



"If any one comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:26-27

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday	09/04 4:30 p.m. – LCPL Eric Paul Valdepeñas 4 th Anniversary
Sunday	09/05 7:30 a.m. – Nancy Scotti 9:00 a.m. – For Our Parish Family 10:45 a.m. – Joseph & Concetta Botelho
Monday	09/06 9:00 a.m. – Phyllis & John Barboza
Tuesday	09/07 9:00 a.m. – Silva & Fragozo Families
Wednesday	09/08 9:00 a.m. – Intentions of Religious who entered on this day
Thursday	09/09 9:00 a.m. – Louis & Maria C. Costa
Friday	09/10 9:00 a.m. – Dorothy Michaud
Saturday	09/11 4:30 p.m. – Deceased Members of the Di Pietro Family
Sunday	09/12 7:30 a.m. – Laura D’ Almeida 9:00 a.m. – Jean Read 1 st Anniversary 10:45 a.m. – For Our Parish Family

The Sanctuary lamp is burning in memory of Charles Lawrence.

Readings for the Week of September 5, 2010	
Sunday:	Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33
Monday:	1 Cor 5:1-8/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday:	1 Cor 6:1-11/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday:	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Thursday:	1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38
Friday:	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday:	1 Cor 10:14-22/Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday:	Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

We are dependent on earth for all of the necessities of life. Sadly, too many humans are being greedy regarding the earth, which does not really belong to us. As Psalm 24:1 puts it: “The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein.” In Psalm 50:7-12, God says: “Every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle of a thousand hills, I know all the fowls of the mountains; and the wild beasts of the field are mine ... for the world is mine, and the fullness thereof.” Everything on the planet exists because of the goodness of our loving Creator.

Therefore, we are expected to manage the earth and all that exists on it in a caring, responsible manner. Not to do so is an affront to God. To pollute the air, water or land is wrong. To destroy forests without replanting trees and plants is an insult to God.

Budget:

Since the bulletin was sent to the printer early this week, the budget for August 28-29 will appear in the bulletin of September 11/12 along with the amount for September 4-5.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Labor Day weekend doesn't appear as a celebration in the cycle of the church year. But Monday's holiday does affect a lot of what many people do this weekend. For some, three days off means the opportunity for a short trip out of town. Others may schedule a vacation for the week before to take advantage of the extra day off. Grocery stores have sales, highlighting products that can be consumed at picnics or prepared on outdoor grills. A holiday honoring labor becomes the effective end of summer for most folk.

Labor shows up in some interesting ways in the Scriptures for this weekend. The only time in the three-year Lectionary cycle that we read from Paul's Letter to Philemon comes this week. Paul is sending back Philemon's slave, Onesimus, who had run away. In the interim, Onesimus has become a Christian and, from Paul's view, a brother in the Lord to Philemon. So what is Philemon to do with this worker that he had owned? How was he to act?

The Gospel includes a description of the work of building a tower. Jesus compares the calculation of the work involved to that taking up the cross and being a disciple. When Philemon became a Christian he may not have understood that his life might change radically—that he was expected to deal in a new way with one of his slaves who became a Christian. At Paul's insistence, Philemon's adherence to the faith was requiring that he act differently from the society in which he lived. We are confronted with the same situation as Philemon. In the workplace, in the market, in our leisure, and while on vacation, we are called to adhere to the faith just as we do in church on Sunday. That is the real work we have, and it is not always an easy job. We don't have to carry Jesus' cross, but we do have to carry our own.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY GRADES 1-6:

Religious Education Classes begin on Saturday, September 18th at 9:00 AM.

Religious Education Teacher's Meeting will be held on Monday, September 13th at 7 P.M.



PERPETUAL ADORATION

Let us rejoice at the birth of our Queen and Mother, which filled heaven with joy, earth with hope and hell with terror! Behold, at last 'the strong woman,' the predestined Mother of the Messiah! ... The world rejoices, for it beholds the advent of its liberatrix. Mary's birth heralds that of the Savior ... In like manner should we rejoice, since Mary brings us the Bread of Life. From the day of her birth we salute her as the aurora of the Eucharist, for we know that the Savior of mankind will take from her the substance of that Body and Blood which He will give us in the Adorable Sacrament of His love" (St. Peter Julian Eymard).

An adorer is needed for Saturday @ 5PM.

Please call Maureen at 508-336-3267 if you are able to help.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The Annual Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, September 11th at the Hillside Country Club. Cost: \$80/per person. Putting contest at 8:30 AM; shotgun start scheduled for 10 AM. Light lunch will be served at the time. Prime rib dinner to follow at the hall. Contact either Manny Reposa @ 508-336-9419 or Richard St. Pierre @ 508-336-2102. Deadline is August 28th.



SERGIO PHOTOGRAPHY

Parents of children who received First Holy Communion in May and who need to receive photos of their children are asked to contact the Parish Administration Office at 508-336-5549.

PRAY FOR PRIESTS AND VOCATIONS

Please pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Sign up for the Vocation Crucifix Devotion in the narthex of the church.

