

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, July 4**

- 4:00 PM In honor of Robert & Yvonne Lapierre's 50<sup>th</sup>  
Wedding Anniv. (from family)  
M/M Ernest F. Hatch (from family)  
Amanda Thivierge, Dottie & John Brown (from  
M/M Vincent Paradis)

**Sunday, July 5**

- 7:00 AM Thomas Andrews (18<sup>th</sup> anniv. from family)  
8:30 AM Christine Tratiak (4<sup>th</sup> anniv. from family)  
10:00 AM Mary Ahern + (birth. rem. from daughter)  
James & Rosemarie Moran (from family)  
Grace Alexik (from Walter & Genevieve Waryck)  
11:30 AM In honor of Elizabeth Cartagena's 15<sup>th</sup> birthday  
(from family)

**Monday, July 6**

- 8:30 AM John & Louise Weinle + (63<sup>rd</sup> Wedd. Anniv. Rem.  
from Bruce & Nancy Collina)

**Tuesday, July 7**

- 8:30 AM M/M Olindo Rizzolo (from daughter, Filomena  
Mattia)

**Wednesday, July 8**

- 8:30 AM Stella Tolper (from niece, Nancy & husband, Ron)

**Thursday, July 9**

- 8:30 AM Jeanne Dumouchel (2<sup>nd</sup> anniv. from the Carlin family)

**Friday, July 10**

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

**Saturday, July 11**

- 4:00 PM Maria & Celestina Lombardini (from M/M Patrick  
Parisi)  
Francis Letourneau (from wife)  
Charles Petrucelli (from Rose Whalen)

**Sunday, July 12**

- 7:00 AM Brian Saltus (7<sup>th</sup> anniv. from family)  
8:30 AM  
10:00 AM Madeleine C. Moore (1<sup>st</sup> anniv. from Ted &  
Roberta Kowal)  
11:30 AM Victor Jusino (from wife, Rosa)

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

- ❖ Robert & Ruth Kelly from the F.d. Coffey 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:** Brian Aylward, Dorothy Ann Budri, Dr. Jerri Nielsen FitzGerald & Jose "Joey" Larrui

**We steward our treasure...** The collection for last week, 6/28, totaled \$11,794 (we aim for \$13,000 per week). This came through 559 adult envelopes, 0 children's envelopes, with \$731 in loose cash.

June heating and air conditioning envelopes brought in \$1,823.

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

*I urge you to offer supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving on behalf of kings and all who hold high public office, so we may lead a quiet and peaceable life: godly and respectful in every way! For such behavior is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour who desires all men to be Saved, coming to the knowledge of truth. For there is one God and one Mediator between God and the human race, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all! (1Timothy 2:1-6)*

Blessed Fourth of July weekend to one and all—*Alleluia!*

Days such as these are helpful for keeping authentic patriotism burning brightly within our heart. Clearly, we have much to be grateful for: a national history with no precedent or equal; a social comfortableness that is the envy of most of humanity; a future filled with hope and unlimited potential—*Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

Even if accidental, our choice of simple words can reveal much about who we were, are now, and hope to become . . . In the United States of America, from sea to shining sea, we, as a unified people, have entered a "holiday weekend"—*Amen!*

*Holiday?* Isn't it "me time"; "personal time"; "vacation time"? Certainly not! Why? Because these solemn days of national pride are calling us away from the comfortable, who we routinely are, and stretching us higher, into the person, people and country we ought to be—*Praise the Lord!*

Whenever our attention turns away from self and re-focuses upon the Sovereign One in Heaven, we know the Church is involved. Why? Because the Catholic Church is the Mystical Body of Jesus (Colossians 1:24), effortlessly transcending all times, places and situations: *Alleluia!* She is also our Loving Mother (*Alma Mater*), effectively protecting, encouraging, and nourishing Her spiritual children here on earth every moment of every day—*Awesome!*

As the oldest continually-existing institution within human history (*thank-you Holy Spirit!*), what is our Loving Mother offering to us this weekend to aid us in our pursuit for holiness? Her saints!

For example: Friday was the Feast Day of St. Thomas the Apostle, also known as "Doubting Thomas". Yes, doubt and discipleship can co-exist! Although Jesus was not the cause of Thomas' spiritual struggles, He was to be the remedy: *Amen!* Jesus said to Thomas what He says to us: come, touch, believe! Stunned, we, just like Thomas, cry out: *My Lord and My God!* (John 20:28).

