

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
JULY 22-23, 2006 (XXI-49)**



**THEME OF TODAY'S MASS**

One of the most radical texts in the Hebrew scriptures occurs in Jeremiah. The prophet poses the question about what makes a leader. Jeremiah's answer is in the reference to Josiah. The prophet says that Josiah was a true leader. What made him so was that he practiced justice and righteousness in taking care of the poor. Questions about the marks of legitimate power and leadership reveal that history-makers like Jeremiah are not just poets who rant and rave imaginatively. Jeremiah's passion is under the discipline of very discerning social criticism. As we gather, our community of the disciples of Jesus needs to foster the capacity to sustain social analysis. We do not do it very well.

**THINGS TO LISTEN FOR IN TODAY'S READINGS**

**In the First Reading**

New leaders are vital to God's rescue plan. They are part of the prophetic promise. For a battered but not hopeless people, King Jehoiakin's evilness stands in total contrast to his father Josiah's righteousness. Josiah proved to be the true leader.

**In the Second Reading**

In the letter, there is a reference to the temple divisions. These were the human expressions of the hostility that had to be dealt with if there was going to be true liberation for the disciples of Jesus. Jesus is the One who reconciles.

**In the Gospel**

In the Gospel passage, the crowds are seeking a 'shepherd' or leader. We may speculate about what Jesus taught, by considering the report of what followed that evening. Most likely He spoke about the reigning of God and the need for His followers to multiply by their giving of themselves. Later, the crowd will share a meal of bread and fish. The crowd wants a leader. Jesus instructs them that sharing, co-operating and giving of themselves is the way to achieve God's reign in our world.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Alfonso Bottone, who was buried this past week from Assumption Church

Please pray for the deceased members of the following parish families: Amato, Ambrosino, Anderson, Andrade, Andrew, Aquavella, Ardito, Armistead, Astarita, Aubrey, Auddino, Audie, Babin, Bailey, Baklik, Baldassare, Ball, Bariko, Barlow, Baron, Barone, Barth, Bartone.

**ASSUMPTION SCHOOL NOW TAKING REGISTRATIONS**

The Assumption School is now taking registrations for the 2006-2007 school year. There are 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**

**Tuesday (July 25)**

6:30 pm-Strategic Planning Committee-Rectory  
7:00 pm-Miraculous Medal Novena-Rectory

**Wednesday (July 26)**

6:00 pm-Shelter Meal-Hall

**Friday (July 28)**

6:45 pm-Bingo-Hall

**UP-COMING PARISH ACTIVITIES**

**Tuesday (August 1)**

7:00 pm-Miraculous Medal Novena

**Friday (August 4)**

6:45 pm-Bingo-Hall

**COLLECTIONS**

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Offertory	\$7,135.95	\$7,030.16

As of last weekend, the cumulative Offertory Collection is **\$5,294.99** more than last year.  
Our goal is **\$36,000.00** more than last year.

**HELPING HANDS**

Please continue to support Helping Hands throughout the summer. Your support is a tremendous help to the school. Many thanks.

**BAPTISMS**

We wish to welcome into our parish **Joseph Antonio Martucci, Molly Ann Mohyde, Julia Grace Pinto,** and **Matthew Chester Pinto,** all of whom were recently Baptized at Assumption Church.

**"THANK YOU" FROM THE  
LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR**

The Little Sisters of the Poor wish to thank each and every one of you for your generosity last weekend. The total collected was \$1,448.50, which will be a great help to them in their many works of charity. Again—thank you. it is much appreciated.

**SNICKERS AND GIGGLES**

**Answered Prayer**

A woman was at work when she received a phone call that her daughter was very sick with a fever. She left work and went to the pharmacy to get some medication for her daughter. When returning to the car, she found that she had locked her keys in her car.

She then called home and told the baby sitter what had happened and that she did not know what to do. The babysitter suggested, "You might find a coat hanger and use that to open the door."

The woman looked around and found an old rusty coat hanger that had been thrown down on the ground, possibly by someone else who had at some time or other had locked their keys in their car. Then she looked at the hanger and said, "I don't know how to use this."

So she bowed her head and said a prayer, asking God to send her some help. Within five minutes, an old rusty car pulled up, with a dirty, greasy, bearded man who was wearing an old biker skull rag on his head. The woman thought, "This is what You sent to help me?" And although dubious, she was desperate.

The man got out of his car and asked her if he could help. She said, "Yes, my daughter is very sick. I stopped to get her some medication and I locked my keys in my car. I must get home to her. Please, can you use this hanger to unlock my car?"

He said, "Sure". He walked over to the car, and in less than one minute the car was opened.

She hugged the man and through her tears she said "Thank you so much! You are a very nice man."

The man replied, "Lady, I am not a nice man. I just got out of prison today. I was in prison for car theft and have only been out for about an hour."

The woman hugged the man again, and was sobbing. She cried out loud, "Oh, thank you, God! You even sent me a professional!"

**WHAT IS AN AFTER DINNER MINT???**

IT'S WHAT YOU NEED WHEN THE WAITER BRINGS THE CHECK!!

**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 (July 22)** Vigil Sixteenth Ordinary Sunday (G)  
4:00 pm-HM-James Chopak (Wife)

**Sunday (July 23)** Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)  
7:30 am-LM-For All Parishioners  
9:30 am-HM-Richard & Lucienne Martin (Family)  
11:30 am-HM-James Smith (Joan Fitzgerald)

**Monday (July 24)** Weekday (G)  
8:00 am-LM-James Smith (Tom Clifford)

**Tuesday (July 25)** James, apostle (R)  
8:00 am-LM-For the Recovery of Mary DiPiro  
(Jerry & Mary Mahoney)

**Wednesday (July 26)** Joachim & Anne, parents of Mary (W)  
8:00 am-LM-Kristopher Marino (The Gary Matthews Family)

**Thursday (July 27)** Weekday (G)  
8:00 am-LM-Pauline Culmo (Daughter)

**Friday (July 28) No Mass**

**Saturday (July 29)** Martha (W)  
8:00 am-LM-James Fleming, Sr. (Family)

**Saturday (July 29)** Vigil Seventeenth Ordinary Sunday (G)  
4:00 pm-HM-John & Frances Shea (Family)

**Sunday (July 30)** Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)  
7:30 am-LM-For All Parishioners  
9:30 am-HM-Patrick & Rose Kearney (Thomas Hennigan)  
11:30 am-HM-Doris Giguere (Niece Judy Gascoigne)

**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.....**