



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, October 22

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

Sunday, October 23

9:00 AM Mary Elizabeth Schmitt
11:30 AM DeMinico Family
5:00 PM Parishioners

Monday, October 24

12:10PM In memory of the Marron Family

Tuesday, October 25

12:10PM Rev. Fr. James McCune — Living

Wednesday, October 26

12:10 PM Ralph L. Roberts, Jr. — 16th Anniv.

Thursday, October 27

12:10 PM In memory of the Marron Family

Friday, October 28

12:10PM Lucia Gomez de Anda

Saturday, October 29

4:00 PM Augustino Baldasari — 16th Anniv.

Sunday, October 30

9:00 AM Parishioners
11:30 AM In memory of the Marron Family
5:00 PM Kay Horack

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Feast of All Saints. Vigil Mass on Monday, Oct. 31, at 5:15 and Mass on Tuesday, Nov. 1 at 12:10.

NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

For those who have been good enough to accept the Lord's invitation to help with Communion ministry, there will be a meeting on Sunday, October 30th at 1:00 PM in the church.

OUR PARISH SUPPORT

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

October 9—Offertory — \$2,595
October 16—Offertory — \$2,412

World Mission Sunday — October 23

This week's second collection is for Catholic World Missions, supporting the pastoral and evangelizing programs and needs of more than 1,150 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America. The funds gathered on World Mission Sunday are distributed in the Pope's name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, a Pontifical Mission Society. Please visit www.propfaithboston.org for more information.

150th ANNIVERSARY

Reminder to Committee members —

Meeting this Sunday afternoon, 2:00 PM, in the parish hall.

If you would like to join the Committee, please feel free to attend.

PRAYER SERVICE FOR PEACE

On October 27, 1986, Pope John Paul II invited religious leaders of all faiths and traditions to Assisi, Italy, for a remarkable and crucial purpose — to pray for peace. Tragically, our world remains in turmoil. And so, on this coming October 27, the 25th anniversary of that historic event, there will be an interfaith prayer service at St. Mary—St. Catherine Parish. The evening will begin at 7:00 as together we pray for world peace. Any questions, call 617-242-4664.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A high school classmate of mine decided after college that he wanted to become a lawyer. He loves the law. For him, it offers the best of both worlds. It is, first of all, an exacting science with great precision and specificity. That aspect of the law appeals to his orderly nature, his desire to categorize things and keep them in little boxes. But secondly, what my classmate also appreciates about the law is that it is open to interpretation. It has a breadth and depth that allow for variation in individual circumstances. This aspect appeals to my friend's more free-spirit nature, a characteristic of his life that left many of us wondering years ago how he would ever succeed in his chosen profession.

As they are presented in the Gospel of Matthew, the Pharisees certainly are the ones who can execute the specificity of the law. They are criticized for their intense scrutiny of the minutiae of life, designating whether something is permitted or forbidden. Jesus was not going to allow himself to be trapped in that mechanical application of law. Not that the law is bad. Indeed, for the pious Jew of Jesus' day, the law was the path to life.

But the Pharisees were looking for an argument, and Jesus was not going to enter into one. His response might give some guidance today for discussions with those who get incensed about displaying the Ten Commandments. When Jesus was asked about the law he does not reference the Decalogue. Instead, he cites the Shema, the prayer of a pious Jew in Deuteronomy 6: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." And for good measure he adds a quote from Leviticus 19: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." My classmate would be happy. Law with specificity-love God and neighbor-but with enough flexibility to accommodate a variety of circumstances.

**REFLECTIONS FROM
FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY**

You can find surprises in the most unusual places. In the long past forgotten by many, a young Army officer came to a priest a day after Sunday, saying "I missed Mass." He was on duty and had no choice

A question followed: "How do I become a Catholic?" Most of us would have been somewhat astounded. Yet we could find others with the same question. In fact there may be people at this Mass who asked the same question and welcomed the response.

The words are blessed: "Come to Me all you who are burdened and I will refresh you. Take up My yoke and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble of heart."

It can be very hard at times to avoid prejudice. Jesus Christ is THE ONE who finds it an absolute non-existence. "Come to Me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will refresh you."

May we try to learn what the words "to be Christ like" really mean.

***WON'T YOU HELP US GROW?
MINISTRY SUNDAY
October 29-30
WE HAVE A 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.

AND A 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 29-30 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.



COME and Walk and Pray! Join us in a beautiful Fall day expedition. ALL are invited to join in a Gathering for All Saints/All Souls Day, Sunday, October 30 at 10AM. Meet in the Parish Hall wearing your walking shoes and appropriate clothing. We're walking up to the Granary Burying Ground on Tremont. Ours prayers will be for all! Contact repatharis@verizon.net if you can help that morning.

Our Religious Education Program is in full swing now! We continue to expand our experience of the Holy Spirit through imaginative prayer. Join with our children and spend your week praying Acts 2:1-6. What would it feel like to have a tongue of flame descend upon you? How would it change you?

Sessions: Oct. 30; Nov. 6, 20

Family Mass: Nov. 20, 9:00 AM

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA FESTIVAL

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 with gifts and flowers and food and fun for young and old. You won't believe the goodies in store for you. *Don't miss it!*

Remember!!! Put your order in for your Poinsettias here at St. Joseph's.

PETITION DRIVE FOR ASSISTED SUICIDE

Between now and December 7, supporters of a bill to legalize physician assisted suicide will be trying to gather 68,911 signatures from Massachusetts voters. This is the first step in putting this measure on the ballot in November 2012. The position of the Church is that all suicide is a tragedy. In a recent homily, Cardinal Sean said, "A vote for assisted suicide is a vote for suicide." Please consider Church teaching if asked to sign this suicide initiative.

FONTBONNE ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, October 30

1 — 3 PM

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