PRO-LIFE RELIGIOUS OUTREACH NEWS ITEM

Another school year begins. How many desks are empty due to the deaths of children when they were unborn babies? Who can comprehend the talents and gifts lost due to more than 52 million abortions since 1973?.

OFFICE FOR CHILD PROTECTION/CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Did you know that there are many forms of sexual abuse? Sexual abuse occurs when an adult caretaker has any sexual contact with a child. Sexual exploitation and molestation are also considered abuse. These are defined as contact or interactions with a child (including internet contact), that is used to satisfy the adult's sexual needs and desires. If you know of any child being sexually abused, please call DSS. If you would like to learn more about what constitutes sexual abuse, please call the Office for Child Protection at 508-674-4681.

DIOCESAN OFFICE FOR CHILD PROTECTION RE: CORI FORMS

ACCORDING TO DIOCESAN REGULATIONS, "NO ONE WHO HAS AN EXPIRED CORI SHOULD BE WORKING OR VOLUNTEERING IN [THE] PARISH." VOLUNTEERS WHO RECEIVE RENEWAL OF CORI FORMS ARE ASKED TO COMPLETE THEM AND RETURN THEM TO THE OFFICE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. ANYONE WHO IS NOT SURE THEY ARE IN COMPLIANCE SHOULD FEEL FREE TO CALL RUTH AT 508-336-5549.



TEACHERS ARE NEEDED to share with our young people, Grades 1 through 9, their faith in and love of the Lord. Grades 1 through 6 meet once a week on Saturdays, Sundays, Mondays or Tuesdays; Grade 7 classes meet Thursday evening, Grade 8 classes meet

Monday evening and Grade 9 classes meet on Sundays. If you are willing to volunteer to teach a class, please call the Administrative Office at 508-336-5549. Try it; you may enjoy the delight of working with young people and helping them grow in the love of God



HONDURAS MISSION NEWS

There are two spaces left for the trip to Honduras January 24 – February 2. I am looking for medical personnel to fill these spots.

If you are a nurse, physician or dentist who would like to give your time and talent to serve the poor at our diocesan mission in Honduras, please contact Pam Potenza at 508-252-6872 or 508-472-4242.

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Labor Day recognizes the hard work we put into our jobs. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will turn the work of marriage into fun and romance! The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are September 17-19, and October 22-24. For more information, additional dates and to register, call 800-710-WWME or visit our webpage at 333.33m4MA.org.

SEPTEMBER 5, 2010

HOME VISITOR VOLUNTEERS are spending meaningful time with our parish home-bound. The purpose of these visits is to connect with them so they can experience the social aspect of Church. The home visitors simply go as a friend – someone with whom they can chat or share, or with whom they can laugh or pray.

A few home visitors are available to visit more people. If you have a home-bound family member, friend, or neighbor who is a parish member and would like to be visited, please call the Parish Office at 508-336-5549.

THE PARISH NURSE MINISTRY is in the planning stages and would like your input how to achieve a link between parishioners' health and spiritual needs. Next weekend we will have a brief survey questionnaire in the pews and look forward to hearing your suggestions. While not duplicating existing services, the ministry can help with health education, referrals, advocacy and support to work toward wholeness of body, mind and spirit for all of us. Please contact Betsy Charnecki @ 508-252-5718 with any questions.

ADOPTION BY CHOICE, a program of Catholic Social Services, will sponsor an adoption information session on Tuesday, September 21, 2010 from 6:30 – 8:30 PM at the Catholic Social Services central office, 1600 Bay Street, Fall River, MA. This session will be for all individuals interested in adopting a domestic newborn or a child born in a foreign country. Handouts and refreshments will be available. There is no charge for this session. Please call Catholic Social Services at 508-674-4681 for information, to register and receive direction. Registration is also available on line at <http://www.cssdioc.org>.

PILGRIMAGE TO CANADA WITH BISHOP CASSIDY COUNCIL #3669: A pilgrimage sponsored by Bishop Cassidy Council #3669 at St. Dominic's Church, Swansea, MA, to commemorate the Canonization of Brother Andre Bissette will take place October 25-28, 2010. This four-day bus trip will include visits to the shrines of Quebec and Montreal, culminating in a visit to St. Joseph's Shrine in Montreal where the body of Brother Andre is entombed. Cost: \$625.00 per person, double occupancy – Single rate available with additional supplement charges. Passport required to enter Canada. For additional information, call 508-675-7206.

RCIA: Do you know someone who is not Catholic, but wants to find out about the Church? Is there a family member, perhaps a spouse who comes to church with his/her family but is not Catholic? Do you know someone who is Baptized but never received First communion and Confirmation? RCIA classes begin on October 3, 2010. For additional information call Christine Gregorek at 508-336- 5549 or William Kearney at 508-336-9828.

WOMEN'S GUILD: Welcome back everyone! Please join us on Thursday evening, September 9th at 7 PM, in the lower church, for our first meeting of the coming year. This meeting will be a social event. Also joining us will be the members of our newly formed Parish Nurses Ministry: Betsy Charnecki, Gail Nunes and Linda Nason. They will give a brief talk on what they would like to accomplish followed by questions from the members. We look forward to seeing you. Refreshments will be served following the meeting. All are welcome.