

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, October 8

4:00 PM In memory of the Marron Family

Sunday, October 9

9:00 AM Rev. Msgr. Joseph Alves — 90th Birthday

11:30 AM Al Rossi

5:00 PM Parishioners

Monday, October 10 — Columbus Day

10:00 AM Rev. Fr. Thomas Fleming - Living

Tuesday, October 11

12:10PM Lucia Gomez de Anda

Wednesday, October 12

12:10 PM Richard "Rick" Rossi

Thursday, October 13

12:10 PM Joseph Snizewicz

Friday, October 14

12:10PM In memory of the Marron Family

Saturday, October 15

4:00 PM Carol Hoy

Sunday, October 16

9:00 AM Open Hearts Memorial Guild

11:30 AM Daisy Eapen

5:00 PM Parishioners



Have you signed up yet? It is simple, just go to www.stjosephboston.com and follow the "ParishPay" link.

Thank you for your continued support!

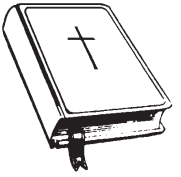
COLUMBUS DAY
Mass on Monday, October 10, will be at 10:00 AM.

OUR PARISH SUPPORT
THANK YOU! THANK YOU!
October 2—Offertory \$2,829

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!

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 Tuesday, 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!

IN MEMORY OF...
NEW SACRAMENTARY
Due to the prayerful rewording of the Mass, our parish is in need of a new Sacramentary for the altar. If you would like to donate one in memory of a loved one, please call the office. Thank you.



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
One of the pranks I pulled a few times with friends in college was to crash a wedding feast at a local banquet hall. Three or four of us would dress up enough to not stand out in the crowd. We would arrive just before dinner and mill around a bit enjoying a free beer and hoping that there would be enough empty seats at a table that we could sit together and not be noticed too much. If the questions got too intense, there was the excuse that we were really there to scope out the band for the wedding of one of us. As a last resort to close scrutiny, there was always the exit.
In the Gospel, the king wanted a full banquet hall. But one man was unprepared, not appropriately attired. Even as college kids pulling a prank, we knew that we had no chance of getting a good dinner (or even a free beer) if we weren't at least half way decently dressed. Jeans and a T-shirt were not going to cut it for a wedding reception in those days. So on went the dress shirt and tie along with some nice pants to make a presentable outfit.
Of course, access to the kingdom of God is not a prank, and just putting on some nice clothes will not ensure entrance to heaven. What we have to do is put on Christ, and have an interior disposition that conforms to our outward expressions of love and charity. Our inner faith must be strong, and our actions toward others must express what we believe. The "wedding garment" that we put on is not a shirt and tie in hopes of a free meal, but a life of prayer, devotion, and care for others that will lead to the banquet of life.



**REFLECTIONS FROM
FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY**

Thanks to a woman who has great devotion to our Blessed Mother, we were reminded that this month offers us special attention to "THE HOLY ROSARY."

Devotion to this prayer has been a blessing for what seems to be almost endless years. The prayers beginning "Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you, blessed are you amongst women" is indeed not only a blessing for all women, but for all who love her divine Son.

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 the law.

"Blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus" leads us into "Holy Mary, Mother of God." Surely this lets us know beyond the slightest doubt of the closeness of Mary and her divine Son.

There have been many reminders to us of the place of Mary in her role as Mother of Christians. We see Mary of course as very close to her Son. We should and hopefully do see her as one close to us.

**OUR PARISH COUNCIL PRESENTS
MINISTRY SUNDAY October 29-30**

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 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.

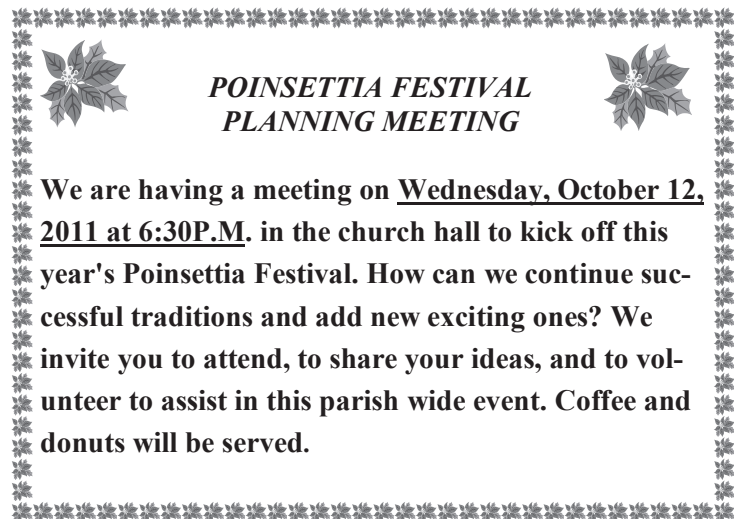


May you all have a wonderful holiday weekend. See you next week for Session 2! Think about how Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to us! Tongues of Flame! This year our children will be coming to know more about the Holy Spirit.

Thank you to everyone who made our first Religious Education session such a success. We are so grateful to our Catechists for their commitment to our children’s faith development.

October Sessions: October 16, 30

Family Mass: 9:00 AM October 16



**POINSETTIA FESTIVAL
PLANNING MEETING**

We are having a meeting on Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at 6:30P.M. in the church hall to kick off this year's Poinsettia Festival. How can we continue successful traditions and add new exciting ones? We invite you to attend, to share your ideas, and to volunteer to assist in this parish wide event. Coffee and donuts will be served.

INTERESTED IN RELIGIOUS LIFE?

An Evening of Prayer and Conversation for men and women interested in religious life will be held on Tuesday, October 18, 2011, from 6:00 – 9:30 p.m. at the Sisters of St. Joseph, 637 Cambridge St., Brighton. For more information or to register, please call or e-mail Sr. Marian Batho, CSJ, 617-746-5637, or Sr_Marian_Batho@rcab.org



COMING SOON

ST. JOSEPH PARISH 150TH ANNIVERSARY

Many great things are in store for our celebration. . . If you would like to join or work on a sub committee please email the committee chair, Denise Tompkins at st.jo150@gmail.com or let Fr. Dan know of your interest. Please watch future bulletins for information on our 150th Anniversary celebration.