it that you don't love?" If we truly look into our hearts and start cataloging, that list just might start to add up.



Of all the commands of Jesus, it is likely that the one in today's Gospel is the most difficult. "Love your enemies," he says to his followers. That may be possible in the theoretical; it is really, really difficult in actual life. While day-to-day slights that take place don't rise to the level of making someone an enemy, there are in fact folks that raise one's ire. And there are people whose conduct truly makes them an enemy, either to a particular individual, or to a whole group of people. And that is hard to accept. If there is a situation that requires thorough conversion of heart, then it comes for the Christian when he or she tries to fulfill Jesus' command to love one's enemies.

So now that the challenge is out there, what's to be done about it? Well for starters, the beginning of Lent is only two-and-a-half weeks away. Maybe you'd like to start now by making an enemies' list-not like Richard Nixon did in an attempt to neutralize people-but for your own prayer, as a way to begin to love.

It won't be easy, and some past angers may return, but it could be a very productive Lent if you begin to take the people on that list and pray for them one by one as Jesus commands.

**REFLECTIONS FROM
FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY**

"The love of Christ urges us on." In the ordinary course of life there may be and often is something which "urges us on". In the majority of instances we see it as something desirable.

We might think of the hope of promotion at work, the expectation of a happy marriage, a child learning some new skill.

St. Paul has a much higher goal, the offering of the friendship of Christ and the joy of sharing that friendship.

Paul goes from being consumed with hatred to being with Jesus Christ who offers him a promise of love for himself and also for others. He has found Jesus Christ and much more, Jesus has offered Himself to Paul.

The love of Christ truly urged Paul on. The kind of love mentioned in the First Letter of Saint John, "The love of Christ is revealed to us," not that we have loved God, but that He has loved us and made reparation for us".

St. Paul's great aim in life had become his desire to bring the love of Christ to others as Jesus had blessed him. Paul's good has extended for almost two thousand years.



EMERSON COLLEGE BAKE SALE

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



**IMPORTANT NOTICE
CORI FORM DUE**

THANK YOU to all who have taken the time to fill out a CORI form. It is **MANDATORY** that a Cori form be filled out by all Lay Ministers. If you have not filled out a form yet, please do so before or after Mass this weekend. Forms are in the sacristy. **New** lay ministers please use the yellow form. All forms must be in by February 28, 2011.

"You have heard that it was said, An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well." - Mt 5:38-39



Please Do Help - For Help is Needed

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.

TESTING YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answer to last week's question BOSTON COLLEGE (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 a.m. Mass.

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

Preschool Drop-In Program –
February 20, 9-11:30 a.m. 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 everyone 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.)