

*Mass for the Intentions*  *for the Week*

<b>Saturday</b> 4:00 PM	<b>November 20</b> Deceased members of the Moscaritolo Family
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 AM 11:30 AM 5:00 PM	<b>November 21</b> Mary Cronin Lilliana Ciciotti Parishioners
<b>Monday</b> 12:10 PM	<b>November 22</b> In memory of the Marron Family
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:10 PM	<b>November 23</b> Joseph Balsama
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:10 PM	<b>November 24</b> John Weigold
<b>Thursday</b> 10:00 AM	<b>November 25—Thanksgiving Day</b> Mass of Thanksgiving
<b>Friday</b> 12:10 PM	<b>November 26</b> Richard T. Kelly
<b>Saturday</b> 4:00 PM	<b>November 27</b> Chandra Prakah Tandow
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 AM 11:30 AM 5:00 PM	<b>November 28</b> Soumya Misra Margaret Kelliher Parishioners

**Parish Support**

**November 14**

**Offertory**

**\$2,427**



**SECOND COLLECTION  
for Retired Religious Sisters**

This week's second collection provides financial support to 52 religious communities whose members have served the Archdiocese of Boston. Over 3,000 Religious Sisters rely on your generosity for their retirement. Your contributions make a difference. For more information, please visit [www.retiredreligious.org](http://www.retiredreligious.org).

**NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS**

*"Remember those who have gone before us..."*

The Basket of Remembrance next to our Easter Candle will remain ever before us during the month of November. If you would like to remember your loved ones in this way, please pick up an envelope at the back of the church. Please remember our beloved dead as we commend them to the Lord and pray they enjoy the Light of Christ's Resurrection.

**TESTING YOUR KNOWLEDGE**

One person at the first Thanksgiving Dinner at Plymouth in 1621 was a Catholic. Which one?  
(Answer provided in next week's bulletin.)

**Our Lord Jesus Christ the King**

When I was growing up there was an interesting crucifix at the end of the hallway in our school. Unlike the traditional ones that showed Jesus in agony on the cross, this one stood about six feet high and had a stately body of Jesus on it. He looked straight ahead, and he was clothed in priestly robes. He wore a crown not of thorns, but a royal crown of gold. As young children, we would all run past that crucifix on our way out the door to the playground. I imagine that the images sticks in my mind because of the daily viewing for so many years, and for the fact that it was so different from the smaller ones that graced each classroom.

Like every Passion story in the four Gospels, Luke's includes the description of Jesus' purported crime: that he was the King of the Jews. While the Romans may have considered him an insurrectionist and the chief priests railed against him as a blasphemer, Jesus truly is a king--just not the kind that we, or his earliest followers, expected. As universal king, Jesus exercises the same mandate held by the ancient kings of Israel: to care for the least ones and to protect those who have no power in this world. While Israel's kings were judged on how well they cared for the poor, this King is both judge and ruler par excellence. Like that crucifix in the school hallway, his throne is the cross, and from it he dispenses life, not condemnation.

Like the thief in today's Gospel, we are supplicants before that throne. We kneel before the cross from which the eternal King reigns, and we plead like the thief, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he replies to us, as he does to all who seek him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."



**PLEASE DON'T BE LATE FOR  
A VERY IMPORTANT DATE**

**LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

An Important Liturgical Ministry Afternoon will be held **this Sunday at 3:00pm.**

All new and present day **Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers** are asked to attend.

**REFLECTIONS FROM  
FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY**

Jesus Christ is beyond doubt the greatest person who ever was and ever will be on our earth. He is indeed "God with us". He is truly God of God, light of light, begotten not made, one in being with the Father.

Somehow in a way second only to the Son of God on earth we find a virgin who is the Mother of the Son of God. Someday, please God, we shall meet Mary.

St. Matthew presents a great picture for us in this truly Holy Family. Mary will indeed conceive and have a child, the reality is the beginning of the greatest of blessings to the world, the conception of the child who will be to many by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Joseph is told, "Behold the Virgin will bear a Son and they shall name Him Emmanuel," which means God is with us. "I am with you" can be and often is used as a sign of support. The Virgin Mary has been so used as a sign of support to encourage us.

**DON'T MISS GETTING YOUR  
"St. Joseph's own Taste and See Cookbook"** they will be available in the sacristy after Mass, stop by the rectory during the week or purchase them at our Poinsettia Festival.



**RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION NEWS**

Religious Education classes will meet today (Sunday, November 21) at 10:00. All children in the Parish, grades 1-10 are invited to participate. Religious Education gives each child an opportunity to become closer to Jesus and his teachings. Contact [repatharis@verizon.net](mailto:repatharis@verizon.net) or 781-535-5586. New families are ALWAYS welcome.

MANY THANKS to our new catechists —Kristina Di-Lugi, Crystal Snapp, Judy and Andrew Fahey and Rhonda Wilson for the good work they are doing for the parish.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA FESTIVAL**

**Fri-Dec 3, 11 AM - 2 PM**

**Sat-Dec 4, 3 PM - 6 PM**

**Sun-Dec 5, 10 AM - 2 PM**

St. Joseph's Christmas Poinsettia Festival is quickly approaching. We still need volunteers! Please let us know if you are interested in contributing in any of the ways listed below.

**Raffles Table** - Work at the raffles table please e-mail Judy Lauch at [jmlauch@netscape.net](mailto:jmlauch@netscape.net) or call 617-367-4730.

**Food Table/** - Work at the food table please e-mail Karen Kim at [kannekim@gmail.com](mailto:kannekim@gmail.com) or call 617-959-1966.

**Baked Goods** - To donate food, please contact Karen Kim to let her know what you will bring and which day you will provide it. Please plan to pre-package your baked goods in \$2 portions Please e-mail Karen at [kannekim@gmail.com](mailto:kannekim@gmail.com) or call 617-959-1966.

**Jewelry** - We are seeking jewelry donations. If you would like to make a donation, please call Theresa Raso at 617-723-8848.

**Christmas Music** - It would be a nice touch to have musicians and/or vocalists provide Christmas music. If you would like to offer your talents, please e-mail Jessica Dekermanji at [jessica.dekermanji@gmail.com](mailto:jessica.dekermanji@gmail.com).

**Set up** (Wednesday, 12/1, at 7 PM), **Clean up** (Sunday, 12/5, at 2 PM) - please e-mail Jessica Dekermanji at [jessica.dekermanji@gmail.com](mailto:jessica.dekermanji@gmail.com).

Please tell family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers about this year's event. This is an important fundraiser for our parish. \*\*\* Your help is greatly appreciated!! **Remember!!!** Put your order in for your Poinsettias here at St. Joseph's.

**"Thank We All Our God"**

**MASS ON THANKSGIVING DAY**

Mass will be celebrated here at St. Joseph Parish on Thursday, November 25, at 10:00am. Please join us to give thanks to God for all that He has done for us. Why not bring something from your Thanksgiving table to be blessed at Mass as a reminder of God's presence.

Happy Thanksgiving to all, may God continue to bless us and those close to us. We thank him for the gifts of Faith, Hope, Love and Community.