

## AUGUST 2, 2009 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### 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 &  
MargeDevlin)  
8:30 AM Stephen Moore (3<sup>rd</sup> anniv. from the Ferraraccio  
family)  
10:00 AM Theresa Cusack (4<sup>th</sup> anniv. from Tommy &  
Holly Cusack & family)  
Angelo Minicucci + (Wedd. Anniv. Rem. from  
family)

11:30 AM

#### Monday, August 3

8:30 AM Rosa Pereira (from family)

#### Tuesday, August 4

8:30 AM Mary Doshna + (Wedd. Anniv. Rem. from  
husband)

#### Wednesday, August 5

8:30 AM Louis Croteau (5<sup>th</sup> anniv. from family)

#### Thursday, August 6

8:30 AM Bob Tucker + (birth. rem.)

#### Friday, August 7

8:30 AM Domingo Pereira (from family)

#### Saturday, August 8

4:00 PM Helen Boylan + (birth. rem. from daughter &  
grandchildren)  
Tom Drummey (2<sup>nd</sup> anniv. from wife & family)  
Jean Barnes + (birth. rem. from family)

#### Sunday, August 9

7:00 AM Filomena Raimo (from daughter-in-law,  
Filomena Mattia)  
8:30 AM Jean Wise (from family)  
10:00 AM Janet Taudal (from Erin & Richard Harrison)  
11:30 AM



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:** Sr. Loretta Authier, PM, John Bogacz, James Byrnes & Constance Beaudette

**We steward our treasure...** The collection for last week, 7/26, totaled \$13,439 (we aim for \$13,000 per week). This came through 566 adult envelopes, 0 children's envelopes, with \$929 in loose cash.

The July Air Conditioning & Heating brought in \$1,966.50

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

### FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Blessings to you and your family, now and forever—*Amen!*

I am grateful we are able to chit-chat on a regular basis through our Parish's Sunday Bulletin. First and foremost, because when God is involved, we never run out of meaningful things to say: *Alleluia!* Secondly, this column is also an effective way to share practical information when personal conversation is impossible.

What do I mean? This weekend I will be out of the Parish and out of State. Thanks to the additional sacrifices of Father Brian and Padre José, Deacon Pedro, El Camino and myself will be making a spiritual pilgrimage (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) to Kingston, RI, for a weekend of divine grace—*Praise the Lord!* With thousands of other spiritually hungry young persons, we will be "getting a life in Christ!" through "Steubenville East"—*awesome!*

#### Bethlehem House, Easthampton

August is the month we celebrate Mother Mary's *Assumption* into Heaven (body and soul). Death: an enemy to be feared and avoided? Of course not! For Mary leads the way . . . . When her earthly journey came to a natural end, Mary confidently walked through the door of mystery . . . . Once released from the limitations of the body and this "valley of tears", Mary's soul began loving and serving Jesus in an entirely new and dynamic fashion—*Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

Through *the love of God which has already been poured into our hearts* (Romans 5:5), and in honor of our Parish's Patron Saint, we will proudly inaugurate a Pro-Life collection of mercy during the month of August for **Bethlehem House** in Easthampton. Since Mary loves babies, their siblings, parents and grandparents, so do we—*Amen!* The collection will last three weekends, with the heart being *Assumption Saturday*, before and after our 8:30am Liturgy.

As humble Disciples of the Lord, we are seeking emergency donations of the most practical kind: **1) Diapers** (sizes 4,5,6); **2) Baby Lotion**; **3) Original Dove Soap**; **4) Baby shampoo and conditioner**; **5) Unscented Baby Wipes**. Since each donating person is spending his or her own money, it is important to shop well. Now is a great time to "clip coupons"; look through sales flyers; ask for a ride to a discount store. Comparable to the human person, it is not the fanciness of the outside that matters most, instead, the internal value of the product as a whole . . . .

What is **Bethlehem House**? Simply put, it is an instrument of God's love! In Bethlehem of old, Jesus, Mary and Joseph were refused shelter because they were strangers and their pleas deemed inconvenient (*Luke 2:7*). **Bethlehem House** of Easthampton is intentionally different: no-one is refused based upon income; appearance; vocabulary; nationality; religion; gender; number of children; frequency of help; or the like.

