

**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Saturday 4:00 PM	July 17 Deceased members of St. Joseph Parish
Sunday 9:00 AM 11:30 AM 5:00PM	July 18 In memory of the Marron Family All men and women serving in the Military Parishioners
Monday 12:10 PM	July 19 Carlo Croce
Tuesday 12:10 PM	July 20 Ruth Fournier Open Hearts Memorial Guild
Wednesday 12:10 PM	July 21
Thursday 12:10 PM	July 22 Carmine DeMinico, 1st Anniversary
Friday 12:10 PM	July 23
Saturday 4:00 PM	July 24
Sunday 9:00 AM 11:30 AM 5:00PM	July 25 Deceased members of St. Joseph Parish Parishioners

Parish Support

July 11	Offertory	\$2,777.
	Black and Native American Missions	\$ 842.



Next week's second collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. While those countries and the former Soviet Union endured decades of Communist oppression, the Church suffered grave wounds to its spiritual life and its ability to serve the people. Through this collection Catholics can now build bridges to these countries, spread God's Word over vast areas with modern communications media, train Church leaders of tomorrow, help needy families materially and spiritually, rebuild churches that have fallen, and support the sisters and brothers who have suffered for the faith. For more information please visit www.usccb.org/aec.

The Lord said to her in reply,
"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." Lk 10:41-42



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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We've all been to banquets where the waiters and waitresses scurry around to get the food served as quickly as possible. Whether it's a small funeral luncheon, a larger wedding reception, or a conference banquet with a thousand or more diners, the servers have their plan of how to deliver a hot meal in as efficient a manner as possible. A food service manager can explain the choreography involved in training a staff and the preparation that takes place for each meal based on the number and courses of meals being served. Even the occasional request for hot tea instead of coffee, that ubiquitous drink, is planned for and diagrammed. Every hospitality manager wants the service to go well.

In today's Gospel, Martha is a bit like that nervous hospitality manager. Jesus was a well-known prophet with a significant following. He was welcomed by Martha at her home. Luke never says why. Did she have the biggest house? Was she hoping for some momentary fame in the village? Was she a relative to one of the many disciples? Did she know Jesus from an earlier encounter? Or did she bake the best lemon meringue pie? (Well, we know it wasn't that one.) In any event, Jesus was there, and Martha certainly wanted to make a good impression just like any host or hostess.

At first blush, we might think Jesus' rebuke to Martha as a bit of a put down. Almost like telling folks at a conference banquet, "Listen to the speaker; ignore the waiters." But that is exactly what a good hospitality manager aims for, service personnel that are so competent that they are unobtrusive. And maybe that is the lesson we can take from the Gospel. We are to perform our service to God and neighbor in and unobtrusive, even unheralded, manner. We go about our lives not bragging about what good we've done. We just do it.



**REFLECTIONS FROM
FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY**

As small children we learned “God made me to know Him, love Him and serve Him in this world, and be happy with Him in the next.”

We heard in “The Sound of Music” — “A bell is not a bell till you ring it, a song is not a song till you sing it, and love in your heart wasn’t put there to stay. Love isn’t love till you give it away.”

The greatest gift is that of ourselves. The prophet ‘Hosea’ expressed it, “It is love I desire, not sacrifice.” The greatest gift on earth is from Jesus Christ. “God gave His only Son out of love for us; the Son so loved us that He gave Himself for our salvation.”

St. Paul leaves us with priceless words, “May Christ live in your hearts through faith — that you may know the love of Christ that surpasses all understanding and so be fulfilled in God Himself.”



THE ESPLANADE ASSOCIATION

Children in the Park

A new children’s program this summer will help Boston’s youngest residents explore the Esplanade and experience the joys of outdoor play through a variety of activities offered at the park. Children in the Park offers free access to the Teddy Ebersol’s Red Sox fields, organized games around Stoneman Playground, and other age-appropriate activities throughout the park. Children in the Park will run July and August from 10:00a.m. to 1:00p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. To learn more about the program, please contact Justin Burke at 617-227-0365 or email jburke@esplanadeassociation.org

A SUMMER PRAYER

Long warm days...

The pace of life slows...

A time for picnics and rest in the shade...

Lord, help me to rest awhile in the cooling shade of your presence.

Slow down my restless heart and fill me with gentle compassion for all your people.

Amen.

May He bless us all during these summer months and keep our loved ones in the palm of his hand!

In Memoriam



In your prayers please remember John Henning, whose Memorial Mass recently took place here at St. Joseph Parish. May he rest in the Lord’s peace.

DO YOU HAVE EXTRA TIME? BUS DRIVER NEEDED

Regina Cleri is looking for volunteers who are able and willing to drive a 12-passenger van to transport retired priests to various events. If you’re interested, please E-mail S.Gust@ReginaCleri.org or Fec-teauJ@ReginaCleri.org or call 617-523-1861 and ask for Steve or Jean.



PART TIME COOK NEEDED

Immediate opening for experienced cook, flexible hours, seasonal, for a busy retreat center. Please call St. Joseph Retreat Center, Cohasset, 781-383-6024, or E-mail a resume to retreat.center@csjboston.org.

ST. ANTHONY’S SHRINE — BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, July 22, 9:00 — 2:00

St. Anthony’s Shrine, 100 Arch St., Boston

For an appointment, please call 1-800-RED CROSS, or visit www.RedCrossBlood.org

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE — LENT 2011

Father Frank Silva, Pastor of Newton’s Corpus Christi - St. Bernard Parish, will serve as spiritual director for a Holy Land Pilgrimage scheduled for March 27 - April 5, 2011.

Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, and the Sea of Galilee are a few of the places that will be part of this “trip of a lifetime.”

Cost \$2,299 plus air taxes and fees. For a brochure about the trip, call 617-244-0608, or fsilva@ccsbparish.org.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

In today’s Gospel Jesus said, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious about many things. There is need of only one thing.” Take time away from all your worries and spend time focusing on the Lord and your spouse. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are July 23 -25, Sept. 17-19, and Sept. 24-26. For more information call 800-710-WWME or visit www.wwmeMA.org.

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