



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Parish Support

July 18

Offertory

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- Saturday** **July 24**
4:00 PM In memory of the Marron Family
- Sunday** **July 25**
9:00 AM John Henning
11:30 AM Deceased members of St. Joseph Parish
5:00PM Parishioners
- Monday** **July 26**
12:10 PM Michael Sorrentino
- Tuesday** **July 27**
12:10 PM Elvira "Vera" & Frank Staskawicz
- Wednesday** **July 28**
12:10 PM In memory of the Marron Family
- Thursday** **July 29**
- Friday** **July 30**
12:10 PM
- Saturday** **July 31**
4:00 PM Raymond Pierce
- Sunday** **August 1**
9:00 AM All men and women serving in the military
11:30 AM Parishioners
5:00PM

This week's second collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. It channels aid through the bishops' conferences of Central and Eastern Europe to meet the needs of rebuilding the Church in formerly Communist nations - training seminarians and lay leaders, reaching out to young people, reviving Catholic charities, and renewing programs of catechesis and evangelization. For more information please visit www.usccb.org/aee.

In Memoriam 

In your prayers please remember Raymond Pierce a parishioner of St. Joseph Parish who died last week. May he rest in the Lord's peace.

"Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread." - Lk 11:1b-3




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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

People have lots of prayers that they would like answered. Whether it is petitions written into the Book of Intercessions at church, requests made of a priest or a friend, entreaties offered to God before bed, or appeals made in the midst of a crisis, we are always looking for an answer. Sometimes we pray knowing what we want, like a child sitting on Santa's lap with a list of Christmas toys. And many times we pray with the expectation that God will see things our way and give us what we ask for.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples about prayer. Luke's version of the Lord's Prayer is a little different from Matthew's, but it is essentially the same. In Jesus' methodology, prayer starts with praising God (hallowed be your name) and then asks God to do what God wants (your kingdom come). Only then does prayer move on to posing our requests for God's consideration (give us each day our daily bread). And finally we ask for God's help (forgive us our sins). The Lord's Prayer became so much a part of Christian praying that the Fathers of the Church (early Christian writers like St. Augustine, St. Gregory, and St. Leo the Great) recommended that if a person couldn't remember any other prayer (like a psalm) he or she should just pray the Lord's Prayer instead.

The method of prayer that Jesus lays out for his disciples includes one final aspect-one that we like to forget. Luke's version puts it this way, "for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us." More commonly we say, "as we forgive those who trespass against us." Are we ready to have God act that way toward us? Do we really want God to treat us the way we treat others? That is the challenge, if we continue to pray the Lord's Prayer day after day.



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**REFLECTIONS FROM
FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY**

Many years ago and for a short time the Capuchin Fathers has a small community in Readville, a section of Boston. One of the priests became very well known for hearing the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

About the same time another priest in Italy was much more active. Father Padre Pio was sought by people, laity and priests for Confession, by some even from distant places.

Padre Pio is known as a "stigmatist." This refers to certain marks on a body that might be seen as a reminder of the burial of the body of Jesus. It might also be marks of prisoners in some countries. Innocent people may suffer from the ignorance of others even if they happen to be well intentioned.

Somehow it became evident that Padre Pio was gifted with Stigmata. He was not allowed to offer Mass in public for thirteen years. Finally Pope Pius XII lifted the ban. He remarked, "I have been badly informed about Padre Pio."

In his own life Padre Pio suffered in union with the suffering of Christ. His Stigmata could resemble the wounds of Christ.

(to be continued)

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!

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." (Today's Gospel Reading) If you are seeking more intimacy and harmony in your marriage, all you have to do is knock on this door, and enrichment will be granted unto you. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Week-ends in New England are September 17-19 and 24-26. For more information call 800-710-WWME or visit www.wwmeMA.org.

A PRAYER DURING ILLNESS

O God, I beg you to give me the courage and patience needed during illness. Help me to bear my pain and worry without complaints; sustain me when I become discouraged; calm me when I am anxious. Save me from the grumbling and self-pity. Help me to make these days of inactivity a period of spiritual growth, a time to grow closer to You as You teach me courage, hope and love. Divine Healer, You are the giver of all good gifts: bless me with your healing grace.

Let us continually pray for all the sick especially for those in our own families and in our parish family.

JESUS IN THE NORTH END

Friday, August 20

St. Leonard of Port Maurice Parish, North End

All college students and young adults (20's and 30's) are invited to "Jesus in the North End." Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 7:30pm followed by Mass at 9:00pm celebrated by Fr. Matt Williams, then please join us for fellowship at local North End cafes. For more information please contact the Office for the New Evangelization at youngadults@rcab.org or visit www.oymboston.org.



MEETING CHRIST IN PRAYER

Wednesday Mornings at 10:30, Sept. 15 - Nov. 3

Pastoral Center, 66 Brooks Drive, Braintree

The Office of Worship and Spiritual Life has developed an 8-week guided prayer experience based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. This program has recently been published by Loyola Press and is now called **Meeting Christ in Prayer**. It leads participants through a prayerful consideration of the person of Jesus Christ and our incorporation into his life and mission. It calls for a commitment of 8 weeks of daily prayer, 8 weekly meetings and faith sharing. Thousands of people throughout the Archdiocese have participated in this program.

For more information and to register, call 617-779-3648, or e-mail sdarcy@rcab.org.



5th ANNUAL WEST END CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

Save the Date: Saturday, August 21, 12:00 - 4:00 PM

Thoreau Path Contact: Tatiana at 617-670-1900 or

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