What every person receives is two-fold. First, physical needs are met so suffering ceases (for parent as well as child). Second, a dignified dialogue is initiated to discover how and why this crisis developed. When (and if) causes are diagnosed, they too are addressed so future difficulty can be avoided—*Praise the Lord!*

On August 7<sup>th</sup>, a crib and numerous laundry baskets will be assembled within the upper church under the white statue of Mary and Baby Jesus (to the left of the Altar). Here you may deposit your unwrapped donation before or after any weekend Liturgy. Our collection will run for three weekends: 8/9; 15/16; 22/23. All donations will be collected the following Monday; all donations will go to needy families. There is zero overhead—*awesome!*

**This Week at St. Mary's**

Tue 8/4 7 PM Circulo de Oracion – Lower Church  
 Wed 8/5 9 AM –6 PM Adoration & Benediction – Church  
 Thu 8/6 7 PM Cursillo – Center  
**RED SOX RAFFLE TICKETS SOLD AFTER ALL MASSES**  
 Sun 8/9 8 AM El Camino – ES  
 2:30 PM Schoenstatt – HS

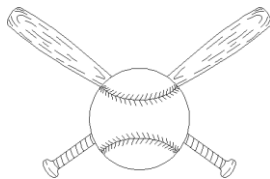
**COMING:** 8/15 Deacon Ordination, 8/26 STMES New Student 'Come and See', 8/27 HS Freshman Orientation, 8/31 Schools begin full time

**REMINDER - ST. MARY'S PARISH PICNIC:** Sunday, August 2, 2009; 12-5pm at the Sons of Erin.



**ASSUMPTION OF MARY - SATURDAY, AUGUST 15<sup>th</sup>** 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 15<sup>th</sup>.

**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.



Opportunity to help 4 youth in our Parish raise funds to attend a National Catholic Youth Conference in Kansas City, Missouri. This event will bring 20,000 catholic teenagers together to learn more about our faith and

celebrate. BUT in order to get there they have to raise \$3,500.00. YOU CAN HELP by either making a donation or purchasing raffle tickets. One \$10.00 raffle ticket will give you **two** chances to win a pair of **RED SOX TICKETS**. Great seats. To purchase raffle tickets please call Maria Delgado at (413) 297-6973 or there will be tickets available at the rectory.

We will bring the raffle to you on August 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> outside after each Mass. Purchase **ONE \$10 RAFFLE TICKET FOR TWO CHANCES TO WIN A PAIR OF RED SOX TICKETS**. Sox vs. Orioles. Drawing will be on August 21, 2009. Winners names will be posted in the bulletin thereafter.

**VOCATIONS VIEW:** Jesus proclaims himself to be the bread of life. You may be called to make that bread of life for the Body of Christ as a priest. If you think God is calling you to be His priest, please contact Fr. Gary Dailey at (413) 452-0816 or write [g.dailey@diospringfield.org](mailto:g.dailey@diospringfield.org)



**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 25<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> 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!*

**ORDINATION:** On Saturday August 15 at 11 a.m. the Diocese of Springfield will celebrate the ordinations of Tomasz Jerzy Gorny, Tomasz Pawel Parzynski, and Piotr Jacek Pawlus to the Order of Deacon, to serve as transitional deacons in final preparation for their priestly ordination in 2010. These men have come to minister in our diocese from Poland so it is not possible for their families to join them on this occasion. Because of this, and the tremendous gift their ministry will be to our diocese, we are asking parishioners to consider attending this ordination and offer our prayerful support for these three young men. The Liturgy of Ordination will take place at Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel, State St. Springfield, MA. Refreshments will follow in the Bishop Marshall Center.

**FR. HUGH CREAN MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

will take place on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:HNSGolf5@yahoo.com).



**POLISH PICNIC:** The Annual Polish-American Picnic at St. Michael's Cathedral, 260 State Street, Springfield, will be held on Friday, August 7, rain or shine. The grounds will be open at 5:00 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 beer, soda 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 catered dinner for eight including Bishop Timothy McDonnell and Msgr. Christopher Connelly. The Eddie Forman Orchestra will play. Guests are asked to bring their own lawn chairs. Please join Bishop McDonnell and Bishop Maguire for an evening of fun.



**GET CONNECTED TO THE DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD:**

Watch *Real to Reel* on Saturday nights at 7:00 pm on channel 22 out of Springfield. Read the *Catholic Observer* (subscriptions can be obtained by calling 737-4744). Check out the Diocesan website for all sorts of information and updates: [www.diospringfield.org](http://www.diospringfield.org)

ST. MARY HIGH SCHOOL

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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](http://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](mailto:ktjaszek@yahoo.com).

