



Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 14th

Vigil: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00 PM **Francesco & Anna Celona**
Requested by Mario & Grace Zarrella

6:00 PM **Mary & Clarence Allain**
Requested by their family

Sunday, August 15th

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM **Rocco DiPasquale**
Requested by his family

10:30 AM **Madonna della Cava**
Requested by Society Members

Monday, August 16th

St. Stephen of Hungary

7:00 AM **Lawrence A. Murchie (Anniversary)**
Requested by his wife Theresa

Tuesday, August 17th

7:00 AM **NO MASS**

Wednesday, August 18th

5:30 PM **Oreste & Carmela Guglielmi**
Requested by their daughters

Thursday, August 19th

St. John Eudes, priest

7:00 AM **Anthony & Tina Alario**
Requested by John & Gina Fanelli

Friday, August 20th

St. Bernard, abbot & doctor of the Church

7:00 AM **Shirley Muscillo**
Requested by Gen Orlando

Saturday, August 21st

Vigil: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **Louis (Butch) Buratti, Jr. (2nd Anniversary)**
Requested by his family

6:00 PM **Deceased Members of the Bisol Family**
Requested by their family

Sunday, August 22nd

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM **Angela & John Cattel**
Requested by their family

10:30 AM **John (Jack) Mulcahy (Anniversary)**
Requested by his wife Gloria & family

August 15, 2010

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*"From this day all generations will call me blessed;
the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is His Name."*

READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18 – 21

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5 – 7, 11 – 13

Gospel: Luke 13:22 – 30

August 8th Offerings

Needed to Meet Budget	\$4,889.00
Sunday Offerings	\$4,547.00
Children's Collection (8.90)	\$9.00
DEFICIT this week	\$333.00
TOTAL DEFICIT Year to Date	\$10,146.00

THE FALL WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT - We are looking for more Eucharistic ministers, more lectors, and more altar servers and will begin training right after Labor Day. Please consider one of these opportunities to become more actively involved in the life of our faith community by serving in one of the various ministries, either at the Mass or serving the homebound. When the invitation to serve is made, will you be ready to say "Yes"? Call the office if interested at 978-342-4706.

Red Sox Raffle Ticket - Montachusett Interfaith Hospitality Network (MIHN) will again be holding a raffle for tickets to a **Red Sox vs. Orioles game**. The prize includes 4 tickets for the September 20th game as well as \$100 spending money! Tickets are \$5 each or a book of 5 for \$20. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses the weekends of August 21/22 and 28/29. This is a very affordable way for you to enjoy Fenway Park! If you wish to purchase tickets before then, you can call Kathy Cullinan at 978-342-3363. The drawing will be held on September 13th. Why not take a chance? All proceeds will benefit MIHN in its ongoing mission to assist homeless families.

Italian for Travelers - The classes or "sessions" are held **weekly on Wednesday night from 6:00 – 8:00 in the church hall through August**. They are led by Dr. Joe Addante and Carol (Cali) Kearns and are filled with the basic language and culture of Italy. You did not need to attend any of the previous classes to join in. Please drop in at any time to any meeting, we welcome you!

Mass Schedule & Office Hour Change:

There are no Tuesday morning Masses. The office has switched to summer hours of 8:00 – 1:00 Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The office remains closed all day on Tuesday. These office hours are in effect until after Labor Day.

If you know of any parishioner who is homebound or in a nursing home and would like to receive the Eucharist, please notify Jo Belli at 978-537-4802 or Fr. Bob at the rectory.



Please pray for the soul of Angela Scaficchia may she rest in peace.

Dear Friends,

The Mother of Jesus. The Mother of God. Our Blessed Mother. Our Lady of Lourdes. Our Lady of Guadalupe. Our Lady of the Rosary. Our Lady of LaSalette. The Virgin Mother. Seat of Wisdom. The titles of this woman of Nazareth are seemingly endless. A young woman, born and raised in obscurity, lived and died unknown to the world. This Mary of Nazareth is the most recognizable figure in the world of art. Each artist's portrayal of Mary is as much a statement of the imagination and the world-view of the artist as it is a portrait of this woman.

In both Gospel readings for this weekend (the Vigil Mass and the Mass of the Day), the clear message of the greatness of Mary is revealed. She is the woman of faith. She is that disciple who heard the word of God and observed it in her life. Before she ever became *what* we praise her for (the Mother of the Messiah), *who* she was (the Daughter of Israel who waited on the word of the Lord) was worthy of all praise.

