

Mass Intentions

Parish Support

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

Monday, August 17

12:10 AM Thanksgiving for Tony Abou-Hamad and Family

Tuesday, August 18

12:10 PM Virginia Mraz

Wednesday, August 19

12:10 PM Margaret O’Gorman

Thursday, August 20

12:10 PM Thanksgiving for Henry Abou-Hamad and Family

Friday, August 21

12:10 PM Thanksgiving for Alfred Abou-Hamad and Family

Saturday, August 22

4:00 PM Carmine DeMinico, Month’s Mind

Sunday, August 23

9:00 AM Thanksgiving for Giselle Damiani and Family
11:30 AM Fran Matara, 80th birthday
5:00 PM For the Parishioners

LAST WEEK’S REGULAR COLLECTION

Second Collection

\$2,393.50

\$462.50



HOME MISSIONS Next week’s second collection is for Catholic Missions within the US. This appeal helps strengthen Catholic communities in mission dioceses by underwriting evangelization, religious education, education for future priests, and training for lay ministers. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/hm.



““Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me.” - Jn 6:56-57

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A CATECHETICAL MOMENT—A WEEKLY REFLECTION

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There was a man who lived on the edge of a small Midwestern town. He kept to himself, had his groceries delivered, and never ventured past his own front gate. No one made an effort to know him, and it stayed that way for nearly sixty years. When the man passed away, it was found that he had no family. The state-appointed lawyer for his estate ordered everything in his home sold or disposed of. Upon entering his home, the auctioneers found nearly every wall of the home covered in beautiful oil paintings, created by the man no one knew. He had a beautiful gift, yet he kept it to himself, and in doing so he deprived so many others of its beauty.

Today's Gospel reading from John continues the theme of Jesus as the bread of life. He tells those listening that whoever eats his flesh and drinks his blood will have eternal life. We hear these words at every Mass as the priest recites the similar words from the Last Supper. We hear them so often we might not even react to their true meaning. Yet imagine hearing them for the first time that day with Jesus! The people, who have already witnessed his miracles, still refer to him as "this man." They cannot believe.

We approach the altar solemnly, reverently. The host is placed in our hands; "the body of Christ." We are offered the cup; "the blood of Christ." And with each gift, we respond, "Amen." And it is in that amen that we are truly saying, "Yes, in receiving the true body and blood of Christ, I am becoming the body and blood of Christ and wish to share it with others." Our faith, our belief in God's saving grace, "is a treasure of life which is enriched by being shared" (CCC 949)

**REFLECTIONS FROM
FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY**

Malcolm Muggeridge was chosen to supervise a half hour program by Mother Teresa in London. He had spent a year and a half in Calcutta, thus he would be well qualified.

Malcolm was apprehensive. His time in Calcutta was at least tolerable. He had all the comforts of European life but had to experience, to some degree, the horror of deadly slums.

His preparatory interview was at best a worry. How could he ever fill in half an hour? He was overwhelmed. The program had to be repeated and listeners sent in a great sum of money for the co-workers of Mother Teresa.

A side result was the beginning of a close relationship of Mother Teresa and Malcolm. Something Beautiful for God, a great book, resulted in 1971. It is a rather small but in a way priceless account of love of God reaching through to people. God reached Malcolm through Teresa. He became a devout Catholic.

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At the invitation of Cardinal Séan O'Malley, our parish will continue the process of spiritual renewal and evangelization called **ARISE Together in Christ. Season 3 - In the Footsteps of Christ** - offers an understanding of discipleship, and how this implies active commitment to charity and justice. All parishioners are most welcome to participate in this process. Sign-Up Sunday will be the weekend of September 20th or call the Rectory at 617-523-4342.

2009 CATHOLIC APPEAL

Responding to God's Grace, Renewing our Church

We still have \$2,102 to raise before we reach our parish goal of \$30,500. Thank you to the 54 families at St. Joseph that have already contributed.

Stewardship reminds us to count our blessings, acknowledge God's gifts to us, and express thanks to Him. We do this by a proportionate giving of our time, talent and treasure. We sincerely thank the households in our parish who as good stewards have made a gift to the Catholic Appeal. If you have not yet made your pledge, envelopes are available at the back of the church. For more information please visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com or call 617-779-3700. Every gift matters. Thank you.



**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.

A special THANK YOU to all our parishioners who helped this weekend at the West End Children's Festival.

GERONTOLOGY CLASSES

UMass Boston is accepting applications for its Manning Certificate Program in Gerontology, designed to give students the skills and resources they need to plan for an aging society, work with the aging, and advocate for elders. Day-time, evening, and online classes begin September 7. Credits from the program can be applied toward a bachelor's degree, and the program is approved for financial aid. For more information and an application contact Mary St. Jean at 617-287-7330 or mary.stjean@umb.edu.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Our Marriage Prep Team met recently 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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