

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 26-27, 2006 (XXI-54)**



THEME OF TODAY'S MASS

Jesus' teaching about the Bread of Life provides a reference point for us would-be disciples. His first disciples find this teaching difficult, and they are frightened by the price of proclaiming life. Like many of us in similar circumstances, they express their fear and resistance – under their breath! Jesus opposes “the spirit”, which is life and power, to “the flesh”, which means death and cowardice in the scriptures. He doesn't oppose it to the body. He repeats that His words are, “spirit and life”.

THINGS TO LISTEN FOR IN TODAY'S READINGS

In the First Reading

Today's Gospel concludes our reading of the rich and lengthy sixth chapter of John's Gospel. After presenting Himself as the Bread of Life, Jesus starts to reveal to His disciples that this will cause opposition that will lead to His death.

In the Second Reading

In the next reading, the writer of the Letter questions the listener/readers' tendencies to patriarchal domination. Such tendencies existed in Paul's time—as they do today. A would-be disciple's performance is under scrutiny by such radical questioning.

In the Gospel

In the Gospel reading, Jesus' original listeners were scandalized by His claim to be the “Wisdom of God” and the true Bread from Heaven. Later, this interchange was used in the light of the Last Supper, to emphasize the necessity for the Messiah to take flesh and to suffer and die on a cross—so that God's Spirit could come down and give lasting life to the world!

Please pray for the deceased members of the following parish families: Carriero, Carrubba, Carter, Casey, Casini, Castellone, Castiello, Catone, Cavagnuolo, Cegelka, Cerniglia, Cestari, Childs, Chisefsky, Cholewinski, Chopak, Christy, Chudwick, Ciepiela, Cieplak, Cinquemani, Cisto, Clark, Clifford.

ASSUMPTION SCHOOL TAKING REGISTRATIONS

The Assumption School is still taking registrations for the 2006-2007 school year. There are still openings in Pre-K 3, Pre-K 4, Kindergarten and Grades 1 thru 6. For more information, please call the school office at (203) 734-0855.

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday (August 28)

7:00 pm-Open House-Grades PK 3 - 4-School
7:30 pm-Home/School Meeting-Hall

Tuesday (August 29)

7:00 pm-Miraculous Medal Novena-Rectory
7:00 pm-Open House-Grades 5-8-School
7:30 pm-Home/School Meeting-Hall

Wednesday (August 30)-First Day of School

Friday (September 1)

6:45 pm-Bingo-Hall

UP-COMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday (September 4)-Labor Day-No School

Tuesday (September 5)

7:00 pm-Miraculous Medal Novena-Rectory

Friday (September 8)

6:45 pm-Bingo-Hall

COLLECTIONS

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Offertory	\$6,611.36	\$7,267.11
Assumption	985.50	Not a Holyday
Mission	\$1,895.10	\$1,678.20
As of last weekend, the cumulative Offertory Collection is \$5,853.40 more than last year.		
Our goal is \$36,000.00 more than last year.		

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

We wish to thank the families and friends of the following deceased parishioners for donations made to Assumption Church in their memory:

Alfonso R. Bottone	\$140.00
Charles Sultzbach	\$ 75.00 (Additional)

HELPING HANDS RAFFLE

For each \$25,000.00 that Assumption School makes through Helping Hands, we can raffle \$1,000.00 to participants. We are able to keep track of this. If you give cash, please be sure that the seller takes your name and the amount given. The money must be made by June 30, 2007.

We thank you for your continued support of Helping Hands so far this summer. As of July 30, we have made \$1,835.00.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Committee members are needed for the Social Justice Committee. Those interested may call Deacon Brady at 735-8556. The committee will host an interfaith seminar in the Fall here at the Assumption.

TO ALL THE STUDENTS OF ASSUMPTION AND THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, WE EXTEND OUR BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL YEAR. MAY GOD BLESS EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU IN YOUR EFFORTS TO DO WELL IN YOUR STUDIES.

