

# THE BASILICA BULLETIN

Boston's Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help



Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 1, 2019



## From the Rector

Very Rev. Joseph Tizio, C.Ss.R.

This is Labor Day weekend, the "unofficial end of summer". Labor Day always provides us with the opportunity to reflect on the importance of work and its place in our lives. I once read an article in America Magazine written by Jonathan Malesic entitled: "Taming the Demon: How Desert Monks Put Work in Its Place". In the article, he tells the story of a community of Benedictine monks in New Mexico who twenty years ago started creating websites for parishes and dioceses in the United States. The idea became so popular that even the Vatican employed them and the monks were receiving enough income to ensure their future. However, the monks were also working eighteen hour shifts and finally the abbot terminated the entire service because he said the work was taking over their lives and they started to lose sight of who they were as monks.

The author of the article spoke of how the rule of St. Benedict strictly limited work to no more than eight hours a day so that the monks will always keep before themselves the goal of union with Jesus Christ. In speaking about American culture the author says: "We assess people's value by their jobs and demean anyone who cannot work. We drive ourselves to burnout". Spending time in the monastery, the author discovered that the monks worked hard in order to support themselves but also knew when it was time to stop the work and either go to prayer or to rest since life in Christ was the center of their lives. We are not monks but we are Christians and our goal too is life in Christ. Labor Day is an opportunity for us to make sure that Christ always comes first.

## Staffed by The Redemptorists

### Weekday Masses

7:00am and 12:10pm

### Saturday Masses

8:00am and 12:10pm

Vigil: 4:00pm, 7:00pm (Haitian)

### Sunday Masses

9:00am, 12:30pm, 5:00pm

11:00am (Spanish)

### Sacrament of Penance

Monday-Saturday at 11:50am

Saturday 3:30pm

### Wednesday Novena Service

12:10pm, 5:30pm, 6:30pm (Spanish),

7:00pm (Haitian)

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday 8:00am to 5:00pm

## MASS INTENTIONS

## FROM THE RECTOR

### En Español

Este es el fin de semana del Día del Trabajo, el “fin no oficial del verano”. El Día del Trabajo siempre nos brinda la oportunidad de reflexionar sobre la importancia del trabajo y su lugar en nuestras vidas. Una vez leí un artículo en el escritor de la revista América de Jonathan Malesic titulado: “Domar al demonio: cómo los monjes del desierto ponen el trabajo en su lugar”. En el artículo, cuenta la historia de una comunidad de monjes benedictinos en Nuevo México que hace veinte años comenzó a crear sitios web para parroquias y diócesis en los Estados Unidos. La idea se hizo tan popular que incluso el Vaticano los empleó y los monjes recibían suficientes ingresos para asegurar su futuro. Sin embargo, los monjes también trabajaban turnos de dieciocho horas y finalmente el abad terminó el servicio completo porque dijo que el trabajo se estaba apoderando de sus vidas y comenzaron a perder de vista quiénes eran como monjes.

El autor del artículo habló de cómo la regla de San Benito limitó estrictamente el trabajo a no más de ocho horas al día para que los monjes siempre tengan ante sí el objetivo de la unión con Jesucristo. Al hablar sobre la cultura estadounidense, el autor dice: “Evaluamos el valor de las personas por sus trabajos y degradamos a cualquiera que no pueda trabajar. Nos impulsamos al agotamiento”. Al pasar tiempo en el monasterio, el autor descubrió que los monjes trabajaban duro para mantenerse a sí mismos, pero también sabían cuándo era el momento de detener el trabajo y orar o descansar, ya que la vida en Cristo era el centro de sus vidas. No somos monjes pero somos cristianos y nuestra meta también es la vida en Cristo. El Día del Trabajo es una oportunidad para asegurarnos de que Cristo siempre venga primero.

### Reflexión

“En cambio, cuando celebres un banquete, invita a los pobres, a los lisiados, a los cojos, a los ciegos; bienaventurado serás por su incapacidad de recompensarte.” (LUCAS 14:13-14)

Nos cuesta mucho el concepto de dar sin esperar algo a cambio. Incluso cuando damos por caridad, a menudo queremos algo a cambio: un boleto para la rifa, una cena, la oportunidad de jugar al golf o nuestro nombre impreso. Sin embargo, como administradores cristianos, debemos recordar que la verdadera recompensa por lo que damos nos espera en el cielo.

