

# St Joseph Parish



## Pentecost Sunday

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**SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE:** SAT 4:00pm, SUN 9:00am & 11:30am, MON-FRI 12:10pm

**Reconciliation:**

Prior to all Masses & any time by appointment

**Rosary:**

Wednesday following Mass and every 2nd Saturday @ 9:30am

**Sacraments & RCIA, Baptism, Marriage:**

Contact the parish office to arrange an appointment.

**New Worshipers & Registration:**

Please introduce yourself to Fr. White after Mass. To become a registered parishioner, please contact the parish office or visit our website.

**MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday, June 8

4:00 PM.....George Lerra (7 yrs)

Sunday, June 9

9:00 AM.....Gary Thompson

11:30 AM.....Healing Needs of the Church

Monday, June 10

12:10 PM.....The Jewish People

Tuesday, June 11

12:10 PM.....Sr. Agnes Wan

Wednesday, June 12

12:10 PM.....Ordination Class 2019

Thursday, June 13

12:10 PM.....All Lost Souls

Friday, June 14

12:10 PM.....50th Jubilee Ordination Class

Saturday, June 15

4:00 PM.....All Fathers

Sunday, June 16

9:00 AM.....Kathleen Martin

11:30 AM.....All Fathers, Grandfathers, & God Fathers

**OUTREACH**

Our weekly food drive has a long tradition here at St. Joseph's. Catholic Social Teaching has at its core the gospel message and mission we respond to by assisting those in need. Pastoral home visits and the distribution of the Eucharist is always an aspect of parish life that is significant to our neighbors unable to attend mass. Seasonal and special occasions allow us particular opportunities to assist one another. Contact us & or Sarah Smith, outreach coordinator, for further information outreach@stjosephboston.com Just this past week 3 more individuals responded to be more involved...

**THIS SUNDAY - JUNE 9**

D2A Dialogue to Action is yet another community/municipal collaboration St Joseph's has been involved with for some months. This discussion and strategic planning focusses on resiliency, social and racial equity. A people of Boston interfaith peace prayer gathering will occur Pentecost Sunday June 9, 3:00pm at Jim Rice Field, 1931 Washington Street. For more info see flyer at church entrance. Consider joining this unity and harmony prayer effort in the Spirit of Pentecost. If this social justice interests you contact Fr Joe more entailed information.

SUMMER LOCAL & CITY HAPPENINGS & HISTORICAL SITES & ATTRACTIONS

- Stroll over to 24 School Street, across from Old City Hall 1788 & site of first Catholic Church building & first legislatively sanctioned public Catholic Mass celebrated by Abbe'dela Poterie (a former French naval chaplain)
  - Boston Public Library - Copley Square free guided tours 617 536 5400 M 2:30, Tu, Th 6pm; W,F,Sat 11am; Sun 2pm; 700Boylston departs Dartmouth St lobby
  - Boston MBTA Commuter Boat service Crosses between Columbus Park- Long Wharf & Charlestown Navy Yard at U.S.S. Constitution \$3.50! (Ever experience the nightly sunset canon salute and lowering of the colors?)
  - Monday, June 24th 7:10pm Catholic Night at Fenway Red Sox vs White Sox for tickets & transportation reservations contact John in our office
  - June 9-16 Boston Early Music Festival (617 661 1812) bemf.org 8 days of award winning opera, concerts and exhibition
  - June 25th 10-6, Downtown Abbey, The Exhibition The Castle at Park Plaza 130 Columbus Ave (866 811 4111)
  - North End Feasts: Saint Anthony of Padua Procession 5:00 pm Mass at St. Leonard Church 6:00 pm Candlelight Procession - Starts at St. Leonard Church, Hanover & Prince Streets
  - July Age Strong & St Joseph Harbor Cruise Luncheon STAY TUNED
  - Parish Picnic/BBQ Sunday Aug 4 12:30 (following mass)
  - Boston Harbor Hotel - Summer in the city Tuesdays through Fridays & began June 6, each night sporting a different theme Tues - Pop Soul, Wed - Rat Pack, Thurs - Blues Movies Fridays 6-10pm beginning June 7th w/ Mission impossible
  - P3 St Joseph's BBQ Mon July 22 following 7-8pm prayer
  - SAVE THE DATE - six months till Poinsettia Arts & Crafts Festival!!
- Dec 6, 7, 8 your gifts, talents and assistance are greatly appreciated!!! Help us renew this much loved parish event!

**GO BRUINS!**

**SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE**

With many folks away on weekends or with the good weather (hopefully), folks begin to attend early mass & also with a decreased availability in music and other liturgical ministries there is no 5:00pm mass thru Labor Day. Thank you to all who regularly minister at the 5:00pm and those who are able and willing to.

**MISSION APPEAL**

June 22/23 Fr Dan StLaurent, a New Hampshire native & priest serving in the Diocese of Hultaculpa, Honduras, will be with us here for all masses. There will be a second collection to support the church and ministries of Hultaculpa. Fr Dan might be surprised to see the Honduran flag in our church!



This past week we welcomed 4 new parishioner/residents

Let us know you're new so we can welcome you!

