



SATURDAY, August 15, 2009 The Assumption of Mary
 4:00 PM †Jane & Joel Wyman req by the family
 †The Gazda family req by M/M Rene Pepin
 †Gaston Dupont birthday remembrance req by his wife and family

SUNDAY, August 16, 2009 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM †Al Rolla req by Chris McGinnis
 †Frank Antonovitch Month's Mind req by Stanley & Pat Antonovitch
 10:30 AM †Lionel LaChance req by Roger & Yvette Archambault
 †Grandparents req by granddaughter

MONDAY, August 17, 2009
 8:00 AM †Norbert Twarog
 †Mary McArdle 5th ann req by the family

TUESDAY, August 18, 2009
 8:00 AM †Gary Cournoyer
 †Patricia McDonald req by friends

WEDNESDAY, August 19, 2009
 8:00 AM †Mitchell & Sally Gonet, Stanley & Mary Czaprowski

THURSDAY, August 20, 2009
 8:00 AM †Wilfred & Louise Groux 60th wedding ann

FRIDAY, August 21, 2009
 8:00 AM †Morning Prayer

SATURDAY, August 22, 2009 VIGIL: Twenty-first Ordinary Sunday
 4:00 PM †Jerry Campion Birthday Remembrance req by the family
 †Bernard Laramée 10th ann req by Simone and children

SUNDAY, August 23, 2009 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM †Elaine Tovet 3rd Ann req by her husband
 †Frank Antonovitch req by Pat & Ron Akins
 10:30 AM †The People of the Parish



"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me." - Jn 6:56-57

***Scripture Readings for August 23-24, 2009
 Jos 24:1-2, 15-17/Eph 5:21-32/Jn 6:60-69***

Religious Vocation Corner – The Gospel asks for us: “How can Jesus give us His flesh to eat?” Our lack of knowledge does not prevent us from being lured into the mystery. The mystery makes it all the more appealing when we say in faith, “My Lord and my God.” In faith we can respond also to God’s invitation to be His priest or religious. If you can, call Fr. Gary Dailey at 413-452-0816 or E-Mail: g.dailey@diospringfield.org. **Please take home our Vocation Cross, God will bless you.**

The Pastor's Thoughts...

-It was a pleasant surprise to find our parish featured twice in last week's edition of the Catholic Observer – one was a picture of our seminarian Peter and parishioners and the other was a feature on me as they honor this “Year of the Priest!” All I can say is: “Where do all the years go?”

-Registration forms for this year's Generations of Faith Program on Prayer have been mailed to every household. As so often mentioned before, this program is for ALL of us, not just for our young people; we all need to learn our Faith. Many studies and surveys have found that adult Catholics do not have the tools to express, let alone explain, our Faith and this is why it is so difficult for parents of today to hand on their Faith to their children. Register and learn more what our Faith means.

The volunteer help board for this year's program is in the gathering space. Please consider giving a helping hand. The Holy Spirit gives to each community all the gifts it needs to grow and nourish the Faith, we need to call them forth and put them at the service of one another. The best way to learn is to teach. Give some thought to giving a helping hand.

-Speaking of helping hands, our Tag Sale volunteers would like more help on Friday and Saturday, the Pine Room is open from 8AM to 8PM. This is a great opportunity for our High School age members to give support and help to the parish.

-Our land engineer has presented his preliminary plans for the placement of the rectory and the land development needed. In order to avoid wet land issues, it looks like it will be placed closer to the rear of the church, just below the great maple tree. We are now working with our contractor and hope to have a complete proposal package ready for the Diocesan Committee the first week of September.

-On Sunday, August 23rd following the 10:30AM Liturgy, a new slate of officers will be installed for our local chapter of the Knights of Columbus. All are welcomed to attend the ceremony and the reception which will follow.

-Congratulations and prayerful best wishes to Heather Mayou and Jason Ritchotte who will celebrate the Sacrament of Christian Marriage next Saturday evening here at St. Francis. May the Lord bless them with many years of happiness and joy together.

-This Saturday, Bishop McDonnell ordained three young men to the transitional Diaconate; they will be ordained priests in June. How blest we are as a Diocese to have these vocations. Do keep them in your prayers as we continue to pray for vocations here in the Diocese of Springfield.

-Finally, a word of sincere gratitude to all the members of our parish, particularly our senior citizens who are working so hard to make our Annual Tag Sale another success. Some are there in the Pine Room each and every day from morning 'till night and truly display a great love for this parish by their dedication. If it was not for people like this we would not have been able to accomplish all that has been done these past years. Thank you and God bless your efforts.

May the Lord watch over you and bless you! Fr. Vern

*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 August 8-9 was..... \$7,551.43
Weekly Sunday Average 6,264.61
Weekly Sunday Goal..... 6,500.00
Mortgage & Expansion Collection for August 1-9..... 4,996.00
Monthly Mortgage & Expansion Goal6,000.00
Mortgage & Expansion August Shortfall -1,004.00

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 August 22-23, 2009

Lectors

4:00 PM McKeon
8:00 AM Forrest

Ministers of the Eucharist

4:00 PM Abraham, Beaupre, Carney, Symanczyk, J. & T. Rakouskas, Yvon
8:00 AM Barrett, Coty, Fontaine, McGinnis, Miffitt, Tovet, Waniewski
10:30 AM Belanger, Fedora, Groux, Lawrence, Letendre, L. & G. Racicot

Altar Servers

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

Pro-Life Corner – “It wasn’t many years ago that almost everyone accepted that infanticide is intrinsically and inherently wrong. Clearly this is no longer true.... With the growth of the personhood theory that denies the intrinsic value of human life, and the discriminatory ‘quality of life’ ethic permeating the highest levels of medical and bioethical thinking, we are moving toward a medical system in which babies are put down like dogs and killing is redefined as a caring act.” Wesley J. Smith, J.D. *NRL News*, March, 2008.

