

Mass Intentions

Parish Support

Saturday, August 8

4:00 PM Michael & Josephine Manfra

Sunday, August 9

9:00 AM Margaret O’Gorman

11:30 AM Thanksgiving for
Mary Saadeh and Family

5:00 PM For the Parishioners

Monday, August 10

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

Tuesday, August 11

12:10 PM Ian Klein Estillore

Wednesday, August 12

12:10 PM Thanksgiving for
Giselle Damiani and Family

Thursday, August 13

12:10 PM The McGlew Family

Friday, August 14

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

Saturday, August 15

10:00 AM Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00 PM Marlene Baldasari

Sunday, August 16

9:00 AM St. Anthony for the Souls in Purgatory

11:30 AM Emma and Fred DeMinico

5:00 PM For the Parishioners

LAST WEEK’S REGULAR COLLECTION

\$2,729



THIS WEEK’S SECOND COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES supports emergency relief, human development, and peace initiatives in 99 countries around the world, where nearly half the population lives on less than \$2.00 a day. The collection funds the ministries of five Catholic Church organizations: Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC), Migration and Refugee Services (MRS), Social Development and World Peace (SDWP), and The Holy Father’s Relief Fund. For more information please visit www.usccb.org/crscollection.



“I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die.” - Jn 6:48-50

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A CATECHETICAL MOMENT—A WEEKLY REFLECTION

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Perhaps you've heard the story of the atheist who while out hiking fell off the side of a cliff, only to grab on to a branch that stopped him from falling to a certain death. He held on for dear life, with nothing between him and the canyon below. He decided at that moment to give prayer a chance, asking God for salvation from his fate. A voice from above told him to let go of the branch; his new faith would save him. The man thought for a moment, and then looking skyward asked, "Is there anyone else up here I can talk to about this?" When we are offered the gift of eternal life, do we ignore it?

We listen to the words of Jesus as he admonishes a crowd of grumblers: "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day." We are drawn to God; on Sundays we are drawn to Mass. Our parishes draw us in from the parking lot or the street; our pastor draws us to the altar to receive the holy Eucharist. At times, we may feel as if we are holding on for our dear lives, barely able to make it through each day. It is at these times that we quiet ourselves and listen to God. We are drawn into loving arms, and we are safe.

Underlying Jesus' message that he is the bread of life is that in order for us to receive eternal life, we must live in love. To live in love means to seek Jesus, and through him God, in contemplative prayer. We seek him, because doing so is the beginning of true love (CCC 2709). In the sharing of the Eucharist at every Mass, we are reaffirming our vow to live a life of love. Today, as you approach the altar, leave behind your anger and bitterness. Let go of that branch, and you will be saved.

REFLECTIONS FROM
FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY

The Missionaries of Charity lead a life unique in many ways. They not only work among the desperately poor, they also live in a manner equivalent to the poor in many ways. Their Habit is that of the poor, their food is the same as that of the poor, they live among the poor.

Strangely enough Mother Teresa was not alone in her Mission very long, many young women joined her. A great number of these had been her students. In later years one of her missionaries was asked how many of these women stayed. The reply was that only very few left.

In one way or other Sister Teresa acquired housing for the needy. One of these was a fine large building in one of the better areas of Calcutta. An angry group went to a local official to have them removed. He promised to do so. Weeks went by but nothing happened. There were more protests, addition promises, but no action. Finally the official qualified his promise. He would act as soon as he saw THEM do for the poor what the Sisters were doing. End of protest.

(to be continued)



Religious Education
helps to build a
strong foundation

Registration forms for classes starting in the Fall 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.



AUGUST 15

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year, but here at St. Joseph Parish we will remember Mary in prayer at the 10:00am Mass on Saturday, August 15.

A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

For the Year 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.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Our Marriage Prep Team meet this week and are putting together our workshops for this year. The workshops will be held here at St. Joseph's in the Parish Hall.

Friday, September 25, 2009, 6:00pm -7:30pm

Saturday, September 26, 2009, 9:30am-3:30pm

Please call the Rectory (617-523-4342) Monday - Friday 9:00am-3:00pm to register.

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