



# August 29 - 30, 2009

## 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.*

### Mass Intentions

**Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Vigil: 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**4:00 PM Deceased members of the Octave Chabot Family**  
Requested by Rene & Carmella Berube

**Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00 AM Jeanette Mercadante (Anniversary)**  
Requested by Nick & Frances Mercadante

**10:30 AM Dominic Dantini**  
Requested by the Dantini family

**Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>**

**7:00 AM Teresa Liberatore**  
Requested by her family

**Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>**

**7:00 AM NO MASS**

**Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**5:30 PM In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony**  
Requested by a Devotee

**Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**St. Gregory the Great, pope & doctor**

**7:00 AM Antoinette Addorisio**  
Requested by Rose Anne

**Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 AM In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony**  
Requested by a Devotee

**Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Vigil: 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**4:00 PM Margaret Pandiscio**  
Requested by Mary Macchio

**Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00 AM Gerald & Theresa Capone**  
Requested by their son Michael G. Capone & family

**10:30 AM Joseph Rollo**

Requested by his wife & family

**Office Hours Labor Day Week:** The office will be closed on Monday & Tuesday. The office will be open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:00 to 1:00 PM. Regular office hours of 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM will resume the week beginning September 13<sup>th</sup>. Please remember that the office remains closed on ALL Tuesdays.

### READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4 - 7a

Second Reading: James 2:1 - 5

Gospel: Mark 7:31 - 37

### AUGUST 23<sup>rd</sup> OFFERINGS

<b>Needed to Meet Budget</b>	<b>\$4,889.00</b>
<b>Sunday Offerings</b>	<b>\$3,781.00</b>
<b>Children's Collection (\$14.00)</b>	<b>\$14.00</b>
<b>DEFICIT this week</b>	<b>\$1,094.00</b>
<b>TOTAL DEFICIT Year to Date</b>	<b>\$13,694.50</b>

### PARISH HISTORY/PHOTO BOOK HAS ARRIVED!

The Centennial Parish History/Photo Book arrived several days earlier than anticipated! All parishioners who had their picture taken or submitted one to us can **pick up their copy of the book at the office this week, August 31<sup>st</sup> - September 4<sup>th</sup> during the regular work days of Monday - Friday (NO TUESDAY) from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM** as well as after all Masses next weekend, September 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> in the church hall. Those of you that ordered a book or additional copies may also pick yours up at these times. We need to make sure that everyone receives their books so please help us by only coming at the specified times. Your names have to be checked off a master list of all those who should receive a copy of the book and this can only be done at the times noted above. We will add more distribution dates if needed and keep you informed. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**Attention Sparkling Seniors:** Time is running out for you to join our **Annual Slattery's Luncheon on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon.** Cost per person is \$18.00. **Reservations must be made by September 7<sup>th</sup>.** Please send your check (payable to Betty Anderson) to Betty Anderson, 513 Johnny Appleseed Lane, Leominster, MA 01453. Remember to include your meal choice of either Baked Atlantic Haddock or Baked Stuffed Chicken Breast. If you have any questions, please call Betty at 978-534-7544.

### RCIA TEAM

Do you like to share your own faith with others? Do you want to help others in their own journey of faith?

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is for adults who are interested in knowing about Catholic Christianity, especially for non-Catholics and for Catholics who have been baptized but have not received the other sacraments (First Eucharist, Confirmation). We need active parishioners who would be interested in joining the Team. We meet once a month for discussion and fellowship. Stop by the Team meeting on **Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** at the Rectory and see if it's something you're interested in. You don't have to be a theological scholar to be a Team member; just be willing to talk about your faith and to listen to others.

Dear Friends,

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta wanted to make of her life "something beautiful for God." I think most of the world would agree that at the time of her death, she had been giving of herself so entirely that everything she had and everything she was belonged to God as gift. We admire her and are proud to say this is a woman who put her religion into action. Do we emulate her in any way?

Around the world, the most deep seated conflicts seem to be rooted in religion. There is a lot of publicity in this country about Islamic fundamentalism as being at war with Western (read: Judeo-Christian) values, as if that sums up everything. We pay less attention to the Buddhist domination of Hindus in Sri Lanka, the Hindu domination of Christians and Moslems in India, the Jewish domination of Christians and Moslems in Israel and the West Bank, the Christian domination of Moslems in Lebanon, the Moslem domination of the native religion of the Sudan, and the list goes on. All in the name of a loving God! No wonder religion is getting a bad name.

