

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, July 18**

4:00 PM

**Sunday, July 19**

9:00 AM

11:30 AM For the Parishioners

5:00 PM Margaret O’Gorman

**Monday, July 20**

12:10 AM Ruth Fournier

**Tuesday, July 21**

12:10 PM Open Heart Memorial Guild

**Wednesday, July 22**

12:10 PM The McGlew Family

**Thursday, July 23**

12:10 PM St. Anthony for the Souls in Purgatory

**Friday, July 24**

12:10 PM Margaret O’Gorman

**Saturday, July 25**

4:00 PM Deceased members of the Randlett Family

**Sunday, July 26**

9:00 AM Emma Ranola

11:30 AM Benjamin & Mildred Itrato

5:00 PM For the Parishioners

**Parish Support**

**LAST WEEK’S REGULAR COLLECTION**

**\$2,826.**

**LAST WEEK’S SPECIAL COLLECTION**

***Black and Native American Programs***

**\$594.**

**Thank You!**

**NEXT WEEK’S SECOND COLLECTION**

supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Through this collection, Catholics can now build bridges to these countries, spread God’s Word over vast areas with modern communications media, train Church leaders of tomorrow, help needy families materially and spiritually, rebuild churches that have fallen and support the sisters and brothers who have suffered for the faith. For more information, please visit [www.usccb.org/aee](http://www.usccb.org/aee).



When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. - Mk 6:34

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**REFLECTION**

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Many self-help books have been written over the years in which the author highly advocates the use of "to-do lists" in order to help us gain control over our lives. Generally, they say we will feel encouraged as we strike off the different things on our lists as we accomplish them. But what I have never seen any of these so-called experts advocate is creating a "done list" in which we take time each day to quietly reflect on all that we have achieved, no matter how small. When we cross things off a to-do list, we tend to say, "Thank God that's done." But when we look at a done list, we might be more tempted to say, "Thanks, God, for your help."

Jesus was trying to give his disciples a rest and a time for reflection and prayer in today's Gospel reading from Mark. They had returned from teaching throughout the area and were excited to tell him all they had accomplished, but at the same time Jesus felt they needed solitude to reflect and give thanks in prayer for all they had done. Still, the many people of the area searching for peace in their lives kept coming to them, the lost sheep of God's flock.

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus often draws away from his disciples to pray in silence and solitude. And when he does, he includes each and every one of us in his prayers. He became flesh and blood to give himself in sacrifice for us; he experienced our pain and suffering in order to free us from that pain (CCC 2602). Few of us can remember much of any self-help book we've ever read, and rarely if ever do we go back to them. Yet the word of God remains, ready to be reflected upon again and again. Doing so prayerfully is to give thanks.

**REFLECTIONS FROM  
FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY**

The expression "France Pagan" goes back over fifty years. Unfortunately to a degree it is true. A matter of far greater importance and worth began with a young girl from a very poor family. Her claim to have had a vision has stirred millions of people.

On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX defined the Catholic Church teaching that the Blessed Mother was conceived without sin. It was four years later that Marie Bernard Soubirous mentioned having seen the Blessed Mother.

The child's parents were upset and angry. The family had enough problems without their sickly daughter attracting attention of an imaginary vision.

One young man supported the child. She was sickly, far beyond others in school, and could only go in limited areas. Gradually others agreed that something had happened.

The little girl brought many to the place where she had met the Lady. She bent over a spring to drink some water, and a great amount of water poured out.

The local officials were determined to prevent people coming and blocked the area off for four months. The pressure of the people and that of a prominent woman from Paris had the area reopened.

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**BOSTON COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE**

Thursday, July 23, 9:00 to 2:00 St. Anthony's Shrine Wellness Center, 100 Arch St., Downtown Boston. Every donor receives a coupon for a carton of Friendly's Ice Cream, and a chance to win 2 Red Sox tickets. For appointment, please visit [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org) or call 1-800-448-3543.

**PASSION PLAY IN OBERAMMERGAU IN 2010**

In August 2010, St. Joseph's Parish in Wakefield will sponsor a group trip to see the Passion Play. They will visit Munich, Salzburg, and Vienna in addition to Oberammergau. Dates are August 19-28, 2010. Land price is \$2617 (air extra). Space is limited. For further information please contact Sherry Barbagallo at [sherryatlakeside@gmail.com](mailto:sherryatlakeside@gmail.com).

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

It has been said that the greatest gift you can give your children is two parents very much in love with each other. Polish up this gift at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are September 11-13, 18-20, and October 23-25. For more information contact Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710-WWME, or visit [www.wwmeMA.org](http://www.wwmeMA.org).

**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.

**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: Louisa Trombetta  
West End Senior Center Coordinator  
175 Cambridge St., c/o Old Forge Realty, Boston  
Tel. (617) 723-2685, 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.

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