

Greetings!

'My Kingdom does not belong to this world!'

Pretty soon, I will have to forget about preparing my own homily (*now, don't applaud too loudly*), and start reading aloud some of our children's 'words' as part of my homily (*with copyright credit, of course*). You see, more and more, I find myself trying to 'build' towards a 'truth' I hope to explain to the children during Mass, their religion class or just a casual encounter with them in the parking lot when 'out of the blue' one of them will simply blurt out in a few words what I had hoped to teach them (*not nearly so briefly*). Obviously, the faith is alive in this next generation. (*Of course, this really speaks volumes about the parents, grandparents, godparents and teachers in their lives!*)

Yes, it's true there are many people here working very hard to open up different ways for our children and teens to grow in their relationship with Jesus through a few new programs coming on-line here in our Parish & School Community. For example, just this past Monday afternoon, 15 children attended our first Children's Choir Rehearsal in preparation for singing at our Thanksgiving Vigil Mass and the upcoming Christmas Vigil Mass. And I believe this is a reflection of the greater eagerness many of us (*of all ages*) have to learn more about what we believe and why we believe it, and to put it into practice.

For instance, there are three wonderful, young adults who have begun the weekly *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* catechetical program to prepare them to fully enter into the Catholic Church in the Easter Vigil next spring (*with the reception of Baptism, Eucharist &/or Confirmation all at one time*). Even their Catholic-sponsors are eagerly attending the classes and asking great questions. And this past week, we completed our third, six-week, small-group, faith sharing *ARISE* Session with 55 parishioners yearning to 'see Christ more clearly in themselves and others'.

Be we any age, all of us have reason to seek to know Jesus Christ more dearly for the simple reason that he is the *Alpha and Omega*, the *King of Kings* robed in majesty who will return one day in all His Glory, and we will be well prepared to answer that simple question, "Do you love me?"

And, with love and gratitude in my heart for all of you, may I wish you and your families a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving Day! We will have our annual family Mass the night before at 6:00pm, when our *NEW* Children's Choir will be with us as well as our Adult Choir and numerous children participating in the Eucharistic liturgy. Do come join us!

God bless!

Advertiser of the Week

Thank you for patronizing the services of our bulletin advertisers! This week we *thank Air Conditioning Technicians, Inc.* for advertising with us!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 21st

4:00PM Billy Powers 30th Anniversary

Sunday, November 22nd

7:30AM Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish
9:30AM Gerald Shea Memorial Mass
11:30AM Joseph Davis Memorial Mass

Wednesday, November 25th

6:00PM Mass of Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 26th

9:00AM Mass of Thanksgiving

Friday, November 27th

9:00AM Elizabeth Wells 21st Anniversary

Saturday, November 28th

9:00AM June Jones & William Malone 2nd Anniversary
4:00PM Sharon Riendeau 10th Anniversary
Leo & Dolores Riendeau Memorial Mass

Sunday, November 29th

7:30AM Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish
9:30AM Louise Campion 2nd Anniversary
11:30AM Charles & Catherine Dana Memorial Mass

♪♪ *Sing to the Lord for Christmas!* ♪♪

Were you ever in or have you ever considered joining the Adult Choir but singing all year is too much of a commitment? This may be the joy-filled opportunity you've been waiting for! Please join the Adult Choir this year for Christmas! This involves only 4 rehearsals:

7pm Thursday December 3 and 10;
7pm Friday December 18 and 7pm Wednesday December 23
All in preparation for the Christmas Eve 6pm Mass,
Thursday December 24!

Please join us in the Choir Loft Thursday December 3rd at 7pm. Contact Choir Director Steve Williams with questions.

and

We are looking for some musical teens interested in enhancing the Midnight Liturgy on Christmas Eve.

We need singers and instrumentalists to participate before Mass at 11:30pm and also for singing during Mass. Rehearsals will be held in December.

Please contact Mrs. Laura Grant 781-767-1469 or Stephen Williams 781-767-2763 or talk to us at church if interested.

CHRIST THE KING

Health Care Reform

Congress continues to debate health care reform legislation. While the U.S. House passed a health care bill that prevents the federal government from funding elective abortions, the U.S. bishops remain deeply concerned about Senate action, especially as it will affect abortion funding, conscience rights, affordability for the poor and vulnerable, and accessibility for immigrants.