The St. Francis of Assisi Food Pantry is in need of cold cereals. All donations are 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:

Kay & Bob Williams – One Brick In Memory of Alice Burke.

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

Immediate opening for High School Coordinator: The Religious Education Office is seeking a qualified candidate to oversee the High School Program and Confirmation Preparation. This position is part time, averaging 15 hours a week. Requirements are: a love for teens, experience teaching high school, knowledge of the faith, ability to write curriculum, flexible working schedule and good organizational skills. Send resume to Judy Trickey, St. Francis of Assisi Church, PO Box 612, Belchertown, MA 01007. Contact Judy at 323-6272 x2 with any questions.

Generations of Faith needs Catechists & Classroom Assistants
We have several openings to fill before our first G of F session on the weekend of September 12/13. As always we have the human resources within our community. They just need to step forward to offer their skills! Won’t you consider signing up now??? Call Judy at 323-6272 for information.

Openings are:

Saturday AM Session: 2nd Grade Catechist
Saturday PM Session: 2nd Grade Assistant
Elementary Catechist (2 openings)
Pre-school Assistant
Confirmation Catechist
Sunday AM Session: Pre-school Catechist and Assistants
2nd Grade Assistants
Elementary Catechist (2 openings)
7th/8th Grade Catechists
Sunday PM Session: Elementary Catechist
7th/8th Grade Catechist and Assistants
Confirmation Catechist
Pre-school Assistant

NCYC Luau – On Sunday, August 30th, the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) will be hosting a Luau to help raise money for their trip to Kansas City, MO. This trip is designed to help our teens gain a greater knowledge of themselves and what it means to be Catholic. The cost of tickets will be \$10 for adults and \$6 for kids 12 and under. This includes food, music, dancing, face painting, and lots of fun. There will also be a Bingo table with prizes. The event will be held from 4 – 7PM at the Jabish Brook Middle School Pavilion. Hope to see you there!

Help Needed to film the Mass for those in town who cannot physically attend. We are in need of volunteers to tape any weekend Mass at St. Francis to be broadcast Sundays at 4:30 on Channel 5. If you can help, once a month, please call Louise Christ at 323-8892.

Michael Sweeney Prayer Line

From 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.

Successful surgery for Therese B. on 8/5 and a good recovery.

For a couple to have success in selling their home

A safe trip to Ohio for a woman 8/5.

Good results from a medical procedure for Amanda R..8/4.

Prayers asked for Roberta Desjardins who has cancer.

Continued prayers for Sara Mouser who is in depression.

Prayers for Butch Kozlik who has returned to the hospital with an infection.

Renewed prayers for Patrick McGrath who has an infection.

For Kyla C. for a safe pregnancy and a healthy baby.

Successful eye surgery for a young boy 8/11 and for complete healing.

Prayers are requested for Sara who has some health issues.

Please pray for Anita C. for healing and peace.

Special intention for Karen for a good biopsy report 8/11.

Thanksgiving for prayers answered for successful surgery on Maddie's arm.

Prayers are asked for our seminarian, Peter Naranjo, as he returns to his studies for the priesthood.

Thanksgiving for the lives of Alice Burke, Kimberly Dominique, Frank Zabawa, Sr., Steven Demers, Linda Drouillard and Douglas Marble. 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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter – “Watch carefully how you live, not as foolish persons, but as wise, making the most of the opportunity...” (Today's 2nd Reading) Make the most of the opportunity God has given you in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are September 11-13, September 18-20, September 25-27 and October 23-25. For more information call Ralph and Jane Becker at 1-800-710-WWME or visit our web page at www.wwmeMA.org

The Felician Sisters of Our Lady of the Angels Convent will hold their annual Lawn Festival on their grounds at 1315 Enfield Street (Route 5), Enfield, Connecticut on Saturday, September 12, 2009, from 10 AM to 6:30 PM. Festival will feature delicious Polish and American food, Kiddy Land, lobster, homemade bread and pastries, tag sale and games for everyone to enjoy. The Eddie Forman Polka Band from Hadley, Mass will entertain from 1-5 PM. Masses will be celebrated in the main chapel at 4 and 5:15 PM. Festival to benefit the infirm and elderly Felician Sisters. Free parking and admission. Please, no animals or coolers on festival grounds. Info: 860-745-7791 between 9:30 AM and 6:30 PM.

Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular – Thursday, December 3, 2008. Sponsored by Immaculate Heart of Mary, Granby, MA. \$103 per person includes round trip transportation on board a luxury coach, Orchestra/1st Mezzanine tickets and driver's gratuity. Stops for breakfast & dinner—on your own. 3 hours in NY to explore. Reservation (w/ 50% deposit) deadline November 1st, Marilyn at 467-3382 or 467-9821 or Gert at 593-3283.