

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 1, 2006 (XXI-59)**



THEME OF TODAY'S MASS

Two strange incidents are described in today's readings; one in the Hebrew Book of Numbers and the other in the Gospel of Mark, concern people who are outside the inner circle or select group – and yet they are the ones who exercise the power-for-life!

In the Hebrew scripture, the outsider figures prophesy. In the Christian scriptures, the strange exorcist drives out demons in Jesus' Name.

We do not always find that it is easy to assimilate new and unexpected developments when we belong to an institution as old as the Christian church. The readings warn us against condemning new developments too quickly.

THINGS TO LISTEN FOR IN TODAY'S READINGS

In the First Reading

The story of Eldad and Medad in the Book of Numbers suggests that the power-for-life can be exercised apart from the easily recognized and publicly legitimated channels of religious authority.

In the Second Reading

Although the rich who are denounced here were most likely not members of the Christian community, but outsiders, the early Christians feared the oppression and injustice that could flow from material wealth within the community.

In the Gospel

John told Jesus that a stranger was "driving out demons in His name" and they had tried to stop him. But Jesus replies that "Anyone who is not against us is for us."

THE ROSARY FOR OCTOBER

October is the month of the Rosary. During October, Jim Hubbard will be leading in the recitation of the Rosary 15 minutes before each of the weekend Masses. Thank you, Jim.

THROUGH THE BIBLE WITH COFFEE AND...

One of the recommendations made at the parish-wide meetings last May was to have more Bible study. Father Condron will lead a Bible course on the first Sunday of each month from October to June from 10:20 to 11:10 am in the Church Hall. All are welcome. Coffee and...will be served. **BEGINS THIS WEEKEND.**

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday (October 1)

10:20-11:10 am-Coffee & the Bible-Church Hall
10:30-11:45 am-CCD Classes Grades 1-6-School

Monday (October 2)

7:00-8:00 pm-CCD Classes Grades 7-9-School

Tuesday (October 3)

7:00 pm-Miraculous Medal Novena-Rectory

Friday (October 6) Early School Dismissal (Faculty Meeting)

6:45 pm-Bingo-Hall

Saturday (October 7)

9:00 am-1:00 pm-Youth Group Car Wash (Hilltop Hose Co.)
7:00-10:00 pm-School Dance-Hall

UP-COMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Sunday (October 8)

9:30 Mass-Children's Liturgy

Monday (October 9)-Columbus Day-No School

Tuesday (October 10)

7:00 pm-Miraculous Medal Novena-Rectory

Thursday (October 12)

7:00 pm-Home/School Meeting-Hall

Friday (October 13)

6:45 pm-Bingo-Hall
7:00 pm-Rosary & Mass for Life (Rectory)

COLLECTIONS

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Offertory	\$6,953.36	\$7,370.87
HOPES	\$1,747.11	\$1,668.85

As of last weekend, the cumulative Offertory Collection is **\$7,263.12** more than last year.

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

The **Second Collection** this weekend is the **Monthly Collection for October.**

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. As of September 1, we have made \$2,582.00. Thank you very much for helping.

SCHOOL MEMORIAL FUND

Assumption School is most appreciative to the family and friends of Shirley Doyle for the \$190.00 donated to the school in her memory.

BAPTISM

We wish to welcome into our parish family **Davis Mark Commune**, who was recently Baptized at Assumption Church.

CPR & AED TRAINING

CPR and AED training will begin soon in Valley parishes. If your certification is due between now and February, 2007, please sign up for one of these classes. Anyone who wishes to be certified is welcome to attend. The cost is \$35.00 per program, and pre-registration and pre-payment are required.

SATURDAY, October 21, 2006 – 9:00 am-1:00 pm

ASSUMPTION, ANSONIA

SATURDAY, November 15, 2005

To be Announced

To register, please write a check for \$35.00 to: Valley Parish Nurse Program. Put it in an envelope addressed to Norma Travis, and drop it in the Collection Basket, or at the Rectory. To register outside the parish, please call Kathy Keilett – 732-1337. Thank you.

