

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 24

4:00 PM Josephine Manfra

Sunday, October 25

9:00 AM Douglas Flagg

11:30 AM Yrene Veloz and Ramona Gomez

5:00 PM For the Parishioners

Monday, October 26

12:10 PM Kris Blaisdell - Special Intention

Tuesday, October 27

12:10 PM Thanksgiving for Henry Abou-Hamad and Family

Wednesday, October 28

12:10 PM Lorraine Woodford - Special Intention

Thursday, October 29

12:10 PM Sonia, Monica and Al - Special Intention

Friday, October 30

12:10 PM

Saturday, October 31

4:00 PM

Sunday, November 1

9:00 AM Deceased Members of Ptaszynski Family

11:30 AM Those Souls Lost in War

5:00 PM For the Parishioners

Parish Support

LAST WEEK'S REGULAR COLLECTION \$2,300

COLLECTION FOR WORLD MISSIONS \$732



SANTUARY LAMP

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

A CATECHETICAL MOMENT—A WEEKLY REFLECTION

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When you have an opportunity to take a once in a lifetime chance, do you take it? Granted, there is no strict definition for such an instance, but in the strictest sense of the term, do you take chances or do you play it safe? One could argue that our lives are a series of opportunities, and some of the choices we make are the only chances we'll ever have. We may decide to go to work rather than college, and years later we're unable to find the time or the will to go back and get that degree. Or, sometimes a once in a lifetime chance is as simple as asking for something.

Bartimaeus figured that he had nothing to lose; blind since birth, he had heard that Jesus was preaching to a crowd nearby. Knowing in his heart that Jesus was truly the Son of God, Bartimaeus went to Jesus, and interrupting his sermon asked Jesus to cure his blindness. Jesus' compassion for a man who had such faith without seeing led him to grant his wish. If we can have faith in Jesus without ever having seen or heard him, will we realize a "once in a lifetime chance"?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, teaching on faith, states: "[A] disciple of Christ must not only keep the faith and live on it, but also profess it, confidently bear witness to it, and spread it" (CCC 1816). Bartimaeus not only possessed great faith in Jesus, he was unashamed and unafraid to call out to his Savior in front of the many people around him. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus said, "Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father." Today, if you meet someone who needs the loving arms of Jesus Christ, take that chance to share his promise of everlasting life

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THE ST. JOSEPH GRAND ANNUAL CHALLENGE!

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!



Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight

and followed him on the way. - Mk 10:51-52

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Reminder to our Religious Ed families — classes will be held this Sunday at 4:00 in the parish hall.

**REFLECTIONS FROM
FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY**

“Blessed are they who know their need of God.”

The young Mass server had his special means of being chosen to serve. When Ronnie was asked when he had had served, his reply, be it a day or a week, was “long time ago Fadder.” Thank God the Korean War ended a long time ago. Thank God for a very crusty General and devoted Maryknoll Sisters.

When he arrived in Pusan, Korea, General Richard S. Whitcomb was invited to come to supper at the Maryknoll Sisters. He went, he saw, and he was conquered. Once he found what the Sisters did for the poor people who were victims of the war, the General acted. Unofficially the Sisters became part of the Army.

The Sisters had no generator. One arrived with regret that it could not be American made rather than Japanese. In a very short time it disappeared and an American one arrived.

On New Year’s Day the custom is for officers to acknowledge the general in command of their division. The Maryknoll Sisters came to honor General Whitcomb. Whether it was the General or circumstances, an unusual event took place. A few rows behind the General another line formed. Many officers and enlisted men present had formed their own line as a mark of respect for the Sisters.

WHAT A WEEK-END!



Thank you to all who worked so hard to organize our first ministry weekend. The parish council and all their helpers gave us a wonderful opportunity to respond to the Lord’s call to serve. Over 50 parishioners came forward to volunteer time and talent to further enrich our parish! May the Lord continue to bless our parish!

**2009 ARCHDIOCESAN CATHOLIC APPEAL
Responding to God’s Grace, Renewing our Church**

Thank you to all supporters of the 2009 Catholic Appeal that started last March. Our parish has raised \$29,378 from 57 households, reaching 96.3% percent of our parish goal of \$30,500. If you have not yet pledged, please consider a gift today and help us meet our goal. Remember, our parish will receive 25% of all funds we raise above our goal.

**PARISH HAPPENINGS
AT ST. JOSEPH PARISH**

Dates to Remember

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.

SAVE THE DATES

Our committees for this year’s Poinsettia Festival have already started to meet. Watch this space for further details. Remember to set aside the first weekend in December for our annual event — fun for the whole family!

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
Of Massachusetts and Rhode Island**

Married Couples: The greatest gift you can give your children is two parents very much in love with each other. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are -
November 6-8, December 4-6, and January 8-10.
For more information call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710-WWME, or visit our Web page at www.wwmeMA.org

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

Today is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. The purpose of Priesthood Sunday is to engage every level of the church in the United States in a national conversation about the priesthood. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. Catholic parishes throughout the United States will show support for their priests with prayer, celebration and dialogue. The last Sunday of October is designated as Priesthood Sunday a one day celebration of the priesthood organized by parish lay-leaders and coordinated by the USA Council of Serra International.

OPEN HOUSE - TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH

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, or call 617-244-1841 for more information.

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