

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

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Sacrament of Penance: Sat 3:15pm

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 26

4:00 PM For the Faithful Departed through the Intercession of Mary

Sunday, November 27

9:00 AM Charles Lamborghini
11:30 AM Rita & Dick Paone
5:00 PM Parishioners

Monday, November 28

12:10PM Pam Simms

Tuesday, November 29

12:10PM David Caoutte

Wednesday, November 30

12:10 PM AFFNA

Thursday, December 1

12:10 PM In Memory of the Marron Family

Friday, December 2—First Friday

12:10PM Sanctuary Fund

Saturday, December 3

4:00 PM The Costanzo Family

Sunday, December 4

9:00 AM Donald J. Tice
11:30 AM Swithen & Jolyon Rodrigues
5:00 PM Parishioners



The Church encourages all Catholics to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation each Advent. In addition to our normal

Saturday afternoon confession time, St. Joseph and all the Catholic parishes and chapels of the Archdiocese will be open on **Wednesday, December 14 from 6:30-8:00pm**. Please take advantage of this opportunity to make a good Advent confession. Please also reach out to the Catholics you know that have been away from the regular practice of our faith and invite them to seize this chance to begin again. The Archdiocese's website for this initiative, www.TheLightIsOnForYou.org, has great material to help everyone prepare to make a good confession.

Parish Support

Thank you for your continuing support to our parish. This week's bulletin went to the printer early due to the holiday, therefore no figures for Nov 19-20 weekend donations will be available until next week.

**WE WELCOME BISHOP HENNESSEY
150th ANNIVERSARY**

We will open our calendar year for our 150th Anniversary with our Poinsettia Festival next weekend and a special blessing by Bishop Hennessey at the 11:30 Mass on Sunday, December 4, 2011. Please join us on this special occasion.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND PLANTS

If you wish to donate flowers in memory or honor of a loved one, please let us have your name and the name of your loved one before Friday, December 16. Your donation of \$10 will help beautify our church and allow us all to keep your beloved ones in our prayers. Envelopes are at the back of the Church. Your loved ones will be in our prayers throughout this Holy season. Thank you and God bless!

LITURGY BOOKS

Liturgy books for Lectors are available in the sacristy. You may pick them up before or after Mass.

ADVENT BLUE BOOKS

As we begin Advent, or 23 days of preparation for Christmas, once again we have the "Little Blue Books" to help us prepare spiritually. They are available at the church entrance and cost \$2.00 each. They invite us to give the Lord six minutes a day.

ADVENT GIVING TREE

Again this year we will celebrate a 'giving tree' and we will do so for the people of Haiti as they continue to try to recover from the many losses they have faced. Envelopes will be on the tree and you are invited to take one from the tree and place it along with your donation into the collection receptacle next to the tree. Your gift of love will brighten a child's Christmas and bring Christ's promise of joy alive to His people.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA FESTIVAL NEXT WEEKEND Fri-Dec 2, 11 AM—2 PM, Sat- Dec 3, 3 PM - 6 PM, Sun-Dec 4, 10 AM—2 PM The Christmas Spirit is definitely coming to St. Joseph Parish with gifts, flowers, food and fun for young and old. You won't believe the goodies in store for you. Don't miss our new **Best Cookie Contest**. Be sure to cast your vote for your favorite cookie. 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!

**REFLECTIONS FROM
FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY**

We can say that it really never happened and be completely correct. We know very little of the woman's family. We do believe that she was the greatest woman who ever lived. Her Son is ever the eternal God, Jesus Christ.

That little J.M.J. gives us people to know, love and adore. J. - Jesus, speaks of the everlasting, eternal God, Mary the most wonderful of all women and Joseph whom a little boy, after hearing of Jesus and Mary, referred to as "aw he's only a Saint."

Those who really and sincerely believe know Mary as Mother of God. The title is totally beyond the wisest of scholars and greatest of Saints yet simply believed. Sacred Scripture reads "At the appointed time God sent His Son, born of a woman born under the law to redeem from the law those who were subject to it."

What "really never happened?" St. Peter's excuse for the many rather questionable persons who maneuvered their way into heaven. "I tried to prevent them but when I turned my back Mary let them in."

Mary, Mother of Jesus is of course totally dependent of God. She lived as other women but with a grace of God second only to her divine Son. As anyone of us, woman or man, she is a child of God.

CHEVERUS AWARD

Last Sunday **Anne Lazzaro** and **Theresa Raso**, along with 95 other people from various parishes, received the **Cheverus Award Medal** from Cardinal O'Malley at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. This award is the Catholic version of the unsung hero Award. Again, Anne and Theresa, congratulations and thank you for all you do for St. Joseph Parish.

Pastoral Letter from Cardinal Seán on the Importance of Participation in the Sunday Mass – Cardinal Seán has written a *Pastoral Letter on the Sunday Mass* to all Catholics in the Archdiocese. One of Cardinal Seán's requests in the letter is that every Catholic will reach out to a fellow Catholic that has been away from the Church. Please read the letter online at www.BostonCatholic.org/

SESQUICENTENNIAL QUESTION & ANSWER
A New Question or Answer Each Week

From 1620-1778, it was illegal to be a Catholic in the Colony of Massachusetts, although there was not a set penalty. But the penalty in law for attending a Catholic Mass was very strict. Those Indians who lived in Maine, and had been converted by Quebec missionaries had limited toleration. What was the penalty for attending Mass by a non-Indian? (Answer in next week's bulletin.)



**RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION NEWS**

"Please donate all your **can tabs** to support the Burn Camp at Shriners Hospital in Boston. You can deposit your **can tabs** in the container at the back of the church near the door. Thank you for your help with this Parish Project."

Religious Education Classes: Nov. 20, Dec. 11, 18

Family Mass: November 20, December 18

December meetings:

11th: *Waiting...An Advent Workshop* for ALL CHILDREN in the Parish, ages 3 through 15. 10:00-11:15AM, in the Parish Hall. Flyers are available at the back of the Church. Please contact Pat Harris at repatharis@verizon.net to register for this Parish Wide event.

18th: Family Advent Mass, 9:00 AM

Religious Education Session, 10:00-11:15AM

24th: Family Christmas Eve Mass, 5:30PM. Any child who wishes to participate in the Pageant, please see the Flyer. Questions? repatharis@verizon.net or 781-535-8655.

Today is the First Sunday of Advent and one purple candle is "lit" today.



"He has filled the hungry with good things..."

WE ARE ON OUR WAY TO 150 items for the West End Food Bank, thanks to those who have already given.

Honor our 150th Anniversary celebration this Advent by bringing in "150-0" items for the West End Food Bank. Through Christmas a shopping cart will be in the back of the Church just waiting for us to fill it every week. When picking items to bring, the wonderful women who run the Food Bank at the Library say that many of their people cook on hot plates and have diet restrictions like diabetes and high blood pressure. Please bring one item per person (and maybe a little more) per week and we can make this 150-0 item goal. Suggestions: canned and dried milk, fortified oatmeal, cereal, high protein items, tuna, peanut butter, fruits, veggies, and rice.



Our 150th Celebration
Plan on being there - get your tickets soon!

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH 150th
GALA FUND RAISING DINNER**

WHEN: JANUARY 20, 2012 TIME: 7:00pm
WHERE: MILLENNIUM BOSTONIAN HOTEL