Don Orione Fathers
St. Joseph - St. Lazarus Parish

“"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me...”
~John 10:14
MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass in the Chapel
Monday - Saturday: 9 am
Saturday: 4 pm
Confession: 3 - 3:45 pm
Sunday: 9 am & 11 am

PARISH INFORMATION

St. Joseph - St. Lazarus Parish is a community of believers served by the Sons of Divine Providence - Don Orione Fathers.

St. John LaVita by Mary D'Orazio
St. Peter Chanel, priest and martyr
9am
St. Catherine of Siena, virgin and doctor of the church
9am
Sr. Patricia Hogan by Suzanne & Bob
St. Pius V, pope
9am
St. Joseph the Worker
9am
Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday, April 25, 2015
St. Mark, evangelist
9am Community Mass:
Colagiovanni, Gaudino, Ruggiero & Buda
Families by family
Deceased members of the Manning Family
The Armata family by family
4pm Confirmation

Sunday, April 26, 2015
9am Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
11am People of the Parish

Monday, April 27, 2015
9am John LaVita by Mary D'Orazio

Tuesday, April 28, 2015
St. Peter Chanel, priest and martyr
9am

Wednesday, April 29, 2015
St. Catherine of Siena, virgin and doctor of the church
9am Sr. Patricia Hogan by Suzanne & Bob

Thursday, April 30, 2015
St. Pius V, pope
9am

Friday, May 1, 2015
St. Joseph the Worker
9am Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday, May 2, 2015
St. Athanasius, bishop and doctor of the church
9am Our Lady of Fatima
4pm Maria Conte by Sandra, Giovanni and Francesco Buccella

Sunday, May 3, 2015
9am People of the Parish
11am John McDonald by John Marinella & family

The Church is open for private prayer and meditation.

Monday - Friday
8 am - 4 pm

59 Ashley Street, East Boston, MA 02128
FROM THE PASTOR

Thank You...from Fr. Mirek

To the Confirmation Candidates; Carina Barbarisi, Jacqueline Brangiforte, Makenzie Bruno, Deanna DiMarzo, Aidan Goodwin, Samantha Piemonte, Victoria Raimondi, Stephen Rich and Rachel Tassinari for choosing to continue this journey in faith that your parents and godparents started you on when you were baptized. And, also for your participation at Mass and parish activities.

To Fr. James Flavin, Episcopal Vicar of the Central Region, thank you for coming to St. Joseph - St. Lazarus Parish to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation.

To the parents and sponsors of the Candidates, thank you for attending to their continued journey in faith with our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ.

To Mark & Therese Tassinari, our Confirmation Teachers, Maria Zolla and Marianne Cincinnati, our Religious Education Co-Directors, who have prepared the Candidates over the past two years with generous dedication, good example and witness to their faith, a most sincere thank you.

To Paul Racki, our Director of Music and the choir for filling our celebration of Sacrament of Confirmation with beautiful music.

REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, Jesus says that He is the good shepherd the prophets had promised to Israel.

He is the shepherd-prince, the new David - who frees people from bondage to sin and gathers them into one flock, the Church, under a new covenant made in His blood.

His flock includes other sheep, He says, far more than the dispersed children of Israel. And He gave His Church the mission of shepherding all peoples to the Father.

In today’s First Reading, we see the beginnings of that mission in the testimony of Peter, whom the Lord appointed shepherd of His Church.

Peter tells Israel’s leaders that the Psalm we sing today is a prophecy of their rejection and crucifixion of Christ. He tells the "builders" of Israel’s temple that God has made the stone they rejected the cornerstone of a new spiritual temple, the Church.

Through the ministry of the Church, the shepherd still speaks, and forgives sins, and makes His body and blood present, that all may know Him in the breaking of the bread. It is a mission that will continue until all the world is one flock under the one shepherd.

In laying down His life and taking it up again, Jesus made it possible for us to know God as He did - as sons and daughters of the Father who loves us. As we hear in today’s Epistle, He calls us His children, as He called Israel His son when He led them out of Egypt and made His covenant with them.

Today, let us listen for His voice as He speaks to us in the Scriptures, and vow again to be more faithful followers. And let us give thanks for the blessings He bestows from His altar.

"Let the children come to me... for to such belongs the kingdom of God." Luke 18:16

Congratulations to Oliver Leonard Neveu who was baptized on April 19. In receiving the Light of Christ through baptism may you also bring that Light to all those you meet.
Fourth Sunday of Easter  

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

ROSARY: Every morning at 8.30 am before Mass.

CONFESSION: Saturday 3 - 3:45 pm or by appointment.

BAPTISM: Infant and child baptisms by arrangement. Please call the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Arrangements must be made at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: By arrangement. Please call the parish office and speak with Fr. Mirek.

HOLY COMMUNION OF THE SICK: First Friday of the month. Please call the rectory to make arrangements.

PRAYER CORNER

Please keep the following in your prayers:


RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

April/May/June Calendar

4/26 - CCD classes resume
5/24 - Memorial Day - No CCD
6/07 - Last day of CCD, Children’s Choir will sing at 9am Mass
6/13 - Rehearsal - First Holy Communion, 11:30am
6/14 - First Holy Communion, 9am. Children must be in the church hall by 8:15.

ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAZARUS

Flea Market/Grandma’s Attic Fundraiser

The Fundraising Committee is planning a Flea Market/Grandma’s Attic Fundraiser. This fundraiser will be held in the parking lot of St. Joseph – St. Lazarus Church on Saturday, June 20 from 10am to 4pm. Table rental cost: $25 per table.

VENDORS WANTED

RENT YOUR TABLE NOW!

We would like to make The St. Joseph – St. Lazarus Flea Market/Grandma’s Attic fundraiser for our church as successful as our Holiday Bazaar has been in past years.

