

**Mass Intentions**

**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

**Monday, July 13**

12:10 AM Robert Taylor

**Tuesday, July 14**

12:10 PM Joseph Davis

**Wednesday, July 15**

12:10 PM Bishop Elliott Thomas

**Thursday, July 16**

12:10 PM Russell Crawford

**Friday, July 17**

12:10 PM Margaret O’Gorman

**Saturday, July 18**

4:00 PM

**Sunday, July 19**

9:00 AM

11:30 AM For the Parishioners

5:00 PM Margaret O’Gorman

**SECOND COLLECTION**

This week’s second collection supports programs for Black and 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.

**Parish Support**

**LAST WEEK’S REGULAR COLLECTION**

**\$2,237. Thank You!**

**Year for Priests**

**"Our Lord is our model, let us take up our cross and follow Him."**

*The Little Catechism of the Curé of Ars, TAN Books, 1987*



As the Pauline Year draws to an end, Pope Benedict XVI proclaimed the “Year for Priests” which began on June 19, 2009, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

In a meeting with the Vatican Congregation for Clergy assembled to discuss the missionary identity of the priest on March 16, the Pope referred to priestly ministry and the importance of “a spiritually intense new life and a new lifestyle which was inaugurated by the Lord Jesus and which the apostles made their own.”

The pope chose this year because it marks the 150th anniversary of the death of the patron saint of parish priests, St. John Vianney, who is also known as the “Curé d’Ars” (French for the “parish priest of Ars”). The Pope subsequently declared the saint the Universal Patron of Priests. With St. John as an example, the Pope has said this year is “meant to deepen the commitment of all priests to interior renewal for the sake of a more forceful and incisive witness to the Gospel in today’s world.”

St. John Vianney, born in Dardilly, France in 1786 and ordained a priest in 1815, was sent to Ars with a warning from his bishop that the people there had little love of God. It would be up to St. John to inspire the parishioners. With this in mind, he set himself to educate the faithful as well as visit the sick and the families of his parish. The Curé did much to transform the hearts of his flock through the witness of his life and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. This was perhaps most acutely seen in his emphasis on the Sacrament of Penance, which kept him in the confessional up to sixteen hours a day.

In October 2006, the Archdiocese of Boston was privileged to receive a relic of St. John Vianney: his incorrupt heart. Encouraged by Cardinal O’Malley to pray for the archdiocese and for vocations to the priesthood, the faithful gathered for a three-day event of prayerful veneration.

For the celebration of the Year for Priests, Cardinal O’Malley appointed Auxiliary Bishop Robert F. Hennessey and Father Robert Connors, Pastor of St. Marguerite d’Youville and St. Francis of Assisi in Dracut to serve as Chair and Vice-Chair of the efforts. They will lead a committee to assist the faithful throughout the Archdiocese in recognizing and celebrating the Year for Priests.

**REFLECTIONS FROM  
FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY**

The Apostles and other early followers of Jesus Christ, excepting only the Virgin Mary and possibly St. Joseph, had their faults as do we. Halos tend to be crooked.

A dying woman wanted to be buried all in white. She wanted all to know her faultless life while on earth. Friends called attention to some events in her life. She responded, "You can include a bit of purple."

St. Peter's illusions as to his flawless devotions to Jesus stopped fast when he denied even knowing Jesus about to be crucified. However, Mary Magdalen showed devotion to Jesus as He was being crucified but wanted to be with Him after He died.

The mother of St. John the Evangelist wanted her son to be closely associated and honored by Jesus. It was not granted. However, it was John whom Jesus asked to care for Mary as Jesus was dying.

We have our imperfections. May we also try to be one with Christ.

**WEST END SENIOR CENTER**

**SEWING MACHINE** The West End Senior Center is in need of a sewing machine that is in good order. The Center has volunteers hand stitching sleep wear and other items which could be more productively accomplished with the use of a sewing machine. The Center is willing to negotiate a price for a well functioning machine.

Contact: Karin Gersch  
West End Senior Center Coordinator  
175 Cambridge St., c/o Old Forge Realty, Boston  
Tel. (617) 263-4650, Mon.-Thurs., 9 AM to 5 PM

**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.

**A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS**

In this Year for Priests, O Father, we ask your blessing on those You have called to priestly ministry. Show them Your love and give them Your strength.

May they, above all, be faithful and passionate followers and friends of Your beloved Son, Jesus.

May they be prayerful like Jesus, hearts burning within them and set upon You above all.

May they celebrate the Mass with reverence and love and grow in devotion to the Eucharist.

May they be compassionate like Jesus toward all who seek peace and forgiveness.

May they be teachers like Jesus, on fire with Your Word.

May they be prophets like Jesus, proclaiming Your Kingdom to all.

May they entrust themselves into the care of Mary, Mother of Priests.

May they inspire and guide many men to answer a call to the priesthood.

St. John Vianney, beloved priest of God, pray for us and for all your brother priests.

Amen.

**CATHOLIC APPEAL - RESPONDING TO  
GOD'S GRACE, RENEWING OUR CHURCH**

Thank you to all supporters of the 2009 Catholic Appeal. Our parish has raised \$25,898 from 53 households, reaching 84.9% percent of our parish goal of \$30,500. If you have not yet pledged, please consider a gift today and help us meet our goal. Remember, our parish will receive 25% of all funds we raise above our goal. Please remember to make your pledge now even if you plan on fulfilling that pledge towards the end of the year. You can pick up information packets with pledge forms in the back of the Church to be mailed in, or for more information please visit [www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com](http://www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com).



He summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. - Mk 6:7, 13

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