

Mass Intentions

Saturday April 17
4:00 PM Joseph Caruso - Memorial Mass

Sunday April 18
9:00 AM Anna Farrell - Special Intention
11:30 AM In memory of the Marron Family
5:00PM Parishioners

Monday April 19
10:00 AM Patriots' Day Mass

Tuesday April 20
12:10 PM Maffie Dafile

Wednesday April 21
12:10 PM John Taylor

Thursday April 22
12:10 PM Kathleen Ryan Dacey

Friday April 23
12:10 PM

Saturday April 24
4:00 PM Mary Ann McLaughlin

Sunday April 25
9:00 AM In memory of the Marron Family
11:30 AM John & Nora Shea
5:00PM Parishioners

Parish Support

April 3-4

\$2,926



PATRIOTS' DAY

On Monday, April 19, Mass will be celebrated here at St. Joseph's at 10:00 AM.

FIRST PENANCE



On April 26th Lily Olson, Kate Wilson, Daniel Gillis and Conor Downey will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please keep them in your prayer as they take this important step in their spiritual journey.



OUR GRAND ANNUAL APPEAL

We are pleased to report a total of \$64,290 in pledges and donations, to our Grand Annual Appeal to date, 92% 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.



Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." - Jn 21:15

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3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Book of Revelation uses highly symbolic language to communicate its message to the church in the first century as Christians are being persecuted. The author, who calls himself John (not the Gospel writer), wants to assure the community that Jesus lives, hope endures, and the final victory is theirs, if they are faithful to Christ. Turning away from Him as a short-term expediency is not the solution, even though the allure of avoiding persecution may seem stronger than being true to Christ.

Some of the visions that John writes about, like the one we hear in today's second reading, are meant to reveal what is the final end for those who remain faithful and endure the trial. They surround the throne and cry out in praise of God. They live in blessedness. One of the great comforts of this vision is the way in which John describes the throng gathered around the throne of God: "They were countless in number" (Rev 5:11).

In the Gospel today, we hear of the miraculous catch of fish made by the disciples after Jesus' resurrection. Standing on the shore, he directs them to lower their nets one more time, even though they had been hard at it all night. The result is that they haul in an incredible catch. The underlying theme of this miracle, as well as the message revealed in the Book of Revelation, is that God's mercy is without end. Through the resurrection of Christ, God wills that all people be saved. While the visions of the second reading from Revelation reveal the final outcome, the story of the Gospel today reminds us that we disciples have to keep cooperating with God's grace to help bring others into the fold. Then the words of Revelation, "They were countless in number," will truly come to pass.



REFLECTIONS FROM
FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY

The story by now is at least a hundred years old. It was a sorry one that took at least forty-five years to become a happy one.

Three young boys entering for an early Sunday Mass were seen by the pastor and told that they must return home and come back to the children's Mass some hours later. Two of the boys went home and then were allowed by their parents not to attend Mass at any time. The third reasoned, "He can't put me out of my church." So he went through another door and attended Mass.

Almost fifty years later a woman told the story to a priest and asked him to see her uncle, now quite old. The priest came, and in a very short time the man became a devout follower of Christ.

Gilbert Chesterton's "How odd of God" came completely to life in the return of the third person a little later. His story was somewhat different; he had married outside the Church; now he came back.

"How odd of God" can become "How merciful of God."

During the next couple of weeks we would ask that you keep our First Communion class in your prayer as their learning continues and their time to meet Jesus in a Sacramental way gets closer.



First Communion

FIRST COMMUNION PRAYER

Dear Jesus, through bread and wine at the Last Supper, and by your holy word, you gave the Eucharist to your church. You transformed common food and drink into your Body and Blood, and offered us a share in your life in ways we still cannot fully understand. Grant now that these young people will always treasure the gift they have in you. Give them the grace to be faithful to you and to remain in communion with your church. As they receive their first Communion, the Bread of Life and Cup of Salvation, make them always aware of the hope they have for eternal life in you. Amen.

PLANNING BAPTISM INSTRUCTION



We are embarking on setting up a new program that will assist couples in understanding the importance and beauty of the sacrament of Baptism. We are looking for a few couples who might be interested in being trained to share the fundamentals of Baptism with newer couples to our parish. The role of this new Baptism team would be to provide catechesis based on our understanding of Baptism, and also an understanding of the Baptismal Rite itself and its symbols. This will provide a positive experience of the parish community for the parents and provide teaching and witness by lay catechists on the duties and opportunities in Catholic parenting. In doing so our St Joseph Parish Community would be able to connect the family with the parish community by explaining and inviting participation in ongoing parish services and activities, e.g., schedule of Liturgical Worship, Adult Spiritual Education, Religious Education, etc. If interested please call the rectory or see Father Dan after Mass.

PARISH COUNCIL

There will be a Parish Council meeting on Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

NEW PARISH MEMBERS



We welcome our newest parish members **Doctor Hyun Soo Lee** baptized and confirmed at the Easter Vigil and **Lucy Paige Spear** baptized this past weekend.

BOSTON CATHOLIC DIRECTORY

Copies of the 2010 edition of the Boston Catholic Directory, which now includes Web site and E-mail addresses for all parishes in the Archdiocese, are available in the rectory; cost is \$25.

2010 CATHOLIC APPEAL

Call to Love and Share

Thank you to all supporters of the 2010 Catholic Appeal. Our parish has raised \$27,405 from 34 households, reaching 90% percent of our parish goal. 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. Every gift matters!. Thank you.

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