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**FIND A PHRASE THAT WORKS:** Recycling isn't just for aluminum cans. If you stumble across a conversation starter that works with your child, don't afraid to use it again and again. Denise Roy, author of *My Monastery Is a Minivan* (Loyola Press), describes the time she said, "Nice pecs," to her usually grunting (yet well-built) 17-year old son. He perked up with, "Do you really think so?" and an entire conversation resulted. Roy didn't think the compliment would work again, but she tried anyway-several times in the next month or two-and it always won her a few minutes of good conversing with her son. "I thought he'd catch on when I started every conversation this way," Roy writes, "but he was suckered in every time."

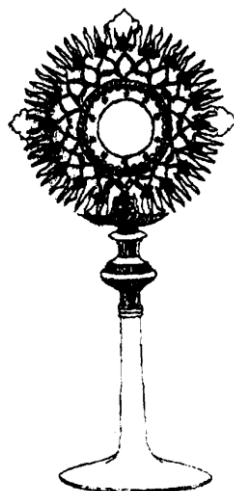
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**LA PARROQUIA INVITA A TODAS LAS MUJERES:** a un desayuno el día 19 de setiembre de 8 a.m. a 12 m para mayor información comunicarse con María Rosado.

**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.

**SANTISIMO:** Todos los Miercoles de cada semana y los primeros viernes de cada Mes el primer viernes es el día 7 de Agosot. Te esperamos.



San Juan María Vianney peregrinó para aprender el latín al dejar los campos de Dardilly y la casa de sus padres. Sin ser todavía perfecto, el futuro santo mostrará bien pronto a qué grado de virtud será capaz de elevarse. Casi en cada comida se contentaba con la sopa, sin probar otra cosa, aunque se lo rogasen. Y esto en la edad del desarrollo, cuando el apetito tiene necesidades imperiosas y exigentes. Juan María, que seguía su plan al imponerse estas penitencias, todavía deseaba mortificarse más: para atraer sobre sus estudios las bendiciones del cielo, pidió a su tía que le sirviese a él el caldo antes de poner la manteca.

Ya fuese por olvido, ya pasa simplificar, Margarita Humbert le servía varias veces como a los demás de la familia. Mas el sobrino, a quien su natural viveza dominaba todavía durante algunos instantes, al tomar las primeras cucharadas, ponía un rostro malhumorado como si se le atragantase cada sorbo. Día vendrá en que, ayudado por la gracia, conservará su sonrisa aún en los peores momentos de su vida. Siempre amigo de los necesitados, llevaba a casa de los Humbert, para que pasasen la noche, cuantos mendigos encontraba en el camino, algo que ya hacía su padre, cuando un santo fue acogido en casa de los Vianney.

Un día, que iba a Dardilly para ver a sus padres y hermanos, dio a un hombre lleno de miseria unos zapatos nuevos que le había comprado su padre. Podía creerse dueño de los mismos, por haberlos comprado con el precio de su trabajo. Sin embargo, le reprendieron seriamente al verle llegar descalzo a la casa de su familia.. Más ¡ay! la gramática latina le pareció demasiado difícil. El joven estudiante era pronto y agudo en sus respuestas; gustaba mucho oírle hablar; pero entraba con dificultad en los estudios; en cuanto sentía una pluma en sus dedos se manifestaba lerdo y cortado. Sin que careciese de ella, su inteligencia estuvo como latente durante muchos años.