Last weekend you received a special flier/bulletin insert from the U.S. Bishops Conference asking you to please contact your Senators immediately and urge them to address these moral issues. The flier/bulletin insert included a web address that allows you to send an email message to Congress with a click of a button. Additional fliers/bulletin inserts can be found at the back of church. The bishops have asked for our swift action and our prayers. Thank you for your help. We can help make sure that health care reform will be about saving lives, not destroying them.

350 Year Vincentian Legacy

Did you know that the Daughters of Charity, who have lived and served in St. Joseph's Parish since 1962, were founded in Paris, France by St. Vincent DePaul and St. Louise deMarillac in 1633? This year we are celebrating the 350th anniversary of the deaths of our founders, and would like to share a little bit more about them and our legacy. Our Vincentian Family has grown remarkably since the time of St. Vincent and St. Louise. Did they ever dream that lay groups like the Ladies of Charity would have more than 250,000 members and the Society of St. Vincent DePaul would have more than half a million members in more than 135 countries? Did they ever dream that the Virgin Mary would ask one of their daughters, Catherine Labouré, to have a medal struck in honor of the Immaculate Conception and that even in Catherine's lifetime one billion medals were made and sent throughout the world and that today millions of people would be enrolled in the Miraculous Medal Association? Did they ever dream that Youth Groups mandated by the Virgin Mary in the apparitions to Catherine Labouré would in the 20th century rapidly become organized in more than 50 countries, and that Vincentian Lay Missionaries would begin to establish permanent missions in places like Mozambique, Honduras and Bolivia?

350 years and still counting!

Parish Grand Annual Collection

Thank you! We have received over **\$27,230** towards our annual goal of **\$38,000**, and envelopes are still coming in! Certainly, a pledge may be paid over any period of time you wish and you can place your envelope in the regular (*first*) collection basket or return it to the rectory. Whatever offering each individual or family might make will be used to renovate the lower and upper Church this year to provide more space for our adult and youth activities.

COMPREHENSIVE YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAM

Bringing Teens and Youth to Christ

The following is a list of activities within the next month that will help bring our young people and teens to Christ. We need YOU to be with US.

November 22nd Instructional Mass/Class for grades 7, 8, 9 and families (4-5:30 pm). All family members are strongly encouraged to attend

November 25th Mass of Gratitude 6pm - All ages participate in this Liturgy

November 30th 7pm CYM Steering Committee Meeting

December 2nd Trip to LIFT Night (see below)

December 6th Grades 7 & 8 (9-noon) student and parent trip to Jason Everett Presentation.

LIFT goes on the road: The energetic praise and worship program LIFT will be at St. Thomas Aquinas in Bridgewater on Wednesday December 2 from 7-9 pm. We invited ALL students and their parents grade 7 and up to join us as well as any interested parishioner. This is a unique opportunity for adoration, dynamic speakers and uplifting music, all geared to our young people. We will have a bus leave from St. Joseph and it will be first come, first served. Please call Maura Burke at 781 767 0563 ASAP so you may get a spot on the bus.

God of the City Tour: November 30 – December 4

Join LIFT Ministries and the Office for the New Evangelization of Youth & Young Adults for the God of this City Tour coming to the Archdiocese of Boston November 30 – December 4. Each night will feature praise & worship music, dynamic speakers, confessions and Eucharistic Adoration. Please join us at a parish near you each night from 7 -9PM. We hope to see YOU there!

Monday St. Joseph, Wakefield with speaker
Fr. Matt Williams

Tuesday St. Paul, Wellesley with speaker Bob Gill

Wednesday St. Thomas Aquinas, Bridgewater with speaker Sr. Olga

Thursday St. Augustine, Andover with speaker
Fr. John Capuci

Friday Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston with
Cardinal Seán O'Malley

Details can be found at www.godofthiscitytour.com.

There will a meeting of the Youth Group Steering Committee on Monday November 30th at 7pm in the school cafeteria.

Upcoming: There is a ski trip being planned for Monday, December 28th to Gunstock Mountain in NH for students in grades 7 and up. Please contact Sue Crowley at 781 767 1572 or Maura Burke at 781 767 0563.

