

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, June 29

12:10 AM Mass of Thanksgiving, Alfred Abou-Hamad

Tuesday, June 30

12:10 PM Vito Vitti

Wednesday, July 1

12:10 PM

Thursday, July 2

12:10 PM Mass of Thanksgiving, Giselle Damiani

Friday, July 3, First Friday

12:10 PM Sanctuary Fund

Saturday, July 4

4:00 PM

Sunday, July 5

9:00 AM

11:30 AM Swithen & Jolyon Rodrigues

5:00 PM For the Parishioners

OUR GRAND ANNUAL APPEAL

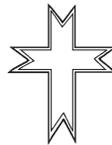
Our response continues to grow. As you can see by our tote board, we are pleased to report a total of \$72,329 in pledges and donations to our Grand Annual Appeal to date, which is 103% of our goal of \$70,000. It is not too late to contribute. It is through your kindness and concern that Christ’s mission will continue.

LAST WEEK’S REGULAR COLLECTION

\$2,156. Thank You!

SANCTUARY LAMP

Month of June—In Memory of Vincent Raso



Dear Friends,

The embrace can be an important mode of communication. We touch and are touched in many ways. We are touched physically with a hug from someone we love and emotionally by the simplest of smiles. In the Gospel this weekend Jesus touched two people in important ways. The story offers two women in different stages of life. They are the stories of two women - one young and the other older.

The younger one lies sick and dying. Her father, Jairus, goes to great lengths to plead her cause. His request is really prayer. He pleads with Jesus to make her well. The other woman has a hemorrhage; her life would have been very frustrating and frightening. She probably felt very much alone. The Law would have forbidden anyone from touching her, or her touching of them. They were very concerned with cleanliness.

Mark truly presents the stories of two women in isolation and pain. Jesus’ reaction to both is to reach out and touch - fully aware that such a touch would make him ritually unclean and was quite likely to cause scandal. For Jesus, human need far outweighed the keeping of the Law.

In both cases that touch was healing. For the older woman, the bleeding came to an end. She would be able to resume the duties of her household and receive the embrace of her family. She was able to live again. For the young woman, Jesus realized that she needed privacy - this was to be an intimate and quiet healing. Jesus calls her to life and allows her to enjoy the remainder of her childhood.

Two different people touched by the loving spirit of Jesus who was unafraid to reach out. Jesus continues to touch us today. In word and sacrament he touches us physically, emotionally and spiritually. Jesus makes us whole and positions us to be unafraid to reach out to others.

In Him,

Fr. Dan

**REFLECTIONS FROM
FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY**

More on "what's in a name."

Paul of Tarsus can be seen in two lights. He was Saul, a zealot consumed with violent hatred for Jesus Christ and His followers. He became St. Paul, a man who wanted to bring the whole world to Jesus.

Saul hated Christians and would destroy all followers of Jesus Christ. He sought and received permission to seek out any Christian man or woman and bring them back to Damascus in chains. It was on this vicious mission that the whole life of Saul ended and that of Paul began.

Saul was thrown to the ground, a light flashed around him, and he heard a voice, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" Suddenly Saul realized the Jesus whom he would destroy was instead the one whom he must follow.

Saul became Paul, he was baptized, and was now an ardent follower of Jesus Christ. Now he was in danger from the Pharisees and at the same time still feared by some who knew him as an enemy of Christ. It was a follower of Jesus named Barnabas who brought Paul to other followers of Jesus.

(to be continued)

CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL OPENINGS

The *Good Shepherd School (GSS)*, located in the completely renovated ground floor of St. Mary - St. Catherine of Siena, in Charlestown, MA, is accepting applications for September 2009. The Good Shepherd School is a bilingual independent Catholic school committed to comprehensive, developmentally appropriate programs that strengthen the school-family partnership and enrich the lives and learning experiences of children. The classrooms at the *GSS* are multi-aged, with each classroom hosting approximately 15 children ages 2.9 to 5 years old. *GSS* is open year-round and offers extended day programs. Financial aid is available. For more information, please contact Good Shepherd School, Admissions, 20 Winthrop St., Charlestown, MA 02129, or call 617-242-8800, or E-mail good_shep_preschool@yahoo.com.

FEEDING THE HOMELESS

On Monday, June 22, a group of parishioners headed to a new location, St. Paul's Cathedral, and hosted a dinner of lasagna, meatballs, Italian string beans, rolls, butter, and ice cream sandwiches to approximately 150 homeless and hungry people. Thank you for your continuing support of this needy project as part of Neighborhood Action outreach.



ARISE offers the opportunity for new friendships, stronger faith, and a deeper relationship with Christ and others through prayer and the Scriptures in a small group setting. Sessions will resume in the fall. Even if you haven't participated yet, please think about joining us then. If you would like more information feel free to call our *ARISE* Coordinator, Joanne Wilson at 781-696 3197.

WOMEN'S HOMELESS SHELTER

Sancta Maria House, a 10-bed shelter for homeless women, at 11 Waltham Street, close to the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, 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.

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.

FOOD PANTRY



Donations of non-perishable foods are needed for the West End Senior Center's food pantry, located inside the West End Branch Library, 151 Cambridge St., Boston. Distribution is by appointment only! For information call the Senior Center at 617-263-4650. Library drop-off hours are Mon., Tues., Wed. 10am-6pm, Thurs. 12pm-8pm and Fri. 9am-5pm.

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