

## From Your Pastor

### October News Notes

**Our Annual “Clean Up the Church Day” – Next Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-12:00, with Lunch following.** I would like to invite you to join us again for our annual “fall clean up” of the church. There’ll be plenty to do – big and small tasks, and everyone is welcome – young and old – even if you think you might be able to contribute only a little in the work. We need lots of cheerleaders. The gathering of the community for this event is as important as the work we accomplish. We will provide the cleaning materials and a hot lunch following our work. Just bring yourselves in your old clothes. Please sign up on the sheets at the doors of the church this weekend so we will be prepared for you. If you do not know today if you are free, please call Patricia McShane at the rectory during the week (617-782-5774).



**Celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with Us** – Though the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is celebrated on December 12, the parish Hispanic Community invites all of us to join them in a fall fiesta celebrating Our Lady *next Sunday, October 18, at the 12:45 PM Mass. A reception will follow the Mass.*

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe commemorates the apparition of the Blessed Virgin to an Indian convert, Juan Diego, in 1531, whom she instructed to convey to the bishop her desire that a chapel be erected in her honor on the spot where she had appeared. As a sign she imprinted her image on the peasant's mantle, which is preserved in the shrine and to the intercession of which many miracles have been attributed. The picture, which is on coarsely woven Indian cloth, is assumed to represent the Immaculate Conception, being the figure of a maiden with the sun, moon, and stars, and an angel under the crescent. Pope John Paul II named Our Lady of Guadalupe the Patroness of America.

**Parish Pastoral Council – We Need New Members** If you are interested in being considered for service on the pastoral Council or would like to nominate someone else to the Council, please contact Patricia McShane or

Msgr. Fay at the rectory (617-782-5774) as soon as possible. Those qualified for service are Catholics who participate fully in the sacramental life of the Church, and are active, registered parishioners who are 18 years or older.



The **ARISE Together in Christ** process continues its Third Season. If you would like to join a group, please contact Patricia McShane at the rectory (617-782-5774). You are able to join a group at any time during the Season, which runs through mid-November. As always, we ask you to pray regularly the *ARISE* Prayer (from the prayer card in the pew or the flap of the bulletin) for the success of this spiritual program.

**Pastor’s Parish Listening Session** – As we have done the past several years, I have scheduled an opportunity to offer a few words on the life of the Parish and to listen to your thoughts on the parish. When? → **Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2:30-3:30 PM, Upper Church.** I also offer a **Listening Session in Spanish.** When? → **Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, following the 12:45 Mass, in the School Cafeteria.**

**Flu Season Precautions** – Please help keep us healthy:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.
- Avoid close contact with sick people. Influenza is thought to spread mainly person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected individuals.
- If you are sick, or suspect yourself to be sick with a contagious illness, stay home from work or school and limit contact with others.
- Ministers of Holy Communion should wash their hands before Mass begins, or even to use an alcohol based anti-bacterial solution before and after distributing Holy Communion.



God bless each of you.

*Msgr. Fay*

## ***TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

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**Prayers Are Requested** for those who are ill, for vocations to the Priesthood and to the Consecrated Life; for married couples and for families; for the safe return home of the men and women in our military services; for the prayers listed in our book of intentions; and for the repose of the souls of James P. O'Malley, Julia Theresa O'Connor, Elizabeth Donovan, Joseph Motroni and the deceased members of our parish, our families and our benefactors.

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**World Mission Sunday** is next Sunday. The second collection next week will be for the Catholic World Missions. By Baptism we are all called to be missionaries of our faith. This collection supports more than 1,150 mission dioceses throughout the world. All funds gathered are distributed in the Pope's name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Please be as generous as your means will allow.

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**Please remember the Saint Vincent de Paul boxes.** Through spiritual exercises the Society gains grace and strength to achieve its goal of aiding those who are in material need. The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00 pm in the rectory. Interested parishioners are welcome to join.

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**The Monday Night Prayer Group** will meet this week in the lower church at 7:15 pm. All are invited to join.

