

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 16

4:00 PM Special Intention

Sunday, January 17

9:00 AM Thanksgiving for Mary Saadeh
and Family

11:30 AM St. Joseph, Thanksgiving

5:00 PM Pam Simms

Monday, January 18

10:00 AM Martin Luther King Day

Tuesday, January 19

12:10 PM Eileen Howard

Wednesday, January 20

12:10 PM In Memory of the Marron Family

Thursday, January 21

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

Friday, January 22

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

Saturday, January 23

4:00 PM St. Peregrine

Sunday, January 24

9:00 AM Thanksgiving for Tony Abou-Hamad
and Family

11:30 AM Dorothea McCarthy

5:00 PM For the parishioners

Parish Support

January 9-10 Offertory

\$2,799



CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Next week's second collection is for the Church in Latin America, to support pastoral projects in financially poor dioceses in Latin America and the Caribbean, including catechetical and lay leadership programs, youth ministry, evangelization programs, and formation programs for religious, priests, and deacons. For more information please visit www.usccb.org/latinamerica.

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

We will celebrate Martin Luther King Day with a Mass on Monday, January 18th at 10:00am! Please join us!

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Many men and women have been honored with titles, monuments, celebrations, and speeches. The people we honor with national holidays speak to the character of our country and the values we hold. Our founding president, George Washington, and the great "Emancipator," Abraham Lincoln, share a holiday. Those who served their country in the armed forces share another. And in January, we honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. whose life was characterized by the struggle for equality for all citizens of this nation. That we honor those who preserved our freedom-our veterans-and one who worked to ensure that everyone could enjoy the benefits of a free society shows the strength of our commitment to the principals of life and liberty that our founders sought to ensure for all citizens of our land.



Martin Luther King



"Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him. - Jn 2:10-11

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's the miracle that always captures the attention! Sight restored. Lame limbs healed. Hearing brought back. The dead raised. Water changed into wine. When you think about it, the first four are often routine today. Granted, the miracle doesn't happen every time. But many have their sight restored through cataract surgery. Broken bones that would have led to incapacitation are mended. Cochlear implants help some who did not hear. And even some people who were in cardiac arrest have been brought back. These medical miracles happen so regularly that we don't even advert to them as "miracles" anymore. They are "procedures." It's when things don't work that we get disappointed-and maybe even pray for a miracle.

Of course, we still haven't been able to crack that water-into-wine thing. It is still a bona fide miracle. Relying on the miraculous misses the point that John is trying to make in today's Gospel. The "sign" is not about how much wine we can get out of Jesus, but rather that he was revealing his glory, leading his disciples to belief. The signs in John's Gospel are again and again about faith, about coming to believe in Jesus.

Praying for the miraculous can lead to an increase of faith. But we can't let the miracle-or lack thereof-get in the way of faith. Instead, we can let our faith uncover the miraculous that already takes place each day: the healing that goes on in hospitals; the amazing production of food that feeds so many; the growing ability of humankind to understand this created world; the wonder of a child who grows from just a few cells to an adult in the span of two decades. It's these miracles that can capture our attention and deepen our faith!

**REFLECTIONS FROM
FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY**

It is now quite rare but could be found in the sacristy of the church in another age. "Priest of God, cherish this Mass as your first Mass, your last Mass, your only Mass."

The delightful "Sound of Music" of many years ago opened with "Let's start at the very beginning." The question ever present is, "where else can you start?"

Jesus Christ is the first and only source of Mass. It is He alone who can give meaning to the words, "this is my body which will be given for you, do this in memory of me," and "this cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you."

There can never be Mass without Jesus Christ. He alone can give meaning, blessing and union with God; every Mass calls us to treasure the sublime and blessed unity that Jesus Christ can offer to us.

A prophet once held the words, "It's your Mass too." It really held two meanings. One meaning was "Jesus Christ comes to you and is with you." The other, "try to be aware of the love of Jesus for you by His coming to you."

PARISH COOKBOOK...Yum!
Pull out those recipes! Talk has begun about putting together a parish cookbook so that we can share our family favorites. Pasta sauce, Perrogies and pastries to be shared and celebrated. Watch this space!

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

Thank you to all supporters of the 2009 Catholic Appeal. Our parish has raised \$30,500 from 60 households, reaching **100% percent** of our parish goal of \$30,500. It's not too late to contribute. Remember, our parish will receive 25% of all funds we raise above our goal. You can pick up information packets with pledge forms in the back of the Church.

OUR GRAND ANNUAL APPEAL
We are pleased to report a total of \$54,684 in pledges and donations ,to our Grand Annual Appeal to date, 78% 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' work continues.

FAITH IN ACTION

A truly sincere 'Thank You' to the many, many parishioners who volunteered in so many ways during this past Holy Season. From the Poinsettia Festival onward through the set up and break down of our decorations in the church, so many came forward to offer time and talent to enhance, not just our parish operation, but also the life of faith that we share here at St. Joseph Parish. Thanks and God Bless!

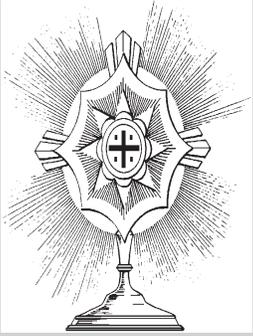
PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Thank you to the members of the finance council who met this past week for their quarterly review of our fiscal 'good health'! We appreciate the time and effort , the talent they are willing to share for all our sakes! Thanks!

PARISH COUNCIL

There will be a Parish Council meeting on Tuesday, January 26, 2010 at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE
A Holy Hour is spending time with the Lord, present in the Blessed Sacrament, aided by both silent and vocal prayer (as taught by Our Lord to Margaret Mary Alacoque in 1673). A Holy Hour is a treasured Catholic devotion; it is a beautiful Eucharistic opportunity which helps us to keep Jesus at the center of our lives.



Come to Pray For Life

Please join us on next Saturday, January 23, 2010 at 2:30pm as our parish joins with thousands of others in the 2010 Archdiocese of Boston Holy Hour for Life. The 2010 Holy Hour for Life will unite the Archdiocese of Boston in prayer, asking forgiveness and peace, on behalf of all people, for sins against the dignity of the human person in the many ways in which human lives are taken for granted, hurt or even destroyed. Please join us. All are welcome!

VOLUNTEER -- WEST END SENIOR CENTER



The Center is looking for a volunteer to help with its food program on Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:30 to 3:30 to help put food on the shelves, bag up food for clients, and perhaps help bring food to shut-ins. Please call Karen Gertsch, Project Coordinator, 617-263-4650.

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