

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 3

4:00 PM John & Patricia Procopio

Sunday, October 4

9:00 AM Jean Archambeau - Special Intention

11:30 AM Swithen & Jolyon Rodrigues

5:00 PM Dorothy Ladny

Monday, October 5

12:10 PM Margaret O’Gorman

Tuesday, October 6

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

Wednesday, October 7

12:10 PM Lee Counihan-Grant - Speedy Recovery

Thursday, October 8

12:10 PM

Friday, October 9

12:10 PM Margaret O’Gorman

Saturday, October 10

4:00 PM James Kinsel - Memorial

Sunday, October 11

9:00 AM

11:30 AM Margaret O’Gorman

5:00 PM For the Parishioners

Parish Support

LAST WEEK’S REGULAR COLLECTION

\$2,473



SANTUARY LAMP

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

A CATECHETICAL MOMENT—A WEEKLY REFLECTION

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

One of the truisms of statistics is that they can be manipulated to show whatever the person doing the report wants them to show. On the subject of divorce, those who speak out against marriage love to cite that half of all marriages ends in divorce, therefore the sacrament must not be worth the pain that may ensue with divorce. But according to the US Census Bureau, the divorce rate in this country has dropped to its lowest level in nearly forty years, while the marriage rate remains constant. There is always hope!

In today's Gospel reading from Mark, the Pharisees posed a question to Jesus in hopes of catching him teaching against the laws of the time, a punishable offense. "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce a wife?" they asked. Knowing their intent, Jesus allowed them to answer their own question by admitting that Moses had decreed divorce allowable. This gave Jesus the opportunity to remind all who would hear that a marriage between a man and a woman is a sacred bond not only between the two but also with God. Given this opportunity, Jesus explains that no human can overturn an act of God.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that at the very beginning of the sacred Scripture, God reveals his plan for us in marriage in the creation of a man and a woman for each other; and at the end, we are given the vision of the wedding-feast of the Lamb (CCC 1602). Moses realized that among the people, there were hearts that did not possess or accept the sanctity of marriage, therefore he allowed for divorce. But while Jesus acknowledged this, he asked us to understand the sacrament and to do all that we could to preserve it.

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GRAND ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

This weekend we welcome members of our Finance Council who will speak on the finances of our parish in regards to our Annual Report and kick off of our 2010 Grand Annual Campaign. 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.



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. There will be a sign up and information meeting on Sunday, October 4th at 4:00pm in the parish hall. Come see how easy it is to join. We would love to have you be part of our next session.



“For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate.” - Mk 10:7-9

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Please remember Ann Marron whose funeral recently took place here at St. Joseph.

**REFLECTIONS FROM
FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY**

The glory of God surely shines on the winter sunrise of Pike’s Peak in Colorado Springs. There is often need not to take this gift of God for granted. Similarly, for priest and people at Mass, our minds can often be very busy with countless reflections as we dedicate ourselves to God in thanksgiving for his response to our needs and the needs of others.

It seems to have disappeared, but at one time it served as a help to priests preparing for Mass: Priest of God, offer this Mass as though it is your first Mass, your last Mass, your only Mass.”

As the priest offers Mass so those present can join him, sometimes vocally, always in their hearts, may we see and cherish in each Mass the offering of Jesus Christ at the Last Supper.

As Jesus spoke to His Apostles, may He also be speaking to us: “I pray not only for them but also for those who will believe in Me through their words.” This 17th chapter of the Gospel according to John may well offer the most beautiful words ever spoken, the greatest promise ever made.

May Jesus Christ ever be the way, the truth and love of our lives.

FEEDING THE HOMELESS

On Monday, September 28, a group of parishioners hosted a dinner of lasagna, meatballs, Italian string beans, rolls, butter, and ice cream sandwiches to approximately 170 homeless and hungry people. Thank you for your continuing support of this needy project as part of Neighborhood Action outreach.

FAMILY MASS

The first Family Mass for the 2009-10 CCD year will take place on this 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!

COLUMBUS DAY
Monday, October 12, Columbus Day, Mass will be celebrated at 10:00am. Please come and celebrate our faith.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
Following the 11:30am Mass this week end, there will be a blessing of animals. We will ask God’s blessing on our furry and/or feathered friends in the spirit of St. Francis.

PARISH HAPPENINGS AT ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Dates to Remember

October 12 10:00am Columbus Day Mass

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.



A big thank you to the parishioner who did the massive clean up of our choir loft. Thanks! Job well done!

**OUR PARISH COUNCIL PRESENTS
MINISTRY SUNDAY**

Goal:

To increase levels of ministry and involvement which will result from more people completing time/talent commitment forms and from parishioners learning more about programs, ministries and services they can join or utilize. This will also help people deepen their relationship with God and with each other – thus furthering God’s kingdom.

Purpose:

- To celebrate the life of the parish – its mission, ministries, diversity and character.
- To inform parishioners of the different liturgical ministries available.
- To spur interest in making a commitment.
- To organize the ministries/programs in order to help develop a greater sense of their mission and increase their effectiveness.

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 Usher.

Please do keep Ministry Sunday in mind.

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