

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 29

4:00 PM William Klein

Sunday, August 30

9:00 AM Brian P. Colton, 25th Anniversary

11:30 AM

5:00 PM For the Parishioners

Monday, August 31

12:10 PM Margaret O’Gorman

Tuesday, September 1

12:10 PM Health of Virginia McLeod and safe return of Ross McLeod

Wednesday, September 2

12:10 PM Open Hearts Memorial Guild

Thursday, September 3

12:10 PM Frances Randlett

Friday, September 4

12:10 PM Sanctuary Fund

Saturday, September 5

4:00 PM Ann & Jack Lupo

Sunday, September 6

9:00 AM

11:30 AM Swithen & Jolyon Rodrigues

5:00 PM For the Parishioners

Parish Support

LAST WEEK’S REGULAR COLLECTION

\$2,822.

COLLECTION FOR HOME MISSIONS



\$550.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday, September 20

Things are “**happening**” at St. Joseph. More information on the facing page..

A CATECHETICAL MOMENT—A WEEKLY REFLECTION

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our friend hosts Thanksgiving dinner every year for his extended family, and usually more than twenty people attend. And every year, he tries to introduce a different cranberry sauce recipe into the mix, but is warned ahead of time by his mother-in-law that the cranberry sauce had better sit in the dish and look just like the can it came out of, or there will be trouble. They've always done it that way, she says, and no one, not even her son-in-law, is going to break that tradition. He tries to explain that his recipe will still taste like cranberries, but she still prefers tradition.

Today's Gospel reading from Mark is a lesson in traditions and how often we lose sight of what is really important in our day-to-day behavior. The Pharisees observe Jesus' disciples eating their meal with unwashed hands. According to old Jewish laws and traditions, this meant their food was unclean as well, and would in turn give them unclean spirits. Jesus, however, scolded the Pharisees, telling them that it doesn't matter if what goes into their body is a bit dirty; it is only important to pay attention to what comes out of our bodies — our words and actions. These must remain clean and filled with God's love.

We are taught in the Catechism of the Catholic Church that in prayer, we are petitioning the Holy Spirit to come to us in Christ Jesus' name. And in doing so, we are asking for our hearts and souls to be purified and cleansed, enabling us to serve God with love (CCC 2671). While no one is saying that it doesn't matter if you wash your hands before a meal, Jesus is simply asking us to keep in perspective the fact that we must always keep our minds in prayer, and our words and deeds in service to God.

A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

2009-2010 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.

**REFLECTIONS FROM
FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY**

“You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it; what you shall bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and what you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

Two individuals were chosen especially by Jesus Christ. One was Peter, who once denied knowing Jesus. The other was Paul, who had hatred for Jesus. Both became great followers of Christ.

Peter’s promises were great but really not fulfilled until after the death and resurrection of Jesus. Three times he denied knowing Jesus. Three times he had to respond to the question of Jesus. “Do you love me more than these?” Three times Peter replied, “Yes Lord, you know that I love You . . .”

The Apostle John gave us words of Jesus Christ, “I give you a new commandment. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.” At times this can be very difficult.

.One help to these words comes from Blessed Teresa of Calcutta. In her and her religious Sisters and Brothers we find a great example of “Christ Love.”

Sometimes the only answer for this is prayer.



He summoned the crowd again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.” - Mk 7:14-15

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PRIEST APPRECIATION DINNER

On Wednesday, September 16, 2009, there will be a Priest Appreciation Dinner held at the Seaport Hotel / World Trade Center from 5:45– 9:00 p.m. This evening is the major celebration in the Year for Priests and is the public celebration of Cardinal Sean’s 25th Anniversary as a Bishop. Tables of 10 and individuals tickets are still available. The cost of each ticket is \$500 and they will need to be reserved by Wednesday, September 2. All proceeds benefit the Clergy Pension and Healthcare Funds. If enough parishioners show interest we may have a Parish Table. For more information just call the Parish Office at 617 523 4342.

LAWN PARTY TO BENEFIT SEMINARIANS

Blessed John XXIII National Seminary is hosting its 28th Annual Lawn Party on Wednesday, September 23, at 6:00 PM, on the grounds of the seminary. This premiere fundraising event is hosted by His Eminence, Sean Cardinal O’Malley, OFM Cap. The evening will include a reception and dinner with music. Located on Route 30 in Weston, the Seminary prepares second career candidates, men over the age of 30, for priesthood. The proceeds from the Lawn Party help to keep tuition costs affordable. For ticket information please call Blessed John XXIII Development Office at 781-899-5500, or visit www.blessedjohnxxiii.edu.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Lily Batts, recently baptized.

Jim FitzGerald, continuing to recuperate.

In Memoriam 

Donald Gregory and Ellen McKechnie, whose funerals recently took place here at St. Joseph.

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.

MASTER of ARTS in MINISTRY PROGRAM

Deepen your knowledge of the Catholic faith at the Master of Arts in Ministry Program at St. John’s Seminary. Visit our website at www.sjs.edu or www.bostoncatholic.org. Or call 617-779-4104. Classes begin September 8th.

**It’s that Time of Year Again!
WEST-ENDER MASS VOLUNTEERS**

What’s “*happening*” is this. There’s a place for you as a volunteer at the West-Ender Mass on Sunday, September 20th at 11:30am here at St. Joseph. We worship and celebrate our West End Neighborhood heritage this way each year, so come help us reunite and remember family and friends, past and present.

Call Theresa Raso at 617-723-8848

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