Portraits of Mary at the Annunciation with the Archangel Gabriel are called in Greek "Mary Quick to Hear." It is because she was quick to hear God's word and to act upon it that she could answer God's call – her unique vocation to be the Mother of the Redeemer. What Mary once was is what we are now – obscure but faithful disciples. What Mary is now is what we are called to be – reflections of the glory of God for all eternity in heaven.

Peace and Good Will,



Please Continue to Help the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

New items added to the food pantry wish list are: cereal, canned meat, Ramen Noodles, Pasta Roni, Suddenly Salad, relish, mayonnaise, bathroom tissues, baked beans tuna fish, and spaghetti sauce. **Please try to bring one item a week.** Remember, only canned items – no fresh as it may spoil. Thank you!

Item of the Month – The Youth Group is accepting donations for Our Father's House and the Veterans' Homestead. **This month's item is men's shaving lotion.** Items can be placed in the marked boxes at the entrances of the church. Thank you for your support.

St. Joseph Church, Gardner invites you to join them at the P.A.C.C.'s **Polish Picnic on Sunday, August 15th**, 171 Kendall Pond West, from noon to 6:00 PM. They will have Polish & American food, music, money raffle, liquor raffle and more. Children games and Chinese auction are always a big favorite. Come join in the fun!

Mass Citizens for Life next meeting will take place on **Tuesday, August 24th at 7:00 PM at the Golden Living Center, 1199 John Fitch Hwy.** All interested in helping to promote a change in people's views on preserving the dignity of human life from conception to natural death are invited to join us.

The Serra Club invites you to include the following in your daily prayers and continue to pray for new vocations:

Fr. Richard Jakubauskas, Fr. Joseph Jurgelonis, Deacon Lorin King, Fr. Terence Kilcoyne, Fr. Laurie Leger, Fr. Edward Lettic, Fr. Frank Liistro.

St. Mary's Annual Reflection – All are welcome **on August 28th @ 1:00 PM** to St. Mary's Monastery, 271 N. Main St., Petersham to a celebration in honor of the Beatification of John Henry Cardinal Newman – his life and legacy. There are two speakers at 1:00 and community prayer in the church at 3:00 with a social afterward at the guesthouse. All are welcome. For more information including directions call 978-724-3350 go to monks@stmarysmonastery.org. All are welcome.

Marriage Encounter - "...blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it." (Vigil reading) God asks us to love one another. Do we practice this in our marriage? The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are September 17-19, September 24-26 and October 22-24. For more information and to register, call 800-710-WWME or visit our webpage at www.wwmeMA.org.

Adult Volunteer Service Opportunities: Vacations That Give

Come together with other adults of all ages in service to those in need. We are excited about our up-coming trips and invite you to join us for one or more of the following:

- **Webster County, West Virginia:** an area in which 28% of the people live below the poverty level – for home repair among those who are poor, elderly or handicapped. **October 9 – 16, 2010.**
- **New Orleans, Louisiana:** thousands of household are still without adequate housing following hurricane Katrina. We will lend a helping hand to "bring them home". **November 6 – 13, 2010.**

You can view more information about our program in general and individual trips on our website: www.vacationsthatgive.org or please contact us at 508-881-4547 or e-mail us at: directors@vacationsthatgive.org or call Jo Belli (978-537-4802) who has been on several "Vacations That Give" and she can tell you first hand of her experiences. **"Vacations That Give" is sponsored by The Sisters of Saint Anne.** We hope to hear from you so that together we can be of service to those in need!

A Conversation With Bishop McManus – with explanations about the new Translation of the Roman Missal, featuring guests Msgr. James Moroney and Msgr. Robert Johnson, will air on **Fitchburg TV 8 on Thursday, August 11th at 9:30 AM & 5:00 PM and on Friday, August 12th at 9:30 AM.** *The Daily Mass* is also available Monday – Friday on www.worcesterdiocese.org



New Parishioners – We are happy to welcome new members to our parish family. Please introduce yourself after Mass to Fr. Bob. We invite you to stop by the parish office to register or to take a blue registration form from the back of the church (one for each member of your family) and return it/them in the collection basket or to the church office. If you have access to a computer please visit our parish web site www.stanthonyfitchburg.net where you will find useful information as well as current events and Mass listings. Welcome!

The Mass Intention Book for the months of July through December 2010 is open.

This week's St. Anthony Devotional Candle by:
VBZ for prayers answered