



July 31– August 1, 2010

18th Sunday in Ordinary

Time

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."

READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:

First Reading: Wisdom 18:6 – 9

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1 – 2, 8 – 19

Gospel: Luke 12:32 – 48

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 31st

Vigil: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **Norman & Michael Weldon**
Requested by Betty & Dennis Anderson

6:00 PM **Rev. Erminio Mastroianni**
Requested by a parishioner

Sunday, August 1st

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM **John E. Kelley, Thomas J. Kelly & Joseph P. Keating**
Requested by Nicholas D. Mercadante

10:30 AM **Rev. Nicola Mongiello**
Requested by a parishioner

Monday, August 2nd

7:00 AM **Sarah & Anthony Celuzza**
Requested by Joan Celuzza

Tuesday, August 3rd

7:00 AM **NO MASS**

Wednesday, August 4th

St. John Mary Vianney, priest

5:30 PM **Leo Roux**
Requested by his wife Claire & Amy & Marty Walsh

Thursday, August 5th

The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome

7:00 AM **Robert S. & Mildred M. Spencer**
Requested by their daughter

Friday, August 6th

The Transfiguration of the Lord

7:00 AM **Joseph & Mary Crisafulli**

Saturday, August 7th

Vigil: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **Mary & Domenic Sciabarrasi**
Requested by their family

6:00 PM **Parishioners**

Sunday, August 8th

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM **Vincent Anderson**
Requested by the Dwyer family

10:30 AM **George Hughes (10th Anniversary)**
Requested by his wife Marion & children

July 18th Offerings

Needed to Meet Budget	\$4,889.00
Sunday Offerings	\$4,102.00
Children's Collection	\$9.00
DEFICIT this week	\$778.00

July 25th Offerings

Sunday Offerings	\$4,179.50
Children's Offerings	\$9.50
DEFICIT this week	\$700.00
TOTAL DEFICIT Year to Date	\$10,296.50

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.

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

Madonna della Cava – For anyone who would like to petition the Madonna, a basket will be located in front of the Madonna tapestry. Please bring your written petition in on the weekend of the feast, August 14 - 15th and place it in the basket. Also, more volunteers are needed to help the day of the feast or if you prefer you may donate pastries or a monetary gift to help defray the cost. Please call committee members Joe Albert @ 978-343-7744, Elena Valeri @ 978-343-3578 or Patty Vacca-Martin @ 978-345-5936. Thank you.

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!

A NOTE TO EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Last year, we purchased 24 extra pyxes for use of Eucharistic ministers who had forgotten to bring their pyx to Mass. Now we have 2 left. Are you one of those people? Please check to see if you have extra pyxes and please return them to church if you are not using them. Also, someone has my personal pyx, a gift from my godmother on the day of my ordination. It has my initials "RDB" and hers "MVQ" on the bottom. Please return it if you have it.

Father Bob

Dear Friends,

I've known a few insurance agents in my time, most of them pretty nice people. There's nothing wrong with taking reasonable precautions to preserve one's financial future and that of our loved ones. Jesus' parable in today's Gospel, however, ends with a warning. Don't confuse prudence with greed.

I once heard a speaker suggest that we "pray our checkbook." She said take some time to look at where our money goes each month. What percentage goes for necessary items like utilities, mortgage, car expenses and school fees? What percentage goes for luxuries? (Hint: If you have ten pair of shoes and buy another pair because you have to have those pink sandals, that's a luxury, not a necessity.) What percentage goes to help family members? What percentage helps the poor? What percentage goes to the church and other charities? (Hint: Scratch tickets are not a charitable deduction.)

For many people, a serious examination of our expenses is a painful reminder of how *ungenerous* most of us are. If you spend more time reading the financial pages every day than the Bible, maybe things are a little off kilter.

It's good to save and it's good to be financially prudent. It becomes a problem when we imagine that our financial security is our salvation, our broker is our prophet and our banker is our priest.

On the Day of Judgment, how will your spiritual investment portfolio look?

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.

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!

St. Anthony's Bazaar - St. Anthony of Padua Church, 14 Phoenix St., Shirley is having their annual bazaar on **Friday & Saturday, August 6 & 7 from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM.** Lobsters, clams, corn on the cob, and seafood chowder will be served rain or shine on Friday, August 6th. A chicken barbecue dinner and also chili will be served on Saturday night. Hamburgers, hot dogs, French fries, sausages, fried dough and drinks will be available both nights. Bring family & friends for two fun-packed evenings.

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!

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.

The Serra Club invites you to include the following in your daily prayers and continue to pray for new vocations: Msgr. John Doran, Fr. John Dwyer, Fr. Thomas Egan, Deacon Anthony Fiore, Fr. Frederick Fraini, Deacon Steven Gendron, Msgr. Francis Goguen.

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.

Marriage Encounter - "Seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the hand of God" (Today's Second Reading). Come and seek Christ's guidance and strength for your marriage/Holy orders. 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!

Special Collection: Next week we will take up the **Collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe.** The Church in this region continues to have great need for its essential pastoral work to maintain social and charitable works, some parishes still need a proper place to celebrate Mass. Your donations invest in future generations of Catholics: a gift of faith to the future. Please be generous.

This week's St. Anthony Devotional Candle by:
A Devotee