



Mass Intentions

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 Alice & Edward Lattrell

MONDAY, February 2, 2009
 8:00 AM ☩For Fr. Vern's intentions req by Rita Gallagher

TUESDAY, February 3, 2009
 8:00 AM ☩For the People of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, February 4, 2009
 8:00 AM ☩For the People of the Parish

THURSDAY, February 5, 2009
 8:00 AM ☩Roger Laine 1st ann req by Jeffrey & Virginia Oldenburg

FRIDAY, February 6, 2009 First Friday
 8:00 AM ☩Fr. John Ayers

SATURDAY, February 7, 2009 VIGIL: Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM ☩All souls in Purgatory req by Mary Yando
 4:00 PM ☩David Barrett req by his family
 ☩Pauline Mei req by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Allard

SUNDAY, February 8, 2009 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM ☩Thomas O'Donnell 12th ann req by his family
 ☩Diane Wilcox 13th ann req by her family
 10:30 AM ☩Peter Baltren 9th ann req by his family
 ☩Denis Godbout req by Frances Godbout & family



All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee. –

Mk 1:27-28



Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome into our parish family:

Julia Grace Rainaud

May her parents and godparents, by word and example, bring her up to know, love and serve God in this life, so she may be happy with Him forever in the life to come.

The Pastor's Thoughts...

-Our Pastoral Council will resume meeting this coming Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the church meeting room. Remember you can always follow the Council and Commission meetings by reading their notes found on our parish web site. We are blessed by the energy and creativity of so many of our members who contribute so much to the life and vitality of our parish.

-Two new support groups have emerged through our Family Life Commission and I was delighted to hear that their first meetings were quite positive and helpful. The first is a Ministry to Widows and Widowers and the second is a Ministry to those dealing with "cancer" issues. The first group has decided to meet once a month for sharing and discussion over refreshments at a local restaurant. The second will be inviting people from the Holyoke Hospital to offer insight and support for those who have had or are dealing with cancer. I hope many more of our members and even those outside our parish will avail themselves of this support.

-Along with the above, it has been suggested that we put out a feeler to all our single adults in the parish to see if they have an interest in coming together for mutual friendship, support and social fun. If you think you would be interested let me know as we do have someone who has offered to coordinate such a group. Give me a call at 323-6272 ex.3.

-I am looking forward to our K of C Valentine's Dinner Dance next Saturday evening. I hope many of our couples and "singles" will come and enjoy this wonderful evening out.

-One of the delightful things that happen here at St. Francis is our First Saturday morning Mass which is followed by an open breakfast. For those who may not be aware, this open breakfast in the Pine Room has been going on since before I came in 1996. Through the efforts of Clare Oberly and John Trickey and many other helpful hands we follow our gathering at Mass with a delightful breakfast that consists of anything from pancakes and sausage, eggs and bacon, French Toast, breakfast casseroles to fruit and baked goods, complemented by juice, coffee etc. it is always a surprise and always delicious. The best thing that happens is enjoying each others company. Give yourself a treat and join us next Saturday morning for this "St. Francis Tradition!"

-Stan Wyman, our Business Manger has informed me that as of last month, our Fuel Drive reached over \$9,000. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this fund in these very challenging financial times. This parish is deeply blessed by the support and generosity of its active members and for this I am so grateful.

God bless you this week and always!

Fr. Vern

Religious Vocations Corner – Jesus came teaching with authority – can you hear His voice? He may be calling you to service as a priest or religious sister/brother. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, , call Fr. Gary Dailey at 413-452-0816 or email: g_dailey@diospringfield.org web site: www.my_vocation.com.

FOURTH 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 24-25 was..... \$5,407.78
Weekly Sunday Average 6,216.67
Weekly Sunday Goal..... 6,500.00
Mortgage & Expansion Collection for Jan 4-25..... 6,377.50
Monthly Mortgage & Expansion Goal6,000.00
Monthly Mortgage & Expansion January overage.....377.50
Church in Latin America.....1,108.70

Eucharistic Adoration and Visitation - The Adoration Info Line number is 323-6272 Extension 6. Please, always call just before coming in for your hour to see if Adoration has been closed due to extreme cold or bad weather. The Adoration Chapel (entrance around the rear of the church) is open to all parishioners for a visit before the Blessed Sacrament. Hours of Adoration are 8:00 AM – 10:00 PM Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. If you would like to be a part of our Adoration program, either as an assigned adorer or substitute, please call Pam at 323-7416. **The following hours are in need of an Adorer: Monday 2:00 – 3:00 PM, Tuesday 12 Noon – 1:00 PM and Tuesday 1:00 – 2:00 PM.**

Liturgical Roles

Weekend of February 7-8, 2009

Lectors

4:00 PM Carney

8:00 AM Miffitt

10:30 AM Schmidt & William

Ministers of the Eucharist

4:00 PM Pat A., Buczko, Amy, John & Therese Rakouskas,
Racine, Symanczyk

8:00 AM Crosby, Fontaine, Kielbasa, Moran, Waniewski,
Barrett, Coty

10:30 AM Adams, Desilets, Groux, Lawrence, Gary & Linda
Racicot, Tyler

Altar Servers

4:00 PM A. Beaupre, M. & A. Patel

8:00 AM R. & N. Gousy, C. Dalton

10:30 AM T. & J. Bechta, M. Beaudet

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 3rd 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

The St. Francis of Assisi Food Pantry is in need of cold cereal. All donations are greatly appreciated.



