



July 25 - 26, 2009

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"There is a boy there who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what good are these for so many?"

READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:
 First Reading: Exodus 16:2 - 4, 12 - 15
 Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20 - 24
 Gospel: John 6:24 - 35

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 25th

Vigil: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **M/M Louis Brasili**
 Requested by their family

Sunday, July 26th

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM **Pauline Gravelle**
 Requested by her daughter Lorraine

10:30 AM **Deceased of the Carbone & Parrillo Families**
 Requested by the Macchio family

Monday, July 27th

7:00 AM **Ida Montville**
 Requested by M/M Alexander Ruberti & family

Tuesday, July 28th

7:00 AM **NO MASS**

Wednesday, July 29th

St. Martha
 5:30 PM **Oreste & Carmella Guglielmi**
 Requested by their daughters

Thursday, July 30th

St. Peter Chrysologus, bishop & doctor
 7:00 AM **Antonio & Grazia Quartarone**
 Requested by daughters Mary & Lucy

Friday, July 31st

St. Ignatius of Loyola, priest
 7:00 AM **Seminarians**

Saturday, August 1st

Vigil: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **Deceased Members of the Camille Berube family**
 Requested by Rene & Carmella Berube & family

Sunday, August 2nd

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM **Mary & Domenic Sciabarrasi**
 Requested by the Petrucci family

10:30 AM **Jennie Champa**
 Requested by her family

JULY 19 OFFERINGS

Needed to Meet Budget	\$4,889.00
FIGURES NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF THIS PRINTING	
DEFICIT Year to Date	\$9,238.50

THE YARD SALE has been postponed until a later date. We will notify you well in advance when it is rescheduled.

CAN YOU GIVE ME A RIDE TO MASS? - Some of our elderly parishioners would love to come to Mass if they only had a ride. Are you able to pick someone up in your neighborhood on your way to Mass? If so, call the office. Maybe a parishioner right on your way to church has been waiting for you to give them a ride.

Summer Office Hours in Effect: The office will be open on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:00 to 1:00 PM. The office will be closed all day on Tuesdays. These hours will remain in effect until after Labor Day. **The office will be closed from July 20th - July 31st. If you need assistance Fr. Bob will be available but please call him before stopping by. Thank you.**

NEWLY UPDATED PARISH WEB SITE - Do you own or have access to a computer? Do you want to stay informed of the latest happenings at our parish? Please check out our web site at www.stanthonyfitchburg.net to see all the latest on news, programs and activities from the parish. Please use this web site to keep informed with comprehensive information unavailable in the bulletin. It is our goal to have all of the agendas and minutes from our parish meetings posted as we receive them. Information on religious education or any other programs run through the parish will be available for download as well as contact information for people in our many ministries. Please check it out weekly. Comments can be made by emailing saintanthony@net1plus.com

Madonna della Cava Feast - If you would like to be involved in the planning for the Feast Day on Sunday, August 16th at the 10:30 Mass then please join us for **our last meeting on Monday, August 3rd at 7:00 PM in the church hall.** For information or to join the committee you may call Joe Albert @ 978-343-7744; Elena Valeri @ 978-343-3578 or Patty Vacca-Martin @ 978-345-5936.

RED SOX RAFFLE - MIHN will again be raffling off Red Sox Tickets. **This years' winner will receive four (4) third base grandstand tickets vs. Tampa Bay on Sunday, September 13th along with \$100 spending money!** The drawing will be held on September 8th but it's not too early to buy your chances now. Chances are \$5 each or 5 for \$20 and can be obtained by calling Kathy Cullinan at 978-342-3363. **Chances will also be on sale at all Masses next weekend.** Buy your chances now and "Go Sox"!

This week's St. Anthony Devotional Candle donated:
 In Memory of Thomas O'Leary

Dear Friends,

President Harry Truman once said he wanted a one armed consultant to advise him on the economy. When he was asked why, he said, "So he can't say to me, 'But on the other hand!'" It seems that in matters of the economy, there are no easy answers. A gain in this sector is counterbalanced by a loss in another. Some experts say things have turned around or have begun to turn around or maybe there is the beginning of a turn around in sight. Others say things are still bad, but they are getting worse at a much slower rate, whatever that means. Some insist in the long term view the worst is yet to come.

