
**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

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
Monday 12:10 PM	August 16
Tuesday 12:10 PM	August 17 Ellen McKechnie — 1st Anniversary
Wednesday 12:10 PM	August 18
Thursday 12:10 PM	August 19 In memory of the Marron Family
Friday 12:10 PM	August 20 Liliana Ciciotti
Saturday 4:00 PM	August 21 Anthony Costanzo
Sunday 9:00 AM 11:30 AM 5:00PM	August 22 Parishioners

Parish Support

August 8	Offertory	\$2,838.
	Catholic Relief Services	876.


Sanctuary Lamp
Month of August — In memory of Don Gregory

This week's second collection is for Catholic Missions within the U.S. 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.



"From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly." - Lk 1:48b-49, 52

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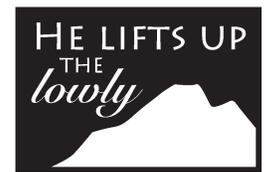
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Hiking in the mountains has always been both a peaceful and a surprising experience for me. The peacefulness comes from the fact that even if I am hiking with someone else, there is still a feeling of solitude and quiet that creeps over us as we hike along. We may start out quite chatty as we begin our trek, but eventually a hush descends, almost as if speaking might disturb the magic of the hike. The surprises of mountain hiking come around a bend or at the crest of a hill where something new always presents itself—an alpine meadow, a hidden lake, a refreshing spring.

Mary's visit to Elizabeth—described in today's Gospel—was certainly a surprise. Pregnant with Jesus, she goes to visit her older kinswoman, Elizabeth, who is also pregnant and awaiting the birth of John, and she rejoices at Mary's arrival. Mary's response to Elizabeth's greeting, the Magnificat, is believed by most biblical scholars to be a canticle of early Jewish Christian composition that Luke inserted into his Gospel because the hymn was so revered in his community. Mary's plight—alone, scared, running for safety—was echoed in Luke's own community after the fall of Jerusalem.

The hymn, placed on Mary's lips, is a reminder of how God turns things around for those who remain faithful. God lifts up the lowly and comes to the help of his servants.

Hiking in the mountains can be a powerful icon of what human life is like. There are times when the uphill struggle can seem overwhelming, and then other times when something incredibly wonderful presents itself. The Magnificat, which Luke places on Mary's lips, has been a part of Christian evening prayer for centuries, reminding believers that at the end of the day all that has taken place, the blessings and the challenges, are caught up in God, who remembers his promise of mercy in every generation.



**REFLECTIONS FROM
FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY**

Napoleon Bonaparte's life has filled the pages of countless books. The life of Pauline Jaricot is known to relatively few people. Yet in real and lasting achievement Pauline has done far more.

Napoleon Bonaparte's life was in the years 1769-1821; the life of Pauline 1799-1862. If we seek information about Napoleon, we find almost unlimited sources. Sources on Pauline would be few in comparison.

The good achieved by Napoleon might be found in his exile on Elba. Pauline's blessing to the poor and needy began when she was a young girl of sixteen and gathered other young girls around her to come close to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Pauline was only twenty years old when she brought servant girls with her to bring aid to people in the foreign missions.

An emperor caused great harm, a young woman great good. One served himself, the other served God.



MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Save the date. Our Marriage Prep Team have been putting together our workshops for this year. The workshops will be held here at St. Joseph's in the Parish Hall.

Friday, October 29, 2010, 6:00pm – 7:30pm
Saturday, October 30, 2010, 9:30am – 3:30pm

Please call the Rectory (617-523-4342) Monday – Friday 9:00am – 3:00pm to register.

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.

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 for 8th graders. Held on Saturday mornings in October, the program cost \$45, including materials. Please contact conwayk@maldencatholic.org for more information or to register.

Save the Date:
August 21, 2010 12-4pm
on Thoreau Path **FREE**



For leadership roles and sponsorship opportunities, please contact Festival Director, Melvina Husin at mvh@westendchildrensfestival.org or Tatiana at tm@westendcommunitycenter.com

Volunteers are needed for the 5th Annual West End Children's Festival (above). Contact: Tatiana at 617-670-1900 or tm@westendcommunitycenter.com

WEST-ENDER MASS VOLUNTEERS

There's a place for you as a volunteer at the West-Ender Mass on Sunday, September 19th at 11:30am here at St. Joseph. We worship and celebrate our West End Neighborhood heritage this way each year, so come help us reunite and remember family and friends, past and present. Call Theresa Raso at 617-723-8848.

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

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