The Holbrook Health Department has been given a small number of **HINI** vaccine to be distributed on Monday, 11/23. Please call 767-3030 for more information.

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ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

Christmas Wreath Sale

St. Joseph School Class of 2010 will be selling 14-inch Christmas wreaths adorned with a bright bow of red, gold or Christmas plaid. The cost of each wreath is \$12.00. The wreath sale will take place after Mass on Thanksgiving weekend. Thank you for supporting the eighth grade class!

Holiday Lottery Sale

Holiday Lottery Calendars can be purchased at the school office for \$10.00 each. Perfect as a stocking stuffer or special gift! Thank you for your support!

Athletic Program Patrons

If you would like to support St. Joseph's Basketball teams and Cheerleaders as a patron, please consider making a donation of five dollars (checks made out to the school). With the increased cost of referees your support is greatly appreciated!

Coats for Kids

Once again Saint Joseph School students are collecting coats for Anton Cleaner's, Coats for Kids. We appreciate your donation of quality winter coats for kids, adults and babies. No tears, rips, missing buttons or zippers, please. Donation boxes are set up in the school lobby. The coats are distributed by community agencies to those in need. Your generosity will keep a family or family member warm this winter!

Make a Book Donation the Gift of the Season

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the Saint Joseph School library. All donations are used to improve the reading and research opportunities for our students. Each \$20 donation purchases a hardcover book with a commemorative bookplate that notes the name of the honoree and the donor. What a wonderful gift an honorary book at Christmas would make. Thank you for making a lasting educational gift to the school for our students. We appreciate your donation!

Team I under the direction of Jean Elliott will volunteer at Bingo on Friday, November 27th.

Parish Giving

I am very thankful for every gift that helps us do all that we do here, and I am grateful that some parishioners are able to help by increasing their weekly giving knowing a good number of families in our parish have been greatly affected by the loss of jobs and income. The first collection for last week was **\$4,478.**

The second collection for the Philippines was **\$641.** Next week's second collection is for Support of the School. Thank you for your financial commitment to our parish life!

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

MASS OF GRATITUDE: The annual **MASS OF GRATITUDE** will be held Wednesday evening the **25th at 6pm**. This annual event has become the unofficial kick-off to our Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations. Music will be provided by the Adult Choir and the newly formed Children's Choir. Please bring a canned or boxed food to benefit the Holbrook Food Pantry and we will present these donations at the offertory. Hope to see you **Wednesday at 6pm**.

Grade 7, 8 and 9 will have class this **Sunday the 22nd from 4-5:30** in the church. Please note the time change. This will be an "Instructional Mass" where explanations are given throughout the Mass on all aspects of the Liturgy and Church tradition. We strongly encourage all family members to join us at this Liturgy as well as we all strive to deepen our understanding and appreciation of the Mass.

There will be **NO** CCD classes for any grade on Sunday November 29th due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Paint Your Own Pottery - Family Nights

Tuesday, December 1st from 5:30 - 9:30 at South Shore Pottery, Route 18, Abington. Great for all family members! Work on your holiday gift list or just a holiday decoration for yourself. Price is \$12.00. This includes light refreshments, paint, supplies, firing of piece and a chance to win the door prize. This does not include the price of the piece. They range from \$4 to \$50. You can pay for the ticket that evening, but you **MUST RSVP** due to a limited number of seats available. Please contact Kelli O'Leary at 781-767-0971 or kelliolareary@verizon.net. This event is helping to support the St. Joseph Comprehensive Youth Ministry. Have fun while supporting a great cause for the young people of our community.

Thanksgiving Dance

Grades 6, 7 & 8

St. Joseph & St. Michael Youth Groups

Saturday, November 28th

7:00PM – 10:00PM

St. Charles Hall

Admission \$5.00

To all Middle School Students:

We are looking for a catchy name for the newly formed Youth Group at St. Joseph's. We also need a logo to put on our letter head. Please submit your choices to st.joseph.re@comcast.net or give to your teacher. We need all entries by November 30th.

ALL ENTRIES WILL RECEIVE A PRIZE AS WELL AS A GRAND PRIZE WINNER!!