UMBRELLA'S CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

Members of our parish are invited to the Umbrella's 18th Annual Candlelight Vigil to be held at Kellogg Environmental Center, 500 Hawthorne Avenue, Derby, on Tuesday, October 3rd, from 6:30-7:30 pm. This gathering is held to remember the victims whose lives have been lost to domestic violence and to celebrate those who have survived. The keynote speaker will be Judge Michael A. Mack.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

A wedding anniversary celebration for couples celebrating their Silver, Golden, or Diamond Anniversaries of Marriage in 2006, will be held in St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday, October 22, 2006. There will be a special Mass at 3:00 pm, and Archbishop Mansell will be the main celebrant. Each couple will be greeted personally, will receive a commemorative memento, get a photo with the Archbishop, and renew their marriage vows.. A simple reception will follow. Family members and friends are encouraged to attend. Please call the rectory office, 735-7857 ext 4, to respond to this invitation. The Archdiocesan Family Life Office can also answer any questions (203) 230-2460.

RESPECT LIFE MASS

All are invited to the Annual Archdiocesan Respect Life Mass on Sunday, October 1, at St. Joseph's Cathedral, 140 Farmington Avenue, Hartford. There will be a concert at 1:00 pm, presented by the Children's Choir, followed by the Mass at 2:00 pm. Please come, and celebrate the gift of life.

ROSARY RALLY OF CONNECTICUT

The 17th Annual Rosary Rally of Connecticut will be held at Immaculate Conception Church in Waterbury on Sunday, October 1 from 2:00-3:30 pm. Father Frank Carter, pastor of St. Brigid Church in West Hartford and moderator of the Greater Hartford Legion of Mary, will speak on "Reparation to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary." There will be a procession, recitation of the Rosary, talks, hymns and Benediction. Free municipal parking garage across from the church.. Buses are available at the cost of \$10.00 from Enfield, Farmington, Milford and Hamden. For more information, please call Elaine Atiyeh at (860) 673-8655.

ENTRANCE EXAMS FOR CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

School	Open House	Exam	More Information
Fairfield Prep Fairfield	October 1 2-4 pm	Oct. 14 or Nov. 18 8:30 am – noon	203-254-4210 www..prep.fairfield.com
Sacred Heart Hamden	October 15 1-3 pm	Nov. 4 8:00 am – noon	203-288-2309 www..sha.excelsior.org
Laurelton Hall Milford	October 1 12-3 pm	Oct. 14	203-877-2788 X 144 www.laureltonhall.org
Notre Dame Fairfield	October 5 6:30 pm	Oct 7 8:30 am	203 372-6521 www.notredame.org

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

Saturday (September 30) Vigil Twenty-sixth Ordinary Sunday (G)
4:00 pm-HM-Olga Brenia Najjar (Family)

Sunday (October 1) Twenty-sixth Ordinary Sunday (G)
7:30 am-LM-For All Parishioners
9:30 am-HM-James Martin (Jerry & Mary Mahoney)
11:30 am-HM-Kenny Carey (Mom & Sisters)

Monday (October 2) The Guardian Angels (W)
8:00 am-LM-Deceased Members of the Rev. Raymond
Mulcahy Family

Tuesday (October 3) Weekday (G)
8:00 am-LM-Elizabeth Trombly (Sister)

Wednesday (October 4) Francis of Assisi, religious (W)
8:00 am-LM-Frances & Lawrence DiPiro (Mary & Joe
DiPiro)

Thursday (October 5) Weekday (G)
8:00 am-LM-Anna Boland (Family)

Friday (October 6) Weekday (G)
8:00 am-LM-Minnie Welch (Tom Clifford)
4:30 pm-Wedding-David Pichico & Christina Savino

Saturday (October 7 No 8:00 am Mass)
1:30 pm-Wedding-Jeff Huzi and Tara Merlone

Saturday (October 7) Vigil Twenty-seventh Ordinary Sunday (G)
4:00 pm-HM-Arthur Schaefer (Mr. & Mrs. Edward Phipps)

Sunday (October 8) Twenty-seventh Ordinary Sunday (G)
7:30 am-LM-For All Parishioners
9:30 am-HM-Vincent Marro (Family)
11:30 am-HM-Louis E. Sheehy (Family)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

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

If you wish 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).....