

Twenty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 24: 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Robert Lussier,
by, Sheila & Paul Pinsonnault

10:15 a.m. Richard Alix,
Birthday Remembrance,
by, the family

5:00 p.m. Jeannine Nadeau,
Birthday Remembrance,
by, Mike & Michelle Nadeau

Monday, August 25: Weekday

8:00 a.m. Ruth Bedell,
by, Claire Faherty

Wednesday, August 27: Monica

8:00 a.m. Walter McCutchen,
11th Anniversary of his death,
by, Susan McCutchen

Sunday, August 31: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Deceased members of the
St. Vincent dePaul Society

10:15 a.m. Jim Calista,
3rd Anniversary of his death,
by, the family

5:00 p.m. Roland Riendeau,
by, the family

August Memorials

Host: Manuel & Priscilla E. Santos
by, the family

Wine: Rudy Morel
8th Anniversary of his death,
by, Bill & Estelle Mournighan

Lamp: Rene Pinsonnault
by, Paul & Sheila Pinsonnault

Weekly Stewardship

August 17, 2008

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In today's readings, St. Paul reminds the Romans – and us – that all things come from God: "For from Him and through Him and for Him all things are." Good stewards understanding that all is gift and share generously the gifts of time, talent, and treasure with which they've been blessed.

Scripture Readings of the Week

Monday, Aug 25: St. Louis of France, married man 2 Thes 1: 1-5. 11-12/ Ps 96: 1-2a. 2b-3. 4-5/ Mt 23: 13-22

Tuesday, Aug 26: Ordinary Weekday 2 Thes 2: 1-3a. 14-17/ Ps 96: 10. 11-12. 13/ Mt 23: 23-26

Wednesday, Aug 27: Monica, married woman 2 Thes 3: 6-10. 16-18/ Ps 128: 1-2. 4-5/ Mt 23: 27-32

Thursday, Aug 28: Augustine, bishop 1 Cor 1: 1-9/ Ps 145: 2-3. 4-5. 6-7/ Mt 24: 42-51

Friday, Aug 29: Martyrdom of John the Baptist 1 Cor 1: 17-25/ Ps 33: 1-2. 4-5. 10-11/ Mk 6: 17-29

Saturday, Aug 30: Ordinary Weekday 1 Cor 1: 26-31/ Ps 33: 12-13. 18-19. 20-21/ Mt 25: 14-30

Prayer Requests

In your kindness, please pray for: Nadine Bryda, Jacqueline Ouellette, Maureen Boehling-Lexner, William Lexner, Jennifer Campbell, Patric Campbell, Michelle LeClerc, Yvette Boehling, Mary Lynn Costas, Cameron Graveline, Don Levasseur, Cele Deroche, Thérèse L'Homme, Carol Nerney, Jane Marchand, Nick Memmo, Jessica Ferris, Frank Giacoppo, Mary Duffey, Keith Landeman, David Kinzer, Joyce MacIntosh, Katherine Gasper, Finn James McCauley, Tara Clark, Jennifer Zschokke, Tom Mournighan, Suzanne Houghton, Juanne Colon Chevere.

August 21, 2008

Faith Formation Registration

Registration forms and calendar information was mailed this week to all families who were registered in our Faith Formation program last year. Please complete these forms and return them, with the registration fee, to the Faith Formation Office of the parish as soon as possible.

Bernadette Marland, our Faith Formation Coordinator, will be available to receive Grade 1 registrations and families new to the program on the following dates:

Wednesday, August 27,

from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the rectory

Thursday, August 28,

from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., at the rectory

Sunday, August 31,

after all Masses in the meeting room of the church

Wednesday, September 3,

from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., at the rectory

Thursday, September 4,

from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., at the rectory

Sunday, September 7,

after all Masses in the meeting room of the church

We will follow the same schedule as previous years. Grades 1 through 6 meet on Sunday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the Saint Mary-Sacred Heart School building. This time arrangement allows families to choose either the 8:00 a.m. Mass or the 10:15 a.m. Mass for their worship. It is expected that students are attending both Mass and class!

Our Faith Formation program for students in Grades 1-6 will begin on **Sunday, September 21**, with all students and at least one parent meeting with Fr. Costa and Mrs. Marland in the church. Classes will be dismissed to the school building following a brief meeting.

Registration forms for Grade 7 & 8 students were also mailed this week. Mrs. Michele Dillon, Faith Formation Coordinator at Saint Mary's, is handling the registration for Grades 7 & 8. Calendar information was sent with the registration forms.

Students in Grades 7 & 8 will once again join with students from Saint Mary Parish for a monthly Faith Formation class facilitated by Fr. Costa with the assistance of adult table leaders. Grade 7 and 8 classes are held at the Saint Mary Parish Center. Grade 8 will meet for the first time on **Sunday, September 14**, beginning at 6:15 p.m. Grade 7 will meet for the first time on **Monday, September 15**, beginning at 6:15 p.m.

