



July 11 - 12, 2009

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus summoned the Twelve and sent them out two by two.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 11th

Vigil: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **Immacolata DePiano**
Requested by the DiVito Family

Sunday, July 12th

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM **James DiPrima**
Requested by Angela Membrino

10:30 AM **Gloria LeClair (Anniversary)**
Requested by her husband & family

Monday, July 13th

7:00 AM **Dorothy Carleton**
Requested by Pat O'Donnell

Tuesday, July 14th

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, virgin

7:00 AM **NO MASS**

Wednesday, July 15th

St. Bonaventure, bishop & doctor

5:30 PM **Joe Revolti**
Requested by his wife & children

Thursday, July 16th

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

7:00 AM **Deceased Members of the
Mt. Carmel Society**
Requested by the Parish

Friday, July 17th

7:00 AM **Intentions of the Holy Father**

Saturday, July 18th

Vigil: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **Joseph A. Morizzo**
Requested by his wife & children

Sunday, July 19th

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM **Deceased Members of the McCormack
and McConville families**
Requested by their daughter

10:30 AM **M/M Joseph Romano**
Requested by his family

READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1 - 6

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:13 - 18

Gospel: Mark 6:30 - 34

JUNE 29 OFFERINGS

Needed to Meet Budget	\$4,889.00
Sunday Offering	\$3,270.00
Children's Collection (31.00)	\$31.00
DEFICIT this week	\$1,588.00

JULY 5 OFFERINGS

Sunday Offerings	\$3,662.50
Children's Collection (7.00)	\$7.00
DEFICIT this week	\$1,219.50
DEFICIT Year to Date	\$8,673.50

Summer Religious Education Registration - Our summer religious education program begins the week of **July 20 - 24 and continues July 27 - 31 from 9:00 - 12:30 PM**. This year's theme is Creed. The program is for all children who have completed 1st grade through 8th grade and who do not attend a Catholic School. Registration forms will be sent out. **If you have any questions or do not receive a registration form, please call Ellen DePatie at the school at 978-345-7785 ASAP.** The school year has ended but messages will be checked frequently. You may also email her at edepatie@worcesterdiocesek12.org. We will be posting all information and forms on our web site within the next week. Go to www.stanthonyfitchburg.net and follow the links. Students entering 9th grade and older will receive information in the early fall regarding their classes for religious education.

GIANT YARD SALE: On **Saturday, July 25th** the Youth Group will be holding a Yard Sale from 8:00 - 2:00 PM in the school hall. Volunteers are needed to help set up the week before, work during and help clean up afterwards. If you are willing to volunteer for an hour or two please contact Lisa LeBlanc at 978-345-1696 or email at lleblanc@annamaria.edu. Items can be dropped off at the school on Tuesday, July 21 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM and Wednesday, July 22nd - Friday, July 24th from 5:00 - 8:00 PM. Bring only "gently used" items and no books please!

SUMMER CELEBRATION COOKOUT

The Hospitality Committee will be hosting a **cookout on Saturday, July 25th from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM in the church hall and grounds**. If you plan on attending please sign up before Tuesday, July 20th in the back of the church or by calling Amy Walsh at 978-502-5540. Everyone attending needs to sign up in order for us to plan accordingly for food and drinks. If you would like to bring something there is a place on the sheets to sign up for that as well. Don't be left out. We had a large crowd last year and much fun relaxing and enjoying everyone's company!

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

Summer Office Hours are 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.

Dear Friends,

Faith is always the unmerited gift of God's love. We come to faith in different ways. There is something about the experience of faith in God that is entirely personal. For some, faith was a gift of one's parents and family, a part of the air one breaths from one's earliest recollections. It's never questioned. It just continues to grow and becomes enmeshed in the fiber of one's being.

For others, faith is a sudden discovery at a certain point in life. Maybe you were raised in a faith-filled family but somehow it never "took," or it came and went, yet suddenly the gift has returned to your heart, manifesting itself sometimes with fervor and excitement, sometimes with a calm peacefulness. For others, you may have been raised with little or no faith background and still some inner calling has invited you to a deep relationship with God and that moment has changed your life forever.

For still others, faith is a lifelong struggle. It is the challenge to believe when the countervailing trends in your life make you call into question the value of religion or even the existence of God. It is a choice, an act of will, in the face of all opposition, whether it comes from the outside or from within.

Whatever form our journey takes, if we believe it is a gift from God, then we know that our own personal experience of faith is perfectly suited to us and to our personality and disposition. No one's journey is "better" than anyone else's. It is all gift. Don't ever be afraid or ashamed of sharing your faith and your struggles. There is someone out there who needs to here your story. Your news is good news if it is news of faith in a world filled with questions and doubt.

Pace e Bene,

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Items

Please don't forget about the pantry! Items needed are: canned vegetables, canned soups, Spaghetti O's, jam or jelly, Hamburger Helper, Ramen noodles, pasta sides, mustard, relish, ketchup, mayonnaise. 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.

Madonna della Cava Feast meeting will be held this **Monday, July 13th @ 7:00 PM in the church hall.** 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 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.

The Serra Club invites you to pray for the following priests and deacons during the week of: July 12th through July 18th: Rev. Thien Nguyen; Deacon John Aleskevicz; Rev. James Callahan; Rev. Edward Michalski; Rev. Kevin Hartford; Rev. John Dwyer; Deacon Anthony Fiore.

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 to saintanthony@net1plus.com

MENTORS NEEDED – Have you ever wondered how it feels to change a family's future? The Montachusett Interfaith Hospitality Network (MIHN), a homeless shelter for families in Leominster and Fitchburg wants to give YOU the chance to make a difference in the lives of a young Mom or Dad and a family. All it takes is your desire to help, your guidance and a couple of hours a month! YOU can change their lives forever. Want to? Call or email: Patty Grimm @ 508-527-2912 pattyg56@verizon.net or MIHN, P.O. Box 306, Fitchburg, MA 01420.

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.

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 19:00 Am – 12:00 PM. For questions or more information, please contact Jamie Pitney at Jamie_pitney@charter.net or 508-414-8997.

Compassionate Companions Bereavement Support Group

Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Leominster is sponsoring this group that will meet **on Wednesdays from July 22 – August 26th, from 7:00 – 8:30 PM in the family room of the Parish Center.** This group is a faith based support group for those grieving the loss of a loved one. This group will provide a safe and confidential environment for sharing thoughts and feelings expressing sadness and learning ways to cope while grieving. Pre-registration is required for group participation. Please call the parish office at 978-342-2978 by July 15th to register or email Elaine Hackett at ehackett1098@comcast.net to register.

Jeanne d'Arc Circle #44 Daughters of Isabella will meet at the King Buffet, 488 John Fitch Hwy, Fitchburg on July 13th, at 11:30 AM. A Chinese buffet will be featured.