Los adelantos de Juan María en los primeros meses, fueron casi nulos. Sin embargo, su tía Humert, preocupada por la languidez de su dieta escueta, le hizo saber al padre Balley sobre la situación de nuestro santo. El párroco de Ecully, por ser él mismo igual de asceta, no hizo gran caso, y sólo le dijo éstas palabras al joven Vianney: "Mira, hijo mío, es muy bueno orar y hacer penitencia, pero es menester también alimentarse y no arruinar la salud". Entretanto, se le aproximaba una crisis vocacional al joven estudiante, pudiendo tener un desenlace fatal: su trabajo era duro y tenaz, pero no veía ningún fruto. Comenzó a pensar en el hogar y en el trabajo en los campos con su padre, en cuyos cultivos, y gracias a su robustez, los frutos eran fáciles. "Quiero volver a mi casa", dijo tímidamente el joven Juan María Vianney al padre Balley. Así que en 1806, durante el buen tiempo, se puso en marcha, desde Ecully hasta Lalouvesc, alrededor de cien kilómetros, a pie y mendigando, ida y vuelta. *Recorrido de Ecully a Lalouvesc a pie* Llegando a aquel lugar, Juan María no pensó en otra cosa que postrarse en el sepulcro de San Francisco de Regis (el ataúd de roble que estaba, fue cubierto por uno de bronce en 1834), y decirle, inocentemente, el motivo de su peregrinaje: Alcanzar "la gracia de saber el latín necesario para cursar teología".

**FROM OUR DEACON**

**How do we know?**

In today's Gospel, the crowd following Jesus asks him, "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Most of us wrestle with this question at sometime or another. We all want to do what God expects of us. The challenge is in determining what that is. While scripture gives us the model of what God expects, each of us are uniquely gifted and, subsequently, uniquely called to God's service. Our ability to discern what to do is directly related to our relationship or our intimacy with God. The secret to intimacy with God is to go where God lives – inside us! We need to be still and know [that I am] God; to listen to the still, small voice.

St. Ignatius believed that he received as a gift from God a way to seek and find God in all things. This way of praying allowed Ignatius to discover the voice of God within his own heart and to experience a growth in familiarity with God's will. His method centers on an *examen of consciousness*.

When we hear that phrase, many may think of preparing for confession and counting our sins. That is not what St. Ignatius had in mind. With his *examen*, the focus is not on "conscience" but on consciousness – being self-aware and aware of God's presence in our daily lives. In the *examen*, we look back on our day, not paying so much attention on faults as on feelings. While there is a place for guilt (meaning a judgment that some things we did may have been stupid, self-indulgent, cowardly or unfair); there is a bigger place for gratitude for the moments that lifted our hearts and helped us to sense God's closeness and the sweetness of being alive.

There are five simple steps to the *examen*, which should take 10-15 minutes to complete.

**1. Thanksgiving:** Spend a moment looking over your day with gratitude for this day's gifts. Be concrete and let special moments or pleasures spring to mind! Recall the smell of your morning coffee, the taste of something good you ate, the laugh of a child, the warmth of the sun, the smile triggered by a kind word, a lesson learned. Take stock of what you received and what you gave. Also look at how you used your God-given gifts today. Recall your particular strengths in times of difficulty, your ability to hope in times of weakness, your sense of humor, your life of faith, your intelligence and health, your family and friends. God gives you these to draw you into the fullness of life. Recognize them and give thanks to God.

**2. Intention:** Ask God to send you His Holy Spirit to help you look at your actions and attitudes and motives with honesty and patience. The Spirit provides the freedom to look upon yourself without condemnation and without complacency and thus to be open to growth. Ask that you will learn and grow as you reflect, which will deepen your self-knowledge and your relationship with God.

**3. Examination:** Now review your day and explore the context of your actions. Consider what you were involved in and who you were with. Review your hopes and hesitations. Many situations will show that your heart was divided—wavering between helping and neglecting, scoffing and encouraging, listening and ignoring, rebuking and forgiving, speaking and silence, disregarding and thanking. This is not a time to dwell on shortcomings. Rather, it is a gentle look with the Lord focusing on growth. As St. Paul urges, "Test yourselves to see whether you are living in faith; examine yourselves. Perhaps you yourselves do not realize that Christ Jesus is in you." (2 Cor.) The final steps involve a heart-to-heart talk with Jesus. Imagine Jesus sitting by you. Speak your feelings as one trusted friend to another. Share your thoughts on your actions, attitudes, feelings and interactions.

**4. Contrition:** During this time you may feel led to seek forgiveness, ask for direction, share a concern, etc. for choices that may have been inadequate responses to God's love.

**5. Hope:** Give thanks for grace and the enlightening presence of God. Praise God for the times you responded in ways that allowed you to better see God's presence in your life. Look forward to how you will allow God to lead you tomorrow.

Once you've done the *examen* a few times, you will find your own rhythm. Cover all five points daily with freedom to dwell more on one than another, as the Spirit moves you. With time you will grow in intimacy with God and have a better understanding of what God expects of you.

