



# August 15 - 16, 2009

## 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Whoever eats My Flesh and drinks My Blood remains in Me and I in him."*

### Mass Intentions

**Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Vigil: 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**4:00 PM Rita Gallant (Anniversary)**  
Requested by her children

**Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>**

**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Parisi and Perenzin families**  
Requested by their son and daughter

**10:30 AM Madonna della Cava**

Requested by the Feast Day Committee

**Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 AM Michael & Norman Weldon**  
Requested by Betty & Dennis Anderson

**Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 AM NO MASS**

**Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>**

**St. John Eudes, priest**

**5:30 PM Deceased Members of the Cattel Family**  
Requested by their family

**Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Bernard, abbot & doctor**

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

**Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup>**

**St. Pius X, pope**

**7:00 AM Louis (Butch) Buratti, Jr. (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)**  
Requested by Dad, Tee & family

**Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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

**4:00 PM Beatrice Provenzani (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)**  
Requested by Claire Campbell

**Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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

**8:00 AM Maryanne Gabis**  
Requested by her friend Elena

**10:30 AM Ray & Marie Cormier**

Requested by the Cormier family

### READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:

First Reading: Joshua 24: 1 - 2a

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21 - 32

Gospel: John 6:60 - 69

### AUGUST 9 OFFERINGS

<b>Needed to Meet Budget</b>	<b>\$4,889.00</b>
<b>Sunday Offerings</b>	<b>\$4,010.50</b>
<b>Children's Collection (\$6.50)</b>	<b>\$6.50</b>
<b>DEFICIT this week</b>	<b>\$872.00</b>
<b>TOTAL DEFICIT Year to Date</b>	<b>\$12,855.00</b>

**Attention Sparkling Seniors:** Our Annual Slattery's Luncheon will be held 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.

**St. Anthony's Variety Show** will be scheduled in the Spring of 2010 with rehearsals beginning in January. The Spring date is due to the availability of a large enough performance auditorium. It will be a fun time for all and the rehearsals will be something fun during the winter months. Joanne Pagnotta will be the coordinator of this effort and she will schedule an informational meeting in the fall so you can come and hear what this is all about and decide for yourself if it is something you would like to be a part of. Think about it. We hope you will join us!

**ST. ANTHONY PARISH IS BLOGGING! What is a blog and why might you care?** A Blog is traditionally a diary of sorts. It allows the "poster" or writer to talk about anything they think you might be interested in. Fr. Bob is blogging about the pastoral planning meetings! Here he can share with you in written form the most up to date information he has. Currently it is only set up for you to read his thoughts on whatever topic he may have in mind but in the future we may have the ability for you to post your comments as well and therefore contribute feedback. Please go to our website @ [www.stanthonyfitchburg.net](http://www.stanthonyfitchburg.net) to check out Fr. Bob's blog and the many photos (including the awesome first place 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade float) and informational pages on ministries and events that we have to offer. **New things are constantly being added so why not make it a place you check out weekly?** Feedback on the web site is most appreciated and can be sent to [saintanthony@net1plus.com](mailto:saintanthony@net1plus.com).

### NEWS ON THE PARISH HISTORY/PHOTO BOOK!

Olan Mills has recently informed us that they expect to ship the parish history/photo book to us around September 2<sup>nd</sup>. It is currently in its final stages of production. They will give us a firm date at the end of this month. Your continued patience is much appreciated. We will get them to you as quickly as we can once we have them in hand. Look here in the weeks ahead for the dates when distribution days/times will be.

This week's St. Anthony Devotional Candle donated by:  
Elena Valeri in thanksgiving for prayers answered.

**Eileen Ann Johnson**

was welcomed into our Christian community through baptism.  
May she along with her parents grow in faith, love  
and service to Jesus Christ.

Dear Friends,

This weekend in which we celebrate both the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Festa della Madonna della Cava, the Most Holy Mother of God is foremost in our thoughts. As we read the Scripture of the day, with its emphasis on the Eucharist, we wonder what is the connection between the two.

For many years there was a feast of Mary called "Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament." She who bore the incarnate God within her womb carried with her the incipient Eucharist, the Flesh and Blood of Jesus Christ, sacrificed for our salvation.

All authentic devotion to the Blessed Mother will lead us to her Son. Every Marian apparition approved by the Church has featured Mary telling us how we can more closely follow her Son. Like any mother, she wants what is best for her children, and what is best for us is to know our Savior Jesus Christ and to follow Him. Every prayer to Mary is really a request that she present our petitions before her Son. "Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus."

Mary, may we be more faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, as you are the perfect disciple. May your prayers lead us ever closer to your Son.

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 16<sup>th</sup> through August 22<sup>nd</sup> : Msgr. Francis Goguen; Deacon Ronald Aubuchon; Rev. James Mazzone; Msgr. Thomas Sullivan; The Seminarians; Missionaries of LaSalette; The Trappists.

**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.

**Be in a Living Rosary This Summer** - The Daughters of Isabella are organizing a "LIVING ROSARY" to be held on **Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### **VACATIONS THAT GIVE... UPCOMING TRIP**

**Webster County, West Virginia** (9/26/09- 10/3/09). Physical labor is required. **Registration deadline is August 31, 2009.** Later trips to think about:

**Biloxi-Gulfport, MS** (October 31, 2009 - November 7, 2009). Helping repair KATRINA damage.

**Chile** (February 5, 2010 - February 13, 2010). Physical labor. Extended time is available.

**West Virginia** (April 24, 2010 - May 1, 2010). Tutoring Children, adult education, computer education.

For more information and deadlines Call Jo @ 978-537-4802 or Vacations that Give @ 508-881-4547.

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. Also, when someone is admitted to the hospital please notify the office. Because of privacy laws the hospital can no longer notify us.

**A PRAYER SHAWL WORKSHOP** presented by Janet Bristow and Victoria Cole-Galo, co-founders of *The Prayer Shawl Ministry*, will be 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>. All attendees should bring their knitting/crocheting supplies, a journal and a bag lunch. Drinks and desserts will be provided. For more information or questions contact Ann Parisi @ 978-342-9498 or [ann@irishcharms.com](mailto:ann@irishcharms.com).

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Francis of Assisi Festival**, 63 Sheridan Street, Fitchburg will be held on **Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> from noon to 8:00 PM (rain or shine).** We will have live music an entertainment including DJ Zayas, Irish step dancing, Christian singer S.O.S. and much more. Come join us for a full day of family fun, food, raffles and games!

### **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.

**Twinning Celebration** for the Haitian Apostolate/Diocese of Worcester. Parishes, institutions and friends of Haiti are invited to accompany Bishop McManus on a mission trip to Haiti to celebrate the twinning of the Diocese of Worcester and the Diocese of Les Cayes at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Assumption, Les Cayes, Haiti on **October 10, 2009.** Email [sdupuy@worcesterdiocese.org](mailto:sdupuy@worcesterdiocese.org) or call 508-929-4328 to get information on costs and deadlines.