

 **Mass Intentions  
for the Week**

**Saturday, October 1**

4:00 PM George Donovan

**Sunday, October 2**

9:00 AM Filomena Toussant

11:30 AM Swithen & Jolyon Rodrigues

5:00 PM Parishioners

**Monday, October 3**

12:10PM Judy Keller

**Tuesday, October 4**

12:10PM Margaret & Joseph Cronin

**Wednesday, October 5**

12:10 PM Richard "Rick" Rossi

**Thursday, October 6**

12:10 PM Brian Egan

**Friday, October 7 — First Friday**

12:10PM Sanctuary Fund

**Saturday, October 8**

4:00 PM In memory of the Marron Family

**Sunday, October 9**

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

11:30 AM Al Rossi

5:00 PM Parishioners

**In Memoriam** 

Please remember in your prayers Lena White whose funeral recently took place here at St. Joseph Parish. May she rest in the Lord's peace.

**PARISH COUNCIL**

A seasonal Parish Council meeting will be held this Sunday, October 2 at 2:00pm in the parish hall.

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In the midst of the current economic crisis, home foreclosure rates are at an all time high. While the causes are many, there are several items that economists point to in particular. The development of new financial instruments, such as mortgage-backed securities, led investment funds to seek out more and more investors with promises of huge returns. Mortgage lenders discovered a ready source of capital through these funds and went after potential home buyers whose own finances may have been shaky. And buyers, dazzled by the prospect of a new home larger than anything they may have thought possible, entered into ill-considered contracts that placed them in financial jeopardy after a few years. The construction industry added to the market woes by building large tracts of homes on speculation presuming that future sales would continue at the record pace that was already beginning to slow.

A lot of the process was built on hope. Like the landowner in the parable, there was hope that everything would turn out just fine with the ever increasing ratcheting up of effort. It didn't work out in the housing market, and it didn't work out in the parable either. The landowner's son was killed. The tenants of the vineyard will meet a wretched end, and others will get the benefit of the vineyard. The crash of the housing market might be a good cautionary tale for all of us. While we may want to build up our own little kingdom here on earth, it is really the kingdom of God in which our treasure lies. Are we making a regular investment in that kingdom, so that we will be ready for our final retirement?

*OUR PARISH SUPPORT*

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

**September 25—Offertory \$3,205.**

**Parish Pay Offertory month of September \$1,115.**

**GRAND ANNUAL APPEAL**

It's that time of year again! We kick off our Grand Annual Campaign this weekend and it is through your goodness and God's grace in Christ, the campaign will be successful. 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. We believe that God is never outdone in generosity and we ask His blessings on all that we do at St. Joseph Parish and within our own family circles. Please do be generous. It is through our efforts that His kingdom continues to be built up in so many ways.

**NEW PARISH MEMBERS**

We welcome our newest parish members, who were baptized recently — John Antonio Ciolino, Emily Koskinas and Mia O'Sullivan.



Many are already signed up ...  
**Why Not Sign Up Now!**

It is simple just go to [www.stjosephboston.com](http://www.stjosephboston.com) and follow the "ParishPay" link.



**REFLECTIONS FROM  
FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY**

A few years ago a woman came to the Boston area. She was surrounded by an overwhelming crowd. She was Mother Teresa, a great friend of the poor.

As a young girl Teresa decided to become a nun. She changed her mind and then changed it again. She became a religious sister who taught young women in a Catholic school. Some years later while on retreat, she sought and received permission to begin her own religious order.

Sister Teresa seems to have been alone for one day with a dying person. Soon she had other sisters, many of whom she had taught. Beginnings can be especially active at times.

Beyond doubt religious communities have suffered for some years. Recently a gloomy priest let friends know that Catholic life in all sorts of degrees had really suffered.

His friend responded, "Joe, when did Christ die?" In one way or another the Church has struggled for over two thousand years. The promise to Peter and the Church has never changed. "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it. I will be with you even to the end of the world."



**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 parish office 617-523-4342. Thank 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!

**FEEDING THE HOMELESS**

On Monday, September 26, a group of parishioners hosted a dinner of lasagna, meatballs, Italian string beans, rolls, butter, and ice cream sandwiches to approximately 150 homeless and hungry people. Thank you for your continuing support of this needy project as part of Neighborhood Action outreach.



**RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION NEWS**

Welcome to the First Day of our Parish Religious Education Program! Last year this bulletin announced that 25 children were starting classes. This year we have **doubled** to 50! The faith enriching adventure starts 10:00 AM today in the Parish Hall.

Thank you to our Catechists who received a blessing from Father Dan at the First Family Mass of the year last week. Without you our Religious Education Program could not exist.

Thank you to the Parents who attended the first meeting of the year. Their insights will help us improve and expand our program.

Family Mass 9:00 am: October 16

Interested in participating in the Family Mass? Information can be found at the back of the church. The drop off box is in the Kid's Corner.

October Sessions: October 2, 16, 30

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★ **COMING SOON** ★  
★ **ST. JOSEPH PARISH 150TH ANNIVERSARY** ★  
★ Please watch future bulletins for information on our ★  
★ 150th Anniversary celebration. ★  
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**OUR NEW ROMAN MISSAL**

WE WILL CONTINUE TO RECITE THE NEW TRANSLATION OF THE *GLORIA, CREED* AND *MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION*. WE WILL DISPENSE FROM SINGING THE *GLORIA* SO THAT THROUGH RECITATION WE CAN BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE NEW VERBIAGE. PLEASE BE LOUD AND CLEAR AS WE GROW IN COMFORTABILITY WITH THE NEW TRANSLATIONS.

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

Following the 11:30am Mass today, in keeping with the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, there will be a blessing of the animals. We will ask God's blessing on our furry and/or feathered friends. Other types welcome also!!

