



VACATIONS

- SATURDAY, July 11, 2009 VIGIL: Fifteenth Ordinary Sunday
 4:00 PM †George Opalenik req by the Ray Bushey family
 †Deceased members of the Guillotte family
- SUNDAY, July 12, 2009 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM †Stephen Tarnawa req by the Christ family
 †Richard Shakarian req by Aunt Jennie
 10:30 AM †Laurie Como, 17th ann, Gary Borowski 22nd ann
 req by Dan & Linda Drewniak & family
 †Lester & Janine Olearczyk req by Ann Nowak
 & family
- MONDAY, July 13, 2009
 8:00 AM †Mitchell & Sally Gonet, Stanley & Mary
 Czaporowski
- TUESDAY, July 14, 2009
 8:00 AM †Stanley Moskal
- WEDNESDAY, July 15, 2009
 8:00 AM †Joseph Giancola req by Bob & Felicia Stanton
- THURSDAY, July 16, 2009
 8:00 AM †Robert Carrier req by Clare Oberly
- FRIDAY, July 17, 2009
 8:00 AM †Morning Prayer
- SATURDAY, July 18, 2009 VIGIL: Sixteenth Ordinary Sunday
 4:00 PM †David Barrett req by the family
 †Anastasia Hannah Birthday Remembrance req by
 the family
- SUNDAY, July 19, 2009
 8:00 AM †Michael J. O'Connor req by M/M Michael
 O'Connor
 †David Pierrepont req by Katina Pierrepont
 10:30 AM †Gasper DeSantis, Sr. req by his family
 †Claire Panda, Ernest & Lillian Lavigne req by
 the family



He summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. –

Mk 6:7, 13

Religious Vocation Corner – In today's first reading Amos says he did not choose to be a prophet; God selected him. Maybe God is asking you to consider what you are doing at this time and perhaps begin the special work He has for you to do. If you feel God may be selecting you for the special life of priest or religious, call Fr. Gary Dailey at 413-452-0816 or E-Mail: g.dailey@diospringfield.org.

Pray for all who serve the Church, especially those ministering in places experiencing war and poverty.

The Pastor's Thoughts..

-The comic, Family Circle, put it well last Tuesday: "They ought to give us an extra day of vacation for every day it rains." It was indeed a "wet" week at the shore; I hope I have better luck the next time, though it is so good to be home. I will be away next weekend, returning on the 25th for another shot at the sun by the shore. In my absence, Fr. Paul Archambault will be covering the parish.

-This Wednesday at 12:30PM in the Pine Room we will open the bids for our new rectory. There was a lot of interest in our project and I was so pleased that so many of our congregation were able to participate. Following the opening, they will be submitted to the Diocesan Building Commission for review and selection. We have engaged the services of an engineering and environmental firm to plot the house and driveway, etc., and to deal with the obvious issues of wet land. Hopefully we will have some good news to share next weekend as we all know it comes down to cost vs. funds.

-From all reports our first Vacation Bible School was a great success this past week. The children learned a great deal and had a wonderful time. Thanks for supporting our NCYC teens in this fundraising effort.

-We recently received a report from the Diocese regarding our participation in the Annual Appeal. Presently, the parish has given some \$31,000 in support of the various agencies and ministries which this Appeal funds. On behalf of all those who will greatly benefit from our generosity in these very challenging times, I thank you for your support.

-In the same way, Fr. Goni wishes to express his thanks for your generous response to his appeal for the support of his Archdiocese in Nigeria. As noted, we were able to send out some \$1,700 for this cause. Your generous response to the Annual Mission Cooperative Appeal is truly amazing and very much in keeping with the spirit of our Patron, St. Francis.

-In looking ahead, please note that I will once again be the guest performer at our Belchertown Summer Concerts on Thursday, August 6th. We are so blessed with the great musical talent in this town and I am so happy to support this program.

-Finally I hope you are enjoying this summertime. It is such a treat to spend quality time with family and friends, to visit far away places, to appreciate the beauty of nature and moments of peace and quiet. It all passes so quickly, so do take some time not only to recreate but to re-create yourself in and through your vacation.

God Bless...Fr. Vern

Rest Safely in His Care

*There are many things in life
 That we cannot understand,
 But we must trust God's judgment
 And be guided by His hand.
 And all who have God's blessing
 Can rest safely in His care,
 For He promises safe passage
 On the wings of faith and prayer.*

Helen Steiner Rice

*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...*

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| The Sunday Collection for July 4-5 | \$7,073.70 |
| Weekly Sunday Average | 7,073.70 |
| Weekly Sunday Goal | 6,500.00 |
| Mortgage & Expansion Collection for July 5 | 3,433.50 |
| Monthly Mortgage & Expansion Goal | 6,000.00 |
| Monthly Mortgage & Expansion July Shortfall | 2,566.50 |
| Mission Cooperative | 1,730.35 |

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: Tuesday 12 Noon – 1:00 PM and Tuesday 1:00 – 2:00 PM.**

Liturgical Roles

Weekend of July 18-19, 2009

Lectors

4:00 PM Campbell
8:00 AM Forrest
10:30 AM Dell'Olio

Ministers of the Eucharist

4:00 PM Pat A., Buczko, Couture, Lemire, Racine, R. & L. Zlotnik
8:00 AM Barrett, Coty, Fontaine, Kielbasa, Miffitt, Tovet, Waniewski
10:30 AM Adams, Cominoli, Dell'Olio, Desilets, Lamoureux, Rose, Tyler

Altar Servers

4:00 PM T. & R. Lewis, M. & H. Sugrue
8:00 AM S. & R. Forrest
10:30 AM C. Grady, M. & F. Hegarty

Teenage Missionaries – Four young men from our parish are heading to Ghana, Africa on a mission to aid the children of the village of Kpando. They will be gone from 7/7 –7/21. Ben Detour, Nick Chmura, John DePerry and James Brown have an ambitious agenda. Among their projects are plans for building a bath house for a rural orphanage, helping children with HIV/Aids, and educating children on malaria. Ben DeTour will be filming a documentary to promote the organization: Future Leaders of Ghana.