Aug 31

Saturday

8:00am Our Blessed Mother  
12:10pm +Mericile and Merizand Joseph  
Shrine and Purgatorian Members  
4:00pm +Harold Woods  
7:00pm Marie Eveillard and Thanks to Divine Mercy

Sep 01

Sunday

9:00am Joachim Nguyen VonChat  
11:00am +Christina Ortiz  
John Carlos Garcia Ramos  
Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary  
12:30pm +Mary Cheevers-McKenzie  
5:00pm +Judith Ann Davenport

Sep 02

Monday (Labor Day)

9:00am +Kimberly Ann Frawley

Sep 03

Tuesday

7:00am Patrick and Mei Leng Cheng  
12:10pm In Thanksgiving to OLPH

Sep 04

Wednesday

7:00am +Mary Kavanagh  
12:10pm +Sr. Eileen McCarthy, SSND  
6:30pm Purgatorian Society

Sep 05

Thursday

7:00am Marista David  
12:10pm +Nicole Dexter

Sep 06

Friday

7:00am +Carlis Thomas  
12:10pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help



## Religious Education Classes

Registration for Religious Education classes is now open for children ages 6 to 16. Classes will begin on Sunday, September 15th. The cost is \$50 per child payable at the time of registration. For more information or to register for classes, please come to the rectory office. A copy of the child's baptismal certificate will be needed at the time of registration. Registration forms can also be found on our website:

[www.bostonsbasilica.com/worship-with-us/religious-ed](http://www.bostonsbasilica.com/worship-with-us/religious-ed)



# THE REDEMPTORISTS

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Join us as we celebrate the mission and charism of the Redemptorists. This opening event will commence a diverse series of experiences spanning the next two years to reflect on the past and envision the future.

**Saturday, September 14, 2019**

**4:00 pm** Thanksgiving Mass at the Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
**Dinner Reception to Follow On Site at the Basilica's Parish Center**

**\$75 Per Person Dinner**  
**Limited Tickets on Sale Now**  
**[www.bostonsbasilica.com/150](http://www.bostonsbasilica.com/150)**  
**Or Call 617-445-2600**

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**RICA: Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos**

¿Conoces a un adulto de 18 años o mayor que nunca ha sido bautizado y está interesado en la Iglesia Católica? Por favor, invítelos a simplemente dejar su nombre y número de teléfono en la oficina de la rectoría o para hablar con el Padre. Tizio. Por favor, no tengas miedo de invitar a otros a ser miembros de nuestra comunidad de fe.

**Clases de Educación Religiosa**

La inscripción para las clases de Educación Religiosa ahora está abierta para niños de 6 a 16 años. Las clases comenzarán el domingo 16 de septiembre. El costo es de \$ 50 por niño a pagar en el momento de la inscripción.

**Los Redentoristas: 150 Años en Boston**

Únase a nosotros para celebrar la misión y el carisma de los Redentoristas. Este evento de apertura comenzará una serie diversas de experiencias que abarcarán los próximos dos años para reflexionar sobre el pasado y prever el futuro.

**Sábado 14 de Septiembre de 2019**

4:00 pm Misa de Acción de Gracias en la Basílica de Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro. Cena Recepción a seguir en el sitio en el Centro Parroquial de la Basílica.

Entradas Limitadas a la Venta Ahora

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**Redanmtoris Yo: 150 Ane Nan Boston**

Rejwenn nou pandan nap selebre misyon ak karis Redanmtoris yo. Evènman inogiral sa, pral debite divès seri esperyans kap kouvri de prochèn ane kap vini yo, pou reflechi sou sak deja pase pandan nap anvizaje lavni.

**Samdi 14 Septanb 2019**

4:00 pm Mès Aksyon de Gras Nan Bazilik Nòtre Dam Pèpetyèl Sekou. Resèpsyon Dine pral swiv sou sit nan Baz Parish Bazilik la.

