

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, July 25**

4:00 PM Helga Lough (1st anniv.) & Walter Lough (from family)
Donald Baillargeon (from Anne & John MacKay)

Sunday, July 26

7:00 AM Rev. Frederick G. Dion (18th anniv.)
8:30 AM Patrick Brennan (18th anniv. from wife & family)
Marguerite Murphy (from the Murphy family)
10:00 AM Karen Sarat (6th anniv. from Mary Ligenza)
11:30 AM

Monday, July 27

8:30 AM Pro Populo ("For the People")

Tuesday, July 28

8:30 AM Domingo Pereira (from family)

Wednesday, July 29

8:30 AM Shirley Tremblay (1st anniv. from husband,
daughters & grandchildren)

Thursday, July 30

8:30 AM Deceased members of the Iarrusso family (from
M/M Albert Nardacci)

Friday, July 31

8:30 AM Emil Champagne + (birth. rem. from Celeste)

Saturday, August 1

4:00 PM Richard Hubbard & Claire Lajoie (from M/M
Vincent Paradis)

Sunday, August 2

7:00 AM James Sabadosa (from Donna DeForest & Marge
Devlin)
8:30 AM Stephen Moore (3rd anniv. from the Ferraraccio
family)
10:00 AM Theresa Cusack (4th anniv. from Tommy & Holly
Cusack & family)
Angelo Minicucci + (Wedd. Anniv. Rem. from
family)
11:30 AM

**Flowers on the Altar this week are in memory of:**

- ❖ James & Janelle Sabadosa from the Philip Parenzo family

If you would like to contribute towards the beautiful flowers on our altar, there is a notebook in the main entrance of the Church. It is easy to fill out a request and a great way to honor someone who has passed away or celebrate a great event in someone's life.

Please remember in your prayers: Madeline Sevich, John "Rod" Brill, Sr., Steven Bishop, Elizabeth Swiderski, Ellen Forish and Aguedo Soto

We steward our treasure... The collection for last week, 7/19, totaled \$11,996 (we aim for \$13,000 per week). This came through 560 adult envelopes, 0 children's envelopes, with \$826 in loose cash.

Thanks to all who do give so generously. It is through your support that we can do all that we do.

Pastor's Column

On Sunday, July 26, our Hispanic Community begins a novena to St. John Vianney. Nine days of prayer concluding on his feast, August 4th. What a powerful gift to our parish, to our church, to all priests everywhere in this Year of the Priest to pray to the patron saint of priests!

Jean-Baptiste Marie Vianney was born at Dardilly, France on May 8th, 1786. As a boy he was a shepherd on his father's farm. God was calling him to be shepherd of souls, so at age 20 he entered seminary. It was a tumultuous time in France. John was drafted out of seminary to fight in the army. He could not in conscious serve, so he deserted. He was able to return home in 1810 when Napoleon declared amnesty to all deserters.

Back at seminary he struggled mightily. Throughout his life he would be labeled a poor learner, but one priest (Abbé Balley) saw beyond his struggles to the heart of John's love. He was ordained a priest in 1815 and assigned as curate under Abbé Balley in Ecully. After Abbé Balley died, John was appointed the curé in Ars (in the south of France).

It was a very difficult assignment. He worked ceaselessly to light a fire within his religiously indifferent parishioners. He fought immorality, complacency and frivolity. He found many enemies, but remained faithful through all his struggles.

Eventually he would reform the entire village. He helped open a free school for girls, a shelter for orphans & deserted children as well as a pilgrimage shrine to St. Philomena. But he was best known for his hearing confession. In the winter he would spend no less than 11 hours and in the summer no less than 16 hours a day hearing people's confessions! They say he had the gift of insight into people's minds and souls.

He spent forty-one years as the curé of Ars. They were not easy years. Put down by superiors for his lack of learning, under suspicion by authorities due to his war on immorality and sin, subjected to diabolical attacks over a thirty-year period, he endured patiently, faithfully and lovingly. Deeply in love with silence, he tried leaving his parish three times to become a Carthusian hermit but each time he came back to aid sinners and shepherd his people. In the end he refused all honors offered him and died in Ars on August 4th, 1859.

