

Greetings!

“But it shall not be so among you!”

It’s been suggested that we generally fall into one of two camps. One, we don’t think we’re as good as we really are or two, we think we’re better than we really are (*and you’re kind not to say where I fall*). As a priest, I think this can sometimes be seen in and around the Sacrament of Confession. For example, one person might think they don’t do anything right whereas another person thinks they can’t do anything wrong.

Likewise, one person might think they’ve never really sinned and don’t need the Sacrament of Confession whereas another person might think they’ve sinned too much and *can’t* go to Confession. In either case, recalling the example of the late John Paul II is good for us. Here was a man who arguably did many great things and was acclaimed a saint even before his death and yet he went to confession every week. (*As a sidebar, in this Year of the Priest the Church has honored all priests with the example of St. Jean Marie Vianney. He was a priest known to sit in the confessional for 16 hours a day as people flocked hundreds of miles to have him hear their confession.*)

Nevertheless, all of us can be tempted to look for reasons to sneak out the ‘back door’ of making a good confession even before we get inside the front door of a confessional (*and ours has both*). The Lord knows our hearts and desires that we be reconciled to Him. He gave us the Sacrament to become perfectly human as He is perfect.

The reality is that we do share a common human nature which no other creature has and therefore we all struggle with the effects of original sin: *trying to live well in the midst of temptations*. And, since we are the only rational creatures on earth, we can examine our conscience each day/evening to see how we’re living up to our call to be ‘human’. (*Just like I’ve never seen an ape sit down at the piano to play Mozart, I’ve never seen an ape make the sign of the cross and a good confession!*)

Just as we all struggle to overcome sinful ways we need the grace of both the Eucharist and Confession regularly to overcome an inclination to ‘act like animals’. And without God’s grace we cannot live the very lives we desire and strive to live. (*And, yes, this includes we priests who are feeble and must begin again through the Sacrament of Confession and I do appreciate it is much easier to make a weekly confession when you actually live with a priest!*)

The two apostles, James and his brother John, were still learning about discipleship and leadership (*“whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all”*) yet they too would come to humbly recognize that we become Christ-like when we receive the Eucharist and Confession regularly. It’s what gave them the grace to live a holy life (*and receive a special place in heaven*). If you haven’t been recently, please come to Confession and feel the healing grace of God and prepare for your ultimate goal: *to sit at the right-hand of the heavenly Father!* God bless!

Mass Intentions for the Week


Saturday, October 17th

4:00PM	Judy Masone	20 th Anniversary
	May & Tony Ganetta & Margie Ganetta	Memorial Mass

Sunday, October 18th

7:30AM	Parishioners of St. Joseph	
9:30AM	Patricia Harvey	9 th Anniversary
11:30AM	Theodore Aveni	12 th Anniversary

Saturday, October 24th

4:00PM	Kathleen Burke	6 th Anniversary
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Sunday, October 25th

7:30AM	Parishioners of St. Joseph	
9:30AM	Robert Page	Memorial Mass
11:30AM	Gertrude Bates	Memorial Mass

Parish Grand Annual Collection

Thank you! After our second weekend, we have 180 families pledging \$19,116 towards our *Parish Grand Annual Collection* goal of \$38,000! I am humbly asking each family or household to prayerfully consider what contribution they can make toward our growing parish life and needs, and to use our envelopes (*as a way for me to thank each family personally*).

Your pledge may be paid over any period of time you wish and you can place your envelope in the regular (*first*) collection basket during the month of October or return it to the rectory. An annual pledge of \$200 is \$4 a week. If your means may allow a larger sacrificial gift, I am very grateful. Yet, whatever offering each individual or family might make will help us renovate the lower and upper Church this year to provide more space for our youth and adult activities as well as our spiritual needs!

LIFT – Catholic Worship for a NEW Generation

Join us for LIFT - an exciting monthly worship event which includes vibrant praise and worship music, dynamic, challenging speakers and Eucharistic Adoration. LIFT is for all ages - from young adults to adults to teens to entire families. Be with us Tuesday, October 20th from 7 - 9pm at Fontbonne Academy, Milton as we welcome recording artist Matt Maher as our guest. Come join in worship with hundreds of Catholics from around the Boston area!

One World Praying

This Sunday we celebrate a call for One Hundred Million prayers around the world for Life and Peace. Please join your prayers to *One World Praying* and watch it live on EWTN television on Sunday, October 18 from 11AM to 5:30PM.

Bazaar News

The **Parish Bazaar** will take place **November 21**. Can you help? Many crafts, items and workers are necessary to make this year's Bazaar successful. Please call the rectory if you can help with one of the many teams or can donate an item or two. *Thank you!*

Please set aside items for the **White Elephant Table** and books, DVDs and videos for the **Book Table**. Drop off dates will be the weekends of **November 7/8 & 14/15 from 3 to 4 on Saturday and 9 to 1 on Sunday**.

Unopened bottles of cheer are needed for the **Wheel of Cheer**. And the **Basket Raffle** needs theme baskets or you can make a donation towards the baskets. Please drop these off at the Rectory during business hours.

We are **desperately** in need of items for our **Craft Table**. If you have a craft you do well and can make some for the Bazaar, please call the rectory.

The **Lucky Star Roll-Up Table** needs **your** help. We need any new or never used items. Large or small doesn't matter as long as it is **New or Never Used**. We also need people to work the table the day of the Bazaar. If you have any items and/or can help, please call Maryann at 3244.

The **Religious Goods Table** is looking for donations. Items such as rosaries, pictures, statues and books would be appreciated. Items may be left at the Rectory or call Terry Grzybinski at 767-4937 if they need to be picked up.

