

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2006 (XXI-57)**



**THEME OF TODAY'S MASS**

At the height of Jesus' public ministry, the people placed Him in the line of the great prophets – like Elijah and John the Baptist. But when Jesus asked His own disciples who they understood Him to be, Peter clearly affirmed that Jesus was more than a great prophet. He was the "Messiah", the "Holy One of God." Jesus goes on to announce that He will be rejected by the powerful from among His own people, and this rejection will lead to His death. For believers, life is only gained through it's faithful loss. The cost of discipleship is the harsh reality of the cross!

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

**In the First Reading**

A servant of God welcomes trials, because he or she sees trials as a way to personal freedom and a way of redemption for others, and because he or she has confidence in God's power-for-life. A Christian reading of Isaiah sees here a prefigurement of Jesus going up to Jerusalem with sentiments such as these, in order to die there. It's the way of the cross, which every disciple of Christ must undertake, if they really wish to save their life!

**In the Second Reading**

A faith which is never realized in deeds remains purely theoretical or abstract. When faith is truly a communion with Christ, it does the works of Christ, and so gives proof that it is alive.

**In the Gospel**

Peter sees rightly that Jesus is the "Messiah" – the Christ! But this title is ambiguous, as Jesus knows, so He tells them that for Himself, the way to glory is through suffering and death. And not for Himself only. His disciples will have to follow the same pathway!

**Please pray** for the deceased members of the following parish families: Darzen, Davidson, Davis, DeBiase, DeCiucis, DeFelice, DeGennaro, Degnan, DellaRocca, DellaVolpe, DelMonaco, Delnicky, deMayo, Dempsey, Deptula, Derbyshire, Desiderato, DeSimone, Devietro, , Dias.

**"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.

**G O F & CCD REGISTRATION THIS WEEKEND**

Registration will take place this weekend – September 16-17, for Generations of Faith and CCD. It will take place after all Masses. Please take advantage of this opportunity to register.

**PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

**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

**UP-COMING PARISH ACTIVITIES**

**Sunday (September 24)**

9:30 Mass-Kids' Liturgy

**Tuesday (September 26)**

7:00 pm-Miraculous Medal Novena-Rectory

**Wednesday (September 27)**

6:30 pm-Shelter Meal (Jack Brady's Group)

**Friday (September 29)**

6:45 pm-Bingo-Hall

**Saturday (September 30)**

7:00-10:00 pm-School Dance-Hall

**COLLECTIONS**

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Offertory	\$8,366.60	\$7,062.31
Monthly	\$2,323.10	\$2,780.60

As of last weekend, the cumulative Offertory Collection is **\$6,850.83**

*more than last year.*

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

The **Second Collection** this weekend is the annual **H.O.P.E.S. Collection**, for the benefit of our Catholic elementary schools.

**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. We thank you very much for helping.

**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.

**BLOOD PRESSURES**

Parish nurses will be available to take blood pressures this weekend (September 16-17) after all Masses.

**MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE**

The next weekend meeting of the Maintenance Committee will be held on **Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**, at **8:30 am** to work on various projects indoors and out.

**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.....

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Grade (s).....

**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 with Mary Swansiger can be made for those who are 60 years of age or older, who are on at least 6 medications daily, and who live in either Ansonia, Derby, Seymour, Shelton or Orange. If you have any questions, please call 732-1137. Thank you.

**CPR & AED TRAINING**

AED and CPR training classes 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, September 23, 2006 – 9:00 am-1:00 pm  
 HOLY ROSARY, ANSONIA

SATURDAY, October 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. To register outside the parish, please call Kathy Keilett – 732-1337. Thank you.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS  
 ST. JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL**

Archbishop Henry J. Mansell is inviting all couples who are celebrating their Silver, Golden, Diamond, or other special Wedding Anniversaries in 2006 to a special Mass in the Cathedral of St. Joseph on Sunday, October 22, 2006, at 3:00 pm. On this day the entire Archdiocese of Hartford will join those couples in their joy and in their gratitude to God, Who has set them among us as signs of His constant and faithful love. During the Mass, couples will renew their marriage vows, and a simple reception will follow at the Cathedral. The Archbishop will be happy to take pictures with those couples who wish to do so.

If you are celebrating a special anniversary during 2006, we encourage you to attend this very special Mass.

**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 16)** Vigil Twenty-fourth Ordinary Sunday (G)  
 4:00 pm-HM-Nicholas DeFelice-15<sup>th</sup> 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-HM-Philomena Sapiente (Alice Pokladowski & Family)

**Monday (September 18)** Weekday(G)  
 8:00 am-LM-William & Mary Toussaint

**Tuesday (September 19)** Weekday (G)  
 8:00 am-LM-John Baranowsky (Sister Dorothy)

**Wednesday (September 20)** Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang & Companions, martyrs (R)  
 8:00 am-LM-Kathleen Fitzgerald (Mary & Joe DiPiro)

**Thursday (September 21)** Matthew, apostle, evangelist (R)  
 8:00 am-LM-Charles Sultzbach (Carpenter Technology Retirees' Club)

**Friday (September 22)** Weekday (G)  
 8:00 am-LM-Frank & Julia Kershaw (Dorothy Szatkowski)

**Saturday (September 23) No Mass**

**Saturday (September 23)** Vigil Twenty-fifth Ordinary Sunday (G)  
 4:00 pm-HM-Jerome Garcia (Family)

**Sunday (September 24)** Twenty-fifth Ordinary Sunday (G)  
 7:30 am-LM-For All Parishioners  
 9:30 am-HM-Mildred Hine (Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gertz, Jr. & Mr. & Mrs. Mark Sasso)

**A GATHERING FOR UNDERSTANDING  
 CHRISTIANITY AND ISLAM**

A gathering will be held on Wednesday, September 20, at 7:00 pm in the Assumption Church Hall. Come and join your fellow parishioners and members of the Muslim community for an evening of readings from the Qur'an and the Holy Bible., followed by a film presentation of "Muhammed: Legacy of a Prophet". A question and answer period will follow, and refreshments will be served.

Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>  
 7:00-9:00 pm  
 Assumption Church Hall  
 61 North Cliff Street  
 Ansonia, CT.

This program has been planned by our Social Action Committee.

**ENTRANCE EXAMS FOR CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS**

<u>School</u>	<u>Open House</u>	<u>Exam</u>	<u>More Information</u>
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 X144 www.laureltonhall.org