Saturday was the celebration of St. Elizabeth of Portugal (1271-1336). As a biological daughter of a King and sacramental wife of a King, Elizabeth clearly shows that one can be wealthy and powerful while still being an authentic disciple of Jesus—*Alleluia!*

On July fifth, we celebrate St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria of Italy (1502-1539). Like us, Anthony Mary lived during a time of great chaos, holiness and violence. Instead of complaining and walking away, he stepped forward and permanently transformed the world for the better. The Religious Community he founded ("Barnabite Fathers") still exists, and is ministering within three US dioceses.

Tomorrow is the Feast Day of St. Maria Goretti (1890-1902), also of Italy. As a very mature and pious twelve year old, Maria chose a vicious death rather than losing her virginity. She was murdered by her attacker. After being redeemed through the Blood of Christ, this "rapist" was present at Maria's canonization by Pope Pius XII in 1950. Saturated with the Holy Spirit, he kissed Maria's mother at the conclusion of the Papal Liturgy; she accepted the kiss for she had already forgiven him through the same Holy Spirit—*Wow!*

--Father James W. Longe

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

Tue 7/7	7 PM	Circulo de Oracion – Lower Church
Wed 7/8	9 AM –6 PM	Adoration & Benediction – Church
Thu 7/9	7 PM	Cursillo – Center
Sun 7/12	8 AM	El Camino – ES

**COMING: 8/2 Parish Picnic, 8/15 Deacon Ordination, 8/31 schools re-open**

**TRULY SEEING JESUS AND OTHERS:** *“A prophet is not without honor except... among his own kin.” - Mark 6:4*

We do not always “see” the people around us, especially if they are well known to us. We have set in cement our ideas about these familiar faces and we tend to filter out any information that contradicts it. The patterns are set. And thus we do not give others a chance to change or to surprise us.

The people in Jesus’ town knew him, or at least they thought they did. Jesus was believed to be the son of the carpenter. Mary was his mother; they knew his relatives. Their ideas about him were fixed. Not surprisingly, they were among the ones who had the most difficulty believing in him.

Could we try, this day, to see those familiar faces around us with a mind free of old labels? Could we let go of the mental constraints we place on others? If we are able to do so, maybe those closest to us will surprise us. They may even amaze us. Perhaps Jesus is still among us, present in others, but we fail to recognize him.

Msgr. Stephen J. Rossetti  
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**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 will be sold outside of Masses on July 18 & 19th, 2009. Come 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 MEETINGS** will be July 13th, July 20 and July 27th at 7 PM in the Parish Center.

**ON-LINE GIVING:** Consider making your contributions on-line. Many of our parishioners enjoy the convenience, safety, and reliability of electronically paying household obligations. How about including your weekly or monthly contribution as well? It makes giving consistent (even when ill, on vacation or away on a weekend), reliable (you make a prayerful & thoughtful decision as to what your sacrificial giving will be) and safe (contributions are received and tracked both through our stewardship computer program and on your bank statement). We still encourage you to drop your envelope in the basket but since your money is being transferred electronically, simply mark the empty envelope “E-giver”. Special collections can be labeled with the intention in the Title line (“St. Mary’s – Advancement” for example). Several parishioners are already doing this (including Fr. Brian) and it is a huge help to the

parish. If you need any assistance in getting started, call Kristin Hagan in Advancement.

**DEACON ORDINATION:** You may remember the seminarian, Tomek, who was with us last summer. Tomek and two others will be ordained Deacons on Saturday, August 15 at 11 a.m. at St. Michael’s Cathedral. The Diocese of Springfield is pleased to announce the upcoming ordinations of Tomasz Jerzy Gorny, Tomasz Pawel Parzynski, and Piotr Jacek Pawlus to the Order of Deacon. They will 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.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:** If you or someone you know needs help paying rent, heat or utility bills or needs food from our food pantry, call us at 568-5619 at anytime. At this time, our food shelves are in need of the following items: canned meats (Spam, canned chicken, etc), jelly, canned fruit, canned or powered milk, canned stew or hash and cereal. Also in demand are toiletries such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes and the like. Your contributions are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off in the baskets in the back of the church at any time. Thank you for your continued support!



**HOLYOKE SOLDIER’S HOME**  
Fr. Longe visits the Holyoke Soldier’s Home (110 Cherry Street) on a regular basis: usually once or twice a month. If you know of any Parishioner or relative of a Parishioner who resides in this facility and would enjoy a Christ-centered visit, please share the person’s name and room number with Fr. Longe (562-5477, x15). Through the grace of God and with a patriotic heart, may we never tire offering our soldiers tangible acts of love and encouragement!



