

Mass Intentions for the Week

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Sanctuary Lamp - In Memory of Vincent Raso

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

The next meeting of our Parish Finance Council will be on Monday, May 10, 2010, at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall.



25th and 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Sean Cardinal O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap., invites all couples of the Archdiocese celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2010 to the Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Sunday, June 13, 11:30 AM.

A formal invitation will be sent from the Archdiocese to each couple. Congratulations on your anniversary!

Jesus said: "My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another." - Jn 13:33a, 34a. Includes an illustration of two people embracing.

PARISH COUNCIL. Our Parish Council met recently to discuss the on going growth of our parish. We thank them for their time, input, faith, talent and willingness to serve the need of our parish. Next meeting Monday, May 10, 2010 at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall.

5th Sunday of Easter. One of the great lines of the Bible, and one of its most important theological concepts, appears in today's second reading from the Book of Revelation. Includes a decorative cross illustration.

**REFLECTIONS FROM**  
**FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY**

Catholics in most parts of our Archdiocese do not have to travel very far to attend weekend Mass. There are some people in outlying districts who do have problems of one sort or another, occasioned by long walks or lack of transportation.

Visiting a priest in West Virginia opened the eyes of priests of our Archdiocese. Weekend Masses included a central parish and two other parishes each forty or so miles apart.

The late Fr. John Jusseume of our Archdiocese volunteered to serve a newly established parish in lower New Mexico. The three parish locations included one set on a hill down on a beautiful river. The people there were very pleased with their well off-key guitarist.

A priest in our Archdiocese made the remark that Catholics in our area attended Mass on an average of fifteen percent. We believe and hope that his figures are wrong. However, there are many who could be present and, sadly enough, do not bother.

Many years ago on a retreat, Boston priests had the pleasure of meeting priests from an isolated area of Western New York. The question of Sunday Mass came up. The New York priests had a simple answer, "everybody comes."

Mass is always special. May it be God's love for us and our response.

**MAY, THE MONTH OF MARY**

Next Sunday May 9, weather permitting, following the 11:30 AM Mass, children of the Religious Education program and their leaders will process to the side Garden to crown the statue of Mary, the Mother of Our Lord. We invite all in the church to follow the procession. A special thanks to all involved for leading this joyful ceremony and ask Mary's blessing upon our Parish.



**SAVE THE DATE**

***St. Joseph Parish Appreciation Brunch***  
***Thanksgiving in May***

Sunday, May 23, 12:30 (immediately after 11:30 Mass), in the parish hall.

For all volunteers and their family/guest, from all ministries at St. Joseph Parish.

**First**  
**Holy Communion**



*Lily Olson, Kate Wilson, Daniel Gillis and Conor Downey* received their First Penance on April 26, and will receive the Holy Eucharist on May 9. We congratulate them and their families. Please keep them in your prayer as they take these important steps in their spiritual journey.

**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.



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**NEW PARISH MEMBERS**



We welcome our newest parish members *Henry Belscher, John Czmud, and Emma Kate Killion*. Please remember them and their families in your prayers as their journey of faith has begun.

**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.

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