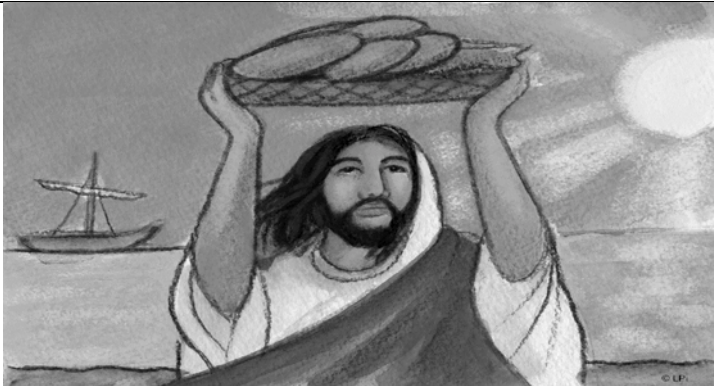


**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
JULY 29-30, 2006 (XXI-50)**



**THEME OF TODAY'S MASS**

We gather to begin a series of readings from John's Gospel. For this Sunday and the next four Sundays, our attention is directed to John-Chapter 6. Jesus promotes and communicates the reigning of God. Our response is indicative of our participation in the divine work of transformation. Moving through today's readings is a powerful conviction that newness can be brought about in the midst of life which seems closed and hopeless.

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

**In the First Reading**

There was hunger in Elisha's time. The movement from trouble to well-being is by way of the prophet's intervention. Elisha, like Jesus, displays an absolute trust in God's Word and it's power-for-life. The outcome is that there is food to eat and left-overs!

**In the Second Reading**

The author of the Letter to the Ephesians appeals to Hebrew and non-Hebrew Christians to live in unity. That means patient effort at maintaining the bond of peace that exists among them. The unity of the Christian community must mirror the unity of all creation!

**In the Gospel**

Jesus practice opens up the vision of the divine ruling which has been promised as the final renewal of Creation, and the imitation of His practice is our foretaste of it.

**Please pray** for the deceased members of the following parish families: Bashura, Bauer, Baumgartel, Baxter, Beauchemin, Beaulieu, Behun, Belden, Belfiore, Bellavance, Beloin, Bennard, Bennett, Benson, Bernard, Berube, Bialecki, Biesadecki, Biggs, Bilodeau, Birden, Bishop, Bisson.

**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**

**Tuesday (August 1)**

7:00 pm-Miraculous Medal Novena-Rectory

**Friday (August 4)**

6:45 pm-Bingo-Hall

**UP-COMING PARISH ACTIVITIES**

**Tuesday (August 8)**

7:00 pm-Miraculous Medal Novena-Rectory

7:30 pm-K of C Meeting-Rectory

**Friday (August 11)**

6:45 PM-Bingo-Hall

**COLLECTIONS**

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Offertory	\$6,709.24	\$6,455.94

As of last weekend, the cumulative Offertory Collection is **\$5,746.29**

*more than last year*

Our goal is **\$36,000.00** more than last year.

The **Second Collection** next weekend will be the **Monthly Collection for August.**

**BAPTISM**

We wish to welcome **Ayden Joseph Gehman** into our parish family. He was Baptized last weekend at Assumption Church.

**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.**

**ST. STANISLAUS ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC**

St. Stanislaus Church in New Haven will hold it's Annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, August 27, 2006, from 1:00-7:00 pm at Warsaw Park, Pulaski Highway, Ansonia. Polish and American food will be available. Music for dancing will be provided from 2:00-6:00 pm by the Grammy Award-nominated polka band, Dennis Polisky and The Maestro's Men from Colchester, CT. Children's games will also be featured. Admission: \$3.00 in advance; \$5.00 at the gate; children under 16, free. For advance tickets or further information, call Annmarie at 203 795-6629 or Annette at 203 777-3526. No BYOB or BYOF. Benefit of the Church Organ Restoration Fund.

***"The game of life is a game of boomerangs. Our thoughts, words and deeds return to us sooner or later, with astounding accuracy."***

FLORENCE SHINN (1871-1940)  
WRITER

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL TO ASSIST THE UNINSURED WITH HEALTH CARE

Like the rest of the nation, Connecticut is caught in the grip of a health care and health insurance crisis. The needs in the city of Hartford are particularly acute. Now, the big white van parked in St. Peter's Church parking lot each Wednesday, is a beacon of hope for Hartford's poor. Named Malta House of Care, it is a free clinic for those without health insurance. It will be a strictly primary care facility, with emphasis on pediatric, gynecological and pre-natal care.. Also, treatment will be available for hypertension, diabetes, asthma and other conditions acknowledged to be prevalent in this area.

On Wednesday, July 12th, Archbishop Henry Mansell blessed the van as it opened it's doors for the first time. The Archdiocese of Hartford, through the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, along with the Order of Malta of Hartford County, brought this dream to fruition. And this is only the first step. The mobile clinic will be rotated among the parking areas of seven Catholic parishes in inner city Hartford, and will eventually be housed in a permanent facility. Although supported by the Archdiocese and the Order of Malta, a strong benevolent Catholic organization, the free medical service will be available regardless of race, religion, or nationality.

St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center is donating the use of the van, as well as temporary office space. Volunteer physicians and nurses, many of whom are fluent both in English and Spanish, will provide the services. All approved medications will be provided free of charge. In fact, no form of payment for any medical services rendered will be requested, whether directly or indirectly, from a third party. This is clearly a free clinic.

Archbishop Mansell has been, and continues to be, a strong advocate for the poor, the needy, and the children, in the three counties of the Archdiocese of Hartford.. The Archdiocese has been the catalyst in this strong commitment to action, making life better one day at a time. He says, "The need is great, and only too clear. The long-term expectation for this free clinic is to provide service to 10,000 patients annually, patients who might not otherwise receive desperately needed health care for themselves or their children. This is indeed a very worthy effort, and I sincerely appreciate all those who have collaborated to make this dream a reality. I appreciate all who have been so generous to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, making possible this and so many other vitally important services."

ONE NEVER KNOWS WHAT EACH DAY IS GOING TO BRING. THE IMPORTANT THING IS TO BE OPEN AND READY FOR IT.

HENRY MOORE (1898-1986) Sculptor

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 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)
Monday (July 31) Ignatius of Loyola, priest (W) 8:00 am-LM-Norah & James Parker (Family)
Tuesday (August 1) Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, doctor (W) 8:00 am-LM-Raymond (Chief) Foy (Tom Clifford)
Wednesday (August 2) Weekday (G) 8:00 am-LM-For the Recovery of Immaculata Alba (Jerry & Mary Mahoney)
Thursday (August 3) Weekday (G) 8:00 am-LM-Jonathan Feeney (The Gary Matthews Family)
Friday (August 4) John Mary Vianney, priest (W) 8:00 am-LM-George Lewis
Saturday (August 5) Weekday (G) 8:00 am-LM-James Agnello
Saturday (August 5) Vigil Transfiguration of the Lord (W) 4:00 pm-HM-Allesandro Andomiette & Michelina Valente (Son Luigi)
Sunday (August 6) Transfiguration of the Lord (W) 7:30 am-LM-For All Parishioners 9:30 am-HM-Mildred Hine (Jack & Arlene Brady) 11:30 am-HM-Open

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.....