

**Mass Intentions  
for the Week**

**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

**Monday, October 17**

12:10PM In memory of the Marron Family

**Tuesday, October 18 — St. Luke Mass**

12:10PM Richard "Rick" Rossi

**Wednesday, October 19**

12:10 PM Nancy Donovan

**Thursday, October 20**

12:10 PM Josephine Manfra

**Friday, October 21**

12:10PM Richard Haley

**Saturday, October 22**

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

**Sunday, October 23**

9:00 AM Mary Elizabeth Schmitt

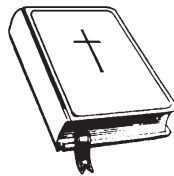
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**IN MEMORY OF....**

**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.



**OUR PARISH SUPPORT**

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

**October 9—Offertory — See next week's bulletin.**

**World Mission Sunday — October 23**

Next week's second collection supports Catholic World Missions. 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](http://www.propfaithboston.org) for more information.



**SANCTUARY LAMP**

**Week of October 16 In memory of Daisy Eapen**

**ST. LUKE MASS, OCTOBER 18, 12:10 PM**

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!

"Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? ? Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." - Mt 22:17b-18, 21c



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**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

While anyone with a paycheck ends up paying taxes regularly, there are many others who pay their taxes as a quarterly estimate. Many states or provinces have a sales tax that applies to certain goods and services. Even some local municipalities add their own fraction of a percent on top of that. And anytime we put gasoline in our car we are paying taxes. Benjamin Franklin's adage, "in this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes," is certainly true for any of us in this country. It could be said that we are rendering to Caesar by way of the taxes we pay as part and parcel of our everyday life.

In the Gospel today Jesus points out that there is nothing wrong with paying taxes. From the perspective of a Christian, paying taxes is part of promoting the common good, since government exists to foster and protect society. Encouraging development and promoting the common good are causes that the popes from the time of Leo XIII to the present have particularly supported in their encyclicals and reflections. As the popes have highlighted, the "common good" is an especially Christian ideal, since it means that we are attentive to the needs of all in society, an inclusive and wide-reaching perspective on who the community truly is.

If paying taxes, and in that way promoting the common good, is already a part of our everyday life, we might want to ask ourselves in what ways repaying to God what belongs to God is taking place in our lives every day. How taxing is our spiritual life? Or is our spiritual tax rate too low?



**REFLECTIONS FROM  
FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY**

How odd of God! One person was a parish priest who had restored a badly neglected parish church. The other was a little girl close to eight years old preparing for her first Holy Communion.

The two met at Our Lady of Good Voyage Church in Gloucester. Strangely enough, in two short hours they became friends teasing one another. In less than a week, please God, they met each other in Heaven.

The priest knew that his life was to be very short, he was dying. The little girl was still very alert. She was with a parent and older sister on her way to meet a pastor friend of the family.

Ultimately of course it is only God who knows the time of life and death. The priest had served the people of Our Lady of Good Voyage well and was aware of his approaching death.

What of the little girl? We have to believe that her brief time of pain was her way to Heaven. Could it be seen not only as a terrible loss to the child's family but a blessing to the child?



**RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION NEWS**

Family Mass TODAY, 9:00 AM.

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 the souls there and in our hearts. We'll be back for 11:30 Mass. Come one, Come all! Contact repatharis@verizon.net if you can help that morning.

Session 2 of the Religious Education Program begins today, Sunday the 16th at 10:00AM in the Parish Hall.

Sessions: Oct. 16, 30; Nov. 6, 20

Family Mass: Nov. 20

**REMINDER!**

**Parish Council meeting today, Sunday, October 16 at 2:00pm in the parish hall.**

**MINISTRY SUNDAY October 29-30  
OUR 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.

**OUR 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.

**POINSETTIA FESTIVAL  
PLANNING MEETING**

**We had our first meeting for this year's Poinsettia Festival. Thank you to all who came. There are great things being planned for this year's Poinsettia Festival so please save the dates, December 2,3 and 4. Watch upcoming bulletins for more information**

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**COMING 2012**

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH 150TH ANNIVERSARY**

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