**PARISH SUPPORT**

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Offertory June 2nd.....	\$2,490.97
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Dear parishioners and worshippers, we celebrate the fiftieth and final day of our Easter Season 2019, Pentecost. In fire and wind, as on Mount Sinai, the Spirit of the Lord descends with God's sevenfold gifts of wisdom and understanding, right judgment and courage, knowledge and reverence and wonder. With joy let us renew again the covenant made in the waters of Baptism. Today, our Jewish friends celebrate Shavuot, the Feast of Weeks, commemorating

When the disciples received the Holy Spirit, they were able to proclaim God's word in a way that everyone could understand, no matter their culture, their country or their language. When early Christians received the Holy Spirit, they were able to serve the body of Christ, the church, with unique spiritual gifts. Since we have received the Holy Spirit and continue to be filled with the Holy Spirit, let's ponder how we can use our gifts to the benefit of others.

Centuries ago, a hermit in the deserts of Egypt wrote: "The heart directs and governs all the organs of the body. And when grace pastures the heart, it rules over all the members and the thoughts. For there, in the heart, the mind abides as well as all of the thoughts of the soul and its hopes. This is how grace penetrates throughout all the parts of the body." This hermit, known as "Pseudo-Macarius", understood that the heart is that place where a person's spirit and the Spirit of God exist together. Our mind is an essential part of who we are and we are at our best when our minds and hearts move together.

This unity of mind and heart—a unity that brings individuals together in bonds of faith and love—is at the heart of our Pentecost celebration.

Although it is often overlooked, the great gift of Pentecost was a restoration of lost unity. The Spirit made use of human instruments to be of one voice, one heart, one mind.

Let's not restrict the work of the Spirit. The Spirit binds us all together and enriches us with a diversity of gifts. This diversity is essential to the life and health of community (of our parish). **YOU & YOUR GIFTS ARE NEEDED FOR THE HEALTH & WELL-BEING OF OUR COMMUNITY!** If you only spend 45 minutes to an hour here a week you're in no way aware of just how much your additional time, energy and talent can renew, build and strengthen the life of community. Consider another 45 plus minutes a month (other than mass) to offer support and active participation to an area of parish purpose. The areas of parish life of worship, education and outreach can be so much more enriched by more and more folks. Stop pondering and move from prayer to action! As individual believers and as a church our Pentecost mission, our call, is to open ourselves to the workings of the Spirit. We are called to share our gifts for a common good.

Before we completely enter into summer ordinary time we will celebrate next week, Trinity Sunday and then Sunday the Solemnity of the Body & Blood of Christ. Let's ponder these mysteries and bring forth their realities through random acts of kindness. Our parish will soon enter into "2020 Vision", our parish plan for building up the body of Christ. We will collaborate with church, interfaith and municipal agencies which strengthen the bonds of goodness and grace. You are asked now to consider engaging in our "2020 Vision"—how does that look for you and what might be your role in being an engaged and active member of the Body of Christ. How might you connect an additional 45-60 minutes a month to worship, education and/or outreach? We are indeed called to act in deed with justice! Believe in the surprises of the Holy Spirit!

Gigaia (God is good and I am Grateful)  
Fr Joe

Catholic Television Mass this Pentecost celebrated by St Joseph Parish! View on CTV  
Thank you Bishop Bob Reed & CTV staff for all you do in ministry over the airwaves!

Since Ascension Thursday May 30 Mass at 12:10 we have prayed our Holy Spirit Novena. As with the apostles, disciples and the early church, we have prayed for the descent of the Holy Spirit upon us, the church here of saint Joseph. Let us continue our prayers for building and strengthening the Body of Christ here and now. We especially pray for our ministers and ministries. For all that is needed in strategic planning and how **YOU ARE NEEDED**. Each of us has gifts and talents to be united with those of others and so enabling us keep Christ at the front and center of our parish, our church, our lives. These next two Sundays, Trinity and Body & Blood of Christ we join our prayers with our local and universal church. May these prayers keep us to a focus and perspective for our "2020 Vision" and strategic planning.

### WORSHIP - LITURGY - MUSIC

We plan and pray for our present and future music and liturgical needs. Please note the email address [liturgy@stjosephboston.com](mailto:liturgy@stjosephboston.com) which can be used for any input, interest or comments about music and liturgy. Recently, it was noted that more Breaking Bread Worship and Music books would be appreciated in addition to our weekly printed worship aids. We are responding to this request!

We are very grateful to interim instrumentalists Charley Connor, Bob Judge, Fr Paul Rouse and to Cantors Jaimie, Krystina and Moira who (along with others) have been ministering to our immediate music ministry needs thru May.

Thank you to interns Gary, Jeffery and Jordan and parishioners Shawn, Nicholas & Suzzette Williams and others who have offered interest and support as part of our present ministerial life and to those who are assessing needs and assisting as our search committee. Anyone with particular input to the search and/or our parish music and liturgy please contact me directly Fr Joe or use email [liturgy@stjosephboston.com](mailto:liturgy@stjosephboston.com)

Thank you too, to John Lawless, our pastoral administrative assistant, who is presently taking on the liturgical ministers scheduling and weekly worship aids and other duties. Liturgical ministers are asked to communicate scheduling willingness, availability and requests to [John@stjosephboston.com](mailto:John@stjosephboston.com) anyone interested in "assisting our assistant"! ?

In addition to music ministry, other liturgical ministries are always in need of "summer" support. Consider being an alternate or receiving some training and theological insights into a ministry.

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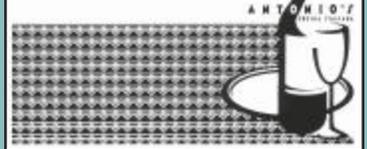
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