He truly is a great model for priests. His profound love for God, his deep dedication to his parish, his patient endurance of trials, his putting of heart over head in all his spiritual life ... any priest, indeed anyone seeking the spiritual life, should be inspired and can learn a lot from St. John Vianney.

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Fr. b.

**St. John Vianney,
pray for us
and for all our priests!**

This Week at St. Mary's

Mon 7/27	7 PM	Picnic Meeting – Center
Tue 7/28	7 PM	Circulo de Oracion – Lower Church
Wed 7/29	9 AM – 6 PM	Adoration & Benediction – Church
Thu 7/30	7 PM	Cursillo – Center
Sun 8/2	8 AM	RCIA – Center & Church
	12 PM	Parish Picnic – Sons of Erin

COMING: 8/15 Deacon Ordination, 8/26 STMES New Student 'Come and See', 8/27 HS Freshman Orientation, 8/31 Schools begin full time

ST. MARY'S PARISH PICNIC:

Sunday, August 2, 2009; 12-5pm at the Sons of Erin, \$3.00 per person or \$5.00 per family: **Tickets are available at the rectory. We are limited to 300**



people and already have 215 that are going. Please get your tickets before it is too late. Join us for a day of food, live music and fun for the whole family as you get to know your parish family! Bring along snacks, salads or desserts to share...the rest will be provided for you. If you have any questions or would like to help, please call Liz Devillez at 568-3656. Hope to see you there!

PARISH PICNIC MEETING will be July 27th at 7 PM in the Parish Center.



ASSUMPTION OF MARY-SATURDAY, AUGUST 15th is a Holy Day but not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. There will not be a vigil on Friday, August 14th. There will be an 8:30 AM Mass on Saturday, August 15th.

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THE ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY is looking for an **upright freezer** to store frozen food at the food pantry. If you have such a freezer and would like to donate it to the Society, please contact them at 568-5619 and leave a message, someone will return your call.



MERCY HOME HEALTHCARE will be available this Sunday, July 25th after the 11:30 AM Mass to take your blood pressure and talk about the services that they offer.



Chance to win **RED SOX TICKETS**. One \$10.00 raffle ticket will give you 2 chances to win a pair of tickets to the Red Sox vs. Orioles game on 9/9/09. **GREAT SEATS:** Approximately 20 feet from the field, behind 3rd base. Drawing is on 8/21/09. Winners will have their names posted on the bulletin thereafter. Funds will go toward 4 youth in our parish who wish to attend a National Catholic Youth Conference. To purchase raffle tickets please call Maria Delgado at (413) 297-6973 or there will

be tickets available at the rectory.

MUSIC AT ST. MARY'S: With summer here we are looking for ways to cultivate quiet and simplicity in our communal prayer. In this spirit we will not be announcing the hymns to be sung at Mass. Instead, we invite you to use the hymn boards located throughout the church so that you may continue to participate in the music. Singing is an opportunity to inspire us to prayer and a way for us to lift our hearts and voices in gratitude to God.



ANNIVERSARY MASS FOR MARRIED COUPLES:

Bishop Timothy A. McDonnell cordially invites all married couples celebrating any significant wedding anniversary in 2009 to a special 2 PM *Anniversary Mass* on October 18, 2009, at the Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel in Springfield. Many couples celebrating 25th and 50th anniversaries attend every year; additionally, any couple wishing to remember their yearly wedding anniversary through an Episcopal Liturgy are warmly welcome as well. If interested, please notify *Fr. Longe* (562-5477 x15) before August 14, 2009, in order to officially register. *Praise God for the Sacramental gift of Holy Matrimony!*

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FRIENDS OF THE HOMELESS:

Redemptorist Fathers Jim Brennan and Tim Keating invite all interested individuals to drop off a new pair of **pajamas (nightshirts and nightgowns)** are also needed) for men, women and children (of all ages and sizes) now through August 1st. You may do so either at St. Francis Chapel, Bridge St., Springfield (baskets have been placed at the Chapel entrance), in the newsroom on the second floor at 65 Elliot St. (appropriately marked box is located atop the file cabinet facing you as you enter the reporters' work area) or here at St. Mary's rectory and someone will bring them to Springfield. This service project benefits the Friends of the Homeless (Springfield) as well as The Gray House. Frs. Jim & Tim send their heartfelt thanks to those of you who are able to participate.

