

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions August 21 – 29, 2010

Saturday

5:00 PM Roseanne Dyer

Sunday

8:00 AM Concetta Joyce

9:30 AM Edward White

11:15 AM Robert Olivari

Monday

9:00 AM Stephen & Josephine Ferrari

Tuesday

9:00 AM Richard J. Alphonse

Wednesday

9:00 AM Agrippina Guiseppe Sturzo

Thursday

9:00 AM Intentions on our Wailing Wall

Saturday

5:00PM Orginia Amaro

Sunday

8:00AM Alexander & Mary Quandt & Kathleen Blakburn

9:30 AM Dorothy Rooney

11:15 AM Elizabeth Emily Earley

ST. THOMAS CHARITIES COMMITTEE

TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER MASS

COST WILL BE \$2.00 FOR 1 TICKET \$5.00 FOR 3 TICKETS. PROCEEDS TO FUND THE CHARITIES COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOT PRE-SEASON GAME

Thursday night August 26 7:30pm 2 tickets

New England Patriots versus St. Louis Rams

FOOD COLLECTION

THIS WEEKEND August 21 & 22 The Charities Committee will be collecting food for the Wilmington Food Pantry. All donations may be dropped off in Villanova Hall this weekend. They are especially in need of the following items: **grape jelly, tuna, canned fruit, and condiments.**

FAMILY FUN DAY

Once again St. Thomas Parish will have a Family Fun Day with games, food and fun for all ages. Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 26th.

If you would like to help out planning or volunteer for the day please call Pat Archfield at 978-250-1710 or the rectory.

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Our religious education program is gearing up for another year. There is still a need for teachers and other volunteers. Elsewhere in the bulletin is a list of the open positions. If you are interested in helping to pass on our faith to the next generation, please call the religious education office.

It is that time of year when all parish volunteers have to fill out the CORI form. The filling out of the form each year can be a pain. However, it is a way to keep all of our parishioners safe. The forms are in the sacristy. Thanks for your cooperation.

The Catholic Appeal supports the central ministries of the Archdiocese of Boston. Our goal for the Appeal is \$30,500. Thus far \$31,457.00 has been pledged by 201 parishioners. We are now at 103.1 % of our goal. I want to thank all those who gave to the Catholic Appeal. It is not too late to give to the Catholic Appeal. The parish gets 25% of the amount pledged that is over our goal. If you have not yet given, please consider giving to the Catholic Appeal.

I also want to thank all those parishioners who send in their envelopes when they are away. I appreciate it. As the old cliché goes, the parish bills do not go on vacation!!

Well I guess that is it for now. Until next time, take care.
Fr. Earley

SUMMER HOURS

Rectory Office hours Tues., Wed., Thurs., 10am to 2pm
CCD Office hours Mon, Tuesday, Wednesday 10am to 3pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The CCD Office is in need of volunteers

Grade 3 2 teachers

Grade 6 3 teachers

Grade 8 2 teachers

Grade 9 4 teachers

Office Help is always needed for all grades!

The requirements for teaching in the Religious Education Program are that you are a confirmed practicing catholic and in good standing in the Church.

CCD Classes will Begin the week of September 15

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION

As you buy school supplies for your own kids, please pick up a few extra and bring them to church. We are collecting school supplies that will be distributed to needy families through Catholic Charities in Lowell. There are boxes at the entrances to the church through the middle of August. They are most in need of backpacks, for High school students, notebooks, paper, pens, pencils, markers, glue, pencil boxes, rulers, scissors, etc. Thank you for your continued generosity to this project.

Looking for a summer service project?

I am looking for a family or two to help with the school supply collection this summer, with the intention of taking over the project next summer. It is a great project for a young family. The tasks include setting up the boxes in mid July, putting the announcement in the bulletin, and sorting the supplies each Sunday. If you are interested or have further questions please call Donna at 978-988-0853.

PROTECTING GODS CHILDREN

Please call the Rectory if you plan to attend one of the following class times
Thursday, September 9 at 6:30pm or Sunday, September 12 after the 11:15 Mass
The class will take place in the Basement of the Church and will last about two to three hours.

NEW CORI FORMS 2010-2011

Cori forms are in the sacristy
IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME FILLING OUT A CORI FORM PLEASE BE SURE TO TAKE A BLUE FORM
PLEASE NOTE VOLUNTEER MUST PROVIDE A GOVERNMENT ISSUED PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION TO VERIFY HIS OR HER IDENTITY MA LICENSE US PASSPORT ETC.

Volunteers in any parish ministry who have the potential for unmonitored access to children are required to fill out a Cori annually

CHURCH SUPPORT

We are grateful to all who mail in their envelopes when away from the parish. Thank you for your generosity

Please note that the scheduled Catholic Relief Services Collection will be taken up as the second collection on the weekend of August 29th.