For most of us, it all boils down to our personal economic status and the condition of those closest to us. If we're working, if our income is secure, we tend to think things are okay. If we're out of work, or we're suffering with a reduction in income, we are a lot less optimistic about the economy.

In both the Old Testament reading and in the Gospel today, we are told of miraculous multiplication of food for a vast crowd. Sometimes we wonder if God has forgotten His powers of granting abundance to His people. But now is not the time to give up hope. Now is the time to intelligently assess our strengths and weaknesses. Is there someone I know who is undergoing financial difficulties that I can help? Is there some way to cut down on unnecessary expenses while I weather through this economic downturn? Remember, the Lord provides for our basic necessities, not our luxuries. Together, like the little boy in the Gospel, we can offer what we have and trust that God will supply our needs through His Divine Providence.

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: July 26th through August 1st : Deacon James Connor; Rev. Francis Roberge; Rev. Thomas Hultquist; Rev. Ernest Allega; Rev. Timothy Brewer; Deacon Frederick Harkins; Rev. Thomas Borkowski.

Calling all Job Seekers! – To help with the impact of the economy on the community, St. Edward the Confessor Parish of Westminster is announcing the formation and launch of a job seekers network. If you are currently seeking a job, please come! We'd love to meet you. **Meetings began on June 25th and will continue weekly on Thursdays** at St. Edward's Parish Center, 10 Church Street, Westminster from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. For questions or more information, please contact Jamie Pitney at Jamie_pitney@charter.net or 508-414-8997.

RELIGIOUS VENERINI SISTERS to celebrate 100 years in the United States! This year the Sisters in the United States are celebrating their Centennial. The first Sisters came to this country in 1909. For this occasion they are publishing a Remembrance Book to commemorate their anniversary. This will give you an opportunity to send a congratulator message to the Sisters for their years of service and presence in our community. **Please look for flyers in the back of the church.** **Your message and payment must be received to them by July 27, 2009.** Checks should be payable to: Venerini Sisters' Centennial and mailed to Rosemont, 84 Prospect Street, Fitchburg, MA 01420. ATTN: Sister Loretta Ciccarelli, M.P.V.

Mass Citizens for Life will meet on **Tuesday, July 28th at the Golden Living Center, 1199 John Fitch Hwy., at 7:00 PM.**

Anyone interested in helping to promote a change in people's views on preserving the dignity of human life from conception to natural death is invited to join us.

Be in a Living Rosary This Summer - The Daughters of Isabella are organizing a "LIVING ROSARY" to be held on **Saturday, August 22nd at 8:00 PM** at 149 Chestnut St. in Clinton (outside St. John the Evangelist Church). We are in need of volunteers to be the "beads" of the rosary. This is a beautiful visual of the rosary as candles are lit for each bead as it is recited. Invite your family and friends as we need at least 53 volunteers just to make the rosary and many more to truly show the beauty of this devotion. If you are available to participate please call Debbie at 978-368-0366 at St. John the Evangelist in Clinton.

St. Joseph Church in Gardner invites all to a **Polish Picnic on Sunday, August 16th at the P.A.C.C. grounds at 171 Kendall Pond West, Gardner from noon – 6:00 PM.** Polish and American food and music, many raffles, face painting for the kids and much more. Come join the fun! For more information please call Father Thomas Tokarz at 978-632-0375 or Barbara Yablonski at 978-632-0495.

The 16th Annual Feast Day Celebration for St. Theresa to be held on Sunday, August 16th at the Shrine of the Little Flower (First shrine to St. Theresa in America). All events are held outdoors at the Shrine of the Little Flower, 35 Dion Drive, Nasonville, RI. Bring the whole family for a wonderful feast. Continuous showing of St. Theresa's life (in air conditioned church hall), food and refreshments; gift shop; bus parking, canopy covered benches at outdoor altar. Bring your own lawn chairs and umbrella. The day starts at 9:30 AM rain or shine and concludes with Mass at 3:00 PM. Celebrant is Fr. Gerard Caron, Pastor. There will also be a blessing with St. Theresa's Relic. For more information check the complete list of events posted on the bulletin boards or call 401-568-0575; email shiirl@cox.net; or go to www.SaintTheresaShrine.com for more in depth descriptions. St. Theresa's Shrine is at the intersection of Routes 102 & 7, Nasonville, RI.