

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 19

4:00 PM Anthony (Nino) Costanzo—Month’s Mind

Sunday, September 20

9:00 AM Margaret O’Gorman

11:30 AM Deceased Members of the West End

5:00 PM For the Parishioners

Monday, September 21

10:00 PM Sister Celestine, CSC

Tuesday, September 22

12:10 PM Thanksgiving for Mary Saadeh and Family

Wednesday, September 23

12:10 PM Open Hearts Memorial Guild

Thursday, September 24

12:10 PM In honor of Our Lady of Mercy

Friday, September 25

12:10 PM The McGlew Family

Saturday, September 26

4:00 PM Margaret Del Vecchio

Sunday, September 27

9:00 AM Soul of Angel

11:30 AM Anne & Frank Schuller

5:00 PM For the Parishioners

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SANTUARY LAMP

Month of September — In Memory of Don Gregory

A CATECHETICAL MOMENT—A WEEKLY REFLECTION

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It is perhaps one of the most exciting and yet frightening times of a young couple's lives. From the moment they discover that they are expecting a child to the very moment that he or she enters the world, the parents-to-be are filled with joy, but also concern. Will their baby be healthy? Today's doctors can detect health issues long before the baby is born. If something is discovered, how does the young couple receive the news? Are they faced with difficult decisions, or are they bolstered by the message found in today's Gospel?

Given the circumstances of today's fast-paced life, it is difficult to imagine the pace of life in Jesus' day. On a journey by foot through Galilee, Jesus and his disciples had many hours to discuss the meaning of life and the role of Christ in their lives. He tried to explain his final days and hours, but even with seemingly all the time in the world, they did not grasp the immense message he was giving them. Perhaps seeking an easier way to say it, he held a small child, telling them that if they accept an innocent child, they are accepting him, and in accepting him, they are accepting God.

In praying the Lord's Prayer, we first and foremost proclaim "Our Father." This is done with the intent to remind us that in order to be fully revealed in our hearts, we must appear to God as innocents, children willing to accept his love unconditionally. We are asking for a purification of our hearts (CCC 2779). As Jesus held that small child out to his disciples, he gave absolutely no conditions as to acceptance of a child. As innocents, children are the symbol of the purity of life and the purity of the love Jesus has for us all.

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Taking a child he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it he said to them, “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.” - Mk 9:36-37

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In Memoriam

Please remember in your prayers John F. Curley, Jr. whose funeral recently took place here at St. Joseph Parish.

**REFLECTIONS FROM
FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY**

A priest with a fine knowledge of Art happened to be visiting a rectory. He saw a famous painting and expressed delight in the fine copy. When told that it was an original, he rushed to examine it.

“Original” really meant that a young girl, ten years old, had reproduced the original quite well. The priest who owned the picture cherished it far more than the original, because it came from a close friend.

Many years ago the Parente Sisters owned a jewelry shop in Boston. Their work was beautiful and unique as well as reasonable in cost. One of their works of at least 65 years ago was a silver crucifix. A slight acquaintance with the sisters seemed to indicate that it was also a work of faith and love.

May we find faith and love in these words of St. Paul . . .

“Blessed be the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens.”

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Our Marriage Prep Team have been 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.



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 attended any other session. Information weekend will be in October. If you would like more information feel free to call our parish office at 617-523-4342.

FREE CONCERT AT THE CATHEDRAL

Gloriae Dei Cantores, a world-class, 40-voice choir from Cape Cod, will help celebrate Cardinal Sean O’Malley’s 25th anniversary as a bishop with a concert at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross on Thursday, September 24, 8:00 PM. Donations to support the Choir will be accepted.

PARISH HAPPENINGS AT ST. JOSEPH

A Grand Welcome to our West-Enders

This weekend at the 11:30 Mass we welcome back our former West Enders. Each year gives us an opportunity to greet old friends and appreciate St. Joseph Parish’s hospitality. Thanks go out to Theresa Raso and her committee for a wonderful job.

Religious Education

It’s that time of year again! There will be an informational meeting for parents and registration for this year’s Religious Education program this Sunday, Sept. 20, at 4:00 PM, in the parish hall. See you there.

Our College Students

At the 5:00 PM Mass next Sunday we, as a parish community, welcome local area students to receive God’s blessing upon their new school year.

Parish Council

Our Parish Council met recently and have set the following dates and times so please mark them on your calendars. Let’s offer a word of thanks to our Parish Council for their fine work.

September 20

11:30am West Enders Mass

4:00pm Religious Education Registration & Parents Meeting in the Parish Hall

September 25/26/27

Marriage Preparation

11:30am College Welcome Mass
Religious Education Registration

October 4

11:30am St. Joseph Kid’s Corner Dedication

October 4 12:30pm Blessing of the Animals

October 17/18 Ministry Weekend

October 19

12:10pm St. Luke Medical Personnel Blessing

December 4/5/6 Poinsettia Festival

December 9 Advent Evening of Prayer

More on each event as they happen.

The 2009 Catholic TV TELETHON

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9AM to 9 PM both days**

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