



Masses of the Week

Saturday, August 21, 2010

4:30 pm—Vigil Mass: Sacred Heart Church
Connie & Jenny Migli, req. Migli Family
Patrick Cannon, req. Anne Cannon

Sunday, August 22, 2010—*Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00 am—Mass: St. Philip Neri Church
Peter & Florence Parys, req. Family
11:00 am—Mass: Sacred Heart Church
Michael Forde, req. M/M J. Keegan
Anne Faoro, req. M/M D. Bellotti

Monday, August 23, 2010

12:00 noon—Mass: Sacred Heart Church
Special intention for Catherine McGrail, req. A. Cannon

Tuesday thru Friday, August 24-27, 2010

No Masses Scheduled These Days!

Saturday, August 28, 2010

4:30 pm—Vigil Mass: Sacred Heart Church
Peter & Florence Parys, req. Family

Sunday, August 29, 2010—

9:00 am—Mass: St. Philip Neri Church
Bill Laux, req. Jim Govern
11:00 am—Mass: Sacred Heart Church
Willie Nelson, req. M/M J. Keegan

Daily Readings for August 23-29, 2010

Monday, August 23, 2010—*St. Rose of Lima*
2 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 11-12; Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday, August 24, 2010—*St. Bartholomew, Apostle*
Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51

Wednesday, August 25, 2010—*St. Louis of France & St. Joseph Calasanz*
2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18; Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday, August 26, 2010
1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Matthew 24:42-51

Friday, August 27, 2010—*St. Monica*
1 Corinthians 1:17-25; Matthew 25:1-13

Saturday, August 28, 2010—*St. Augustine*
1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday, August 29, 2010—*Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*
Sirach 3:18, 20, 28-29; Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a; Luke 14:1, 7-14

From the Pastors' Desk

Getting Through the Gate

Jesus seems to be saying today that the gate to eternal life is wide open, and free to enter. But it is narrow in one way: you still have to fit to be able to get through. When Jesus said the gate was "narrow", he used a word that may have been misunderstood. This narrowness is really within our own power to widen. First, we have to step back and take in the bigger view. You know how some cameras take panoramic picture of the scene. The view Jesus is seeing is one that sees salvation—or we could call it wholeness, healing, and eternal happiness—not only for the whole human race, but for the whole creation.

We should be concerned about how to "grow into" the kingdom of God every day, because every day is full of moments of salvation when we are offered the chance to enlarge our narrow vision. Our vision gets expanded when we allow ourselves to listen to the saints and other radical lovers of God who have a much larger vision than we do. We need to crack open our private shells, and join others whose vision and behavior imitates Jesus. And that's why the Church community is important. That's why we need to monitor what we read and what we watch; that's why we need to read something more than the latest romance novel. This expanded vision does not just happen on its own. We have to place ourselves directly in its path and have the courage to allow such an enlarged view of the world to expand our own world view, and our actions.

We need God's huge vision, but first, we need to want it, to crave it, to desire it above all else—because opening our vision is all that will get us ready for the all-inclusive and unlimited vision of God. That is how our baggage falls off, and the narrow gateway becomes our wide path to God's incredible fullness after death.



Gifts for God

August 14/15, 2010

<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>9:00 AM</u>	<u>11:00 AM</u>
\$870.00	\$1,336.00	\$1,250.00

Total: \$3,456.00

Winter Utilities Collection: \$150.00

Missionary Cooperative Plan

Sister Danielle Bonetti, CSJ, a Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet, will speak at all the Masses next weekend (August 28/29th) on behalf of her community's work in South America and Africa.

Sister Danielle is here in our parish under the auspices of the Missionary Cooperative Plan in this Diocese to educate us in the work of the missions in order that we might share in these missionary activities of the Church.