VOCATIONS VIEW:

In the Gospel many people hunger for a small amount of food. In our day, there are too many people for the small number of priests, sisters, brothers and deacons. We too must trust in the Lord by praying for vocations and responding if we feel God is calling us to a Church vocation. If you feel God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Gary Dailey at (413) 452-0816 or write g.dailey@diospringfield.org



FR. HUGH CREAN MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

will take place on Saturday, September 19th at the Chicopee Country Club. For more information or to register for the event, please contact Mrs. Donna (Murphy) Hurley at 782-5200 or email KatieAnne DeMars at HNSGolf5@yahoo.com.

ST. MARY HIGH SCHOOL

Enrollment at Saint Mary High School is open to prospective freshmen. If you are interested in a college preparatory education (98 to 100% of our graduates continue on to college) that includes faith, gospel values, academic excellence, competitive sports programs, service, community and family, consider us! Also, there are a limited number of openings in the sophomore and junior classes. It is not too late to prepare for your success at college! We will assist you every step of the way. Learn more about us online at www.stmaryhs.com. You can see first hand why St. Mary High School students are 'Lighting the Way to the Future'!

To schedule a visit, call the school at 568-5692 or email us at ktjaszek@yahoo.com.

ST. MARY'S ADVANCEMENT

PLEASE REMEMBER THE PARISH IN YOUR WILL:

Our Parish is always grateful to receive bequests or gifts of appreciated stock. These will enable us to continue our ministries of service, education and pastoral care. For information, contact Kristin Hagan our Director of Advancement, or Fr. Brian.

STOCK DONATIONS: Please be sure to contact the Advancement Office if you plan to make a stock donation to the parish or schools. Our director, Kristin Hagan, can help you with forms and advice. Thanks.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CATHOLIC 101 - Are there really seven deadly sins?

YES, The Catholic Church identifies seven particularly harmful sins or vices, which can lead us to turn away from God. **Pride:** Parents are rightly proud of their kids. But pride here refers to the need to be always more important or attractive than anyone else. **Avarice (greed):** Parents who struggle with this may choose material comforts over the family's true needs. **Envy:** Resenting others who have something you wish you had, along with the failure to rejoice in another's success or good fortune. **Wrath:** Even healthy families get angry, but wrath prevents reconciliation. It is uncontrolled anger with a desire for revenge; think family feuds, grudges. **Lust:** Undisciplined, unchecked desire can tear apart existing relationships. Our job is to help kids learn to respect others and not turn them into objects. **Gluttony:** The hazards of excessive eating or drinking are both physical and psychological. How do we help children properly use God's gift of nourishment? **Sloth:** Not bothering, failing to use one's gifts and talents. One family member who fails to put forth effort can have an effect on the entire household.

**Opportunity may knock once,
but temptation bangs
on your front door forever.**

El cura de Ars fue un sacerdote feliz y sencillo

El arzobispo emérito de Corrientes, monseñor Domingo Salvador Castagna, puso a San Juan María Vianney, como ejemplo de "santidad sacerdotal", y destacó que el Santo Cura de Ars, "no se apoltronó en la comodidad asfixiante de un ministerio entendido como mera función burocrática. Se entregó sin retaceos, echó un manto de olvido sobre su persona y no piensa más que en los intereses espirituales de quienes acuden a él". Al ofrecer una reflexión para el Año Sacerdotal, el prelado consideró que "las tres horas diarias de adoración ante el Sagrario -de 4 a 7- y la celebración inmediata de la Eucaristía, constituyeron la fuente vitalizadora de su fecunda actividad pastoral". "En las manifestaciones humildes, a veces contrariadas por la mediocridad ambiental, de las diversas y principales actividades de su ministerio, se lo ve poseedor de una sabiduría que no es de este mundo. Es el hombre que mira el bien de las personas: de sus feligreses y de sus penitentes. Sabe que el bien sobre todo bien es Dios y no se cansa de ofrecerlo como lo vive él. Testigo fiel de Dios para un mundo sin Dios. Es consciente de su misión de apóstol y testigo", subrayó. Tras calificarlo como "un luchador incansable", valoró sobre todo las horas que el santo dedicaba para preparar su sermón dominical. "Quienes lo ven y escuchan se conmueven hasta la conversión", aseguró. El arzobispo emérito recordó que a su pequeña parroquia en Ars, a sólo 30 kilómetros de Lyon, acudían a confesarse con él y recibir "un decisivo impulso de conversión mediante el consejo y el perdón" numerosas personas, de ínfima y encumbrada situación social. Muchos de los cuales se preguntaban "quién es ese sacerdote sin nivel académico ni prestigio social". Monseñor Castagna afirmó que "su única ambición es amar a Dios e intentar, con todas sus fuerzas, que todo el mundo lo ame. De allí su entusiasmo por las misiones", y lo definió como "un enamorado, cuya felicidad consiste en seguir al Amado hasta la Cruz y morir en ella, y con Él, por los pecadores. Es el secreto de su gigantesca estatura espiritual, de su conversión en víctima de amor, identificado con la Víctima que atrae diariamente sobre el altar". "El santo Cura de Ars es un sacerdote feliz, llegado a la plenitud del amor sin resabios de egoísmo, que se siente amado con pureza ejemplar por Jesucristo. Sabe que su respuesta de amor está aún infinitamente lejos del llamado de amor de Dios. No se desalienta. Se reconoce pobre e identifica al Padre Bueno que le obsequia a su Unigénito por amor: "Dios amó tanto al mundo que le dio a su único Hijo" (Juan). Por allí va su vida: respondiendo humildemente al Amor que lo ama. Su espiritualidad se inspira en Jesucristo como el Amor que lo ama hasta la Cruz", concluyó.

