

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 9-10, 2006 (XXI-56)**



THEME OF TODAY'S MASS

Jesus crosses the border and brings the good news of God's reigning to pagan territory. Mark's text preserves an Aramaic term, *Ephphatha*, referring to an event remembered by witnesses to the healing of a deaf-mute man by Jesus. To be open to the Word of God, Jesus' disciples must show solidarity with those who suffer physically and socially. Like marginalization and exploitation, hunger and sickness are incompatible with God's reigning.

THINGS TO LISTEN FOR IN TODAY'S READINGS

In the First Reading

The prophet promises a new community and a new faithfulness – in poetic, concrete and imaginative language. This vision of the new future exposes the powers-of-death in the way things are presently managed.

In the Second Reading

The letter writer urges would-be followers of Christ to treat all people without discrimination. If they must discriminate, they must favor the lowly rather than side with the high and mighty.

In the Gospel

Jesus calls for His disciples to open up – not just their ears – but to sense the reality they do not sense at present. He came to do that for everyone. Our senses can open up when we learn about injustices to which we may have been both deaf and silent. Then our own practice of compassion – like Jesus' own practice – will speak louder than any mere words of concern.

Please pray for the deceased members of the following parish families: Coster, Cote, Coughlin, Cowles, Cretella, Crisante, Crofut, Cruz, Curry, Curtis, Cushman, Cweklinski, Czajkowski, Daddio, Dadio, D'Alessio, D'Alexander, Dalgar, Dalterio, Dalton, Danko.

"THROUGH THE BIBLE WITH COFFEE AND ..."

One of the recommendations made at the Parish wide meetings last May was to have more Bible Study. Fr. 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.

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

Sunday (September 10)

9:30 am Mass-Children's Liturgy

Tuesday (September 12)

7:00 pm-Miraculous Medal Novena-Rectory

7:30 pm-K of C meeting-Rectory

Wednesday (September 13)

7:00 pm-LTPC meeting-Rectory

Friday (September 15)

No School-Teachers' Professional Day

6:45 pm-Bingo-Hall

Saturday (September 16)

9:00 am-1:00 pm-Youth Group Car Wash-Hilltop Hose

UP-COMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Tuesday (September 19)

7:00 pm-Miraculous Medal Novena-Rectory

7:00 pm-Rosary Society Meeting-Hall

Wednesday (September 20)

7:00 pm-Interfaith Meeting-Hall

Friday (September 22)

6:45 pm-Bingo-Hall

COLLECTIONS

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Offertory	\$7,263.64	\$8,012.16
As of last weekend, the cumulative Offertory Collection is		
	\$5,546.54	
	<i>more than last year.</i>	
	Our goal is \$36,000.00 more than last year.	

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

We wish to thank the family and friends of **Charles Sultzbach** for an additional \$100.00 donated to Assumption Church in his memory.

HELPING HANDS RAFFLE

For each \$25,000.00 that Assumption School makes through Helping Hands, we can raffle \$1000.00 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.

**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.

G O F & CCD REGISTRATION

There will be an opportunity to register for Generations of Faith and CCD the weekend of September 16-17, for the 2006-2007 school year. Registration will take place following all Masses that weekend, in the back of the church.

CPR & AED TRAINING

Valley parishes have begun scheduling CPR and AED training (The New Guidelines) 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.

Pre-registration and prepayment will be required - \$35.00 per program will cover cost and materials.

SATURDAY, Sept. 23, 2006 -9:00am-1:00 pm

HOLY ROSARY, ANSONIA

SATURDAY, Oct. 21, 2006-9:00 am-1:00 pm

ASSUMPTION, ANSONIA

SATURDAY, November 15, 2006

To Be Announced

To register, please write a check in the amount of \$35.00 to the Valley Parish Nurse Program. Put it in an envelope addressed to Norma Travis, and drop it in the collection basket or at the Rectory. Thank you.

To register outside our parish, please call Kathy Keilett – 732-1337.

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).....

SHELTER MEAL

Thanks to Gail Miller and her group for the great meal they prepared and served to the guests from the Spooner House. The variety of foods and desserts was fantastic, and was greatly appreciated by all, including the workers. Thanks again – great job.

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.

Saturday (September 9) Vigil Twenty-third Ordinary Sunday (G)
4:00 pm-HM-Mildred Hine (Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gertz)

Sunday (September 10) Twenty-third Ordinary Sunday (G)
7:30 am-LM-For All Parishioners
9:30 am-HM-Katherine Whittaker(Niece Judy Gascoigne)
11:30 am-HM-Joseph & Matilda Dulla (Daughter)

Monday (September 11) Weekday (G)
8:00 am-LM-Deceased Members of the Brickley Family

Tuesday (September 12) Weekday (G)
8:00 am-LM-Phyllis Clifford (Family)

Wednesday (September 13) John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor (W)
8:00 am-LM-Margaret Guerrier (Ann Marie Gurrier)

Thursday (September 14) Exaltation of the Holy Cross (R)
8:00 am-LM-Catherine & Michael Keohane (Mary & Joe DiPiro)

Friday (September 15) Our Lady of Sorrows (W)
8:00 am-LM-Mary Greski (The Coughlin Family)

Saturday (September 16) Cornelius, pope & martyr, & Cyprian, bishop & martyr(R)
8:00 am-LM-Father Cornelius Doherty (Friend)
10:00 am-Wedding-Richard Fabrega & Celia Horta

Saturday (September 16) Vigil Twenty-fourth Ordinary Sunday (G)
4:00 pm-Nicholas DeFelice-15th Anniversary (Wife & Children)

Sunday (September 17) Twenty-fourth Ordinary Sunday(G)
7:30 am-LM-For All Parishioners
9:30 am-HM-James Smith (Family)
11:30 am-Philomena Sapiente (Alice Pokladowski & Family)

MEDICATION MANAGEMENT FOR SENIORS

Mary Swansiger, RN, MS, from Griffin Hospital Community Outreach & Parish Nursing, will speak about Medication Management on Tuesday, September 19, 2006, at 7:00 pm at the Rosary Society Meeting in the Assumption Church Hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend. Following the program, appointments for individual medication education and counseling can be made to meet with Mary Swansiger. Appointments can be made only for people who fit the following criteria:

- Must be 60 years of age or older;
- Must take 6 or more medications regularly;
- Must live in either Ansonia, Derby, Seymour, Shelton or Orange;

If you have any questions, please call 732-1137. The Medication Management Program is funded by the Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut.

ENTRANCE EXAMS FOR CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

<u>School</u>	<u>Open House</u>	<u>Exam</u>	<u>More Information</u>
Fairfield Prep-	Oct. 1	Oct 14 or Nov. 18	203-254-4210
Fairfield	2-4 pm	12:30 pm (noon)	www.prep.fairfield.com