Go out to all the world and tell
the **GOOD NEWS.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

We are *thinking* about offering a Faith Formation Program at St. Philip Neri Church this year, but we must have enough children registered for this to happen. So, if you have children who are registered members of our parish and who live in the Roxbury/Grand Gorge/Gilboa/Prattsville area and would like your children to attend this program at St. Philip Neri Church, please call the parish office at 652-7170 ext 103 to register them. Also, if you have a child who wants to attend our Confirmation Program they must commit to a 2-year program. We would also be in need of teachers, aides etc...so, if you would like to volunteer for this please call the parish office.



August, it is time to register your children for our parish Faith Formation Program, which will begin on September 12th. All youth of the parish are strongly urged and encouraged to attend. Anyone wishing to receive 1st Penance, 1st Eucharist, and Confirmation MUST attend classes. This year if you register after classes have started, there will be an

extra fee. Forms are available at the entrance of church or call the parish office.



This Week in our Parish

Monday, August 23, 2010: Prayer & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 5 pm at Sacred Heart Church.

Tuesday, August 24, 2010: Praying the Rosary at 1 pm at Sacred Heart Church.

Liturgy Committee Meeting at 6:30 pm at the rectory/office

Wednesday, August 25, 2010: "Tai Chi" at 7 pm at Sacred Heart Parish Hall. *Beginners welcome—come for fun and improve your health!*

Thursday, August 26, 2010: Knights of Columbus meeting at 7 pm at the parish hall.

Friday, August 27, 2010: Catechists meeting at 6:30 pm at Sacred Heart Parish Hall.

56th Annual Bishop's Appeal

Thank you to everyone who donated this year to the annual Bishop's Appeal. There is still time to pledge or make an outright offering. Please place it in an envelope and mark the outside "Bishop's Appeal" and drop it in any of our collection baskets or mail/drop off at the parish office.

We are still approximately \$8,000.00 short of our 2010 assessment of \$29,907.00.

Just A Note...

To everyone who brings Communion to the nursing home and the homebound. If you borrow a "pyx" from the church PLEASE return it right away so it will be available for the next person to use. THANK YOU!



You put a lot of effort into your job, home and children. Have you given your marriage the attention it deserves? Give the gift of time to each other on a Marriage Encounter Weekend where your coupleness is the focus. In Latham on September 25-26th or November 20-21st. Need to apply before September 13th so call: 518-279-3243 or email: MEalbany@juno.com.



Noelle Macaluso, Lisa Murrell, Eddie Meeghan, Stephen Barone, Peg MacCracken, Ronald D'amico, Jackie Swenson, Michael Macaluso, Liz Young-Fina, Linda Jean Ward, Sandra Hartman, Jim Barone, Rosemary Frey, Jeremy Zermeno, Monica Pavis, Al Simon, Frances Wellington, Barbara Feathers, Jean Beierlein, Judy Wedlock, Maria Basile, Kathleen McGrail, Mary Kissane, Dr. Mohab Khouzam, Danielle Paufve, Peter Axtel, Camie Jo Olsen Latta, Anna Tagliaferro, Jean Millar, Josie Macaluso, Celie Smith, Vivian Tait, Patricia Burke, Fr. Ed Ryan, Anthony DeFlorio, Frank Dwyer & Grace Tierney.

Five Reasons to Pray

If God knows what is in our hearts, why do we need to pray?

- Prayer makes us aware that God wants what's best for us. "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine" (Isaiah 43:1)
- Prayer helps us to put our worries into words. Speaking our worries helps us see that things aren't as bad as we thought. "When cares increase within me, your comfort gives me joy" (Psalm 94:19)
- Prayer gives us something to do. Instead of being helpless, it's the first step we can take toward solving a problem. "I was helpless, but God saved me" (Psalm 116:6)
- Prayer gives us courage. When we turn to God, we are strengthened. "God indeed is my savior, I am confident and unafraid" (Isaiah 12:2)
- Prayer reminds us that we are not alone. Instead of feeling isolated, prayer reminds us that we are never alone. "But I am not alone, because the Father is with me" (John 16:32)