

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, September 28

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

Tuesday, September 29

12:10 PM Margaret O’Gorman

Wednesday, September 30

12:10 PM Ralph L. Roberts, Jr.

Thursday, October 1

12:10 PM George Donovan

Friday, October 2

12:10 PM Sanctuary Fund

Saturday, October 3

4:00 PM John & Patricia Procopio

Sunday, October 4

9:00 AM

11:30 AM Swithen & Jolyon Rodrigues

5:00 PM Dorothy Ladny

Parish Support

LAST WEEK’S REGULAR COLLECTION

\$4,026



SANTUARY LAMP

Month of September — In Memory of Don Gregory

Month of October — In Memory of John F. Curley, Jr.

A CATECHETICAL MOMENT—A WEEKLY REFLECTION

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Envy and jealousy are emotions we're all familiar with; they seem to appear with ease and yet are almost impossible to suppress or destroy. A coworker receives a promotion, and perhaps we wonder why it wasn't us. A neighbor announces she is building a new house, and suddenly our house is showing its age. A friend finds time to volunteer at a homeless shelter and participates in several ministries at your parish, all the while smiling about his life, and you wonder how negative his home life must be. Yet when you are blessed with good fortune by God, aren't you ready to shout it from the rooftops?

In today's Gospel reading from Mark, the disciples of Jesus have witnessed someone casting out demons in the name of Christ. Yet, as they point out, this person hasn't spent the time they have, following closely in the company of Jesus and listening to his teachings. Surely he can't be qualified, they say. Jesus gently reminds his disciples that any person who attempts to do truly good things in his name is a child of God. Perhaps the disciples were a bit envious; perhaps they failed to recognize that the abilities of this person were gifts from God, and in attempting to stop him they were attempting to deny God's wisdom in granting such gifts.

Jesus tells us the second greatest commandment, after loving God with all our hearts, is to love our neighbors as ourselves (CCC 2055). The tenth commandment serves to instill in us the desire to abolish envy and jealousy completely. If we are willing to acknowledge that everything we have and are is a gift of God, we cannot afford to challenge God's wisdom in his gifts to others.

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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. If you would like more information feel free to call our parish office at 617-523-4342. Rosalie Nesbit one of our Group Leaders will be around this week to answer any questions you might have about the Arise Program here at St. Joseph Parish and how easy it is to join.

GRAND ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

It’s that time of year again! We kick off our Grand Annual Campaign this weekend and it is through your goodness and God’s grace in Christ, the campaign will be successful. As you know, the Grand Annual has traditionally been a major source of revenue for both our operating expenses and for many special projects in the parish. We believe that God is never outdone in generosity and we ask His blessings on all that we do at St. Joseph Parish and within our own family circles. Please do be generous. It is through our efforts that His kingdom continues to be built up in so many ways.

**REFLECTIONS FROM
FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY**

There is one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, always existing; Creator and Redeemer of everyone and everything that could ever exist. Two thousand years ago, the Son of God came to our world for a few years. In coming to our world the Son of God became one of us, truly human yet never ceasing to be everlasting God. He lived, suffered and died for us; in three days He rose from the dead.

Our world changes; God never does. Our world can differ in the matter of things, but never in relation to God and the human beings created by God. "In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God. All things were in the beginning with Him, and without him nothing was made that is made."

How our world came to be is known only to God. In His wisdom God gave us THE BOOK which we call The Bible. It has two major sections, one going back many centuries relating to human knowledge of God and the Jewish people. We cherish the whole Bible. Our chief concern is the New Testament.

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NEW SEMINARIANS

Eight men entered the seminary for the Archdiocese the first week of September to think and pray about whether or not God is inviting them to be priests. During this Year for Priests, consider praying each day for these men that they will hear God's call clearly -- whatever it may be -- and respond with generosity. For more information go to www.vocationsboston.org or call 617-746-5949.

FAMILY MASS

The first Family Mass for the 2009-10 CCD year will take place on Sunday, October 4, at 11:30am. All children and families are invited to attend. This will coincide with the dedication of our new St. Joseph Kids Corner and the blessing of the animals. Once again, the monthly Family Mass will be on the first Sunday of every month at 11:30am. Please mark your calendars!

MINISTRY SUNDAY

The weekend of October 17-18 as noted on our dates to remember we will have tables at the back of the church to invite you to answer the Lord's call to minister in our church. Please think about volunteering for one of our ministries --Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Server, or User. Please do keep Ministry Sunday in mind.

PARISH HAPPENINGS AT ST. JOSEPH PARISH

West Ender Reunion

Thank you, once again, to Theresa Raso and her committee who worked so hard to help make our West Ender Reunion the success it was. A great time was had by all as stories were told and old friends reacquainted. St. Joseph Parish has served many over the years and the tradition continues!

Our College Students

At the 5:00 Mass this weekend we, as a parish community, welcome local area students to receive God's blessing upon their new school year. We ask the Lord to inspire them and remind them that, when they use their time and talent, they also offer him praise and glory! Thanks to those from Emerson College and Suffolk University who helped organize part of the group!

Dates to Remember

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 these events as they happen.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4 following the 11:30am Mass there will be a blessing of animals. So do not be afraid to bring along your pets as we ask God's blessing on our furry and/or feathered friends.

ST. FAUSTINA'S FEAST

The Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy warmly invite you to celebrate St. Faustina's Feast Day on Sunday, October 4, at St. Ann's Parish, Dorchester.

1:00 -- adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; Rev. Richard Clancy and the Sisters will give talks.

3:00 -- Sisters lead the Hour of Mercy.

3:30 -- Mass; Most Rev. Emilio S. Allué, SDB, main celebrant.

For more information, call 617-288-1202. Come and bring a friend!

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