

IN ALL THINGS GIVE THANKS

SATURDAY, January 24, 2009 VIGIL: Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

4:00 PM †Henrietta Buczko Birthday Remembrance req by Buczko Family

SUNDAY, January 25, 2009 Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 AM †Stanley Supczak 36th ann req by Diane & Anthony Ricchiazzi

†Luke Rivers req by M/M Miffitt

10:30 AM †Eddy Lepine 40th ann req by Tom & Eileen & family

†Doris Silva 2nd ann req by the family

MONDAY, January 26, 2009

8:00 AM †Cyril Blouin req by Rita Vadnais

TUESDAY, January 27, 2009

8:00 AM †Fr. John Ayers

WEDNESDAY, January 28, 2009

8:00 AM †People of the Parish

THURSDAY, January 29, 2009

8:00 AM †Doris Ryan Month's Mind req by Kevin Ryan

FRIDAY, January 30, 2009

8:00 AM †Morning Prayer

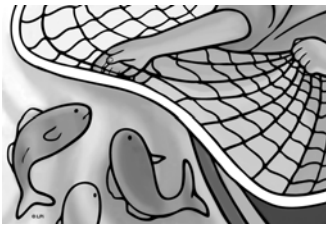
SATURDAY, January 31, 2009 VIGIL: Fourth Ordinary Sunday

4:00 PM †Fr. John Ayers

SUNDAY, February 1, 2009 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM †Jacqueline Benham req by her sister

10:30 AM †John Marshall 11th ann req by Chris & Edward Lattrell



As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

- Mk 1:16-17

*Readings for January 31-February 1, 2009
Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28*

Religious Vocations Corner – Today we celebrate the conversion of St. Paul, the apostle to the gentiles. St. Paul suffered greatly and was martyred for preaching Jesus Christ. Are you willing to give up your life to preach the Good News? If you have what it takes to preach the Gospel with conviction, call Fr. Gary Dailey at 413-452-0816 or email: g.dailey@diospringfield.org web site: www.myvocation.com.

The Pastor's Thoughts...

-My first thought is: "It is nice to be warm!" My thanks to Msgr. Leclerc for his presence with you this weekend in my absence. I am sure you have appreciated his gentle and caring ways as he celebrated Mass for you this weekend. In the same way, I thank Fr. Jack Sheaffer and Fr. Earl Hebert for covering the weekday Masses for me and I look forward to being with you all next weekend.

-Next weekend brings us into the first days of February and with them the celebration of feast of the Presentation of the Lord on Monday the 2nd with the traditional blessing of candles, and the Feast of St. Blaise on Tuesday the 3rd with the tradition of blessing throats. For pastoral reasons I will offer this blessing at the conclusion of all the Masses next weekend and in the traditional way at morning Mass on Tuesday.

-As announced last weekend, the K of C will host their annual Valentine's Dinner Dance on February 14th at the Castle of Knights in Chicopee. Like last year, I will be hosting a table for those who are "single" so that everyone can come and have a great time. Let's face it, you couldn't find a better "date" and possible "dance partner" for the evening! If you would like transportation please let me know. I so enjoyed myself at our table last year and look forward to this wonderful celebration once again. See a member of the K of C for tickets after Mass in the gathering space or call Bill or Debby Bowen at 323-7080 until Friday February 6th.

-The weather has been quite a challenge these past few weekends; interesting that it always seems to be a Sunday that gets the snow. So grateful to our parish staff for keeping the walks and parking lot plowed and clear but if the snow keeps coming I do not know where we are going to put it; the piles are so high now. I believe we need a good thaw!

-Some thoughts on the Gospel of Mark which we will be reading during this Cycle B of the Lectionary: The polemic against the Jewish leaders and Jewish institutions found in this Gospel should be evaluated in its historical and literary context. The most bitter opposition to Jesus in Mark comes not from the bulk of the people and the Pharisees but from the established Temple personnel who were in league with the Romans and themselves considered illegitimate by other Jewish groups. The gospel is also written for Christians a generation after the death of Jesus, and most likely after the destruction of the Temple itself in A.D. 70. Different Jewish groups and early Christians are claiming to be authentic heirs of the traditions of Israel and the gospels reflect the bitterness of interreligious strife. Mark also reflects the apocalyptic or deterministic view of history that attributes the rejection of Jesus by his own people to God's foreordained plan.

See you next weekend.

