

*Mass Intentions*

**Saturday, July 4**  
 4:00 PM Filomena Toussaint

**Sunday, July 5**  
 9:00 AM Rev. Msgr. James Tierney –Retirement  
 11:30 AM Swithen & Jolyon Rodrigues  
 5:00 PM For the Parishioners

**Monday, July 6**  
 12:10 AM Maria Kinsel — Birthday Memorial

**Tuesday, July 7**  
 12:10 PM Margaret O’Gorman

**Wednesday, July 8**  
 12:10 PM Clarence Thomas— Brother of Bishop Elliot Thomas

**Thursday, July 9**  
 12:10 PM Patricia Newfell

**Friday, July 10**  
 12:10 PM Mass of Thanksgiving for Mary Saadeh

**Saturday, July 11**  
 4:00 PM Mary Ann McLaughlin

**Sunday, July 12**  
 9:00 AM St. Anthony for the Souls in Purgatory  
 11:30 AM  
 5:00 PM For the Parishioners

**OUR GRAND ANNUAL APPEAL**

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 \$72,615. Thank you to all who contributed—we couldn’t have done it without each of you! Indeed our percentage did go up to 49.71% participants this is a real tribute to our love of our parish and the important mission it has been given, offering the truth of Jesus to all who come through our doors. Thank you so much and God Bless our Parish.

**LAST WEEK’S REGULAR COLLECTION**

**\$2,716. Thank You!**

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

Week of July 5 — In memory of Mary Ann McLaughlin



Dear Friends,

There is an old saying that states, ‘you can’t go home again and Jesus experiences it this weekend in the Gospel. He has begun a ministry of preaching the Good News and healing the sick and he probably wanted to share it with those with whom he shared a part of his life.

It doesn’t quite happen that way. All they can see is the carpenter’s son who went off to the big city and came back home seemingly filled with crazy new ideas. They recognize that there is some virtue to what he says but can’t get beyond the fact that it is someone so familiar who is saying it. The messenger seems to get in the way of the message.

Jesus is rejected because of their shortsightedness. He is rejected because they cannot let go. For Him, this must have been hurtful and frustrating. In their inability to let go of a past image of him they really robbed themselves of his presence and power. In a way they never really found out who he was because they wanted only to run him out of town.

Rejection can happen when we refuse to let go of preconceived notions, stereotypes or prejudices. It can happen when someone acts contrary to our expectations or when we allow envy or jealousy to rule the day. The people of Jesus town were certainly waiting for a messiah but they did not expect it to be someone like Jesus. A mighty king or warrior perhaps, but surely not a carpenter.

Sometimes the ‘good news’ of God’s love seems to good to be true and we may doubt. We cannot pick and choose the way the Lord will come to us. We need to be humble enough to be open to the ongoing revelation that indeed is life in His Spirit. When we are we understand the words of Paul when the Lord said to him ‘My grace is enough for you, for in weakness power reaches perfection.’”

In His Spirit,

Fr. Dan

**REFLECTIONS FROM**  
**FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY**

Recently the newspapers told us of the opening of a desirable opportunity for work for one person. A great number applied. It was no surprise and the one chosen would be fortunate.

The opportunity to receive the love of God is open to every person. We may wonder how, however if we are aware of God's love we know that it must be so.

We may find examples of those who seem so far away from God and then, wonder of wonders to us at least, not only find their way back but help others to do the same.

We can and should cherish the writer who told us that the quality of mercy is not strained but drops from heaven to the place beneath blessing the one who received even as it blesses the one who gives.

In some way or other each of us has the means to show mercy and kindness and each, if not most of us, have been conscious of receiving it and, please God, of giving it.

"God is rich in mercy because of the great love He has for us."

**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](mailto:good_shep_preschool@yahoo.com).

**LADIES OF THE OLD WEST END**

The West End Museum will be open on Sunday July 12 from 10:00am to 11:30am following there will be a Lady's Brunch (\$20.00) held at Johnnies on the Side, Portland Street. For more information please call Marie Testa at 978-531-1675.



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 the parish office at 617-523-4342.

**SECOND COLLECTION**

Next week's second collection supports programs for Black Native American populations. Proceeds from this collection are distributed as grants to dioceses supporting and strengthening evangelization programs, which would otherwise be in danger of disappearing among the Black, American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut communities of the United States.

**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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