

# MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>

Vigil: 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM Deceased of the Guglielmi Family  
by Diane  
Walter Arsenault  
by his cousin Frank

Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Open Intention  
by  
10:30 AM Open Intention  
by  
12:30 PM Parishioners

Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>

*The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00 AM Open Intention  
by

Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>

*St. Rose of Lima, Virgin*

8:00 AM Open Intention  
by

Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>

*St. Bartholomew, Apostle*

8:00 AM Open Intention  
by

Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup>

*St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest*

8:00 AM Open Intention  
by

Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM NO MASS

Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>

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

4:00 PM David Papa  
by his mom & family  
Gary Sicard  
by his wife Kathy

Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>

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

8:00 AM Open Intention  
by  
10:30 AM Open Intention  
by  
12:30 PM Parishioners

## August 20 - 21, 2022

### 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**"For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last."** (Luke 13:30) Our cultural standards are different from God's standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, "What have you done with the gifts I have given you?" How will you respond?

READ AND PREPARE

**Next Week's Scripture readings**

First Reading Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29  
Second Reading Hebrew 12:18-19, 22-24a  
Gospel Luke 14:1, 7-14

## PARISH CALENDAR, NEWS EVENTS

**The Church Office is closed until Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.** Please send an email or phone message and they will be answered when the office reopens.

As always, if it is an emergency, please leave a message for Fr. Juan and he will get back to you ASAP.

\*\*The bulletin has gone to the printer for the next two weekends. If you see an empty Mass Intention and would like to fill it, kindly speak to Fr. Juan. However, it will NOT appear in the bulletin.

**Religious Education** – We are gearing up for a great start to our Religious Education program this fall. If you are a parent with children between 6-16 years of age, you will be receiving a letter and a registration form this week. If your child is not attending a Catholic school, please consider enrolling them in our program. More information is enclosed with your letter. If you do not receive a letter, please let Fr. Juan know as soon as possible as the registration forms are due back by September 6<sup>th</sup>. Forms are also available at the entrance of the church.

### **St. Bernard's High School 3rd Annual Golf Tournament**

Join us on **Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>** at Northern Spy Golf Course, Townsend for the **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual STB Golf Tournament**. Entry fee is \$130/per golfer and includes raffle prizes, use of driving range, mulligans, all day buffet, STB swag, skins pool, hospitality holes and cash prizes. Two shot guns available: 7:30am or 1pm - Scramble format. Register at [stbernardshighschool.org](http://stbernardshighschool.org) Proceeds benefit the athletics program at St. Bernard's High School.

### **Some Words from Fulton Sheen, 365 Days of Inspiration**

"A teacher who cannot explain any abstract subject to a child does not himself thoroughly understand his subject; if he does not attempt to break down his knowledge to fit the child's mind, he does not understand teaching."

"There are not one hundred people in the United States who hate The Catholic Church, but there are millions who hate what they wrongly perceive the Catholic Church to be."

**St. Anthony Candle Intention:**



Dear Friends,

Today's Gospel reading is the third of three parables in chapter 13 that deal with the theme of the unexpected reversals brought by the Kingdom of God. The other two parables are about the tiny mustard seed that grows into a large tree and the small amount of yeast that makes a large batch of dough rise. All three are about the few and the many and the Kingdom of God.

As this parable opens, Luke reminds us that Jesus is making his way to Jerusalem. This journey, this exodus as Luke refers to it, makes up the entire middle of the Gospel. He is teaching as he goes. A question from the crowd gives Jesus the chance to make a prophetic statement. Luke uses this question device a number of times in his Gospel. A few weeks ago, the question "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" led to the parable of the Good Samaritan. The question about will only a few be saved uses typical Christian language about salvation but also expresses the Jewish concern about whether everyone who calls himself a Jew is actually faithful to the covenant. This was a concern of the Pharisees.

Jesus answers that they must strive in the time remaining to enter through the narrow door because many will be trying to get in but won't be strong enough. He then moves to a parable about another door.

