

**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Saturday **May 22**
4:00 PM Stephen Gotto

Sunday **May 23**
9:00 AM Parishioners
11:30 AM **Appreciation Mass**
5:00PM Vincent Raso

Monday **May 24**
12:10 PM In memory of the Marron Family

Tuesday **May 25**
12:10 PM Rev. Kenneth McAskill
60th Anniversary of Ordination

Wednesday **May 26**
12:10 PM Giovanna Penta

Thursday **May 27**
12:10 PM Msgr. William Roche
60th Anniversary of Ordination

Friday **May 28**
12:10 PM In memory of the Marron Family

Saturday **May 29**
4:00 PM Laura Cedrone

Sunday **May 30**
9:00 AM In memory of the Marron Family
11:30 AM Parishioners
5:00PM Christie Serino

Parish Support

May 8-9 **Offertory** **\$3,267**
Catholic Communications **\$700**



Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Vincent Raso

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR SEMINARIES

This week's second collection supports the seminaries in the Archdiocese of Boston. Most priests in the Archdiocese have been formed in one of these local seminaries and feel blessed to be educated locally, where they can assist in parishes of the people they will be ordained to serve. Please be generous to support these important institutions for our future in our Archdiocese.



Jesus said to his disciples:
"Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him." - Jn 14:23

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

The church cries out this day, "Come, Holy Spirit, come! Veni, Sancte Spiritus! ¡Ven, Dios Espíritu Santo!" In every language and dialect in the world, we beg that the Spirit of God may be poured out. We look to God's Spirit for refreshment, comfort, and peace.

The Pentecost mystery of many languages united by one Spirit didn't just happen in Jerusalem so many centuries ago. One of the great beauties of the church is that many languages, nationalities, and peoples are united Sunday after Sunday in a great prayer of thanksgiving to the God who gives us every good gift. It is the Spirit of Christ that makes us one, even as we pray that we "may be filled with his Holy Spirit, and become one body, one spirit in Christ" (Eucharistic Prayer 3). The very fact the church gathers in so many languages is a great sign of the unifying action of the Holy Spirit. We thank God for all the blessings poured out on us, each in our own tongue. And rather than it being a cacophony, the Spirit weaves our prayer together as we cry out "Abba, Father," as Paul writes in today's selection from his Letter to the Romans.

If the Holy Spirit prompts us all-no matter what race, language, or nationality-to call upon God as our Father, then indeed the Spirit invites us to see others who are baptized as our brothers and sisters. So on this great feast, think of all who are brother and sister to us because they too are baptized in Christ and call on God as Father: the Iraqi refugee in Jordan who fled from his church; the Dalit (Untouchable) Christian in India who is of the lowest caste; the illegal immigrant Catholic from Mexico; the homeless Christian in Chicago. These, along with us, and many others, call upon one Father in the Holy Spirit.

REFLECTIONS FROM
FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY

“HE WAS IN THE BEGINNING WITH GOD.” Jesus Christ, who was born of the Virgin Mary, always is. He came to us with a gift of love, joy and peace. He asks only that we welcome him and so share in His love.

In one unique moment God created us through our parents. It was the divine will that someone who loved us opened their love for us. They watched as we crawled, walked and talked. Each of us was and is totally special.

Each really happy marriage begins with two people who love one another. We could go even further and say that, though in a different way, true friendship includes appreciation.

The love of God is offered to us but has to be accepted. There is an expression “Love in your heart wasn’t put there to stay; love isn’t love till you give it away.” We should add “and appreciate it.”

Many of us have pictures which were inexpensive when received and yet became of real value to the one who received it. One such is of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Christ Child. May Mary teach us how to love her Son.

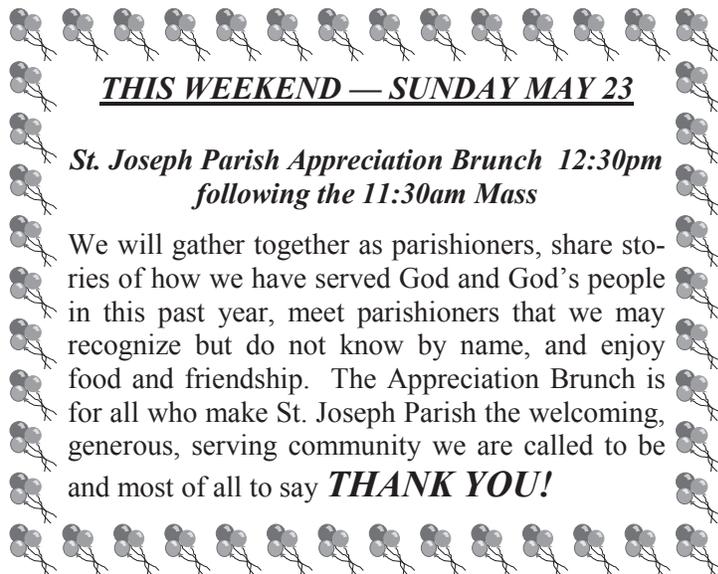


CHURCH-&-STATE RELATIONS

Archbishop Donald Wuerl
Sunday, May 30, 7:30 PM
St. Paul’s Church, Harvard Square

Defining the proper scope of public commentary by faith communities is one of the hottest issues in American public life today. The Catholic Archbishop of Washington, DC, the Most Rev. Donald W. Wuerl, will speak on the full spectrum of issues raised in nearly four centuries. His address is entitled, “The History of Church-&-State Relations in America, 1620-2010.” All faith-informed residents in Greater Boston are invited, but plan to come early!

St. Paul’s Church is at the corner of Bow and Arrow Streets near Harvard Square in Cambridge. The talk will be in the upper church, and a reception follows in DiGiovanni Hall next door. For details on the program please E-mail Mary Stanton at MAStanton3@verizon.net.



THIS WEEKEND — SUNDAY MAY 23

St. Joseph Parish Appreciation Brunch 12:30pm
following the 11:30am Mass

We will gather together 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. The Appreciation Brunch is for all who make St. Joseph Parish the welcoming, generous, serving community we are called to be and most of all to say ***THANK YOU!***

AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.....

We heard from the Parish Finance Council at all the Masses last weekend. The 2010 Annual Appeal pledge cards and envelopes may be found on tables at the back of the church. Our response continues to grow; to date we have received 96% of our goal of \$70,000, and 41% of our parish population has participated. It’s not too late to pledge. It is through your kindness and concern that Christ’s mission will continue. Please do participate and be a member of this important campaign for St. Joseph Parish.

FR. CELESTINO PASCUAL

On Friday, May 28, we will have a social gathering after the 12:10pm Mass for Father Celestino Pascual who has resided at St. Joseph Parish since 2004. Father has worked as a chaplain at MGH and has assisted at Masses here at St. Joseph as well as other Diocesan parishes as he has served the Philippine Community. He is returning to his own diocese of Manila in the Philippines. Why not stop by to offer your well wishes.

WORKSHOP ON PREACHING TO
CROSS-CULTURAL COMMUNITIES

Thursday, June 17, 12:00 - 4:30
Heights Room, Corcoran Commons, Boston College

A free half-day workshop, lunch included, for priests, deacons, women religious, catechists, laity, and all those interested in preaching for cross-cultural communities.

Featuring Deborah Organ, pastoral associate of Holy Rosary Parish in South Minneapolis and adjunct professor of homiletics at St. Paul Seminary. A Catholic lay woman, she holds degrees from Aquinas Institute, is fluent in Spanish, and has ministered cross-culturally in Latino contexts in four US dioceses, including Boston, and two dioceses abroad.