



# Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Saturday</b> 4:00 PM	<b>September 4</b> Madhu Parekh
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 AM 11:30 AM 5:00PM	<b>September 5</b> Swithen & Jolyon Rodrigues Bob Moran Charles Lamborghini
<b>Monday</b> 10:00 AM	<b>September 6, Labor Day</b> Parishioners
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:10 PM	<b>September 7</b> Richard Casale
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:10 PM	<b>September 8</b> Bob Fair - for good health
<b>Thursday</b> 12:10 PM	<b>September 9</b> In memory of the Marron Family
<b>Friday</b> 12:10 PM	<b>September 10</b> Bob Fair Family
<b>Saturday</b> 4:00 PM	<b>September 11</b> For all victims of 9/11
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 AM 11:30 AM 5:00PM	<b>September 12</b> Charlene Piccolo-Stipo John Curley - 1st Anniversary Parishioners

## Parish Support

August 29 Offertory \$2,965



### Sanctuary Lamp

Week of Sept. 5 - In memory of Madhu Parekh

### PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

The next meeting of our Parish Finance Council will be on Wednesday, September 8, at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall.

### LABOR DAY MONDAY SEPT. 6th

MASS will be celebrated at 10:00AM



"If any one comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:26-27

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970, CCD

### 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Labor Day weekend doesn't appear as a celebration in the cycle of the church year. But Monday's holiday does affect a lot of what many people do this weekend. For some, three days off means the opportunity for a short trip out of town. Others may schedule a vacation for the week before to take advantage of the extra day off. Grocery stores have sales, highlighting products that can be consumed at picnics or prepared on outdoor grills. A holiday honoring labor becomes the effective end of summer for most folk.

Labor shows up in some interesting ways in the Scriptures for this weekend. The only time in the three-year Lectionary cycle that we read from Paul's Letter to Philemon comes this week. Paul is sending back Philemon's slave, Onesimus, who had run away. In the interim, Onesimus has become a Christian and, from Paul's view, a brother in the Lord to Philemon. So what is Philemon to do with this worker that he had owned? How was he to act?

The Gospel includes a description of the work of building a tower. Jesus compares the calculation of the work involved to that taking up the cross and being a disciple. When Philemon became a Christian he may not have understood that his life might change radically—that he was expected to deal in a new way with one of his slaves who became a Christian. At Paul's insistence, Philemon's adherence to the faith was requiring that he act differently from the society in which he lived. We are confronted with the same situation as Philemon. In the workplace, in the market, in our leisure, and while on vacation, we are called to adhere to the faith just as we do in church on Sunday. That is the real work we have, and it is not always an easy job. We don't have to carry Jesus' cross, but we do have to carry our own.

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**REFLECTIONS FROM**  
**FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY**

Why do I go to Mass? Why does a priest offer Mass?

God always is, and in one glorious moment the Son of God came into our world, born of the Virgin Mary, to be with us and share His life with us.

On one really dreadful day the Son of God, having taken on our human nature, was crucified to death by those who hated Him; total despair was overwhelmed forever by the everlasting return to glory on Earth and in Heaven by the same Jesus.

Jesus Christ is eternal God. He could and did come to us, stay with us, and give the sharing of His life to us in the Eucharist. Karl Rahner, a great theologian, refers to the Eucharist as "the life of Christ among us."

Our own way must always be limited. The way of Jesus Christ is never so. "I have come that they may have life and have it to the full."

If I would share in the life and love of Jesus, the truly great way is the effort I make to treasure Holy Communion.

The grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us.



To maintain a vibrant and growing Religious Education program we need Parishioners to give their time to help pass on our Catholic Faith. We will continue to meet on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am in the Hall. Consider volunteering your time for this coming year as Catechists, Helping Hands for Music or Art, or Project Volunteer. Come for the year, a semester, a Sunday! Contact Pat Harris at [repatharis@verizon.net](mailto:repatharis@verizon.net) or 781-535-8655.

All Parents are welcome to come to an Introduction to the Religious Education Program for Grades 1-10 on Tuesday, September 21 at 7pm or Sunday, September 26 at 10am in the Church Hall. More Information? Contact Pat Harris at [repatharis@verizon.net](mailto:repatharis@verizon.net) or 781-535-8655.

Our Family Mass Schedule for 2010-11 is posted in the back of the Church.

Religious Education Registrations will be e-mailed to our current families on September 13. Plan to return them at Mass on the weekend of 9/25-6. Registrations for new families will take place at the Parent Meetings and after the Masses on the weekend of 9/25-6.

**WEST-ENDER MASS — SAVE THE DATE**

Letters have gone out this week inviting people back to St. Joseph's Church to celebrate our West-Ender Mass on **Sunday, September 19** at 11:30. If you know individuals who would like to celebrate with us, please feel free to invite them to join us.

A reception and light lunch will be held in the parish hall immediately after the Mass. A donation of \$10 would be appreciated. If you can volunteer to help, please call Theresa Raso at 617-723-8848.

A special booklet with the names of deceased West Enders will be published and distributed at the Mass. This booklet will help us recall names from the past and helps us all to remember our loved ones prayerfully into the future. If you would like the name of a former West Ender included in this booklet, please submit the information (please print clearly) to the parish office by Tuesday, September 14.

**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

Friday, March 4, 2011, 6:00pm - 7:30pm  
Saturday, March 5, 2011, 9:30am - 3:30pm

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

**CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY**

Next week's second collection supports The Catholic University of America (CUA) and its scholarship fund for needy students. CUA, located in Washington, DC, is the national university of the Catholic Church. Many priests and professional lay ministers throughout the US obtain their education from CUA. For more information please visit [www.cua.edu](http://www.cua.edu).

**FEEDING THE HOMELESS**

On Monday, August 30, a group of parishioners hosted a dinner of lasagna, meatballs, Italian string beans, rolls, butter, and ice cream sandwiches to over 150 homeless and hungry people. Thank you for your continuing support of this needy project as part of Neighborhood Action outreach.