ASSUMPTION SCHOOL & ST. MARY-ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL – FOURTH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Assumption and St. Mary-St. Michael Schools will sponsor their Fourth Annual Golf Tournament on Sunday, October 1, 2006 at the Tradition Golf Course in Wallingford, at 1:00 pm. The cost is \$125.00 per golfer, and includes lunch, dinner, green fees, cart rental, reception, awards and more. For more information, or if you are interested in being a sponsor, please call Bill Wiacek (203) 888-9858, Bob DeFelice (203) 734-3043, or Bob Davis (203) 736-6664. Thank you.

We also wish to thank all those who supported this event last year.

**THE ASSUMPTION SCHOOL
ANSONIA, CONNECTICUT**

Income and Expenses 2005-2006

Income	
Tuition (K-8)	\$ 566,494.25
Tuition (Pre-K)	44,856.75
Before-After School Tuition	42,992.83
Fees	27,560.50
Assessments from Parishes	6,500.00
Parish Subsidy	20,000.00
From Archdiocese	21,487.76
Grants	5,600.00
Alumni	12,855.00
Friends and Memorials	4,016.00
Matching Gifts	4,008.17
Bingo	10,709.63
Home/School Association	19,000.00
Helping Hands	20,000.00
Interest	20.66
Withdrawn from a Bequest	186,850.00
Other	<u>30,995.59</u>
Total	\$1,023,947.14

Expenses	
Payroll and Benefits	604,236.83
Instructional Expenses	149,636.82
Operational Expenses	170,979.08
Student Services	4,259.73
Development Expenses	1,061.00
Before-After School and Pre-K Expenses	<u>95,014.12</u>
Total	\$1,025,187.58

Number of Students	263
Cost Per Student	\$ 3,898.05
% Tuition Paid for each Student	59.63%
% Other Sources Paid for Each Student	40.37%

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK

If the members of the family for whom a Mass is being celebrated would like to bring up the Offertory gifts, please notify one of the ushers before Mass. Thank you.

Saturday (August 26) Vigil Twenty-first Ordinary Sunday(G)
4:00 pm-HM-Pauline Pergola (Family)

Sunday (August 27) Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)

7:30 am-LM-For All Parishioners
9:30 am-HM-Louis T. Velleco, Jr.-Eighth Anniversary (Mom, Dad & Family)
11:30 am-HM-Richard Marro (Family)

Monday (August 28) Augustine, bishop, doctor (W)
8:00 am-LM-John Mickiewicz (Mr. & Mrs. Alex Korpalski)

Tuesday (August 29) Martyrdom of John the Baptist (R)
8:00 am-LM-Stella Menard (Her children – David H. Menard, Diane M. Buck & Sally A. Beyer)

Wednesday (August 30) No Mass

Thursday (August 31) Weekday (G)
8:00 am-LM-Raymond Collins (Family)

Friday (September 1) Weekday (G)
8:00 am-LM-Eugene Brady, Sr. (Family)

Saturday (September 2) Weekday (G)
8:00 am-LM-Charlotte & Robert Knott (Bob & Angie Knott)

Saturday (September 2) Vigil Twenty-second Ordinary Sunday (G)
4:00 pm-HM-Russell Kuspinsky (Wife Mary)

Sunday (September 3) Twenty-second Ordinary Sunday(G)
7:30 am-LM-For All Parishioners
9:30 am-HM-Denise Simpson Hebert (Family)
11:30 am-HM-Theodore Tyma (Wife Millie & Family)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Religious Education classes for Grades 1-10 will be beginning in the Fall.

If you would like to register your child or children for the Religious Education Program please fill out the following form and either place it in the Offertory Collection

or
mail it to the Rectory
61 North Cliff Street
Ansonia, CT. 06401

Please put "Religious Education Request" in the lower left-hand corner of the envelope.

Please send a Religious Education Registration Form to:

Name.....

Address.....

Grade (s).....

THERE CAN BE NO HAPPINESS IF THE THINGS WE BELIEVE IN ARE DIFFERENT FROM THE THINGS WE DO.

FREYA MADELINE STARK (1893-1993)
Travel writer