God bless! Fr. Vern

Adults and teens - (9th grade and up) are invited to join us for the "To Love and Serve" **Social Justice Workshop** provided by the Diocesan Catholic Charities Office. Pre-register soon! The experience will be held for 7, 2-hour, Friday night sessions starting February 13, 2009, from 7-9 on Feb. 13, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3, 2009. The first sessions will take place in the Pine Room For information and registration, please contact Mary Ann at 323-6012.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*In Gratitude to God for His many gifts,
the members of this parish have returned
the following resources in support of the parish
and its ministries...*

The Sunday Collection for January 17-18 was..... \$4,536.07
 Weekly Sunday Average 6,244.59
 Weekly Sunday Goal..... 6,500.00
 Mortgage & Expansion Collection for Jan 4-18 5,951.50
 Monthly Mortgage & Expansion Goal 6,000.00
 Monthly Mortgage & Expansion Shortage..... 48.50

Mortgage & Expansion Collection

The Monthly Collection for the Mortgage & Expansion Fund will be a second collection at all masses next weekend January 31st & February 1st. The loan payment is a monthly obligation which our parish must fulfill just as any family does. Our goal is \$6,000.00 per month and all contributions above the goal will be retained for mortgage and expansion needs.

Eucharistic Adoration and Visitation - The Adoration Info Line number is 323-6272 Ext 6. Please, call before coming for your hour to see if Adoration is closed due to cold or bad weather.

Craft Workshop – Time to prepare for our Christmas Fair 2009. We will have working meetings and exchange of ideas every Tuesday from 1-3. This is also a chance to meet people. Our first meeting will be Tuesday, February 3 at 1 PM in the Pine Room. For people who sew and would rather work at home, we will make up kits with materials and directions and deliver them to you. Questions: call Clare at 323-6679

Liturgical Roles

Weekend of January 31-February 1, 2009

Lectors

4:00 PM Amara & Polidoro
 8:00 AM Crosby

Ministers of the Eucharist

4:00 PM Abraham, Beaupre, Yvon, Carney, Couture, Lemire, Vanasse
 8:00 AM Barrett, Coty, Dubois, McGinnis, Miffitt, Ricardi, Tovet
 10:30 AM Gary & Linda Racicot, Belanger, Fedora, Lattrell, Letendre, Rose

Altar Servers

4:00 PM S. & M. Zoufaly, B. Rogers, T. Mazza
 8:00 AM B. Patel, D. Nauman
 10:30 AM C. & S. Grady, A. Young, H. Lussier

The St. Francis of Assisi Food Pantry is in need of flour, sugar, cake mixes and instant pudding/jello. As always, we thank you for keeping the pantry supplied.



Brick Corner – We would like to thank the following parishioners who have “purchased a brick” for our new church, either in their name or in the name of a loved one: Pat Akins - One Brick in memory of Eileen Schneeloch. Thank you for your support and please remind your friends that they, also, can “buy a brick”. They are only \$10.00 each.

St Francis of Assisi will be hosting a Life Line Screening event in the Pine Room on Thursday, February 6th. Life Line Screening will perform 5 health screenings using Doppler color flow ultrasound. *Stroke/Carotid Artery screening, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) screening, Ankle Brachial Index (ABI), and Atrial Fibrillation screening.* You must pre-register by calling 1-800-324-1851 or Janet at 860-242-1746. These screenings are painless, non-invasive and each test requires 10 minutes or less to complete. The all four package is \$139 or all five for \$149. *Bone Density screening \$35 or \$10 when added to a package.* Most strokes can be prevented. Life Line screening is now offering blood testing. Two simple, finger-stick blood tests to identify risk factors for heart disease and diabetes. These screenings include a complete lipid panel (\$45) and a glucose (blood sugar) (\$25). The cost is \$70 for both or \$50 when added to a package. You will get results in 10 min

Flowers – We wish to thank all of you for your holiday flower donations in memory of your loved ones. Your kind generosity has made it possible to decorate our church during this very special time of year. Thank you!