INVITACIÓN: a todo los CURSILLISTA el retiro anual será en SETIEMBRE 12 de las 8 a.m. a 5 p.m. y Si quieres comprometerte a servir a tu Iglesia y compartir con ellas tus mejores dones te invitamos a Participar de un Cursillo de Cristiandad en el Solicitar orientaciones y ayuda con Tina Franco.

LA PARROQUIA INVITA A TODAS LA MUJERES: a un desayuno el día 19 de setiembre de 8 a.m. a 12 m para mayor información comunicarse con María Rosado

AGRADECIMIENTO: A todos los que colaboraron con el padre José, su generosidad nos ayuda a seguir evangelizando y ayudando. Muchas gracias.

TE INVITAMOS hacer la novena de SAN Juan María Vianney empieza el día 26 de Julio hasta el 4 de agosto que es su fiesta.

Confesión en Español: sábado 1 de agosto

Emergency Supplies for **BETHLEHEM HOUSE**



*The word of the Lord came to me thus:
Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you;
Before you were born, I dedicated you;
A prophet to the nations, I appointed you!*
(Jeremiah 1:4-5)

As Disciples of Jesus, we are privileged people! Through the Word made Flesh, we have the ability to know God; love God; serve God; and share God with one another—amazing!

As Catholic Christians, we are privileged people! Through our spiritual family, we have the ability to laugh; cry; struggle; and conquer. Never alone, always with one another—amazing!

As Catholic Disciples of Jesus within New England, we are privileged people! For authentic Pro-Life services are in our midst: those who give without counting cost; offer without making distinction; love without losing heart; teach without causing isolation—amazing!

Although we want everyone to share our lavish blessings, sadly, this is not reality. Our beautiful world remains afflicted by too much avoidable suffering. We are not at peace, because others are not at peace So it is for those who live within the Mystical Body of Christ (Romans 12)

Opportunity: Easthampton is home to a local chapter of **Bethlehem House**, a fully Christian and Pro-Life sanctuary of love whose entire purpose is to empower suffering parents and children so they suffer no longer—not now, not in the future—*Alleluia!*

Although Bethlehem House provides a wide range of spiritual, emotional and financial services, they are presently in most need of the practical: **1) Diapers** (sizes 4,5,6); **2) Baby Lotion**; **3) Original Dove Soap**; **4) Bodywash for Children** (or no-tear shampoo and conditioner); **5) Unscented Baby Wipes**.

Since we are naturally Pro-Life through Faith and Pro-Family through nature, we Parishioners of Saint Mary's in Westfield are more than ready to maximize this opportunity! Together we shall conquer so a problem exists no longer—*Praise God!*

Please be alert to future bulletin announcements. **Our collection weekend will be August 15/16** (in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary). *Fr. James W. Longe* is the organizer. 100% of the collection goes to the needy. Look for the baby crib as a place to drop off donations.

