

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 5

4:00 PM Ann & Jack Lupo

Sunday, September 6

9:00 AM Charles Lamborghini

11:30 AM Swithen & Jolyon Rodrigues

5:00 PM For the Parishioners

Monday, September 7, Labor Day

10:00 PM Anne Frances Devonshire, Month's Mind

Tuesday, September 8

12:10 PM Margaret O'Gorman

Wednesday, September 9

12:10 PM Richard Casale

Thursday, September 10

12:10 PM Intention of Joy Rodrigues

Friday, September 11

12:10 PM Margaret O'Gorman

Saturday, September 12

4:00 PM

Sunday, September 13

9:00 AM

11:30 AM

5:00 PM For the Parishioners

Parish Support

LAST WEEK'S REGULAR COLLECTION

\$3,983.



SANTUARY LAMP

Month of September — In Memory of Don Gregory

A CATECHETICAL MOMENT—A WEEKLY REFLECTION

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

You may have heard of Patrick Henry Hughes, hopefully because of his accomplishments. A gifted piano player, trumpeter, and singer, at age twenty he has performed on such stages as the Grand Ole Opry and the Kennedy Center. But Patrick Henry is also known as the young man in the wheelchair who, with his dad, performs with his University of Louisville marching band. Not only is he confined to a wheelchair because of a birth disorder, Patrick Henry is blind. He was born without eyes, but this is how he "sees" life: "I believe God gave me blindness so that I may see the inner qualities in everyone I meet."

How do you view disabilities? Like Patrick Henry Hughes, do you view them as a gift? Is it possible to understand that in some aspects of our lives, we all have areas that could be deemed a disability? We may be blind to the needs of others, deaf to the sounds of praise from a friend, unable to express gratitude for the many gifts we receive on a daily basis. In today's reading from Mark, Jesus is presented with a blind man with a speech impediment.

Jesus' decision to lead the man away into solitude in order to heal him stresses the importance of praying without distraction. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Jesus always responds to a prayer offered in faith, whether healing infirmities or forgiving sins (CCC 2616). It is often difficult to listen to the wonders of God or speak to him when we are surrounded by the clamor of the world around us. We are healed by the loving touch of Jesus when we allow ourselves and our hearts to listen, see, and feel only him.

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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.

**LABOR DAY
MONDAY SEPT. 7th**

MASS will be celebrated at 10:00AM

**REFLECTIONS FROM
FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY**

“You know the gracious act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that for your sake He became poor though He was rich, that by His poverty you might become rich.”
2 Cor. 8:0

There are many ways in which a person might become Christ-like. We think of forgiveness, kindness, giving of self, or other ways. Blessed Mother Teresa found many of these.

The wonderful acts of her love for others could have died with her. However, they continue in her followers, women, men and even children. God alone knows how long her works will continue. Our prayers are that they will continue to grow.

The inspiration of Mother Teresa reached out to young students whom she had taught. They joined her and followed her way of life, one that demanded great sacrifice. Yet in her day very few who came to her left..

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Jim FitzGerald, continuing to recuperate.

Margaret Mary Fitch, whose funeral recently took place here at St. Joseph.

☑ *Check This Out...*

Watch Father Dan’s latest web interview on Facebook.com\CatholicTV. A new season of Father Dan’s Show “We’ve Got To Talk” starts on Labor Day, Monday, September 7. Be sure to watch!

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.

**WEST ENDER MASS
Sunday September 20**

Letters have gone out this week inviting people back to St. Joseph’s Church to celebrate our West-Enders Mass on Sept. 20 at 11:30. If you know individuals who would like to celebrate with us, please feel free to invite them to join us.

A reception and light lunch will be held in the parish hall immediately after the Mass. A donation of \$10 would be appreciated. If you can volunteer to help, please call Theresa Raso at 617-723-8848.

A special booklet with the names of deceased West Enders will be published and distributed at the Mass. This booklet will help us recall names from the past and helps us all to remember our loved ones prayerfully into the future. If you would like the name of a former West Enders included in this booklet, please submit the information (please print clearly) to the parish office by Monday, September 14.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

Next week’s second collection supports CUA, the Catholic University of America and its scholarship fund for needy students. CUA, located in Washington, DC, is the national university of the Catholic Church, and has educated many priests and lay ministers throughout the US. For more information please visit www.cua.edu.

FEEDING THE HOMELESS

On Monday, August 31, a group of parishioners hosted a dinner of lasagna, meatballs, Italian string beans, rolls, butter, and ice cream sandwiches to over 150 homeless and hungry people. Thank you for your continuing support of this needy project as part of Neighborhood Action outreach.



ARISE offers the opportunity for new friendships, stronger faith, and a deeper relationship with Christ and others through prayer and the Scriptures in a small group setting.

Our next session “In The Footsteps of Christ” will be starting soon. Think about joining us then even if you have not attend any other session. If you would like more information feel free to call our parish office at 617-523-4342.

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