

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 30th

Vigil: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM David Papa (1st Anniversary)
by his mom Anna & family

Sunday, July 31st

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Open Intention
by

10:30 AM Stanley Howe, Jr.
by his wife Nancy & Family

11:45 AM BAPTISM: Amber Rose Carbone

12:30 PM Parishioners

Monday, August 1st

St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM Deceased of the Antocci & Yapchian Families
by the Macchio Family

Tuesday, August 2nd

St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

8:00 AM Open Intention
by

Wednesday, August 3rd

8:00 AM Hubert Borg
by the late Deacon Jim & Ruth Couture

Thursday, August 4th

St. John Vianney, Priest

8:00 AM Josephine Bevilaqua Lacascio
by the Kymalainen Trust

Friday, August 5th

The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

8:00 AM NO MASS

Saturday, August 6th

Vigil: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM
by

Sunday, August 7th

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Open Intention
by

10:30 AM Open Intention
by

11:45 AM BAPTISM: Logan Nicholas Carbone

12:30 PM Parishioners



St. Anthony Candle Intention:
IMO Stan Howe, Jr.
by Pauline Sala

July 30 - 31, 2022

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." (Luke 12:15) The Gospel message is contrary to modern culture that continually tries to convince us that our joy comes from the material things we possess. That the more we acquire, the happier we will be. Jesus shows us that our true joy comes from our "invisible" gifts like love, mercy and forgiveness. True joy comes from "emptying" ourselves, giving of ourselves rather than always taking. We are called not to hoard but to share. True joy comes from living a grateful and generous lifestyle; become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."

READ AND PREPARE

Next Week's Scripture readings

First Reading Wisdom 18:6-9
Second Reading Hebrew 11:1-2; 8-19
Gospel Luke 12:32-48

PARISH CALENDAR, NEWS EVENTS

Madonna della Cava Society will hold a meeting on **Monday evening at 6:30 in the church hall on August 8th**. All are welcome to help with the final preparations for the celebration.



The Madonna della Cava Celebration will be held **Sunday August 14th beginning at 10:00 AM** with a procession from outside in the school parking lot to the church, followed by celebration of the Mass at 10:30. After the Mass the celebration will continue in the church hall with Italian food & music. Please plan to join us!

Baked goods are still needed. If you would like to donate these, help the day of the Feast, or make a monetary contribution, please call Patty Vacca Martin @ 978-345-5936. Any help will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Summer Office Hours in Effect:

Monday – Wednesday from 9-1. The office remains closed on Thursday & Friday.

To All Parishioners & Visitors – We kindly ask that you do not leave pamphlets, brochures, flyers, prayer cards, books or other items at the entrances of the church, or on the bulletin boards without Fr. Juan's prior approval. We have limited space and strive to keep the entrances looking clean. Thank you!

Weekly Envelopes – Do you currently receive weekly envelopes for your church donations but don't use them? Several individuals/families have recently asked to have their giving envelopes stopped. Thank you! Please know that you remain a parishioner regardless of if you receive envelopes or not. Please consider this and contact the office if you never or rarely use yours. We currently send out envelopes to 320 families each month but on average we receive up to 95 weekly returns. This is not very cost effective. We ask that you please use your envelopes or contact us to discontinue sending them to you. Thank you.

Dear Friends,

In Chapter 12 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples and the crowd on how to be ready for the coming judgment. A crowd of many thousands has gathered to hear Jesus. At first, he speaks only to the disciples, reminding them that it is not persecution they should fear but the judgment that is coming for all who do not acknowledge the Son of Man. Suddenly a man in the crowd shouts out to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." He seems to have grown tired of Jesus speaking only to the disciples. Jesus offers the man no help. Instead, he uses the question to teach what, in light of the coming judgment, life really consists of.

Jesus tells the crowd a parable. A rich man's lands have yielded more crops than expected. His response is not to consider how he might share all the extra food with others but to wonder how he can possibly store it all. He has what he thinks is a brilliant idea: to tear down his present barns and build larger ones. Then he will have many things stored up for years of eating, drinking, and making merry.

"You fool" is God's response to this man because that very night his life will be taken away. To whom will everything belong then, God asks. The rich man's world is small, just him and his possessions, and now he learns that he is to lose his life. What good are his possessions now? Jesus states the moral of the story. This is how it will be for everyone who stores up treasure for himself or herself but is not rich in what matters to God.

Centuries later St. Gregory the Great taught that when we care for the needs of the poor, we are giving them what is theirs, not ours. We are not just performing works of mercy; we are paying a debt of justice. Life does not consist in possessions but in sharing what we possess with others. The goods of the earth have been given to everyone.

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, 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.

Person, Empathy and Spirituality, according to St. Edith Stein.

Fr. Thiago Ibiapina, who has studied the work of St. Edith Stein extensively, will be offering a presentation on her insights about the human person, empathy and spirituality on **Monday, August 8th at 6:30 p.m. at Annunciation Parish in the Lower Church Hall at Holy Rosary 135 Nichols St. Gardner MA.**

The Ignatian Spiritual Exercises in Daily Life - A 30-week directed prayer experience in the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola is being offered by a team of Jesuits and parishioners experienced in Ignatian prayer.

Starting on October 4, 2022, each weekly session will be approximately ninety minutes and will include reflection, direction and a presentation. Sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings at St. Peter's Church in Worcester, adjacent to Clark University. **An Information Night will be held on Tuesday, August 9 at 7:00 pm** at St. Peter Church, 929 Main Street, Worcester in the lower church. Information and an application form are available at ignatianspiritualexercisesworcester.com or contact the team by email at worcspex19@gmail.com or call Dick Kirk at 508-887-0107.

SUMMER BAZAAR - St. Anthony in Shirley (14 Phoenix St.) is happy to have its Summer Bazaar back on Friday & Saturday, **August 5 & 6th from 5 - 9:00 pm**. All favorite foods are back including lobsters and clams on Friday night. Chicken BBQ on Saturday evening. Seafood chowder by the Bull Run is also available. Games of chance, children's area, theme basket raffles and more. If you've never come to our fair, give it a try! We hope to see you there.

ITALIAN FESTIVAL 2022 - After two years, the Italian Festival at **Our Lady of Mt. Carmel & Our Lady of Loreto Parish** is back! **Thursday, August 11 (5pm-10pm), Friday, August 12 (5pm-11pm), Saturday, August 13 (noon - 11 pm) and Sunday, August 14 (noon -6pm)**, at 37 Massasoit Rd., Worcester. Admission is \$2. Bouncy houses and face painting for the kids. Wonderful live music each night for all to enjoy. Fried dough, ITALIAN COOKIES, food options from local restaurants and much, much more. Please come and join us as we bring our parish community and neighbors together to share in our heritage and traditions. Mark your calendars now and come celebrate with us!