

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 14

4:00PM Rosalie Famiglietti

Sunday, January 15

9:00AM Parishioners

11:30AM Swithen and Jolyon Rodrigues

5:00 PM For the Faithful Departed
thru the Intercession of Mary

Monday, January 16 — M. L. King Day

10:00 AM Leonard & Philomenia Mastropieri

Tuesday, January 17

12:10 PM Mary Alice Berry

Wednesday, January 18

12:10 PM Anna Keaney

Thursday, January 19

12:10 PM In Memory of the Marron Family

Friday, January 20

12:10 PM In Memory of the Marron Family

Saturday, January 21

4:00PM Tom Neff

Sunday, January 22

9:00AM Family Mass

11:30AM Robert Crehan

5:00 PM Parishioners

SESQUICENTENNIAL QUESTION: French army and navy chaplains said Mass at many locations during the Revolutionary War. When was the first known Mass within the boundaries of St. Joseph Parish? If you can't wait for an answer, go to the front of the church.

Parish Support

January 8: Offertory \$3,515

Thank you for your continuing support.

PLEASE NOTE: The Archdiocese has changed the scheduled Special Collection for January 15, 2012 to **NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2012.** You may use your envelope marked special collection, January 15 in the collection on Sunday, January 22.

This collection will go to support the work of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Boston. This ministry is focused on support of children and families as well as newly arrived immigrants in the Archdiocese. Programs include food pantries, residential care for women and children in poverty, substance abuse counseling, and assistance with rent and heating oil. Catholic Charities regularly serves over 175,000 people each year. It is focused on direct personal and social support of those in need.

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

We will celebrate Martin Luther King Day with a Mass on Monday, January 16th at 10:00am! Please join us!



Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"--which translated means Teacher--"where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." - Jn 1:38-39a



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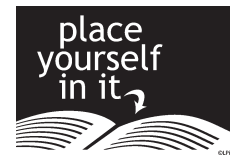
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

We're introduced this week to an unknown disciple in John's Gospel. Two disciples are followers of John the Baptist. When Jesus walks by, John points him out to them and says, "Behold, the Lamb of God." These two go and follow Jesus and spend the day with him. We find out in today's Gospel that one of the two was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, who then goes and gets Simon Peter and brings him to Jesus as well. So now there are three who will follow Jesus: Peter, Andrew, and this unknown disciple. As we'll discover in John's Gospel during Lent and the Easter season, this third person is the beloved disciple, the Gospel writer's stand-in for every Christian who follows Christ.

John wrote into his Gospel the beloved disciple to highlight the fact that every believer encounters Christ. His presence among us is not some past event. Christ is with us now, and we meet him in the breaking of the bread, in the poor at our door, and in the neighbor we encounter. And Christ is present in the word of God, the Scriptures.

There is a tried-and-true method of biblical prayer that capitalizes on this understanding of the presence of Christ. Take a Gospel story and place yourself in it as one of the characters. Read it and reflect on it as though you were in the setting. For example, with today's Gospel you could imagine that you are Andrew. You are chatting with John the Baptist when he points out Jesus. There is something about that man that immediately attracts you. What is it? Can you imagine that in your prayer? You and your friend go and spend the day with him. Imagine what took place. What entranced you that you had to go and find your brother, Simon, and bring him to Jesus? Let your prayer unfold, and see where it leads you.

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**REFLECTIONS FROM
FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY**

The greatest person who ever walked on our earth is beyond any doubt Jesus Christ. The one closest to Him is the Blessed Mother. Surely it is St. Joseph who comes after both.

We really know very little about this man. Once we become aware of Joseph we should realize how great he must be and yet how close to us if we see him as Christ like.

Beyond any possible doubt Mary of Nazareth has to be seen as the one closest to the Son of God on earth. Most of us are also pretty well convinced that Mary being so close to Jesus on earth is also closest to Him in Heaven. "Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with you."

Whether Pope or Layperson, Bishop or Priest it is wise for us to make a real effort to treasure the "Hail Mary" each day. We have love for our own mothers living or dead, surely, we please Jesus by honoring Mary His Mother.

It is of course not true but does have its point. Saint Joseph is given the responsibility of guarding the gate of Heaven. A very pious priest is upset. Some strange people are passing through. St. Joseph answers him "I really try, but the Mother of Jesus gets around me."

Holy Mary, Mother of God pray for us sinners.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM
INFORMATION NIGHT**

Thursday, January 19 — 7:00 pm Catholic Memorial School — Donahue Hall, 235 Baker St., West Roxbury, MA 02132. Meet with students, teachers and administrators. Browse CM's athletics and activities offerings. Learn about financial aid and scholarships. RSVP: 617-469-8019. Explore CM: www.CatholicMemorial.org

WEST END MUSEUM

The West End Museum (150 Staniford St., Suite 7) is kicking off 2012 with an exhibit of photographs and other memorabilia from the neighborhood's most famous building. The exhibit, *Hidden Gems from the Old Boston Garden*, is a collaborative effort between the West End Museum and The Sports Museum. It opened January 3 and runs through February 11. For more information, visit www.theWestEndMuseum.org or call 617-723-2125.



**RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION NEWS**

Religious Education Classes: Jan. 22nd, Feb. 5th and 12th.

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

Thank you for the Christmas Cards! We will use them next year to make Advent Books.

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 next Sunday January 22, 2012, at 6:00pm 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!

LAST CHANCE

Our 150th Celebration

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THIS FRIDAY JANUARY 20, 2012 — 7:00pm
AT MILLENNIUM BOSTONIAN HOTEL

WHAT WENT UP HAS COME DOWN! Thanks to all who helped to take down the Christmas decorations. Many hands make light work.

Thank you to the many parishioners who gave their time, treasure, and talent this Christmas season. Their assistance helps us grow in our relationship with the Lord. We thank them for their faith and ministry.

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