Biyè yo Limite; Yo deja An Vant

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**Bible Class in French/Creole  
Every Second Tuesday at 8:00pm**

Mes frères et soeurs. On ne peut donner ce qu'on n'a pas. Tout chrétien, doit connaitre la parole de Dieu. Donc, il est important de se mettre à l'écoute, et à l'étude de la parole de Dieu, pour pouvoir partager avec les autres, combien Dieu nous aime.

Dans le souci de répondre mieux à notre vocation chrétienne, nous avons un cours biblique chaque deuxième Mardi du mois à 8:00 PM.

« Frèm ak sèm yo, nou pa ka bay sa nou pa genyen, donk antan ke kretyen, nou dwe, konnen Paròl Granmèt la. Se sak fè nou gen you kou labib, chak dezyèm Madi, a 8:00 PM. »

**BASILICA MEMORIALS**

**Basilica Memorial Plaque**

Honor a loved one with a permanent memorial inside the Basilica. A limited number of engravable metal plaques are mounted near the Shine and Purgatorian altar for donor contributions of \$1,000 or more. Your gift directly benefits the Basilica and the on going restoration work that is continually needed. A 1" x 4" metal plaque can be engraved with up to 20 characters on each line, up to 4 lines. Spaces and punctuation are characters.



**Masses and Enrollments**

The Basilica's sacred altars and presence as a spiritual home for over a century provides a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the liturgy for your intentions. Masses for living and deceased can be offered throughout the year. We also have special perpetual Mass enrollment societies that provide daily and weekly remembrances as long as the Basilica endures.

For details visit the Rectory Office or our website, [www.bostonsbasilica.com/shop](http://www.bostonsbasilica.com/shop)

## Labor Day

In observance of Labor Day on Monday, September 2nd one Mass will be offered at 9:00am. The church will close following Mass. The Rectory Office will also be closed for the day.

## RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Do you know an adult 18 years of age and older who has never been baptized and is interested in the Catholic Church? Do you know an adult who has been away from the church for a long time and has never made their First Communion or Confirmation? Do you know an adult who is a member of another faith but is interested in the Catholic Faith? Please invite them to simply leave their name and phone number at the Rectory office.

## School Supply Drive

"Fill The Backpack" is a school supply drive to benefit students of the Mission Hill Community. Please consider donating an item to help fill the backpacks from July 1st through August 10th. Items to donate include: No. 2 Pencils, Spiral Notebooks, backpacks, pens, looseleaf paper, crayons, binders, highlighters, pocket folders, markers, rulers, glue sticks. Backpacks filled with supplies will be given to students in August. Help ensure our students are equipped to learn by getting them the supplies they need to succeed! Please bring your donated supplies either to the parish office, or place them in the baskets at the Holy Family altar.

## 7th Annual Walk for the Poor

Our parish chapter of the St. Vincent DePaul Society will hold the annual Friends of the Poor Walk on Saturday, September 28, 2019. This event is part of a national program that provides funding for local Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Conferences. Funds raised from these events remain local, allowing local SVdP Conferences to provide emergency assistance to those in need. The walk is 5.2 miles beginning and ending at the Basilica.

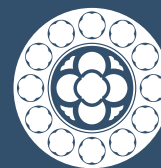
## Fall Women's Retreat

The theme of the retreat this year: "The Call to Holiness." This retreat will invite you to reflect on your personal call to holiness and to the fullness of life in Christ. October 11-13, 2019 at the San Alfonso Retreat Center, Long Branch, NJ. Please sign up at the office if you are interested in attending. We have a bus that can take 35 women. The cost for transportation and retreat is \$335.00 with a \$50 non-refundable deposit, required at sign up. The final payment is due by Sunday, September 29th.

## Reflection

*"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." (Luke 14:13-14)*

We have a difficult time with the concept of giving without expecting something in return. Even when we give to charity we often want something in return - a raffle ticket, a dinner, a chance to play golf or our name in print. Yet, as Christian stewards, we need to remember that the true reward for our giving awaits us in heaven.



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### Our Lady of Perpetual Help Prayer Groups

English - Mondays, 6:30pm in Parish Center  
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