**PRAYER CENACLE IN SOUTHWICK:** Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Southwick has a weekly prayer cenacle on Saturday mornings devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The cenacle begins at 7:30 a.m. and is immediately followed by the celebration of Holy Mass at 8:30 a.m., unless a funeral or wedding is scheduled that day. The cenacle consists of prayers/hymn to the Holy Spirit, recitation of the Holy Rosary for the sanctification of priests, prayers for the pope and a few other prayers, a Marian hymn, a reading from Fr. Gobbi’s book (messages he received from Our Lady), quiet time for reflection, Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary led by the priest, and a special consecration



prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This is open to all. Please call Darillyn Patterson for information at 569-1614.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**CCD REGISTRATION TIME:** Please continue to send your Registrations for the 09/10 school year to the ORE. We are closed for the summer but will be checking messages and mail. The cost is \$30 per child, not to exceed \$90 per family.

**CCD TEACHERS NEEDED:** Over the Summer, please consider teaching our many St. Mary's CCD students. Just call the ORE and leave a message, someone will get back to you with information and/or answer any questions. Thank you in advance!

**PICTURES FOR FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:** If you have not picked up your pictures, mark your calendar and pick them up in the Fall when the ORE re-opens.

**FORMAL CLASSES FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** begins in **First Grade**. It is an important year of preparation and allows them to become familiar with their church through the tour and their faith through the classes. If your child will be entering public school in the Fall, now is the time to register. Please call the ORE for more information.

**Sabía que: Jesús Ha llamado a lo largo de la historia:** "Ser tu esposa, ¡Oh Jesús!, ser carmelita, Sin embargo siento en mí otras vocaciones: Siento la vocación de GUERRERO, de SACERDOTE, de APÓSTOL, de DOCTOR, de MÁRTIR.. Siento en mi alma el valor de un cruzado, de un zuavo pontificio. Quisiera morir en una batalla por la defensa de la Iglesia...Siento en mí vocación de SACERDOTE. ¡Con que amor, oh, Jesús, te llevaría en mis manos cuando, al conjuro de mi voz, bajaras del cielo!...¡Con que amor te daría a las almas!...Pero, ¡ay! Aun deseando ser sacerdote, envidia y admiro la humildad de San Francisco de Asís, y siento la vocación de imitarle rehusando la sublime dignidad del sacerdocio. ¡Oh Jesús, amor mío, vida mía!...¿Cómo hermanar estos contrastes? ¿Cómo realizar los deseos de mi pobrecita alma? ¡Ah! A pesar de mi pequeñez, quisiera iluminar a las almas, como los profetas, los doctores. Tengo la vocación de apóstol... Quisiera recorrer la tierra, predicar tu nombre, y plantar sobre el suelo infiel tu Cruz gloriosa. Pero ¡Oh, amado mío!, una sola misión no me bastaría. Desearía anunciar al mismo tiempo el Evangelio a las cinco partes del mundo, y hasta en las islas más remotas. Quisiera ser misionero, no solo durante algunos años, sino haberlo sido desde la creación del mundo y seguir siéndolo hasta la consumación de los siglos. Pero desearía sobre todo derramar por ti hasta la última gota de mi sangre... ¡El martirio! He aquí el sueño de mi juventud. Este sueño ha ido creciendo conmigo bajo los claustros del Carmelo. Para satisfacerme. Necesitaría padecerlos todos...Como tú, Esposo mío adorado,, quisiera ser flagelada y crucificada... Quisiera morir desollada como San Bartolomé. Desearía sufrir todos los martirios infligidos a los mártires... Con Santa Inés y Santa Cecilia, quisiera presentar mi cuello a la espada, y con Santa Juana de Arco, mi hermana querida, quisiera murmurar en la pira tu nombre, ¡Jesús, Jesús! Si fuese a escribir todos mis deseos, tendrías que prestarme tu libro de la vida; en el están consignadas las acciones de todos los santos, y esas son las acciones que yo quisiera realizar por ti... ¡Oh, Jesús mío!, ¿Qué responderás a todas mis locuras?... ¿Hay, acaso, un alma más pequeña, más impotente que la mía?... Sin embargo, fue precisamente ésta mi debilidad la que te movió, Señor, a colmar estos mis deseos infantiles, y la que te mueve hoy a colmar otros deseos míos mas grandes que el universo...Como estos deseos constituían para mi durante la oración un verdadero martirio, abrí un día las epístolas de San Pablo, a fin de buscar en ellas una respuesta. Mis ojos toparon con los capítulos 12 y 13 de la 1ra. Corintios. Leí en el primero que no todos pueden ser apóstoles, profetas, doctores, etc...; que la iglesia está compuesta por diferentes miembros, y que el ojo no podría ser al mismo tiempo mano. Así como Magdalena, agachándose, sin apartarse del sepulcro vacío, llegó por fin a encontrar lo que buscaba, así también yo agachándome hasta las profundidades de monada me elevé tan alto, que conseguí mi intento...Sin desanimarme, seguí leyendo, y esta frase me reconfortó: "Buscad con ardor los DONES MÁS PERFECTOS; pero voy a mostraros un camino más excelente" Y el apóstol explica cómo todos los dones, aún los mas PERFECTOS, nada son sin el amor... Afirma que la caridad es el CAMINO EXCELENTE que conduce con seguridad a Dios. Había hallado por fin el descanso... Al considerar el cuerpo místico de la Iglesia, no me había reconocido en ninguno de los miembros descritos por San Pablo; o mejor dicho, quería reconocerme en todos...La caridad me dio la clave de mi vocación. Comprendí que si la Iglesia tenía un cuerpo compuesto por diferentes miembros, no le faltaría el más necesario, el mas noble de todos. Comprendí que la Iglesia tenía un corazón, y que este corazón estaba ardiendo de AMOR. Comprendí que solo el amor era el que ponía en movimiento a los miembros de la Iglesia; que si el amor llegara a apagarse, los apóstoles no anunciarían ya el Evangelio, los mártires se negarían a derramar su sangre...Comprendí que el AMOR encerraba todas las vocaciones, que el AMOR lo era todo, que el AMOR abarcaba todos los tiempos y todos los lugares... En una palabra, ¡Que el AMOR ES ETERNO! Entonces en el excelso de mi alegría delirante, exclamé: ¡Oh Jesús, amor mío!... Por fin he hallado mi vocación, mi vocación es el AMOR. Sí, he hallado mi puesto en la Iglesia, y ese puesto, ¡oh, Dios mío!, vos mismo me lo habéis dado...:en el corazón de la Iglesia, mi Madre, yo seré el AMOR... ¡¡¡Así lo seré todo..., así mi sueño se verá realizado!!!"

