St. Joseph Parish Boston

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 31

4:00 PM Filomena Toussaint **Sunday, November 1, All Saints Day**

9:00 AM Deceased Members of Ptaszynski Family

11:30 AM Those Souls Lost in War 5:00 PM For the Parishioners **Monday, November 2, All Souls Day** 12:10 PM Randie Gore, month's mind

Tuesday, November 3

12:10 PM Swithen Rodrigues

Wednesday, November 4 12:10 PM Carlo Croce Thursday, November 5

12:10 PM Thanksgiving for Alfred Abou-Hamad

and Family

Friday, November 6

12:10 PM Sanctuary Fund

Saturday, November 7

4:00 PM Anna Louise Fecteau

Sunday, November 8

9:00 AM Margaret O'Gorman

11:30 AM

5:00 PM For the Parishioners

OUR GRAND ANNUAL APPEAL

We are pleased to report a total of \$19,385 in pledges and donations, to our Grand Annual Appeal to date, 28% of our goal of \$70,000. Pledge cards and envelopes are available in the back of the church. Thank you for your faith, love and generous support! Through your kindness Jesus's work continues.

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS All Souls Envelopes

"Remember those who have gone before us..."

November is the month we remember all who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. The Feast of All Souls will be celebrated on November 2. All Souls Envelopes, which allow us to remember in prayer our beloved deceased, are available in the baskets at the double doors at the back of the church this weekend. Please be sure to list the names of your loved ones and drop the envelopes in the Basket of Remembrance next to our Easter Candle or to the Parish Office. They will be remembered at all the Masses thru the entire month of November . May all our loved ones enjoy the light of Christ's Resurrection.

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LAST WEEK'S REGULAR COLLECTION \$3.342.



HEALTH GUIDELINES

In response to the flu situation, in addition to practicing good hygiene, the Cardinal directs the following for the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy and for flu prevention:

- The Holy Water fonts are to be drained, cleaned with a disinfecting soap, and refilled with holy water on a regular basis. Please note that old holy water should be disposed of in the sacrarium.
- The distribution of the Precious Blood for the faithful is suspended, with the exception of those who must receive from the cup due to medical reasons. The faith of the Church teaches that Christ, whole and entire, is received even under only one species.
- The exchange of the Sign of Peace is to be offered without any physical contact. If the priest celebrant chooses to extend the invitation for the sign of peace, the faithful, instead of a handshake, may bow to the persons nearby.
- While the faithful retain the option of receiving Holy Communion on the tongue or in the hand, all ministers of Holy Communion are advised to distribute the consecrated hosts with care, being cautious not to touch the tongue, the mouth or the hand of the communicant.
- Parishioners should be reminded that if they are ill or suspect they are ill with a contagious illness, they are not bound by the Sunday Mass obligation. They should remain at home and return to church when they are well.

These directives are effective Saturday, October 31, 2009 and remain in effect until the cold and flu season has come to an end. We thank you for your understanding and support of these directives, which aim to protect the health of our people.

ALL SAINTS DAY NOVEMBER 1, 2009

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

The little church rests close to the border of Mexico and the United States. The parish also serves people in two small missions, each about twenty miles away. The local police will question any stranger.

Father John Jussaume, who has since died, was a priest from Boston who served the people.

The small churches would let everyone know of the glory of God's house. One church was on a beautiful hill looking down to a small stream. Surely the House of God and gate of heaven rested here.

Beauty rests in the eye of the beholder. Music in one mission was provided by a zealous guitarist quite off key. However, he was "our musician" and a delight to devout people.

Catholics living in large cities can easily forget that there are many devout Catholics who thank God for the Father Jussaumes who served isolated parishes.

There is an expression "none other than the House of God and gate of heaven." No matter how beautiful the church building and glorious stained glass windows might be, the great beauty of a church is the devotion of those who enter it.

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Next week's second collection, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), works to uphold the dignity of human life by breaking the cycle of poverty across the United States through grants to local community-based groups who create jobs, improve education, and strengthen neighborhoods. Twenty-five percent of the collection stays in the Archdiocese of Boston to fund local projects. For more information please visit www.usccb.org/cchd

LITURGICAL MINISTRY AFTERNOON

Sunday afternoon, November 22

All **new** Liturgy ministers and **present day** ministers are invited to attend the following according to your ministry.

Lectors - 2:30pm

Eucharistic Ministers, Servers and **Ministers to the Sick -** 3:30pm

Thank you to all who have offered their time and talent to enhance our Liturgies.

PARISH HAPPENINGS AT ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Dates to Remember

November 4 Poinsettia Festival Planning Meeting

November 22 Liturgical Ministry Afternoon

December 4/5/6 Poinsettia Festival

December 9 Advent Evening of Prayer

More on these events as they happen.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA FESTIVAL PLANNING MEETING

Better than ever

This coming Wednesday, November 4, at 7:00 PM in our Parish Hall, there will be a meeting to help plan the Christmas Poinsettia Festival. If you have helped in the past, or if you are new and would like to help us in this important fund-raising event, please come to the meeting. We will need all the help we can get to help make our parish event better that ever.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA FESTIVAL Fri-Dec 4 Sat-Dec 5 Sun-Dec 6

The Christmas Spirit is coming to St. Joseph with gifts and flowers and food and fun for young and old. You won't believe the goodies in store for you. *Don't miss it!*

Remember!!! Put your order in for your Poinsettias here at St. Joseph's. __ you can get your 'official St. *Joseph Poinsettia*' - only here at St. Joseph's.

Jewelry Table

Can you donate? As always we need and are accepting donations for the Jewelry table at the Festival. Check for jewelry, old and new, that you are no longer using, and give Theresa Raso a call 617-723-8848.

Baked Goods

What's your baking specialty? We'll take it! If you can bake and donate we thank you already! Cookies, Pies, Cakes, Brownies whatever your specialty is we want them. Let's make our Baked Goods table bigger than ever. Leave your name and number at the rectory (617-523-4342) for Judy Lauch.



"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." Mt 5: 3.9

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