In Memory of:

*My father John Stopper
 Arthur Fish, Pat & Hugh Rees, Justin Wallae
 M/M Albert Dewhurst, Mrs. Judy Cole
 Jozef Kozak
 Rita Rose Czapla
 The Deceased Members of the Plaza
 & Wolejko Families
 Jerry Campion, Ruth & George Hurst
 Our families and friends
 Stephen Kavanagh
 Bensch & Chouinard Families
 Dolores Norwich
 Edward O'Connor
 Our Parents
 Claire Hamel
 Patrick Kamins, Sr
 M/M Frank Suprenant
 Yando & Benoit Families
 Our Deceased Family Members
 Donald, Margaret Crosby, & William Lewos
 Beaudoin Family
 Richard Salamon
 Raymond Phaneuf, Ellen Eldridge
 Deceased Family & Friends
 Deceased Members of the Zlotnik &
 Golen Families
 Donald Lussier*

Donated By:

*M/M Salvatore Amato
 M/M Arthur Fish, Jr.
 M/M Robert Dewhurst
 M/M Joseph Kozak
 Mr. Joseph Czapla
 M/M Christopher Bechta
 M/M Michael Hurst
 M/M Alfred Desilets
 His Loving Family
 M/M Brian Bensch
 M/M Mark Leckie
 M/M David Lucey
 M/M Francis Dudek
 M/M Steven Hamel
 Mrs. Carole Kamins
 M/M Walter Oliveira
 M/M Walter Yando
 M/M Clarence Robinson, Jr
 M/M Barry Crosby
 Mrs. Nancy Wright
 Ms Debra Salamon
 M/M James Phaneuf
 M/M Daniel Drowniak
 M/M Richard Zlotnik
 M/M Robert Reece*

Michael Sweeney Prayer Line

From January 12th thru January 19th, 2009 the following intentions were added to our already long list of requests for prayers. Please join us in praying for them all.

For a safe delivery of a healthy baby for Rene.

For Ken Gay, healing after a stroke.

For a man to find employment.

That a couple will find a suitable home.

Renewed prayers for Donna for healing of cancer.

Renewed intention for Val who has bone, liver and lung cancer, that there will be healing.

For a safe trip to and from California of M.C. 1/15-1/22.

For a successful pregnancy and good test results for Julia.

Prayers are requested for Steven Barrett for upcoming heart surgery and prayers for his family.

Thanksgiving for prayers answered for successful heart surgery for Peter and continued prayers for his recovery.

Thanksgiving for the safe recovery of the airline passengers and for the skill of their pilot.

Peace of mind for Carol

Successful ear surgery for Kathy 1/27

Thanksgiving for the safe delivery of Rene's baby.

For Michael K. for safety while at sea.

For Lois Owen, comfort and healing after a stroke.

Healing of cancer for Alice Elger.

Thanksgiving for the lives of Cyril Blouin and Fr. Richard John Neuhaus.

Please pray for the repose of their souls and for their families and friends in their bereavement.

Thanksgiving for all God's Graces and His answers to the requests of the prayer line. If you would like to have the prayer line members pray for you or a loved one, please call Chris McGinnis, 323-6622, Louise Groux, 323-4046 or Marion Masse, 323-7169.

Flowers (cont)

In Memory of:

Donated By:

Rene & Sylvia Tetreault, George &

Alida Monat

Francis J. LaValle, Jr., Eileen L. Diemand

Rev John J. Johnson

Mrs. Gloria C. Horne, Mrs. Antonia Leuci

David Barrett, Rose Vicardi

The Holy Innocents

Kathleen O'Connor, Robert Parent

Rene Suprenant

Thomas & Helen Hoar, Joseph &

Melianna Gagnon

Our deceased parents

Albert Coughlin, Florence Bush,

Bob & Carol Foley

Francis, Emma & Pamela Loftus

Patrick Lund, John & Jeanne D'Arc Lund

Our Deceased Family Members

M/M Austin Snow, M/M Frank P. Pudlo

Our Parents

Our Deceased Family Members

Mary Ann Mercier

Roland & Beatrice King

Supczak & Ricchiazzi Families

Justin Wallace

Leczynski Family, Clarence Robinson, Sr

June Lajoie, Theodora Degray, Oscar Degray

Catherine Stelzer, Ruth Cecchetelli

Frank & Carolyn Warner

M/M Victor Tetreault

Mrs Helen LaValle

Dr & Mrs Paul Pierce

M/M Francesco Dell'Olio

Mr. Joseph Barrett

Kathryn Ricardi

M/M Kyle Parent

M/M James Suprenant, Sr

M/M Gilles Gagnon

M/M Joseph Fedora

M/M Robert Foley

M/M Francis Loftus

Mrs Loretta Lund

M/M Joseph Canuel

M/M Frank Pudlo

M/M John Trickey

M/M Robert Donovan, Sr

Mr Rolland Mercier

M/M Steven Baran

M/M Anthony Ricchiazzi

Your Family

Mrs. Helen Robinson, Sr

Lois & Hondo Degray

M/M John Pikul

M/M Carl Ernest