



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Saturday 4:00 PM	October 9 Marlene Pereira
Sunday 9:00 AM 11:30 AM 5:00PM	October 10 Anne & Frank Schuler Parishioners
Monday 10:00 AM	October 11 Columbus Day Mass
Tuesday 12:10 PM	October 12
Wednesday 12:10 PM	October 13 Joseph Snizewicz
Thursday 12:10 PM	October 14 In memory of the Marron Family
Friday 12:10 PM	October 15 Richard Halley
Saturday 4:00 PM	October 16 Costanzo Family
Sunday 9:00 AM 11:30 AM 5:00PM	October 17 Marcella Stone—Good Health Father Gerard Barry—Month's Mind Parishioners

Parish Support

October 3

Offertory

\$2,986



GRAND ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

The Grand Annual Appeal got off to a great start last week. 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. Thanks to all of you who have worked and are working to help make our parish stable and secure! His message goes out through you!@

COLUMBUS DAY

Monday, October 11, Columbus Day Mass will be celebrate at 10:00am. Please come and celebrate our faith.



Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." - Lk 17:17-19

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Some of the earliest lessons we teach our children are about sharing, being polite, and being grateful. It is common to hear parents ask a young child after they have been given something, "Now what do you say?" in an effort to get the child to learn to say, "Thank you." Expressing gratitude for gifts from others is what we are taught to do. A long delay in sending out thank you notes will surely lead to criticism of a newly married couple. The expectation of such acknowledgements have led card companies to even prepare thank you notes for various occasions such as graduation, first Communion, weddings, and more.

This week's Gospel of the healing of the ten lepers is often cited as a story about being thankful. It is even one of the texts recommended for use on Thanksgiving Day. Only one of the healed lepers returns to give thanks. What is often lost in the hearing is that the one who returns is a Samaritan, a foreigner. This leper is not one of God's chosen people, a point not lost on Luke's community. Many of his audience were Jewish Christians who felt some entitlement to a place in the kingdom of God. Luke often highlights the fact that God's kingdom is comprised of whomever God wants, including the blind, the lame, the poor, the outcast, and the foreigner.

It is often said that immigrants have a greater appreciation of the opportunities of American culture and so become greater patriots. The same correlation is made about converts who are often the most devoted to their faith. Before we judge those who are not like us, it may be well to recall that they may have a greater appreciation for what they have-whether it be their place in society or their faith-because they had to reach for it like the Samaritan leper. We can all be grateful.



**REFLECTIONS FROM
FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY**

.Every nation that exists for a relatively long period of time has its ins and outs. Our own United States has its North and South and also its lesser travail in the years which followed on a lesser scale.

A few weeks ago we had a glorious Sunday in England when thousands of people joined and listened to Pope Benedict XVI as he offered Mass on a great open field.

His Holiness came to England not only to pay special tribute to Cardinal John Henry Newman but also to establish him as Blessed John Henry Newman.

John Henry Newman was a scholar and very much involved in education, also in religion.

He was a Calvinist, not too far removed from our American Puritans and then became ordained as a Trinitarian. He became a Catholic at the age of forty six. His lifetime was long so he became well known and in a quiet but effective way achieved some wonderful days for the Church.

Please God Blessed John Newman will bring many blessings to Catholics in England and elsewhere.



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!



PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met last weekend to plan some activities for the coming year. They discussed events, maintenance and future planning. We thank them for all the time, care, love and concern that they offer our parish

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Save the date. A Marriage Prep workshop be held here at St. Joseph's in the Parish Hall. on

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.



**RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION NEWS**

Register your family for Religious Education!

Joyfully the first day of classes for the elementary program began last week. We have about 30 children registered.

We do need one more Catechist, teacher, for the third graders. Let me know if you are interested!

Our next class is October 17 at 10am in the Parish Hall. If you would still like to be part of our program, please contact Pat Harris at repatharis@verizon.net or 781-535-8655.

The next FAMILY MASS will be October 17 at 11:30. The children in our Religious Education Program will be actively involved. Come and see!

**OUR PARISH COUNCIL PRESENTS
MINISTRY SUNDAY October 23-24**

Goal:

To increase levels of ministry and involvement which will result from more people completing time/talent commitment forms and from parishioners learning more about programs, ministries and services they can join or utilize. This will also help people deepen their relationship with God and with each other – thus furthering God's kingdom.

Purpose:

- To celebrate the life of the parish – its mission, ministries, diversity and character.
- To inform parishioners of the different liturgical ministries available.
- To spur interest in making a commitment.
- To organize the ministries/programs in order to help develop a greater sense of their mission and increase their effectiveness.

On October 23-24 we will have tables at the back of the church to invite you to answer the Lord's call to minister in our church. Please think about volunteering for one of our ministries: Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Server, or Usher. We would love to have you join us. Please do keep Ministry Sunday in mind.