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**The Dominican Sisters of Hartford** will be selling bread and pies after the Masses on the weekend of October 24/25. The proceeds from the sale will be used to buy medical supplies for their mission to support lepers.

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**Brighton Allston Historic Calendars** on sale now at the rectory. Cost is \$10.00. They make great gifts and are a real keepsake. This year's theme is transportation.

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**Open Houses:** Catholic Memorial School; Boys, Grades 7-12 on Sunday, October 18 from 1:00 to 3:00. Check website [www.catholicmemorial.org](http://www.catholicmemorial.org) or call 617-469-8019.

Mount Alvernia High School; Girls, Grades 7-12 on Sunday, November 1 from 1:30 to 4:00. Check website [www.mountalverniah.org](http://www.mountalverniah.org) or call 617-969-2260 ext 46.

**Do you like to sing?** The St. Columbkille parish choir is seeking new members to sing for the 11:15 am Mass on Sundays. The only requirements are a pleasant singing voice and the ability to sing on Sunday mornings and on a few holydays during the year. Some music reading ability is helpful but not completely necessary. If you or a family member, relative or friend would be interested in singing with us please contact Joe Policelli at the Parish Office (617-782-5774) or by email at [jrpolicelli@charter.net](mailto:jrpolicelli@charter.net) for more information.

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**St. Columbkille School Open House** will be on Sunday, November 1 from 12-3 pm. St. Columbkille School has grades Pre-K through 8. For more information visit [www.stcolumbkilleschool.net](http://www.stcolumbkilleschool.net) or call 617-254-3110.

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**Project Rachel** is the post-abortion ministry of the Catholic Church to help those dealing with the pain of abortion. The next Project Rachel retreat *Come to the Waters of Healing* will be November 21. To register, email [help@projectrachelboston.com](mailto:help@projectrachelboston.com) or call 508-651-3100. *Trust in the tender mercy of God's love.*

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### **UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

**Thursday, October 15, 7:00 pm** - Theology on Tap at the Greenbriar; Speaker will be Andy Rennie.

**Saturday, October 17, 9:30-12:30** – Fall Church Clean-up

**Thursday, October 22,** - Sodality meeting; Rosary 6:45 pm followed by Mass at 7:00 pm

**Thursday, October 29, 7:00 pm** – Healing Mass

**Saturday, November 7, 2:30-3:30** – Pastor Listening Session

### ***PARISH GIVING***

**Parish Offertory (Oct. 3 – Oct. 4): \$5,387**

**Catholic Appeal (to date): \$38,043**

**St. Vincent de Paul (Oct. 3 – Oct. 4): \$180.00**

***Thank You for Your Generosity***

*OCTOBER 11, 2009*

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**From the Apostolic Exhortation,  
*The Church in America*, by  
Pope John Paul II (d. 2005)**

How can we fail to emphasize the role which belongs to the Virgin Mary in relation to the pilgrim Church in America journeying towards its encounter with the Lord? Indeed, the Most Blessed Virgin “is linked in a special way to the birth of the Church in the history ... of the peoples of America; through Mary they came to encounter the Lord.”

Throughout the continent, from the time of the first evangelization, the presence of the Mother of God has been strongly felt, thanks to the efforts of the missionaries. In their preaching, “the Gospel was proclaimed by presenting the Virgin Mary as its highest realization. From the beginning — invoked as Our Lady of Guadalupe — Mary, by her motherly and merciful figure, was a great sign of the closeness of the Father and of Jesus Christ, with whom she invites us to enter into communion.”

The appearance of Mary to the native Juan Diego on the hill of Tepeyac in 1531 had a decisive effect on evangelization. Its influence greatly overflows the boundaries of Mexico, spreading to the whole Continent. America, which historically has been, and still is, a melting-pot of peoples, has recognized in the mestiza face of the Virgin of Tepeyac, “in Blessed Mary of Guadalupe, an impressive example of a perfectly inculturated evangelization”. Consequently, not only in Central and South America, but in North America as well, the Virgin of Guadalupe is venerated as Queen of all America.