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: Eileen Marra – Two Bricks In Memory of Owen J. Marra. One Brick In Memory of Ernest &

Lillian Lavigne From the Family

Thank you for your support and please remind your friends that they, also, can “buy a brick”. They are only \$10.00 each.

Announcement & Job opening in the Religious Education Office – We are sorry to report that Deb Robinson has resigned her position as High School Coordinator to pursue her degree in Youth Ministry and concentrate on her other job at Our Lady of Hope. As a parishioner in our parish, she will continue to work with the NCCYC teens as they prepare for their November trip. We are taking applications and resumes now to fill the 15 hour a week position. Qualified candidates must have experience working with teens and teaching, and a good knowledge of the faith. Send resumes to Judy Trickey, Religious Ed Office, St. Francis of Assisi Church, PO Box 612, Belchertown, MA 01007. Please pass the word along to anyone who may be qualified!

Knights of Columbus Members – the July 14th pre-meeting dinner will be served at 6:00 PM and the regular meeting will be at 7:00 PM. The menu is barbecued hamburger, hot dogs, salads, dessert and beverages. There is no charge for the dinner, but donations are appreciated.

In Loving Memory

Memorial to the Unborn – Our Knights of Columbus Council is in the process of raising funds to erect a monument in memory of Unborn Children taken before the gift of life was fulfilled by their birth. A pink granite bench engraved with our prayer to our Holy Mother will be placed in front of her statue outside our church. In these trying times our council does not have the necessary funds to cover this expense, so we are asking all Knights and parishioners to help make this memorial a reality. Only through your generosity can we have the memorial in place this autumn. Your donations may be sent to: Memorial to Unborn Children, K of C 10698, P. O. Box 1343, Belchertown, MA 01007. Please help.

Did You Know? Protecting our children – In the Springfield Diocese, the Office of Counseling, Prevention and Victim Services was established to fulfill our commitment to the victims, survivors and family members of those who have suffered sexual abuse by clergy or anyone working for the Catholic church. Our promise to protect and pledge to heal includes measures to ensure accountability, promote healing and reconciliation, and prevent future acts of abuse. To report child abuse or for further information, call the Office of Counseling, Prevention and Victim Services' confidential phone at 1-800-842-9055.

State law requires that abuse and/or neglect of a minor be reported to the MA Dept. of Social Services/Dept. of child and Families at 1-800-792-5200 or through the local police.

St. Francis of Assisi Food Pantry is in need of canned meats: tuna, ham, chicken. Thank you for remembering those in need.

JULY 12, 2009

Michael Sweeney Prayer Line

From June 25 through July 6, 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.

Prayers asked for new-born Eva Marie who is struggling for life, and for her parents.

A safe flight to Denmark for Joey R. 6/25.

A safe and enjoyable trip to No. Carolina for Katy and her friends 6/15-6/28

Prayers are asked for Dee for strength and peace during a difficult time in her life.

Thanksgiving for prayers answered for Jimmy V.

Prayers are asked for healing of John's foot.

Renewed intention for healing for Marty.

For a positive outcome from Maggie's test results.

For good results from a medical procedure for a woman.

Successful heart for surgery for Mrs. Lenihan 6/30

Thanksgiving for successful surgery for Joan and prayers for a good recovery.

Prayers for healing for Jack.

Prayers for healing for Joe.

Renewed intention for healing for Bill.

Renewed intention for healing for Lennie after a heart attack.

Prayers for healing of a serious illness for Jane R.

Prayers for Lawrence Kuzlik for a good recovery after brain surgery.

Renewed intention for Eileen Goodrow for correct diagnosis and healing.

Prayers are asked for Lily Daigle for healing of cancer.

A safe and enjoyable trip to Alaska for a couple 7/12-7/19.

Thanksgiving for the lives of Madge Pixley and Lillian Radler.

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.

Parish Tag Sale Update – Donations will be accepted beginning August 1st in the Pine Room of the Parish Social Center. Please do not leave any donations before August 1st. Volunteers are needed to receive, inspect and pack items throughout the month of August. The sale will be on August 29th, rain or shine. Please contact Tag Sale Chairman, Raymond Coulombe (323-7224) to volunteer or for any other information.

Confirmation photos on line – Check out the parish website at www.stfrancisbtown.org to view photographs of the May 30th Confirmation Ceremony and our forty eight 2009 Confirmandi. Click on "What's New" and then select "Confirmation Pictures."

The Annual Polish-American Picnic at St. Michael's Cathedral, 260 State St. in Springfield, will be held on Friday, August 7, 2009, rain or shine. The grounds will be open at 5 PM and food service will begin at 5:30. There is no charge for parking or admission. Tickets for Polish and American foods will be sold. A soda, beer and wine cash bar will be available. A multi-item raffle will include items from Poland, restaurant dining cards, cash prizes, sports equipment and a top prize of a six-course catered dinner for eight with special guests Bishop Timothy McDonnell and Bishop Maguire for evening of fun. For information call Margo Moran 413-781-3656 or email: scrivener@diospringfield.org.