Fresh baked goods are needed for our **Baked Goods Table**. They can be dropped off in the School Lobby from 3 – 5PM on Friday, November 20th or at the Bake Table on Saturday morning.

The **South Shore Polar Express** is leaving Saturday, December 5th from the Kingston MBTA station. There are 4 tickets for the 1:30PM train and 4 for the 4:00PM train. The chances are 1 for \$5 and 3 for \$10. Get your chances after the Masses the next few weekends. The lucky winners will be drawn at the parish bazaar. For more information or for chances call Nancy at 767-4539 or Louise at 767-0380.

Wedding Banns

- I. Kane Currey and Gina Ierardi
- III. Wilbert Caristhene and Magdala Abelard

Congratulations! And let us joyfully pray for all our engaged-couples as they prepare for their marriage in Christ!

Office for the New Evangelization Archdiocese of Boston

The Office for the New Evangelization is sponsoring the following events for Young Adults:

October 31 from 7 to 11PM **Night of the Living** with Cardinal O'Malley at St. Leonard of Port Maurice Church, the North End consisting of Adoration, Mass and a social.

November 13 from 7:30 to 11PM **Jesus in the North End** at St. Leonard of Port Maurice Church, the North End consisting of Holy Hour, Reconciliation and Mass. For more information contact Lauren Hardegen at youngadults@rcab.org or 617-746-5812.

Remembrance Mass

When: Sunday, November 1 at 4:00PM
Where: St. Brendan Church
589 Gallivan Blvd., Dorchester

A Mass in memory of family, relatives and friends of the Boston Irish and Irish/American communities will be celebrated by Bishop Hegarty, Bishop of Derry.
and

A Mass will be celebrated by Fr. McCarthy on Thursday November 19 at Noon at the Irish Cultural Centre, Canton. To have your loved ones remembered and have a candle lit call 617-479-7404 x11 or email kathleenipc@yahoo.com to add their names to the "Remembrance List."

Parish Giving

Thank you! Last weekend's first collection for our daily operations was **\$3,270** and the second collection for the Capital Improvement fund was **\$1,217**. The second collection next weekend is for Support of the School. Thank you for your generosity and making a strong commitment to our parish life!



"But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." - Mk 10:43-45

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ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

Family Harvest Dance

The St. Joseph School Parent Organization will be holding a Family Harvest Dance Saturday, October 17th from 5-8 pm. We hope to see you there!

Suitcase for Kids

St. Joseph School students are participating in the "Suitcase for Kids" program. Donations of useable backpacks and suitcases are being collected for foster children, giving them a means to carry and organizes their belongings. Items will be collected until October 30th and can be dropped off at the school. Thank you!

Comprehensive Youth Ministry Program

The Steering Committee of the Comprehensive Youth Ministry Program will be held on Tuesday, October 27th at 7pm in the cafeteria.

WE NEED YOU: Are you wondering how you might help the Comprehensive Youth Ministry Program? There are plenty of ways to assist us - you need not be a parent of a teenager. Please call Maura Burke at 781 767 0563 or speak with Father Ed. **WE NEED YOU!**

COSMIC BOWLING FUNDRAISER

Come and bring your family & friends to an afternoon of fun for all ages while raising money for

St. Joseph Parish Comprehensive Youth Ministry

Friday November 6, 2009

4-6pm

TIMBER LANES

460 Bedford St. (Rt. 18) Abington

Purchase Tickets in advance

Available through Religious Ed program,

St. Joseph School and after all the Masses Saturday

October 24 and Sunday October 25

Tickets are \$10 each and include shoes

Contact Laura Grant with questions at 781-767-1469.

Mass and Healing Service

A Mass and Healing Service will be held at the Immaculate Conception Church, Route 27, Stoughton on Sunday, October 25th at 2:00PM with Fr. Joseph McDermott. All those who have illnesses or are suffering emotionally, mentally, spiritually, psychologically or financially are cordially invited to come and pray with us.

Advertiser of the Week

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FIRST PENANCE/FIRST COMMUNION MEETINGS

All parents (Religious Education and St. Joseph School) of children who will be receiving First Penance and First Communion must attend **one of two meetings** where all aspects of both celebrations will be discussed, including the dates and times. The meetings are Sunday, October 25th at 12:30 **OR** Monday October 26th at 6:30 pm. Both meetings are in the Church Hall.

Retreat Team Meeting: The final meeting for the retreat team for our Ninth Grade Retreat to be held on Sunday, November 1st is **Sunday, October 18th at 7:30PM** in the gym of the school. The Confirmation Retreat is Sunday, November 1st from 9-4:30 at Holy Cross Family Ministries for all students enrolled in our Confirmation Program. Families are strongly encouraged to join us for Mass at 3:30 in the chapel.

Coming Soon: The Religious Education Program hopes to soon establish a program for special education (ages 6-22). If you know of a student who may be interested or are an adult who can volunteer, please call Maura Burke at 781 767 0563.

Catholic Schools Open Houses

Archbishop William	October 25	12-2pm
	November 5	6-8pm
Cardinal Spellman	October 22	7:15pm
Catholic Memorial	October 18	1-3pm
Notre Dame Academy	October 18	1-3pm
	November 5	6-8pm
St. Sebastian	October 29	5:30-7:30pm
Ursuline Academy	October 25	1-4pm
Xaverian Brothers	October 25	10am-1pm

Children's Costume Halloween Party

When: October 31, 2009 1 – 4PM
Where: W. B. Dalton American Legion Post
777 Plymouth St., Holbrook

This event is for children 12 and under in costume. There will be a DJ, Hot Dogs, Cupcakes, Candy and Games. All Children are welcome to attend.