

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 28

4:00PM Special Intention

Sunday, January 29

9:00AM Bridget Lydon - Living

11:30AM Al Rossi

5:00 PM Parishioners

Monday, January 30

12:10 PM George Lerra

Tuesday, January 31

12:10 PM Michelina Tiburzi

Wednesday, February 1

12:10 PM George Donovan

Thursday, February 2

12:10 PM Elizabeth MacDonald

Friday, February 3 — First Friday

12:10 PM Sanctuary Fund

Saturday, February 4

4:00PM Emily Maupas

Sunday, February 5

9:00 AM For the Faithful Departed
through the Intercession of Mary

11:30AM Arthur Dembro

SESQUICENTENNIAL QUESTION

After the French navy ceased to visit Boston, on 20 August 1792 the new parish of the Holy Cross was created by the Diocese of Baltimore. Who was the first pastor and how large was this parish?

Parish Support

January 22: Offertory \$2,996

Catholic Charities \$1,451

Thank you for your continuing support of the parish.

Thank you also for your generous support of last week's special collection to benefit Catholic Charities.

SANCTUARY LAMP:

Week of January 29 — in memory of George Lerra

This Week's Special Collection:

The Church in Latin America (CLA)

CLA provides support for pastoral projects in financially poor dioceses throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. This collection funds the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis. Please visit www.usccb.org/latinamerica for more information.

BLESSING OF THE THROATS

In honor of Saint Blaise, whose feast day is Friday, February 3, throats will be blessed at all the Masses next weekend.

★ **MANDATORY CORI FORM** ★
★ All Lay Ministers must submit a Cori Form each ★
★ year. This is mandated by the Archdiocese to in- ★
★ sure the protection of all parishioners, particularly ★
★ the children. The 2012 Cori Forms are in the Sac- ★
★ risty. Please fill out your form have it verified and ★
★ give the completed form to Father Dan. ★

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Athletes put hours into practice. It is not enough just to play the game. In practice a person learns the moves, discovers how muscles respond, trains all aspects of his or her body, and over time becomes so proficient at the selected sport that she or he can intuitively react during play. Practice in sports helps the athlete develop self-confidence. The same holds true for the musician, the salesperson, the new teacher.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is the confident, self-assured teacher. Yes, he works a miracle. But before we get caught up in that, we should look at how Mark portrays him. Right at the beginning of the Gospel, Jesus enters the synagogue in Capernaum and starts to teach. Unlike the scribes who would appeal to the words of Jewish teachers to support their teaching, Jesus comes across as confident in his own authority. He has no need to reference what others have handed on. Instead, his teaching commands respect because he shows its truth through his deeds.

Like the athlete who is confident in his game, we can become confident in our faith by practicing it. As we see in the Gospel from the very first chapter of Mark, Jesus was confident in both word and deed. We can do the same. By reading the Scriptures regularly we become attuned to Christ's teaching. We absorb the knowledge, just as any good athlete memorizes all the plays. And by acting on Christ's teaching through our worship of God and love of neighbor we are performing the deeds of faith. The skills become second nature as we put into practice what we have been taught by Christ.



**REFLECTIONS FROM
FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY**

It is only two words, but for some people who live along the Atlantic Coast, they are very special: "Light House." It is especially protective in bad weather.

A few words of prayer protect us from a far greater danger: "You are the light of the world; let your light shine before all, that they may see the good you do and give glory to God."

In one way or another each of us should be the Light House shining before all. The Light House certainly lacks glamour, but without it any ships on the Atlantic Coast might find disaster on really bad days.

What possible use can the two words "Light House" have to us? For us it might well be the way we act and the example we give, almost without noticing it, to others. "You are the light of the world."

The world in which we live can be seen as enormous, and whatever each of us might do really very small. Yet whatever we do for each other can be great. In a way we are letting, or better, having God work through us.

GALA DINNER

A special Thank You to Denise Tompkins and her 150th Gala Dinner committee for all the time and effort they put into last Friday's event. It took many hours of planning and many meetings and the time and effort certainly paid off. It was truly "Picture Perfect". The food, the atmosphere, and most of all the friendship and sense of parish community that we were able to share was appreciated. It truly was a marvelous evening. Many thanks! A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!

★ **OUR NEXT EVENT....** ★
★ **Senior Tea, February 11, 2012, 2:00pm.** On Sat- ★
★ urday afternoon the young people of our parish will ★
★ honor our senior members with a Senior Tea. ★
★ Please make sure you get your free ticket which will ★
★ be available at all the masses over the weekend. The ★
★ tickets will be available from committee members. ★
★ We look forward to the coming together of genera- ★
★ tions as our 150th Anniversary celebrations con- ★
★ tinue. ★

OUR GRAND ANNUAL APPEAL
We are pleased to report a total of \$50,329 in pledges and donations, to our Grand Annual Appeal to date, 63% of our goal of \$80,000. 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.



**RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION NEWS**

Religious Education Classes: Feb. 5th and 12th

First Reconciliation: February 5 at 2:00 pm

Family Mass: February 12

First Reconciliation will be held on February 5th at 2:00 pm in the Church. All children and parents are invited to come to Reconciliation at this wonderful celebration of the Sacrament of Penance. Invitations are in the mail.

We need your old Christmas Cards! The gold bag in the Children's Corner is just waiting for them. Thank you.

FULL TIME NURSE WANTED

Little Sisters of the Poor—Greater Boston
186 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143

Employment opportunity for a full time nurse.
Must have long term care facility experience.

Please contact 617-776-4420 x 318 or
smhumanresources@littlesistersofthepoor.org

ST. JOSEPH MARRIAGE PREP PROGRAM

REGISTER NOW for our Marriage Preparation workshop being held here in our Parish Hall on:

Friday, March 2, 2012, 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Saturday, March 3, 2012, 9:30am - 3:30pm

Please call the Rectory (617-523-4342), Monday - Friday 9:00am - 3:00pm to register.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR PASTORAL VISITORS

The Office of Worship and Spiritual Life in collaboration with the Office of Health Care Ministry invite all pastoral visitors and Eucharistic Ministers to the sick and homebound to attend a Day of Prayer, "**Ministry in Christ's Name**" —

Saturday, **February 4**, from 10:00 to 12:00 noon,
St. Mary Parish, Dedham, or

Saturday, **February 25**, also from 10:00 to 12:00 noon,
St. John Chrysostom Parish, West Roxbury.

There is no fee for the Day. For more information or to register, call the Office of Worship and Spiritual Life at 617-779-3640.