

**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

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
Monday 12:10 PM	August 9
Tuesday 12:10 PM	August 10 In memory of Michael and Josephine Manfra
Wednesday 12:10 PM	August 11 Mary Ann - Good Health
Thursday 12:10 PM	August 12 Open Hearts Memorial Guild
Friday	August 13 In memory of the Marron Family
Saturday 4:00 PM	August 14 Marlene Baldasari—7th Anniversary
Sunday 9:00 AM 11:30 AM 5:00PM	August 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parishioners

Parish Support


August 1 **Offertory** **\$2,479.**



Sanctuary Lamp **In memory of Don Gregory**

This week's second collection for Catholic Relief Services 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

"Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants."



Lk 12:37-38


19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Boy Scouts of America are celebrating their hundredth anniversary this year. After Robert Baden-Powell founded the scouting movement in England with the first encampment at Brownsea Island in 1907, it quickly grew in the British Empire and then spread to many other countries in just a few years. The Scout motto, "Be prepared," has been translated into nearly every national language, so widespread is the movement. The US Postal Service just issued a stamp honoring scouting.

Jesus and his disciples were not a scout troop as they made their way through Galilee and Judea on the way to Jerusalem. But his words in the Gospel echo the Scout motto. Vigilance is not a virtue we often think about as a Christian. Jesus expects his followers to be watching for his return, which will come at an hour we do not expect.

Unlike the Boy Scouts and their proactive motto, the insurance industry views preparedness in a more passive manner. A person gets insurance to be prepared for something that may happen. A scout is prepared mentally and physically for what will happen. A Christian must be prepared spiritually for the challenges of life. Those challenges range from the temptation to sin to the opportunity to do good. And that's how Christians are like the insurance industry and the Boy Scouts. We know that the temptation to sin may happen. Our insurance to ward off those temptations is prayer and a well-formed conscience. Doing good is also part of the preparedness of Christian living. Looking for ways that we can be of service—in other words, being proactive in our preparedness—means that we are becoming the vigilant servant that Jesus describes in the Gospel. So look around. There are plenty of needs in this world. To be prepared for the return of the Son of Man means we are ready to act upon his teaching through our love of God and neighbor.

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**REFLECTIONS FROM
FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY**

“Thousands at His bidding speed o’er land and ocean without rest. They also serve who only stand and wait.”

Pope John Paul II honored St. Edith as co-patron of Europe. The Catholic Encyclopedia offers us a fine picture of St. Edith murdered by the Nazi party in Germany.

We might easily forget that Edith’s sister Rosa had cared for her mother and in later years also died as a Martyr of Jesus Christ.

When Edith became a Carmelite Nun her sister Rosa served the Carmelites as a helper and general assistant. The Nazi persecutors murdered both sisters.

The Church through various Popes has blessed and inspired those great persons who have tried to follow and serve Jesus Christ. One inspiration is surely found in the canonization of great Saints.

We are blessed and inspired by the ordinary people such as a Saint Joseph and those of a Rosa Stein who only stand and wait in their Service of Jesus Christ.



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

GERONTOLOGY CLASSES AT UMASS BOSTON

The University of Massachusetts Boston is accepting applications for its Manning Certificate Program in Gerontology for fall 2010. The program is designed to give students the skills and resources they need to plan for an aging society, work or volunteer in the aging network, and advocate for elders. We offer both on-campus and online classes beginning the week of September 5. Credits from this program can be applied towards the bachelor’s degree program in Gerontology. The program is approved for financial aid for eligible students. For more information call Mary St. Jean at 617-287-7330 or email mary.stjean@umb.edu

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST

If your son or daughter plans to apply at any of the Boston-area Catholic high schools, he or she is required to take the High School Placement Test. Malden Catholic is now offering a test prep program to help 8th graders get ready for this critical entrance exam. Held on Saturday mornings in October, the program cost \$45, including materials. Please contact conwayk@maldencatholic.org for more information or to register.

HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Next week’s second collection is for Catholic Missions within the US. This Appeal helps strengthen Catholic communities in mission dioceses by underwriting evangelization, religious education, education for future priests, and training for lay ministers. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/hm

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.

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.

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!