

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

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Sacrament of Penance: Sat 3:15pm



Saturday, November 19

4:00 PM Deceased members of the Moscaritolo Family

Sunday, November 20

9:00 AM Rev. Paul R.E. Francis
11:30 AM Hannah O'Connell
5:00 PM Parishioners

Monday, November 21

12:10PM John Kearns

Tuesday, November 22

12:10PM Mary G. Uva

Wednesday, November 23

12:10 PM In memory of the Marron Family

Thursday, November 24 — Thanksgiving Day

10:00 AM Mass of Thanksgiving

Friday, November 25

12:10PM Dorothy Ladny

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

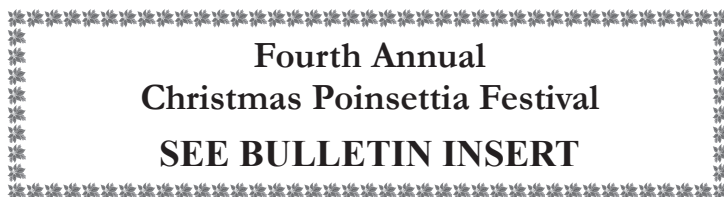
OUR PARISH SUPPORT

November 13—Offertory — \$2,826

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

SECOND COLLECTION for Retired Religious Sisters

Today's second collection is used to assist religious communities to provide for the retirement and health care needs of Sisters who have served the Archdiocese so generously for many years. Your contribution does make a difference.



Fourth Annual

Christmas Poinsettia Festival

SEE BULLETIN INSERT



MASS ON THANKSGIVING DAY

Mass will be celebrated here at St. Joseph Parish on Thursday, November 24, 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.

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

Our notions of royalty tend to be formed from two sources: fairy tales and modern day royals. Fairy tales give us images like Prince Charming, the wicked queen, King Midas, etc. These people are either very good or very bad. Some others are simply clueless, like the emperor who had no clothes. We often view modern day royals as rich and maybe a bit spoiled.



How different our modern notions of royal leadership are from the biblical understanding of kingship. In the Hebrew Bible, the king is the one responsible for the whole people. He is the Lord's anointed and holds sovereignty in the name of the Lord. The king is to rule justly and to judge righteously for the land's afflicted. He is not to use his position for his own aggrandizement or profit. When the king neglects the widows and orphans and fails to protect the downtrodden then God's just punishment is meted out to the king. We see this again and again in the prophetic books of the Old Testament and in the theology that is present in the Books of Kings.

Jesus is the fulfillment of biblical kingship. He is the king par excellence who fulfills completely the duties and responsibilities of the king. But there is the twist provided by today's Gospel: the duties are not those of Jesus alone. All who are baptized in his name, who have been anointed as members of the priestly, prophetic, and royal people of God, have the same responsibilities as the king. We are to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, and welcome the stranger. All of the royal duties are also ours.

**REFLECTIONS FROM
FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY**

“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.”

One way streets have their place and purpose in traffic, but it is very hard to see the place of one way love. St. Peter found this out. He was very ready to receive from Jesus but found it had real meaning only when he offered himself in return.

The wonderful promise of love given by Jesus Christ is priceless. Its blessing for us arrives only when its blessings are realized as an open door.

In an age probably known only by those of us who are older, the reception of Holy Communion was quite different. We could receive Holy Communion only after fasting from midnight. This applied to all people and priests; any exception was made only on special occasions.

We surely thank God through the Church that we are now able to receive Our Lord whenever we come to Mass.

Certainly some of us, perhaps many of us, may find habits a blessing in some cases and a problem in others.

Let us all try every so often to reflect on the wonder of Our Lord coming to us.

NOVEMBER ENVELOPES

“Remember those who have gone before us ...”

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS

November is the month we remember all who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. The Basket of Remembrance next to our Easter Candle will remain ever before us during the month of November. Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

Our 150th Celebration

*Have you marked
your calendar?*



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

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

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/



**RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION NEWS**

Request From:

The Level Three Religious Education Class
To: St. Joseph Parish

“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:

November 20, December 11, 18

Family Mass: November 20, December 18

150-0 ITEMS

Honor our 150th Anniversary celebration this Advent by bringing in “150-0” items for the West End Food Bank. From Thanksgiving Day 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. “He has filled the hungry with good things...”

LITURGICAL MINISTRY MEETING

A very important Liturgical Ministry meeting happened on Saturday. Our Sunday Eucharist is the most important prayer we offer in our parish. Our Lay Ministers realize the sacred import of all they do and seek to bring faith and dignity to the service they offer. Thank you to all those who have volunteered to enhance our Liturgy through their Ministry of Lector, Ministry of Communion and Ministry to the Sick. Working together we continue to share the message of Jesus with so many who long and need to hear his voice.

CONGRATULATIONS!

In recognition of service to the Catholic community of the Archdiocese, **Anne Lazzaro** and **Theresa Raso**, along with 95 other people from various parishes, will receive a **Cheverus Award Medal** from Cardinal O’Malley during a 3:00pm prayer service at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross this Sunday afternoon, November 20. Anne and Theresa know that St. Joseph Parish appreciates all you have done for us.