



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday 4:00 PM	August 21 Anthony Costanzo
Sunday 9:00 AM 11:30 AM 5:00PM	August 22 Parishioners
Monday 12:10 PM	August 23
Tuesday 12:10 PM	August 24 Mary Beth Landergan
Wednesday 12:10 PM	August 25 In memory of the Marron Family
Thursday 12:10 PM	August 26 Joseph Egan
Friday 12:10 PM	August 27
Saturday 4:00 PM	August 28 Ann and Jack Lupo and Lillian Kolb
Sunday 9:00 AM 11:30 AM 5:00PM	August 29 Maureen A. Muckian Parishioners

Parish Support

August 15 Offertory **\$2,708.**



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.

Jesus passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" He answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate." - Lk 13:22-24a



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

In my travels I've visited cities like Washington, New York, and Chicago. And while I'm mostly a country person at heart, there is a certain vibrancy in city life. I like walking down the crowded streets of a shopping or entertainment district and watching the people. I suppose I enjoy it, because it is so different from the country road that I usually walk down in the early morning. If I'm taking an evening walk in the city, I'm always intrigued by the long lines that form outside certain clubs. You can hear the thumping of the music, and see the flashing of the lights. As I walk by, the waiting crowd is often trying to convince the bouncers guarding the doors that they know someone on the inside who would surely let them in if the person only knew they were out on the sidewalk. From my cursory observance, the pleading patrons are almost never admitted.

It is probably not fair to compare the kingdom of heaven to the big city club scene, even though people come from the east and the west, the north and the south, to get in on a Saturday night. Like the clubs, the kingdom of God does have an exclusive clientele, and you do have to know someone to get in-and he has to know you.

We get to know Jesus by spending time with him through prayer and by reading the Bible. We get to know him even better by our communion with him when we receive the Eucharist. And we get to know Jesus when we discover him in the hungry, the thirsty, the homeless, the stranger, the sick, and the imprisoned. There's not a line stretching around the corner to meet these kinds of people. But maybe there should be. If we want to get in to the best place ever, then we're going to have to line up to help these least ones.



**REFLECTIONS FROM
FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY**

Apart from being away from home it was a wonderful Christmas. A Maryland priest brought Korean children and American soldiers together in friendship, if not language, to the delight of both. The day ended with a American priest on his way to the Maryknoll house a few miles away.

When the American got off the Korean bus he found an unpleasant surprise. There was no light. There was a sound of Korean people walking and seeming to know where they were going; the American was at a total and black loss.

Finally the American saw a small light and practically crawled toward it: thank God it was Maryknoll.

What's the point? We turn to words of St. Matthew, "the people in darkness have seen a great light.". Somehow the Korean people had learned how to master the darkness, the American found his way only when he sought it.

The way of Jesus is so simple. "I am the way and the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father except through Me." We come off the bus in darkness. Jesus Christ gives us the light.



2010 CATHOLIC APPEAL

Call to Love and Share

Thank you to all supporters of the **2010 Catholic Appeal**. Our parish has raised **\$30,570** from 49 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!.

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.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

Our parish continues to grow and with the joy of that growth so do our needs as a parish. With this in mind we welcome Pat Harris as our new Director of Faith Formation. Pat comes with a wealth of experience having served as a professional Religious Educator in various parishes in the Archdiocese. She brings with her a zeal for teaching our faith to people of all ages. Pat herself when asked about her new role here at St Joseph Parish said, " Learning to love one another is an ongoing journey for all of us, it is made possible as we grow toward God by way of a better understanding of our Catholicism , prayer and service!" We welcome Pat and look forward to her ministry among us.

The program Pat has been handed has been created and assembled by our wonderful volunteer Denise Tomkins and her crew. The lives of many young people have been touched by Denise's faith and dedication and for that we thank her and her company...those who have worked with her so closely (thank you Georgeanne!). We look forward to working with both of them in new collaborative ways.

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.

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.

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.