Catechists & Classroom Aides

We are always in need of adults and young adults to work with our children in Faith formation. If you would like to share your time and Faith in our Faith Formation program, please contact Bernadette at the Faith Formation Office: (508) 643-9009.

In your prayers . . .

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Eloise Carley**, a faithful member of our parish family, who died this past Monday at the age of 58 following a courageous battle with cancer. Eloise's funeral Mass was celebrated this past Friday, August 22, in our parish church.

Before her illness, Eloise was a faithful member of our 8:00 Sunday Mass assembly. Her apartment on High Street allowed her a bird's eye view of the church property. Eloise was the unofficial "watchman" for the property, often alerting the parish office if lights were left burning or anything unusual was happening in front of the church. Eloise was also a dedicated member of the staff at Madonna Manor. Her cheerful smile and gentle service will certainly be missed by both residents and staff of the Manor. Our prayerful sympathies are extended to her brother, James, and her sister, Jean.

Eternal rest grant unto Eloise, O Lord. Let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest always in the loving arms of God.

Liturgical Ministry Schedules

New liturgical ministry schedules will be prepared soon. (altar servers, eucharistic ministers, lectors, and usher) Please call or email Stacy at the parish office with your unavailable weekends.

From Fr. Costa . . .

This Tuesday, the doors of Saint Mary-Sacred Heart School will open to begin the 85th year of Catholic elementary education in the Town of North Attleboro! In September of 1923, five Holy Union Sisters, led by Mother Adrienne Cecile, welcomed the first students to the then brand new Sacred Heart School building. We can be justifiably proud of the accomplishments of Sacred Heart School, Saint Mary School, and Saint Mary-Sacred Heart School and their graduates over these 85 years. Imagine the love, hard work, and great sacrifices given over these many years to ensure the success of this very important ministry of our parish communities. This same love, hard work, and great sacrifice continues today in the faculty, staff, students, families, and benefactors of our parish school.

I know you join me in thanking and praying for our dedicated faculty and staff as we look forward to another successful school year. In keeping with the tradition begun by Fr. Dickinson in the 1950's, it is my pleasure to introduce this year's faculty and staff:

Mrs. Denise Peixoto, principal
Mrs. Jean Howard, administrative assistant
Mrs. Marie Burke, R.N., School Nurse/Health
Mrs. Ellen Benoit, Technology
Mrs. Wendy Morris, development coordinator
Mrs. Maria Stathakas, Kindergarten
Mrs. Betty Moura, Kindergarten
Mrs. Sally Sullivan, Grade 1
Mrs. Patricia Diamond, Grade 2
Mrs. Susan O'Korn, Grade 3
Mrs. Diane McKenna, Grade 4
Mrs. Camille Gingras, Grade 5
Mrs. Mary Clausius, Grade 6
Mrs. Betty Ann Peterson, Grade 7
Mrs. Joan Levesque, Grade 8
Ms. Denise Antaya, special needs resource
Mrs. Charlene Elliott, speech and language specialist
Mrs. Shawn Sweet, Art/teacher aide
Mrs. Cheryl McNamara, Spanish
Mrs. Diane Patenaude, Computer
Mr. Ben Brunelle, Advanced Math
Mr. Andy Solberg, Music
Mrs. Darlyn Gomes, Grade 6 Science
Mrs. Tracey Magill, teacher aide
Mrs. Martha O'Neill, teacher aide
Mrs. Paulette Cirino, teacher aide
Mrs. Kim Keane, after-school coordinator
Mr. Al Achin, custodian
Mrs. Stephanie Haughey, custodian
Mr. Jack Haughey, custodian

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This week and next, many of our college age parishioners will be returning to school and in many cases beginning their college experience. To them we offer our sincere best wishes for a successful first semester and promise a remembrance in our prayer. To the parents and family members of our first-time college students we offer our support and encouragement as you face this new chapter in the life of your family.

Almost all of our college campuses offer a weekly Sunday Mass. I urge our college age youth to investigate this experience and ask our parents/families to encourage their children in the practice of the Faith while away at school.

Reflection for the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Spiritual and Religious

Upon this rock I will build my church...
Matthew 16:18

It is not uncommon today to hear someone say, "I am spiritual, but not religious." By this they usually mean they see themselves as spiritual people, but they are not practicing members of any particular faith community. Some of them would even suggest that this is a higher, more excellent way.

But this was not the teaching of Jesus. Jesus passed to Peter the mantle of leadership and his intention to establish a community of believers. Moreover, this church would be established for all time and would not be destroyed: "The gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it." It is good for us to be spiritual. But Christian spirituality finds its growth and fulfillment in the church that Jesus founded. As a follower of Jesus, we would say, "I am spiritual, and I am religious."

Msgr. Stephen J. Rossetti
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