St. Joseph Parish BOSTON

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 10

4:00 PM James Kinsel, memorial

Sunday, October 11

9:00 AM

11:30 AM Margaret O'Gorman For the Parishioners 5:00 PM

Monday, October 12

10:00 AM Columbus Day

Tuesday, October 13

12:10 PM Joseph Snizewicz

Wednesday, October 14 12·10 PM Alice Munro

Thursday, October 15

12:10 PM Filomena Toussaint

Friday, October 16

12:10 PM Filomena Toussaint

Saturday, October 17

4:00 PM The Curtin Family

Sunday, October 18

9:00 AM Douglas Flagg

11:30 AM Thanksgiving to St. Jude For the Parishioners 5:00 PM

#### GRAND ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

The Grand Annual Appeal got off to a great start last week. 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. Thanks to all of you who have worked and are working to help make our parish stable and secure! His message goes out through you!



ARISE offers the opportunity for new friendships, stronger faith, and a deeper relationship with Christ and others through prayer and the Scrip-Together in Christ tures 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.



They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:26-27

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#### SANTUARY LAMP

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

#### A CATECHETICAL MOMENT—A WEEKLY REFLECTION

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It is said, quite probably a bit too often, that we live a materialistic existence. How sad it is that we don't seek God with such zeal as we seek that new car, TV, clothing, or computer! What among those offers the greatest reward? Which on that list will bring us peace of mind, love of heart, and compassion for our fellow human beings? Is it envy that leads us to greed? Why can't we see the joy in the eyes and words of those who share a bond with God and live their lives in his service? Take a look around you; attempt to see someone truly happy who couldn't care less about his or her possessions.

A man comes to Jesus, begging for the "keys to the kingdom." He is desperate to know what he can do to receive eternal life. As it turns out, he has acquired quite a bit of wealth over the years, yet somehow has realized eternal life is the one thing he cannot count among his possessions. It's very simple, Jesus tells him; give up all you have and follow me, and your salvation is assured. Sadly, it is too high a price to pay for the man, and he leaves knowing he will never have it all. Do you know of anyone who truly "has it all"?

We are called to live in God's love. This Christian beatitude is explained in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "[this beatitude] invites us to purify our hearts of bad instincts and to seek the love of God above all else. It teaches us that true happiness is not found in riches or well-being, in human fame or power, or in any human achievement-however beneficial it may be-such as science, technology, and art, or indeed in any creature, but in God alone, the source of every good and of all love" (CCC 1723). Your greatest wealth is yours for the taking!

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#### ARCHDIOCESAN JUSTICE CONVOCATION In the Footsteps of Christ

Learn more about Catholic Social Teaching, and find out concrete ways to connect faith with action in the service of justice.

Saturday, October 17, 8:30 to 2:30 Boston College High School, 150 Morrissey Blvd., Boston

Speakers include Cardinal Sean O'Malley and Fr. J. Bryan Hehir, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services.

Registration cost is \$5 per person. For more information, contact the Office for Worship and Spiritual Life at 617-779-3640, or ariseinchrist@rcab.org

#### <u>REFLECTIONS FROM</u> FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY

We might say that one of the truly great works of the Catholic Church began about 200 years after the death of St. Vincent de Paul. It was motivated by the mockery of one of his works.

Some time after the French Revolution a group of young men who were ardent Catholics were told that the Catholic Church had no concern for those in need. Their response was to mention St. Vincent de Paul. The men were told, "He died 200 years ago."

The mockery became a blessing. The young men joined together and formed what we know today as the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. It seemed almost as though God had planned its discovery.

The men were amazed. The Society seemed to explode, not only in France, but through a surprising number of other countries as well. We might expect some response in France, but there were formations in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Surprises include Turkey, Algeria, Egypt, India, even Russia and China.

# 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.

Next weekend October 17-18 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. We would love to have you join us. Please do keep Ministry Sunday in mind.

#### 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.

#### **COLUMBUS DAY**

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

#### **WORLD MISSIONS, OCTOBER 18**

Next week's second collection supports Catholic World Missions, for more than 1,150 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific, and remote regions of Latin America.

#### ST. LUKE MASS, OCTOBER 19, 12:10PM

Once again we invite all Health Care workers in our area to our annual Mass in honor of St. Luke, evangelist and physician. This year the Feast of St. Luke falls on Sunday, October 18th, but we will celebrate our St. Luke Mass on *Monday, October 19 at 12:10PM*. In thanksgiving for the fine work offered through these dedicated workers we ask God's blessings on all that they do as they bring comfort to God's people. Please know that we appreciate the wonderful work you accomplish each day right here in our own back yard!



Thank you to all who participated in last weeks blessings. Our kid's corner is off to a great start and our pets (after blessing) will be better than ever! Especially the German Shepard.

A Big thank you to parishioner Marilyn Lanza who donated the new carpets on our Altar. In the fashion of St. Francis "We beautify your house Oh Lord."

#### **WOMEN'S CURSILLO, OCTOBER 22-25**

The Archdiocesan Cursillo Movement is offering a Women's Cursillo Thursday evening, October 22, through Sunday afternoon, October 25, at the Marist Retreat House in Framingham. Cursillo is a short course in Christianity, which offers a vibrant experience of the Christian Life and a method for living as an active member of the Church. For info call the Office of Worship and Spiritual Life at 617-779-3640, or E-mail to spiritual development@rcab.org.

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