



# July 18 - 19, 2009

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

*He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while."*

### Mass Intentions

**Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Vigil: 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>**

**16<sup>th</sup> 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

**Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Apollinaris, bishop & martyr**

**7:00 AM Silvio Petrucci**  
Requested by his wife Frances & children

**Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>**

**St. Lawrence of Brindisi, priest & doctor**

**7:00 AM NO MASS**

**Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**St. Mary Magdalene**

**5:30 PM Gerald Volpe**  
Requested by MaryAnn Michaelian

**Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**St. Bridget of Sweden, religious**

**7:00 AM Rose Pandiscio (Anniversary)**  
Requested by Fran & Annette Pandiscio

**Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 AM Mildred Spencer (Anniversary)**  
Requested by his daughter

**Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Vigil: 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Sunday, July 126<sup>th</sup>**

**17<sup>th</sup> 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

### READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:  
First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42 - 44  
Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1 - 6  
Gospel: John 6:1 - 15

### JULY 12 OFFERINGS

<b>Needed to Meet Budget</b>	<b>\$4,889.00</b>
<b>Sunday Offerings</b>	<b>\$4,318.00</b>
<b>Children's Collection (6.00)</b>	<b>\$6.00</b>
<b>DEFICIT this week</b>	<b>\$565.00</b>
<b>DEFICIT Year to Date</b>	<b>\$9,238.50</b>

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

**Hospitality** meets Wed., July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM in the church hall.

**Summer Religious Education Registration** - Our summer religious education program begins this week **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 1<sup>st</sup> grade through 8<sup>th</sup> 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 be at the school at 8:30 AM Monday morning to sign up.** You may email Mrs. DePatie at any time at [edepatie@worcesterdiocesek12.org](mailto:edepatie@worcesterdiocesek12.org). Information is also posted at [www.stanthonyfitchburg.net](http://www.stanthonyfitchburg.net). Students entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade and older will receive information in the early fall regarding their classes for religious education.

### SUMMER CELEBRATION COOKOUT

The Hospitality Committee will be hosting a cookout on **Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM in the church hall and grounds**. This is your last chance to sign up if you plan on attending. **Please sign up before Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> 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 have signed up to bring something please label your dish so it can be returned to you and drop off items from 3:00 - 3:45 on Saturday BEFORE Mass starts; even if you are not planning on attending the Mass or you can bring with you at 5:00 PM. Thanks and we'll see you there!

**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 20<sup>th</sup> - July 31<sup>st</sup>.** **If you need assistance Fr. Bob will be available but please call him before stopping by. Thank you.**

This week's St. Anthony Devotional Candle donated by:  
Mary Robichaud for a special request.

Dear Friends,

A soggy June seems to have turned into a sunny July. Although the weather has yet to turn into real summer heat, it certainly has been a pleasant change of pace from the months of rain just past.

There's a lot to be said for a change of pace. The rhythm of everyday life can get pretty hectic for some of us. For others, the repetitiveness of the same activities, day in and day out, may not be hectic, but it can be boring. All of us could use a break. The summer months, in a special way, call out to us to slow down and relax. Jesus told his disciples, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." He invites us to do the same.

Often people tell me they don't know how to meditate or what meditation is. It isn't some inaccessible, rare spiritual experience reserved to the elite. It is the normal yearning of the human heart for union with God. The next time you take a little break from your schedule, whether at the beach or on the back porch, breathe deeply and look at the beauty before your eyes. As you sip your coffee or iced drink and you take in the wonder around you, thank God for all you have received. Place your cares and concerns in His hands. See? You've already begun to meditate. It's easy! As easy as taking a breath. Relax, slow down, take a breath and thank God. "Come and rest a while."

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 19<sup>th</sup> through July 25<sup>th</sup>. Rev. John Horgan; Deacon Richard Desjardin; Rev. Stephen Johnson; Rev. Adam Reid; Deacon Paul Mello; Deacon Paul Colley; Deacon James Linderman.

**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](http://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](mailto:saintanthony@net1plus.com)

**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 we are publishing a Remembrance Book to commemorate their anniversary. This will give you an opportunity to send a congratulatory 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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](mailto:pattyg56@verizon.net) or MIHN, P.O. Box 306, Fitchburg, MA 01420.

**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 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jamie_pitney@charter.net) or 508-414-8997.

**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.

**Madonna della Cava Feast** – If you would like to be involved in the planning for the Feast Day on **Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> 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.