St. James tells us what religion is really supposed to be. "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world." Is our religion pure and undefiled? Is our religion a label we put on or take off as the occasion arises? Is our religion a hammer to club people with?

Pace e Bene,

#### **St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Items**

**Please don't forget about the pantry!** Items needed are: canned meat, tuna, jam or jelly, Hamburger Helper, Suddenly Salad, pasta sides, mustard, relish, ketchup, juice & coffee. Many people rely on this weekly service that St. Francis provides. Continue to do what you can. Thank you!

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

**The Serra Club** invites you to pray for the following priests and deacons during the week of: August 30<sup>th</sup> through September 5<sup>th</sup>: Deacon Sal Tantillo; Rev. H. Edward Chalmers; Rev. Theodore Laperle; Rev. Joseph Jurgeolonis; Deacon Richard Tatro; Rev. Gerald Dorais; Rev. John Hughes, MS.

**Last Chance to be a part of the Prayer Shawl Workshop** hosted by The Praying Hands Shawl Ministry of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 111 Worcester Street, W. Boylston, MA, on **Saturday, September 19, from 11:00 – 2:00 PM.** The cost is \$20 per person but St. Anthony parish will pay the fee for any parishioner interested. **The registration deadline is September 2<sup>nd</sup>.** For more information or questions contact Ann Parisi @ 978-342-9498 or [ann@irishcharms.com](mailto:ann@irishcharms.com).

#### **Remembering and Honoring all those lost on 9/11**

Please join St. Rose of Lima Church, 244 West Main Street, Northborough, on **Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** as we welcome Fr. John Dear, SJ, Prophet, Peacemaker and Author as he speaks on "The Culture of Peace and Nonviolence". There is no cost for admission but they will be accepting donations of non-perishable food items for local food pantries.

**Out Lady of the Lake's Annual Parish Bazaar begins on Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 10:00 PM and Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from Noon – 10:00 PM,** at 1400 Main Street, North Leominster. Come join in the typical bazaar events such as great food, games of chance and live music nightly.

**St. Denis Parish Bazaar,** Route 12, 85 Main Street, Ashburnham will be on **Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 – 6:00 PM.** Come join the fun, there's something for everyone. Great family fun with food, music, entertainment, games and much more! Rain or shine.

#### **The Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

are holding a day of prayer for women at Presentation Convent, 99 Church Street, Leominster on **Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.** Sr. Julia Ciccolini, PBVM will be the presenter. The day will begin at 9:30 AM with refreshments and will end by 3:00 PM. There will be an opportunity for quiet reflection and sharing. Lunch will be included. Free will offerings are accepted. To register please contact Sr. Mary Anne Seliga 978-537-7108 or Sr. Maureen Hickey 978-790-0056. **Space is limited and the registration deadline is September 11, 2009.**

#### **The Bishop is Coming on Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM!**

St. Joseph Parish invites all Fitchburg parishes to join them as Bishop McManus comes to concelebrate Mass with priests and parishioners from the eight churches in Fitchburg honoring Pope Benedict XI proclamation of "A Year for Priests." This Mass is also intended for all Christians in the Fitchburg parishes to unite in prayer for the changes to come. Let us use this Mass as gateway for local priests and parishioners to unite in the spirit of Christ to honor the men who have sacrificed their lives in service to God and in service to us. There will be a time for fellowship in the downstairs hall with desserts, coffee and soda immediately following the Mass.

If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a priest, religious or lay person working for the Church, and you need a place to talk with someone about your feelings of betrayal or hurt by the Church, **contact Frances Nugent, Victim Services Coordinator, Office for Healing and Prevention, (508) 929-4363 (direct line). A 24-hour-a-day confidential voicemail is available.**

#### **Attention: UMass-Amherst Students and Parents!**

As you begin to prepare for school this fall we want to make sure that you know that the Newman Catholic Center at UMass-Amherst is available to you and that our staff is eager to help in any way that we can. Newman offers a home-away-from home environment where students can pray, study, relax and meet other students. We also have the best cafeteria in Amherst and we are located right on campus! Please visit our website [www.newmanumass.org](http://www.newmanumass.org) to learn more about us.

This week's St. Anthony Devotional Candle donated by:  
Carol Kearns