With the passage of time, pastors and faithful alike have grown increasingly conscious of the role of the Virgin Mary in the evangelization of America. In the prayer composed for the Special Assembly for America of the Synod of Bishops, Holy Mary of Guadalupe is invoked as “Patroness of all America and Star of the first and new evangelization.” ...It is my heartfelt hope that she, whose intercession was responsible for strengthening the faith of the first disciples (cf. Jn 2:11), will by her maternal intercession guide the Church in America, obtaining the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, as she once did for the early Church (cf. Acts 1:14), so that the new evangelization may yield a splendid flowering of Christian life.

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**ARISE Together in Christ**

Gracious God and Father,  
we enter into your presence  
realizing you know us better than we know ourselves.  
You know the cares and sufferings  
we carry in our hearts.  
You call us to holiness  
and we trust you to lead us together  
on our journey to be a renewed Church,  
for with you all things are possible.  
Create us anew in Jesus Christ your Son.  
Liberate us from all that keeps us from you.  
Heal us from every form of sin and violence.  
Transform us to live your Word more profoundly.  
Awaken us to the sacred; rebuild trust among us.  
Enliven our parishes; reunite our families.  
May your Holy Spirit empower us  
to live as a community of love,  
freed to share in your work  
of recreating our world and restoring justice.  
We believe you are doing something new,  
calling us to arise together in Christ  
to celebrate the fullness of life. Amen.

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**LEVÁNTATE Unámonos en Cristo**

Dios y Padre de infinita bondad,  
acudimos a Ti sabiendo que nos conoces  
mejor que nosotros mismos nos conocemos,  
y sabes el peso que llevamos  
en nuestro corazón.  
Nos llamas a la santidad  
y, porque para Ti todo es posible,  
confiamos que nos guiarás unidos  
por la senda que nos lleve  
a ser una Iglesia renovada.  
Créanos de nuevo en Jesucristo tu hijo.  
Libéranos de todo lo que nos aleja de Ti.  
Sánanos de toda forma  
de pecado y violencia.  
Transfórmanos para vivir  
tu Palabra más profundamente.  
Despierta en nosotros  
la sed de lo sagrado.  
Restaura entre nosotros la confianza.  
Vivifica nuestras parroquias;  
y reunifica a nuestras familias.  
Que tu Espíritu Santo nos fortalezca  
y nos congregue en una comunidad de amor,  
liberados para servirte y continuar tu misión  
de recrear el mundo y restaurar la justicia.  
Creemos que haces algo nuevo,  
con tu llamado a levantarnos en Cristo  
para celebrar la plenitud de la vida. Amén.

**Masses for the Week**

**Sunday, Oct. 11 – 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

- (Sat.)** 4:00 pm Michael & Margaret Houlihan &  
Thomas & Ann McKniff, Mem.  
7:30 am *Missa pro Populo*  
9:30 am Dante & Margherita Cardarelli, Mem.  
11:15 am Donald Ferguson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann.  
12:45 pm Ana & Ramon Montes, Mem.  
5:00 pm Leone & Maria Alfano & Maria &  
Vincenzo Cirigliano, Mem.

**Mon.** 7:00 am Elizabeth & James McGuirk, Mem.

**Tue.** 7:00 am Charles E. Doyle, 1<sup>st</sup> Ann.

**Wed.** 7:00 am Antonio Cedrone, 18<sup>th</sup> Ann.

**Thu.** 7:00 am Anne Ridge, Mem.

**Fri.** 7:00 am Alan Temple, Mem.

**Sat.** 7:00 am Bartholomew Maher, Mem.

**Sunday, Oct. 18 – 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

- (Sat.)** 4:00 pm Leo & Louise Earls, Mem.  
7:30 am Richard D. Gavin, 13<sup>th</sup> Ann.  
9:30 am *Missa pro Populo*  
11:15 am Allan, Armand & Dennis DiCicco, Mem  
12:45 pm Fidel A. Medina, Mem.  
5:00 pm James & Mary McCarthy, Mem.

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