



**Mass Intentions  
for the Week**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 15</b>
4:00 PM	The Marron Family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 16</b>
9:00 AM	Special Intention
11:30 AM	Swithen Rodrigues
5:00PM	Parishioners
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 17</b>
12:10 PM	Clifford Jones
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 18</b>
12:10 PM	Rev. Gerard Brennan
	60th Anniversary of Ordination
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 19</b>
12:10 PM	Special Intention for Aldo & Alex
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 20</b>
12:10 PM	John Jordan III
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 21</b>
12:10 PM	Rev. Frederick O'Brien
	60th Anniversary of Ordination
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 22</b>
4:00 PM	Stephen Gotto
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 23</b>
9:00 AM	Parishioners
11:30 AM	<b>Appreciation Mass</b>
5:00PM	Vincent Raso

**BABIES AND THEIR BOTTLES!**

Thanks to all the parishioners of St. Joseph's for their generous donations during the baby bottle campaign. We raised \$1,085.71. There will be many appreciative young mothers due to our care, concern and faith.

**Parish Support**

May 8-9

**Offertory**

**\$2,940**



**Sanctuary Lamp**

In Memory of Vincent Raso

**MEETINGS**

Thanks to the members of the Finance Council and the Parish Council, who met last Monday, May 10. St. Joseph Parish values your contributions of time and talent. Much was discussed and many plans are underway.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR COMMUNICATIONS**

This week's second collection supports the Catholic Communications Campaign (CCC). If Jesus Christ were on earth today, how would He spread His message of salvation? The CCC believes He would use as many means as possible, including TV, radio, newspapers, and Internet; and that is why it supports projects in the entire array of media tools available today to help spread the Gospel message. Please visit [www.USCCB.org/ccs](http://www.USCCB.org/ccs) for more information.



Jesus said to his disciples: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day. You are witnesses of these things." - Lk 24:46, 48

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**7th Sunday of Easter**

The final words of Revelation that form today's second reading are rich in symbolism and filled with hope. The Easter candle, which has been burning in our midst, and will do so for another week, incorporates some of the symbols alluded to in the reading. When the candle was blessed at the Easter Vigil, the letters alpha and omega, the first and last of the Greek alphabet, were traced on the candle, a reminder that through His resurrection Jesus is the beginning and the end of all who believe in Him. Our life has its origin in Him, and He is our final destiny, as is expressed in the selection from Revelation today.



In the hymn sung immediately after the Easter candle is lit, the Exsultet, the deacon sings, "May the Morning Star which never sets find this flame still burning: Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the dead, and shed his peaceful light on all [hu]mankind." The biblical reference for that are these final words of Revelation.

And the gift of life-giving water that is promised in today's reading to any who thirst is the baptism that we have been celebrating in these fifty days of Easter, from the newly baptized at the Easter Vigil, to those who have completed their initiation through confirmation and Eucharist, to those of us who have renewed our baptismal vows during this Easter season. We who are baptized in Christ have the right to the tree of life and to enter the city through its gates, as the reading proclaims.

With the author of Revelation, with the saints and elders who gather around the throne, with all those who have washed their robes and made them white, with all living creatures, we can joyfully make the final words of Revelation our own: "Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!" (22:20).

**REFLECTIONS FROM  
FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY**

Edith Stein was a very young child when her father died, and her mother had to support their family, which she did very well. At first she wanted no part of school, and her mother watched over her.

When she decided to go to school, she was soon far ahead of the others. As she grew older, she became both friend and leader. For a short time she teased others who were not as talented as she, but when she saw their resentment, she soon stopped.

Weekends were often the opportunity for long walks with friends. Then World War I arrived, and she volunteered to nurse and care for injured German and Austrian soldiers. When she returned, it was back to education; but horror for her was just beginning, because she was Jewish and was soon harassed.

Even as a little girl Edith had no faith. However, she noticed friends who did, some fervently. She began to wonder. God works in His own way; this was beginning to be very evident.

The climax came when she was visiting and staying overnight with friends. Some friends went out and she remained behind. Edith picked up a book to read. The section she chose changed her life.

(to be continued)

**NEW PARISH MEMBERS**

We welcome our newest parish members, who were baptized recently —

*Henry Belscher  
John Czmur  
Emma Kate Killion*



**OUR GRAND ANNUAL APPEAL**

We are pleased to report a total of \$66,687 in pledges and donations to our Grand Annual Appeal. To date we have received 95% of our goal of \$70,000 and 41% of our parish population has participated. 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.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**CONOR DOWNEY  
DANIEL GILLIS  
LILLY CHAMPOUX OLSON  
KATE WILSON**



To our First Communion class who received the gift of the Eucharist for the first time last Sunday here at St. Joseph Parish we pray that they will always be aware of the hope they have for eternal life in Jesus Christ.

**SAVE THE DATE — MAY 23**

***St. Joseph Parish Appreciation Brunch***

Invitations have been sent. This is a chance for us to gather as parishioners, share stories of how we have served God and God's people in this past year, meet parishioners that we may recognize but do not know by name, and enjoy food and friendship. If you have not yet received your invitation and you are active in ministry, please know you are welcome, and RSVP to the Parish Office or on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church by May 18.



**Saint Joseph Parish  
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Boston MA 02114**

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

*When: Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010*

*Time: 12:30 (immediately following the 11:30  
Mass)*

*Place: Our Parish Hall*

*Who: Volunteers and their family/guest,  
from all ministries at St. Joseph Parish*

*R.S.V.P. to the Parish Office (617-523-4342) or  
[st.josephs01@verizon.net](mailto:st.josephs01@verizon.net) by Tuesday,  
May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010*

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