



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Saturday 4:00 PM	July 31 Raymond Pierce
Sunday 9:00 AM 11:30 AM 5:00PM	August 1 All men and women serving in the military Parishioners
Monday 12:10 PM	August 2
Tuesday 12:10 PM	August 3 In memory of the Marron Family
Wednesday 12:10 PM	August 4 Frank Rovinski
Thursday 12:10 PM	August 5 Louise B. FitzGerald
Friday	August 6 Sanctuary Fund
Saturday 4:00 PM	August 7 John and Julie Curley
Sunday 9:00 AM 11:30 AM 5:00PM	August 8 Deceased members of St. Joseph Parish Swithen and Jolyon Rodrigues Parishioners

Parish Support

July 18 **Offertory** **\$1838.**
Church in Central and Eastern Europe **\$ 644.**



Next week's second collection is for Catholic Relief Services. This collection supports emergency relief, human development, and peace initiatives in 99 countries around the world, where nearly half the population lives on less than \$2.00 a day. The collection funds the ministries of five Catholic Church organizations. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC), Migration and Refugee Services (MRS), Social Development and World Peace SDWP), and The Holy Father's Relief Fund. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/crscollection

"But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God." - Lk 12:20-21



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

If you grew up in a family with another sibling, it is likely that at some point you or a brother or sister went to mom or dad and said something like, "Tell [put your sibling's name here] to share [toy, cake, cookie, TV-fill in the blank]." We've all done it, even if we're an only child and used the line on a school teacher or aunt or uncle when playing with a cousin. Most of us have an innate sense of fairness and justice. We want to be treated equitably. We grow up with aphorisms like "Fair is fair," "Take turns," and "Play by the rules." We appeal to authority (Mom, Dad, teacher, referee, judge) when we think we're being taken advantage of. Our expectation is that justice will prevail.

Civil trials often involve that quest for justice. An aggrieved party seeks an equitable outcome through a judgment against an offender. But justice alone does not guarantee solace. How many times have we heard in the news about a plaintiff who explains that it was not the court judgment that brought peace and resolution. Inevitably, they explain how they have found peace when they were able to bring themselves to forgive the offender. Many describe how the anger or pain in their hearts continued to interfere with their lives until they could put it aside by being reconciled.

The words of Jesus in the Gospel that "one's life does not consist of possessions" reflect this understanding. While compensatory and punitive damages help relieve an injustice, they do not resolve a situation completely. Only movement toward forgiveness and reconciliation can bring that about. It is not easy to do that, but our Christian experience acknowledges that it can be done, even if it takes years to accomplish. The hope is that we will be "rich in what matters to God" (Lk 12:21).



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REFLECTIONS FROM
FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY

It was in the time when the Saturday Confessions afternoon and evening were very busy and some priests would have long lines of people waiting. In the Sacred Heart Church in Weymouth John Bernard Holland's line was always long, especially with children.

Somehow confession has a negative rather than positive sign, yet the words are so hopeful. The priest is one whom Jesus Christ uses as an instrument of forgiveness. The actual one who forgives is Jesus Christ the Father of Mercies, who removes what harms us and brings the Holy Spirit to us.

Padre Pio has been canonized a saint by Pope John Paul II. The principle reason was a combination of his prayer life and hours spent in the confessional. His appeal was not only wonderful kindness and understanding but above all his following of the mercy of Jesus Christ.

Anyone canonized is of course one who has died and left behind an unquestioned life of holiness. What purpose can there be in one who has died?

We might look at great secular figures of the past. A George Washington or Abraham Lincoln is found in many places as an inspiration especially to the young. We are happy to treasure their memory.

Padre Pio was different. He brought people to Jesus Christ. He is not the essential figure of the past. He is the one who seeks to come to us each day.

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!

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 tm@westendcommunitycenter.com

2010 CATHOLIC APPEAL

Call to Love and Share

Thank you to all supporters of the **2010 Catholic Appeal**. Our parish has raised **\$30,565** from 48 households, reaching **100.2%** percent of our parish goal. Remember, our parish will receive **25%** of all funds we raise **above** our goal. You can pick up information packets with pledge forms in the back of the church. **Every gift matters!**

THANK YOU

On behalf of the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, thank you! Because of your generous gifts, the Church will be able to build, fix and maintain structures, educate clergy and seminarians, assist children in orphanages, publish Catholic newspapers, and so much more. Your gifts will allow the Church in Central and Eastern Europe to continue to flourish and to strengthen and share its belief in the power of the Spirit of Love. To see how your gifts are making a difference, you can visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.



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.



FEEDING THE HOMELESS

On Monday, July 26, 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.