

Mass Intentions

Saturday 4:00 PM	March 12	
Sunday 9:00 AM 11:30 AM 5:00 PM	March 13	Salvatore J. Intravaia—Memorial, Birthday Parishioners
Monday 12:10 PM	March 14	
Tuesday 12:10 PM	March 15	Deceased Family & Friends of Paul Ashton
Wednesday 12:10 PM	March 16	Terese Aucoin
Thursday 12:10 PM	March 17	
Friday 12:10 PM	March 18	Liliana Ciciotti
Saturday 4:00 PM	March 19	Feast of St. Joseph
Sunday 9:00 AM 11:30 AM 5:00 PM	March 20	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory through Immaculate Heart of Mary Liliana Ciciotti Parishioners

OUR PARISH SUPPORT

Offertory - March 6

\$2,887



OUR GRAND ANNUAL APPEAL

We are pleased to report a total of \$69,681, in pledges and donations, to our Grand Annual Appeal to date, 93% 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 support. Through your kindness Jesus' work continues.

CATHOLIC APPEAL—

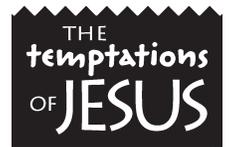
Through the Appeal we have an opportunity to help our brothers and sisters all throughout our Archdiocese. Giving is a way of "Offering Hope by Sharing God's Gifts." By doing so, we are not only helping to renew the strength and vitality of our Church, but recognizing a need within ourselves to sacrifice for the Lord. A gift is important, not so much for how much it is, but because of what we become through the act of giving. In this spirit, please prayerfully consider a 2011 Catholic Appeal gift.

1st Sunday of Lent

Clerow Wilson, Jr. is a Golden Globe and two-time Emmy Award winning actor. He is also unknown to most Americans by that given name. As a comedian he was known as "Flip" Wilson. He was the first African-American to host his own weekly variety show on television and was considered by Time magazine to be television's first black superstar. When Wilson would perform as Geraldine Jones in one of his stage personas, audience members could bet that a final excuse-making phrase would be, "The devil made me do it!" In the character of Geraldine, Flip Wilson played off the human predilection to give in to temptation.

With a history of over two thousand years of Christianity, the followers of Jesus today don't have many stumbling blocks to believing in him as God. Most Christians simply grow up with that understanding. It becomes a part of our common view of who Jesus is. In our day, it may be more difficult to thoroughly comprehend the other aspect of Jesus' nature: that he was fully and completely human, or as Eucharistic Prayer 4 states it, "he shared our human nature in all things but sin." If that is truly the case (and as Catholics, we believe that it is), then Jesus was subject to all of the temptations and opportunities for sin that we ourselves experience.

Sunday's Gospel about the temptations of Jesus often gets analyzed through an approach that looks for symbolic meaning in the three encounters between Jesus and the devil. That can be one way of looking at the story. But as we begin Lent, it might be good to take a more general view that simply presents Jesus as a man struggling against temptation. That is what we do each and every day. In that, he was just like us. He overcame temptation by understanding God's will for him. That sounds like a pretty good plan for our Lent as well.



**REFLECTIONS FROM
FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY**

“Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with you, blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.” A wonderful introduction to a very special prayer.

In the Gospel according to John we have a passage telling of the closeness of the Blessed Mother and Son. Mary and Jesus are at a wedding, and Mary notices that the young couple being married are very short of wine for the marriage feast.

At the request of His mother Jesus provided wine by means of His own. In the Gospel according to John we find significant words “Jesus did this at the beginning of His signs in Cana of Galilee and so revealed His glory, and His disciples began to believe in Him.”

The readings of this gospel tell us very much. We find the close union of Jesus and Mary being invited and coming together to celebrate with friends. Mary surely seems to be interested in and care for the couple. Jesus pleases His mother by His love for her.

Next week we realize both the action of Mary in what seems quite simple has very deep meanings for the Church.



The Church encourages all Catholics to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation each Lent. In addition to our normal Saturday afternoon confession time, St. Joseph and all the Catholic parishes and chapels of the Archdiocese will be open on **Lenten Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00pm**. Please take advantage of this opportunity to make a good Lenten confession. Please also reach out to the Catholics you know that have been away from the regular practice of our faith and invite them to seize this chance to begin again. The Archdiocese’s website for this initiative, www.TheLightIsOnForYou.org, has great material to help everyone prepare to make a good confession.

Catholics Come Home

Today we hear Matthew tell us of Jesus’ preparation for his public ministry. Matthew writes: “He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry.”



And who wouldn’t be hungry? Some people have a hard enough time with fast and abstinence on Ash Wednesday. There is another kind of hunger, one that isn’t related to what we eat. Most of us know—or perhaps are related to—people who have a spiritual thirst. They have not been with us each week as we come together to praise God and find strength in His word, His sacrament, and each other. There is an empty place when the family gathers. Pray this week for the courage to invite someone you know to come home.
www.CatholicsComeHomeBoston.org



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Extra hands last Sunday made all the difference in getting the Hall set-up for classes. Thank you to all who helped. Congratulations to the Marriage Prep group for preparing 32 couples. What a wonderful weekend – 10 children and 64 adults preparing for Sacraments!

Sunday, March 13 the Pre-School Program will look at Shamrocks and the Trinity! Drop-in from 9:00 to 11:30 am.

Altar Server meeting March 13 at 10:15 in the Parish Hall and Wednesday, March 16, 4:15 in the Parish Hall.

Our Family Mass – March 27, April 17 at 11:30am Mass
Religious Education – March 27, April 3 at 10:00 am



Our Parish is blessed to have children preparing for the Sacrament of Penance.

First Penance will take place on April 10 at 2:00 pm. We ask that you keep them in your prayers as they experience and grow in God’s grace.

Our First Penance participants are **John Cassidy, Andrew Chan, Cameron Demerski, Margaret Fleck, Riley Leetch, Nico Morreale, Caitlin Poltack, Kelsie Rizzo, Jonathan Vilms, Theodore Wilson.**

Cards with their names are posted in the back of the Church. Please take one home to pray for them.

REMEMBER

Please join us each **Wednesday** during Lent to pray the Lenten Novena during the 12:10pm Mass and on **Fridays** the Stations of the Cross after the 12:10pm Mass.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH MARY



Plan to join us on **Saturday** morning 10:00am, **March 19** for stations of the Cross as seen through the eyes of our Blessed Mother. Many were truly touched by the pray last year and found these moments with Mary to be deeply moving.

THEN.... The prayer will be followed by a social in parish hall with coffee/tea and “**Zeppoles**” to celebrate her husband our patron - St. Joseph whose Feast Day is March 19th.



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