

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 20

4:00 PM Margaret O’Gorman

Sunday, June 21 — Father’s Day

9:00 AM The Spencer Family

11:30 AM Sister Agnes, CJC

5:00 PM For the Parishioners

Monday, June 22

12:10 AM Dotty, Josie and Helen

Tuesday, June 23

12:10 PM Open Hearts Memorial Guild

Wednesday, June 24

12:10 PM Mass of Thanksgiving, Tony Abou-Hamad

Thursday, June 25

12:10 PM Mass of Thanksgiving, Henry Abou-Hamad

Friday, June 26

12:10 PM Richard & Lucille Haley

Saturday, June 27

4:00 PM Mary Ann McLaughlin

Sunday, June 28

9:00 AM

11:30 AM Margaret O’Gorman

5:00 PM For the Parishioners

GRAND ANNUAL CONGRATULATIONS

Our parish has done a great job in supporting the 2009 Grand Annual Appeal. We have surpassed our goal of \$70,000, with pledges and donations totaling \$71,658, or 102% of the goal. Thank you to all who contributed—we couldn’t have done it without each of you! Even so, our Grand Annual continues for another week, and any amount you give is a “raise” in our goal for St. Joseph’s. Information packets with pledge forms are in the back of the church.

Thank you for your faith, love and support! And thank you so much for helping us once again to achieve our goal!

LAST WEEK’S REGULAR COLLECTION

\$2,584. Thank You!

**LAST WEEK’S SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR
RETIRED PRIESTS**

\$700. Thank You!

SANCTUARY LAMP

Month of June—In Memory of Vincent Raso



Dear Friends,

As we resume our Sundays in ‘Ordinary time’ we are offered an image of hope in the midst of turmoil. The question about who Jesus really is comes to the fore in this brief story. He calms a storm which had come out of nowhere as the disciples took him across the Sea of Galilee in a boat. Not only did he reprimand the waves, he also reprimanded the disciples for their lack of faith, and that is the whole point of the story: nothing could harm the disciples while he was with them because he exercised divine control over the forces of nature. They saw in Him one who could exercise power and perform miracles.

For the Jewish and Christian people of those times, God was trusted as the Lord of everything created; “nothing was outside the range of his power.” In this instance, Mark was saying this about Jesus, even the words the disciples use to waken Jesus are usually addressed to God. Jesus stills the storm as if exorcising a demon in much the same way as he did in many of Mark’s miracle stories.

Many people have found great comfort in sensing Jesus’ constant presence in the most difficult and dangerous crises. He is at once a miracle worker and he has dominion over both natural and demonic forces. Through our faith in Him we too are better able to deal with the storm that can sometimes arise in our own life. It is the ‘wind’ of God’s Spirit moving in and around us that enables us to blow away any bad winds or spirits that may find their way into our personal life’s journey. The voice of Jesus we hear in this day’s Gospel assures us of His presence in our lives.

Always listening,

Fr. Dan

**REFLECTIONS FROM
FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY**

What's in a name? We could find many answers. Many Catholic parishes have the name "Sacred Heart." When we reflect on that title, we could be blessed with wonderful gifts.

"Sacred Heart" opens the way to "Son of the eternal Father." We find the ever blessed Second Person of the Holy Trinity, Jesus, who in taking on our human nature is truly Son of God and Son of the Virgin Mary.

Mary, a human being totally dependent on God as any of us, has given birth to an Infant who in His life on earth makes known to us how to have the peace, love and joy of God, who came to our earth to be like us in all things but sin.

Thank God for the Apostles. They were far from perfect, and we can find some of our own faults and failings in them. They did love Jesus Christ, and gradually that love helped them develop into wonderful followers of Christ.

May we seek, find and try to follow the way that leads us to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

(to be continued)

FEEDING THE HOMELESS

To our volunteers: we will be feeding the homeless at a new location, St. Paul's Cathedral, 138 Tremont St. (across from Park St. Station) on Monday nights at 6:00 PM. Our next date is Monday, June 22.

**MATIGNON HIGH SUMMER SCHOOL
June 24 to July 21, 2009**

Most major high school courses as well as 7th and 8th grade math and reading enrichment courses, also a "Timely Writing" course to prepare for the SAT essay test. Please call Joe Carabello at 617-876-1212 x15, or visit www.matignon-hs.org for more information.

PARISH COUNCIL
Our Parish Council met this past week to review this past year's activities we thank them for their willingness to serve the need of our parish. Once again they are: Mary Ames, Jessica Dekermanji, Anthony Dekermanji, Jose Florez, Anne Lazzaro, Joseph McDonald, Barbara Pfeiffer and Joseph Salvia.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

This Sunday is Father's Day. In our thoughts and prayers this day, may we be thankful and grateful for the fathers, living and deceased, who have meant so much in our lives.

WOMEN'S HOMELESS SHELTER

Sancta Maria House, a 10-bed shelter for homeless women, founded by the Legion of Mary 36 years ago, is at 11 Waltham Street, close to the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. It is run entirely by volunteers, who arrive at 6:30 PM and leave at 8:00 AM. With each new volunteer is always an experienced volunteer. Could you consider volunteering for one overnight a month? Please contact Mary or Sheena at 617-423-4366 for more information.

CHURCH WATCH II

A little 'Gremlin' has visited our Church again, and has made off with some of our belongings when the Church was open and empty. We may have to be a bit more vigilant during the time the church may be empty or bring in some extra pray-ers with open eyes.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Registration forms are available at the back of the church and can be filled out and left at the parish office or brought to the sacristy following Mass or call the parish office with any question (617 523 4342).

St. Joseph's sponsors a family centered religious education program for children from first grade through tenth. We celebrate a family liturgy together on the first Sunday of every month throughout the academic year. The children take turns participating in the liturgy. We also sponsor a Christmas play (on Christmas Eve) and our annual May Crowning on Mother's Day. In addition, we offer a group Generations of Faith program which includes children and family members in active exploration and explanation of our catholic faith. The Generations of Faith program is offered approximately every 4 to 6 weeks on a set schedule. We also offer classes for sacramental preparation for First Communion, Reconciliation and Confirmation. Currently, our CCD program uses the We Believe series from Sadlier Publishing.

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