

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, October 17**

4:00 PM The Curtin Family

**Sunday, October 18**

9:00 AM

11:30 AM Thanksgiving to St. Jude

5:00 PM For the Parishioners

**Monday, October 19**

12:10 PM Nancy Donovan

**Tuesday, October 20**

12:10 PM Open Hearts Memorial Guild

**Wednesday, October 21**

12:10 PM Randie Gore

**Thursday, October 22**

12:10 PM

**Friday, October 23**

12:10 PM Margaret O’Gorman

**Saturday, October 24**

4:00 PM Joseph Manfra

**Sunday, October 25**

9:00 AM

11:30 AM Yrene Veloz and Ramona Gomez

5:00 PM For the Parishioners

**Parish Support**

**LAST WEEK’S REGULAR COLLECTION \$2,598**



**SANTUARY LAMP**

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

**A CATECHETICAL MOMENT—A WEEKLY REFLECTION**

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A teenage boy completes his driver's education course and with his new license in his hand goes to see his dad. "Dad," he says, quite proud of himself, "I'm ready to drive, so I'd like you to get me a car." The father smiles and the two of them hop into the family sedan. But instead of going to the local new car dealership, the father takes his son to a junkyard. "Here you go, son. Take your pick; if you can get it repaired and running, you can drive it." The son didn't realize the responsibility of driving a car was squarely on his shoulders alone. If he was to realize his reward, it was solely up to him.

Sometimes, one has to wonder about the disciples of Jesus. In today's reading from Mark, James and John seem to be feeling quite proud of themselves, and ask Jesus to promise them something without telling him what it is they want. Now, we realize that Jesus knew what they would ask, but he let them continue anyway. Basically, they wanted a guaranteed seat in heaven on either side of God's throne. Jesus gently tells them that not even he can promise something like that; he can only show them the path, how they choose to get there is up to them.

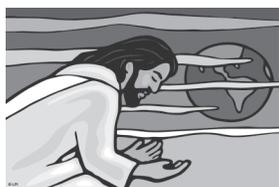
Within the teachings of Jesus and the beatitudes lies the strength of Christian hope. The beatitudes give us the hope of heaven as the new Promised Land. Just as James and John came to realize that their hope for a place in heaven relied on them, we are given hope. Hope is expressed in prayer, especially in the Lord's Prayer (CCC 1820). As disciples of Jesus Christ, we must be willing to sacrifice on a daily basis all that we have in his name. We must be willing to do whatever it takes to follow the path to heaven that Jesus has given us.

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**THE KINDNESS OF A PARISHIONER**

Through the kindness of a parishioner a matching gift campaign has been offered. This kind donor will match, dollar for dollar, any parishioner who gives \$500 or more up to \$5,000 to our Grand Annual. As you plan your giving, please keep this in mind. Through all of our kindnesses St. Joseph Parish continues to serve Him and all who come to our church doors.

As you know, the Grand Annual has traditionally been the major source of revenue for both our operating expenses and for many special projects in the parish. Pledge cards and envelopes are available in the back of the church. Thanks to all of you who have worked and are working to help make our parish stable and secure!.



“But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” - Mk 10:43-45

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**PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY**

October 25 is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. This nationwide event is coordinated and sponsored by the USA Council of Serra International. The lay faithful of all parishes in the USA develop their own special way of marking the day and honoring their parish priests at Mass and at other parish events.

**REFLECTIONS FROM  
FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY**

Many years ago the Catechism used by some of us was quite simple but also very helpful. It began "God made me to know Him, love Him and serve Him in this world and be happy with Him forever in the next."

We know God only if He reveals Himself. We find this revelation in the Old Testament, but above all we find it in the New Testament as the Son of God comes to us.

The greatest of all good news is guaranteed when the eternal God who is the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity comes to be one of us in every way, sin alone excepted. The glorious words of Jesus Christ express this, "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor has it entered the human heart to know all that God has prepared for those who love Him."

We really need to know only two things, simple enough for a child. Jesus Christ, who is truly God, came to our world to suffer and die for us, that we might have always the greatest of happiness with Him in Heaven.

**PARISH HAPPENINGS AT ST. JOSEPH PARISH**

**Dates to Remember**

October 19  
12:10pm St. Luke Medical Personnel Blessing

October 25  
Priesthood Sunday  
USA Council of Serra International

December 4/5/6 Poinsettia Festival

December 9 Advent Evening of Prayer

**More on these events as they happen.**

***Today's Second Collection is for  
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY***

This week's special collection supports Catholic World Missions. By Baptism, all Catholics are called to participate in the mission of the Church and share their faith as missionaries. World Mission Sunday gathers support for the pastoral and evangelizing programs and needs of more than 1,150 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America. The funds gathered on World Mission Sunday are distributed in the pope's name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, a Pontifical Mission Society. For more information, please visit [www.worldmissions-catholicchurch.org](http://www.worldmissions-catholicchurch.org).

**A REMINDER: 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!

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

The Archdiocesan Cursillo Movement is offering a Women's Cursillo from 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 and registration, please call the Office of Worship and Spiritual Life at 617-779-3640, or E-mail to [spiritual\\_development@rcab.org](mailto:spiritual_development@rcab.org).

**MINISTRY SUNDAY**



The Parish Council cordially invites you to participate in parish ministry.

Please join us after the Masses this weekend to learn more about the various available opportunities.

- They include:  
Altar Server  
Eucharistic Minister  
Lector  
Usher.

**OPEN HOUSE - TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH**

Wednesday, October 21, 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Sunday, November 8, 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Trinity Catholic High School of Newton is a co-educational college preparatory school that prepares students for the global world of tomorrow. Come visit us as we celebrate 115 years of Catholic education at 575 Washington St., Newton, MA 02458. Also, visit us on the Web at [www.trinitycatholic.com](http://www.trinitycatholic.com), or call 617-244-1841 for more information.

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