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: There were no bricks purchased for this period. Thank you for your support and please remind your friends that they, also, can “buy a brick”. They are only \$10.00 each.

“To Love and Serve”, Social Justice Workshop – During the Lenten season, the Faith Development Commission is sponsoring a free Social Justice Workshop in conjunction with the Diocesan Catholic Charities Office. The seven-week experience can be attended in part if some of the Friday night dates are difficult for your schedule. The experience will provide a good introduction into the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Dates are Feb. 13, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27 and the last class will be on April 3, 2009. Sessions are from 7-9 PM in the Pine Room of the Parish Social Center. Pre-registration is recommended to ensure that adequate materials are available. For more information and registration form, please contact Faith Development Commission co-chair, Mary Ann at 323-6012.

St. Francis of Assisi Knight of Columbus – invites everyone to their annual Sweetheart Dinner Dance being held on Valentine’s Day, Saturday, February 14th. Enjoy an evening of fine food, music, dancing and door prizes at the Castle of Knights in Chicopee. Fr. Vern is hosting a “singles” table for those that would like to attend. Seating is limited. Tickets are on sale after Mass in the gathering space and will remain on sale until Friday, February 6th.

Adult Catholics - A series of 4 sessions for those who wish to receive the sacrament of Confirmation will be offered at St. Mary’s High School, 27 Bartlett St., Westfield, on Thursdays, Feb 26, March 12, 26, And April 2—all from 7-9 PM. The program will end with a retreat on a Saturday morning to be determined. These classes are intended for adults who are practicing their faith and have never completed their Christian Initiation. Registration Forms, which require a pastor’s signature, are available from the Religious Ed office. Call 323-6272, x2 for details. Or contact the diocese – j.Dougherty@diospringfield.org.

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!*

Extra monies were donated by: M/M Donald Como, Ms Helene Brouillette, Mr Alfred Roccanti, Mr. James Boyko, M/M Paul Gilbert, M/M Wesley Nowak, M/M John Goodin, Mrs Marie Lafore, Ms Janice Madden, M/M Stephen Bobowicz, M/M Harold Ahern, M/M Gerald Millen, M/M Raymond Coulombe, Mr David Pierrepont, M/M Lee Roncarati, M/M Kenneth Lavigne, M/M Brian Joao, Mrs Gloria Cartelli, Mr Peter Thorpe, M/M Robert Roux, M/M Donald Perron, Mrs Jean Wadsworth, M/M George Disque, Mrs Patricia Skaza, M/M Michael Laviolette, M/M Bruce Rivest, M/M George Kellogg, M/M David Garrison, Mrs Georgette Dupont, M/M Alfred Leblanc, M/M William Frey.

Michael Sweeney Prayer Line

From January 19th through January 26, 2009, the following intentions were added to our already long list of requests for prayers. Won't you please join us in praying for them all.

That Lucille Reed will find the cause of her pain.

Healing for Frances.

For Everett, healing of pneumonia.

A special intention for Elena.

That Theresa will get the rest that she needs and improved health.

Continued prayers for Lorelei Smith for good diagnosis and healing.

For Patty, healing of recurrent breast cancer.

Successful surgery for Michael 1/20.

For Steven G., healing of injuries after a fall.

Thanksgiving for a safe trip from Florida for a couple.

A safe and enjoyable trip to and from Houston for a man 1/22-1/27.

For the Tobey family, strength, healing and peace.

Renewed intention for healing after surgery for Gloria Slate.

Healing and relief of pain for Eileen Goodrow.

Thanksgiving for the life of Arlene Goodrow. Please pray for the repose of her soul and for her family 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.

St Francis of Assisi will be hosting a Life Line Screening event in the Pine Room on Friday, 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

The Our Lady of the Angels S. F. O will meet on Wednesday, February 11th at 6:30 PM in the Tovet Room of the church. All are welcome. For those with questions, call Lynn Carney at 323-5537, or Kathy Ricardi at 323-9023.

Family Life - The widow and widowers group had their first meeting on January 15th. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, February 12th. Come and join us. If interested call Beth at 323-5910 for more information.

The first meeting for the cancer support group was Tuesday, January 27th, at 7PM in the Tovet Room. If you are newly diagnosed or presently in treatment for cancer and are interested in attending a support group, please call Beth at 323-5910.

The Bereavement Group – invites anyone who has suffered a loss to join us for some comfort and discussion the 1st or 3rd Wednesday of the month, 7 PM, in the Tovet Room.