



## Mass Intentions for the Week

## Parish Support

May 29-30

Offertory

\$2,051

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>June 5</b>
4:00 PM	Special Intention
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 6</b>
9:00 AM	In memory of the Marron Family
11:30 AM	Swithen and Jolyon Rodrigues
5:00PM	Parishioners
<b>Monday</b>	<b>June 7</b>
12:10 PM	Rev. Gerard Barry 60th Anniversary of Priesthood
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>June 8</b>
12:10 PM	In memory of the Marron Family
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>June 9</b>
12:10 PM	The Intentions of Rob
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>June 10</b>
12:10 PM	Richard Haley
<b>Friday</b>	<b>June 11</b>
12:10 PM	In memory of the Marron Family
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>June 12</b>
4:00 PM	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 13</b>
9:00 AM	In memory of the Marron Family
11:30 AM	Elicer Pulido
5:00PM	Parishioners



Next week's second collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity.



The Twelve approached him and said, "Dismiss the crowd so that they can go to the surrounding villages and farms and find lodging and provisions; for we are in a deserted place here." He said to them, "Give them some food yourselves." - Lk 9:12b-13a

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## MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

On holidays, the table at grandma's house was always full—a full complement of aunts, uncles, and cousins, and a full array of food. With two stoves (one in the kitchen and one in the basement) and two refrigerators (in the same locations) it was a sure bet that we were not going to run out of food even with the extended family gathered around. And afterward, when everyone was ready to leave, there were plenty of leftovers to be packed up and sent home for enjoyment in the coming days.

Like grandma's holiday feasts, the miracle of the loaves and fishes left everyone satisfied. There were even leftovers that got packed up into twelve wicker baskets as St. Luke tells us. But Luke's account of the event contains more than just a great story about a lot of food. If that were all there was to the story, the miracle of the loaves and fishes wouldn't be that different from the abundance of food at grandma's holiday table. Luke's story, like every description of this miracle in the four Gospels, contains ritual language that points to what Jesus did with bread and wine before he died: he took, blessed, broke, and gave.

When we gather on Sunday to celebrate the Eucharist, we do exactly the same things in a ritual manner through the taking of the bread and wine at the procession with the gifts, the blessing in the eucharistic prayer, the breaking of the bread at the Lamb of God, and the giving in Communion. The miracle of God's abundant blessing is made present not through a lot of bread and fish, but through the gift of his Son and our communion with him. It is an abundant feast, and the leftovers we take home is our commission to love and serve each day.

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

Edith Stein may have been searching for Jesus Christ yet not really have known it until she found Him in the words and prayers of St. Teresa of Avila. Once Christ entered her mind and heart she never forgot Him

Only Jesus Christ and Edith knew all that brought the love which was cherished and shared. It seems that she met and wanted to walk with Jesus not only alone but with all whom she met.

Only Edith really understood so we must depend on her own words and those of others. We can only use and reflect on the words of sacred scripture "Christ as a light illumine and guide me. Christ as a shield o'er shadow and cover me. Christ be over me, Christ be under me. Christ be beside me on my left and on my right and Christ be within me."

(to be continued)

**A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS**

*2009-2010 The Year for Priests*

In this Year for Priests, O Father, we ask your blessing on those You have called to priestly ministry. Show them Your love and give them Your strength.

May they, above all, be faithful and passionate followers and friends of Your beloved Son, Jesus.

May they be prayerful like Jesus, hearts burning within them and set upon You above all.

May they celebrate the Mass with reverence and love and grow in devotion to the Eucharist.

May they be compassionate like Jesus toward all who seek peace and forgiveness.

May they be teachers like Jesus, on fire with Your Word.

May they be prophets like Jesus, proclaiming Your Kingdom to all.

May they entrust themselves into the care of Mary, Mother of Priests.

May they inspire and guide many men to answer a call to the priesthood.

St. John Vianney, beloved priest of God, pray for us and for all your brother priests.

Amen.

**In Memoriam** 

Please remember in your prayers Josephine Alessi whose funeral recently took place here at St. Joseph Parish. May she rest in the Lord's peace.

**FEEDING THE HOMELESS**

On Monday, May 30, a group of parishioners hosted a dinner of lasagna, meatballs, Italian string beans, rolls, butter, and ice cream sandwiches to approximately 150 homeless and hungry people. Thank you for your continuing support of this needy project as part of Neighborhood Action outreach.

**PARTICIPATION : OUR GOAL**  
**GRAND ANNUAL APPEAL**

We are pleased to report a total of \$69,162 in pledges and donations to our Grand Annual Appeal. To date we have received 99% of our goal of \$70,000 and 44% of our parish population has participated...our goal really is 100%....last year we reached 50%...please let's try our best to better the participation this year. It's not too late to pledge, 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. Please do 'come on board' and be a member of this important campaign for our Parish.

**SUMMER CLASSES**

**St. John's Seminary, Brighton**

Master of Arts in Ministry

Courses offered in the evenings at 147 Washington St., Brighton. Consider taking a class for credit. For more information visit [www.sjs.edu](http://www.sjs.edu) or call 617-779-4104.

**"BECAUSE YOU ASKED"**



Many of you have asked about the taking up of our weekly collection. The why's and wherefore's. The ideal number four, one in every aisle. So..... if you see there are only two collectors please feel free to get up and help. Your help is always appreciated. It is because of all who come forward when needed that St. Joseph Parish works so beautifully. When it comes to HELP.....please do!