Sta Teresa del Niño Jesús.

**LOOKING FOR A MEANINGFUL AND AFFORDABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE FOR CHILDREN?** Kids at "Crocodile Dock" – Vacation Bible Camp will be participating in lively songs, crafts, games, bible stories that come to life, snacks, Chadder's Bayou Adventure. Crocodile Dock takes place at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, Westfield, and is for children in preschool through grade 5, July 27-31 from 8:45AM – Noon. Grades 6 through adult are needed as **Volunteers**. Call Debbie Lanoue at 568-9358 or the Parish Office at 562-3450 for more information. Fees are \$30 per child. Registration forms are on our website under the Religious Education tab at [www.diosspringfield.org/olbs](http://www.diosspringfield.org/olbs) or by calling the Parish Office at 562-3450, x3. **ATTENTION ST. MARY'S CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES** – this would be a great way to get service hours.



**VOCATIONS VIEW:** Yes, absolutely! We should stand up for what we believe in. No, positively! We will not always succeed. Yes, certainly! It is more important to try than to succeed. No, Jesus did not look successful on the Cross. Yes, you could give it a try by responding

to that inclination toward His priesthood or religious life. Call Fr. Gary Dailey at (413) 452-0816 or write [g.dailey@diosspringfield.org](mailto:g.dailey@diosspringfield.org).

Readings for the Week of July 5, 2009	
Sun:	Ezekiel 2:2-5/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6
Mon:	Genesis 28:10-22a/Mt 9:18-16
Tue:	Genesis 32:23-33/Mt 9:32-38
Wed:	Genesis 41:55-57, 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Mt 10:1-7
Thu:	Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29, 45:1-5/Mt 10:7-15
Fri:	Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30/Mt 10:16-23
Sat:	Genesis 49:29-32, 50:15-26a/Mt 10:24-33
Next Sun:	Amos 7:12-15/Eph 1:3-14/Mk 6:7-13

**Invitacion:** 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.