OUTSIDE THE PARISH

GRANDPARENTS AS PARENTS

Are you a Grandparent Raising Your Grand Children? Did you know that you are not alone? Grandparents as Parents, a program of Merrimack Valley Catholic Charities, offers information and referrals, support groups, a quarterly newsletter and activities for grandparents and the grandchildren they are raising. Call Dotty Duval at 978-452-1421 ext. 223 or email her at dotty_duval@ccab.org for more information.

THE PIETA MINISTRY

Serving the Spiritual Needs of Grieving Parents

Monthly Mass and Coffee

9-5-10, 10-3-10, 11-7-10 & 12-5-10

St. Anthony Shrine & Ministry Center 100 Arch St, Downtown Crossing, Boston

SPRITUAL RETREAT November 6 & 7, 2010

Join other parents and Franciscan Friars in a warm and loving place where you can find comfort, rest and peace- at least for a time. For more information see www.pietaministry.org or call Diane at 1617-542-6440 ext 116.

THE SAMARITANS OF MERRIMCK VALLEY

A training class for prospective Samaritan volunteers. Volunteers answer 24 hour crisis help lines for the lonely, despairing and suicidal. The next training is August 23,25,30 and September 1 from 6:30-9:30PM at Family Service Inc 430 North Canal St. Lawrence. Attendance at all 4 training is required. For more information or to sign up to attend please e-mail Debbie at dhelm@familyserviceinc.com or call 978-327-6671.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

The Little Sisters of the Poor is looking for a volunteer coordinator to help the home's volunteer efforts. The Volunteer Coordinator is a volunteer position that helps lead the way in opening up new opportunities for volunteers to contribute to the mission and day to day work of the home. You would be responsible for achieving what is absolutely critical for the long term sustainability of the Home, involving volunteers in every part of our mission. For more information please call John Licciardi 617-746-4420 ext 312 or email smdevelopment@littlesistersofthepoor.org.

AUGUST 22, 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
August 22	August 23	August 24	August 25	August 26	August 27	August 28
August 29 1pm Baptismal Instruction 7pm Prayer Group	August 30	August 31	September 1	September 2	September 3 6pm to 7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	September 4
September 5 1pm Baptism NO Prayer Group	September 6 Labor Day	September 7	September 8	September 9 6:30pm Protecting God's Children class	September 10	September 11
September 12 Catechetical Sunday 11:15Mass 12:30pm Protecting God's Children Class	September 13 Gr 1 4 to 5pm 4 5:30-6:30 10 6:45-8	September 14 Gr 2 4 to 5pm 5 5:30-6:30 8 6:45-8	September 15 Gr 3 4-5pm 6 5:30 -6:30	September 16	September 17	September 18 Charities Clothing & food Collection
September 19 Grade 1 9:30 Mass 1pm Baptism	September 20 Gr 1 4 to 5pm 4 5:30-6:30 9 6:45-8	September 21 Gr 2 4 to 5pm 5 5:30-6:30 7 6:45-8	September 22 Gr 3 4-5pm 6 5:30 -6:30	September 23	September 24	September 25
September 26 Grade 2 9:30 Mass 1pm Baptismal instruction FAMILY FUN DAY	September 27 Gr 1 4 to 5pm 4 5:30-6:30 10 6:45-8	September 28 Gr 2 4 to 5pm 5 5:30-6:30 8 6:45-8	September 29 Gr 3 4-5pm 6 5:30 -6:30	September 30	Oct 1	Oct 2
Oct 3 1pm Baptism Grade 10 11:15 Mass	Oct 4 Gr 1 4 to 5pm 4 5:30-6:30 9 6:45-8	Oct 5 Gr 2 4 to 5pm 5 5:30-6:30 7 6:45-8	Oct 6 Gr 3 4-5pm 6 5:30 -6:30	Oct 7	Oct 8	Oct 9
Oct 10	Oct 11 No CCD Columbus Day	Oct 12 Gr 2 4 to 5pm 5 5:30-6:30 8 6:45-8	Oct 13 Gr 3 4-5pm 6 5:30 -6:30	Oct 14	Oct 15	Oct 16 Charities Clothing & food Collection
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Oct 24	Oct 25 Gr 1 4 to 5pm 4 5:30-6:30 10 6:45-8	Oct 26 Gr 2 4 to 5pm 5 5:30-6:30 8 6:45-8	Oct 27 Gr 3 4-5pm 6 5:30 -6:30	Oct 28	Oct 29	Oct 30

SUMMER HOURS:

PRAYER GROUP WILL MEET LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH at 7pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WILL BE FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH from 6-7:30pm

OUR LADY'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

July 25, 2010

“Dear children! Anew I call you to follow me with joy. I desire to lead all of you to my Son, your Savior. You are not aware that without Him you do not have joy and peace, nor a future or eternal life. Therefore, little children, make good use of this time of joyful prayer and surrender. Thank you for having responded to my call.”