



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Parish Support

September 26

Offertory

\$2,764



- Saturday** **October 2**
4:00 PM Felix & Filomena Toussaint
- Sunday** **October 3**
9:00 AM Anna Ballinger
11:30 AM Swithen & Jolyon Rodrigues
5:00PM Dorothy Ladny
- Monday** **October 4**
12:10 PM
- Tuesday** **October 5**
12:10 PM
- Wednesday** **October 6**
12:10 PM Ralph L. Roberts, Jr.
- Thursday** **October 7**
12:10 PM Dr. Joan McDevitt
- Friday** **October 8**
12:10 PM In memory of the Marron Family
- Saturday** **October 9**
4:00 PM Marlene Pereira
- Sunday** **October 10**
9:00 AM Anne & Frank Schuler
11:30 AM Parishioners
5:00PM

GRAND ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

It's that time of year again! We kick off our Grand Annual Campaign this weekend and it is through your goodness and God's grace in Christ, the campaign will be successful. As you know, the Grand Annual has traditionally been a major source of revenue for both our operating expenses and for many special projects in the parish. We believe that God is never outdone in generosity and we ask His blessings on all that we do at St. Joseph Parish and within our own family circles. Please do be generous. It is through our efforts that His kingdom continues to be built up in so many ways.



When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.' - Lk 17:10

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We just celebrated the feast of the Guardian Angels on Saturday. I suspect most of us didn't even advert to it, since we were busy about other things. Saturday is often the day for yard work, children's sports, household projects, shopping, or other things that we don't have time for during the week. Thinking about guardian angels was likely not one of the top priorities on our agenda. Yet the feast comes and goes each year on October 2 in honor of those spiritual beings who watch over and protect in realms beyond our physical apprehension. Angels worship and serve God, and we have almost no awareness in our daily lives of their presence.

The reality of angelic presence is not what is so often portrayed in cartoons as little beings sitting on one's shoulder. Rather, it is the deep understanding of the abiding presence of God: that God cares for each one of us individually and that God's providence protects us. Like the servants in today's Gospel, that go about their business day by day, so do the angels who serve at God's throne. Unknown and unheralded, they do the bidding of the Almighty.

In the business world, an angel investor is one who provides the capital for a start-up, giving seed money to get an idea up and running in the real world. There is risk in that, and not every investment realizes a profit. As servants of God on this earth, we are often asked to be angel investors as well, not by turning over money to some entrepreneur in hopes of gaining a profit, but through reaching out to those in need and helping them with our talent and treasure. Much like guardian angels, our good and helpful actions toward others-our care and protection of the least ones-is truly service offered to God. And like the angels, we do it quietly, not seeking recognition, but being faithful servants.



REFLECTIONS FROM
FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY

There were men and women who met, followed and served Jesus Christ in the early days of His life. Others hated Him and worked to destroy anyone who would become a follower of Christianity. The leader of these could well be Saul of Tarsus.

On one of his trips of hatred Saul was suddenly thrown to the ground and his sight clouded. He learned why when he heard the voice: Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?

Saul could neither see nor drink for three days. Then the Lord sent Ananien, a disciple, to speak to, explain, and baptize Saul. Saul became Paul, the great Apostle who brought countless men and women to Christ.

Once Paul became aware of the mercy and love of Jesus, he became eager and determined to bring a multitude to Him. However, some devout Christians still had their questions about Saul.

Paul had a great companion in Titus.



SEASON FIVE—

We Are the Good News!

Meet new friends, pray and read scriptures, deepen faith and encounter Christ today. You are welcome to join even if you have not been in previous seasons of *ARISE*.



Come together with others to participate in *ARISE Together in Christ* and foster a heart for healing and a spirit of forgiveness. The program begins next week—still time to join!

For more information call the rectory at 617-523-4342 or email: rosalie82@gmail.com

ST. LUKE MASS, OCTOBER 18, 12:10PM

Once again we invite all Health Care workers in our area to our annual Mass in honor of St. Luke, evangelist and physician. We will celebrate our St. Luke Mass on **Monday, October 18 at 12:10PM**. In thanksgiving for the fine work offered through these dedicated workers we ask God's blessings on all that they do as they bring comfort to God's people. Please know that we appreciate the wonderful work you accomplish each day right here in our own back yard!



**RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION NEWS**

Welcome to the First Day of our Parish Religious Education Program! Over 25 children will start Sunday at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall. Please say a prayer for the success of the program, the people who are helping, and most especially for the children.

We had to bring extra chairs to the table to accommodate all the families that came to the Parent Meeting last weekend. Thank you to all who came. If you missed it and would like more information about our Parish Religious Education Program – contact Pat Harris at 781-535-8655 or repatharis@verizon.net.

Register your child (Grades 1-10) using the registration forms found at the back of the Church in the Children's Corner. Leave completed forms in the envelope. Questions? 781-535-8655 or repatharis@verizon.net.

- This year the children will be working on:
- Grade 1 – The parts of the Mass and their prayers
 - Grade 2 – Preparing for Reconciliation and First Communion
 - Grade 3 – The Church from St. Joseph Parish to the World and What Service is
 - Grades 4&5 – The Beatitudes and 10 Commandments
 - Up to 10 – Biblical Studies and Confirmation Preparation
- We will all celebrate the Seasons of the Church. Everyone will be involved in some form of Service.

Look Interesting? Want to help? We need more teachers for Grades 2 and 3.

Have younger children? We'd like to look into a pre-school and Kindergarten programs. Contact Pat Harris at 781-535-8655 or repatharis@verizon.net if interested in getting this started.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Following the 11:30am Mass today, in keeping with the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, there will be a blessing of the animals. We will ask God's blessing on our furry and/or feathered friends.