Call Judy at 617.569.0406 for more information on renting a table and an application.

DONATIONS

The committee is asking for your help with the donations to the church table and bake table. If you have items you would like to donate please call the rectory at 617.569.0406.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed in many areas and help is ALWAYS welcome. No matter what your interest or talent, there is something here for you to do. Call the rectory at 617.569.0406 for more information and to volunteer.

This is a great opportunity to meet neighbors and fellow parishioners and maybe make a new friend.

ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAZARUS

Annual Clothing Drive

Saturday, May 2, 8am - 5pm
Sunday, May 3, 8am - 1pm

Salesians Boys & Girls Club Parking Lot
Corner of Byron & Bennington Streets

Thirteen Tuesday Novena to St. Anthony (#7)
7pm
Fourth Sunday of Easter

RELGIOUS EDUCATION
Our Religious Education program provides teachings in the practice of our faith. It is offered to kindergarten through high school students. Programs include sacramental preparation.

Grades K - 8 meet Sunday after the Family Mass at 9am in the church hall.

Grades K - 8 email - stj-stlccdprogram@hotmail.com

First Communion
Preparation begins in 1st grade. Children receive First Communion in 2nd grade.

Confirmation
The Confirmation Program is a two year program beginning in the 9th grade. Students are confirmed in the spring of the 10th grade. Class meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the church hall.

Confirmation email - mtassfamily@gmail.com

ALTAR SERVERS
Boys and girls attending grades three through high school who have received their First Communion are invited to participate in the altar servers’ ministry. Please contact the parish office or speak to Fr. Mirek for more information.

USHERS/GREETERS
This ministry is open to people who want to interact with parishioners by greeting them as they come to church. The head usher is responsible for asking parishioners to take the offering of bread and wine to the altar. After Mass, ushers distribute the bulletins. For more information please contact the parish office.

LECTORS/READERS
Lectors proclaim the Word of God through the first two readings. They also make announcements before the liturgy. We are in need of lectors. Please contact the parish office or speak with Fr. Mirek.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist assist in sharing the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ with the congregation as well as in our local hospitals and nursing homes. A candidate, under normal circumstances, has to be confirmed. Please contact the parish office to arrange a meeting with Fr. Mirek if you would like to become a Eucharistic Minister.

MUSIC MINISTRY - ADULT & CHILDREN’S CHOIRS
We invite any interested singers to contact the parish office or speak with Paul Racki our Music Director for more information. The only requirement is that you enjoy singing.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL
9am Mass - Fourth Sunday of the Month

ANNUAL DEVOTIONS TO ST. ANTHONY
Thirteen Tuesdays prior to June 13, 7pm

COURAGEOUS GENERATION
New members are always welcome. Come as a guest—leave as a friend. Meets in the church hall every Thursday after the 9am Mass, September until June.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY
Meets the second Saturday of the month in the church hall. For more information call the parish office.

WHY CATHOLIC?
...explores how we celebrate our Catholic faith with the sacraments. From the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist to the Sacrament of Marriage, you will have the opportunity to experience the sacraments with more love and purpose and enrich your faith life in the process.

FUNDRAISING
We know between family and work it is hard to commit to a regular monthly meeting but we still need your help. We are always looking for fresh ideas for fundraising events. Volunteers are needed in many areas and help is ALWAYS welcome. No matter what your interest or talent, there is something here for you to do. A successful event depends on a large and willing crowd of volunteers. Commit to one event or commit to all, it’s your choice. For more information please call the rectory at 617.569.0406.

PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION
The Offertory is the parish’s principal source of income. Your offering pays for utilities, staff salaries, insurance, property upkeep, supplies and support for our parish ministries.

Our weekly goal is $3,600.
Weekly Offering - $1,606.
Plowing & Snow Removal - $832.
This week we were minus by $1,162.
Second collection this week:
Heating of the Church
Second collection next week:
Parish Maintenance
Thank you for your continued generosity.

THE DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN CONTENT IS NOON ON TUESDAY ...Thank you!
April 17, 2015

Dear Parent,

As we come to the end of this year’s Religious Education program I would like to take this time to thank you for your participation in our Religious Ed/CCD program and your continued support of our parish. I would also like to thank the dedicated teachers who help our children grow in their faith.

Our Religious Education program serves children, kindergarten through high school. Beginning with the 2015-2016 enrollments ALL children will be required to actively participate in ALL years of the Religious Ed/CCD program to be eligible to receive Confirmation in Grade 10. This change to our program requirements is essential to help the children of our parish family learn and grow in their faith formation and to help you as parents to fulfill the promise you made at your child’s baptism to raise him or her in the Catholic faith.

Before starting the new CCD year parent/guardian are required to fill out a new registration form for each child in your household that will be attending CCD. Registration forms for 2015-2016 will be sent home with the children on May 3. Please register your child(ren), K through high school, as soon as possible to aid in planning. Return forms to Maria Zolla, Marianne Cincinnato or the parish office no later than May 31.

- Registration form must be complete and accurate.
- Parent/guardian must sign the form.
- Mark the grade your child will be entering and the Sacraments he/she has already received. A baptismal certificate is required for children baptized outside of the parish.
- Registration Fee: $60 first child, $50 second child, $50 third child. Please make checks payable to St. Joseph – St. Lazarus Parish.

Again, thank you for your continued support of our parish and for your family’s participation in our Religious Ed/CCD program. It continues to be a privilege to serve as your pastor.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Mirek
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Rachel mourns her children; She refuses to be consoled, because her children are no more. Thus says the Lord: “Cease from your cries of mourning. Wipe the tears from your eyes…There is hope for your future.” Jeremiah 31:15-17

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