Once all those entering the master's house are in and he locks the door, there will be no way for others to get in. Those left outside may knock, but the master will say he doesn't know them. Unlike the Gospel reading from a few weeks ago where Jesus was teaching about prayer, and we were told to knock and the door would be opened, in this parable, the master will not open and say he does not know us. People from the north, south, east, and west will take our place inside. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets will take our place in the Kingdom of God. Those who do not make it through the narrow door will be cast out to where there is wailing and grinding of teeth.

The image of the door is replaced in the final verses of the parable with the image of the heavenly banquet. Two passages from the Book of Isaiah influence the conclusion. Isaiah speaks of God bringing Israel's descendants back from the east and from the west, the north, and the south. And Isaiah speaks of the Lord providing a feast of rich foods and choice wines for all peoples on his holy mountain. The answer to the question if only a few will be saved is no. In the end, many will be saved, but many who thought they would be saved will not be saved. The parable is a prophetic warning to repentance in order to enter the kingdom.

Blessings,  
Fr Juan

#### **Personal Hygiene Collection for Catholic Charities is Ongoing.**

Please bring one or two items and place them in the collection bins at the entrances of the church. Suggested Items Needed: Shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream, soap, body wash, small packs of tissues, deodorant (men & woman's), toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, hand sanitizer, lotion, toilet paper, diapers, baby wash, baby lotion.

**Food Pantry Collection** for St. Francis is ongoing. Please bring any nonperishable items when you can. If this is something that you have never done before, please strongly consider it. Even one or two items a month makes a huge difference to the people the pantry serves. The collection bin is located at the entrance of the church. The St Francis Food Pantry is open every week to the public so there is always much needed.

#### **St. Thomas More Law School Scholarship**

Each year the St. Thomas More Society of our Diocese awards a scholarship of not less than \$3000 to a law student attending an accredited law school in the fall. Applicants or parents must be registered and active members of a parish in the Diocese of Worcester. Applicants may be in any year of law school studies. Applications may be obtained by visiting [www.worcesterdiocese.org/st-thomas-more-society](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org/st-thomas-more-society), by mailing requests to: St. Thomas More Society, Chancery Office, 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609 or by calling Joan DeMasi at 508-929-4345. Applications are **due on or before September 2, 2022**. Should anyone wish to contribute to the scholarship fund, donations will be greatly appreciated; contact can be made at the above address or phone number.

**Vocation Reflection:** - "Make straight paths for your feet." Will your path of holiness be as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (508)630-4473 or email: [donato.infante@gmail.com](mailto:donato.infante@gmail.com).

**Vianney Dinner** - The next Vianney dinner is **Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>** at the Holy Name of Jesus House of Studies at 51 Illinois St., Worcester. These are nights for men, high school aged and up, interested in learning more about a priestly vocation. Don't want to come alone? Bring a friend! You are welcome to come to all or part of the evening as your schedule allows. 6:05 pm Mass, 6:30 pm dinner, and 7:00 pm social. An RSVP is not needed but it is helpful in getting an accurate count for food. Email: [director@worcestervocations.org](mailto:director@worcestervocations.org)

#### **North American Martyrs Parish - Crafters Wanted!**

Calling all crafters! North American Martyrs Parish, Auburn will host its first *Countdown to Christmas Craft Fair* on **Saturday, Nov. 5 from 9 am- 3:30 pm** in the Parish Hall. The rental fee for one table space is \$35 plus one item for raffle (retail value of at least \$25). For two adjacent table spaces, the fee is \$50 plus one item for raffle (retail value of at least \$35). Applications and guidelines for vendors can be found at [namartyrsauburn.org](http://namartyrsauburn.org). Spaces are filled on a first come, first serve basis. For more information, email Liz Rossi at [erossi@namartyrsauburn.org](mailto:erossi@namartyrsauburn.org)