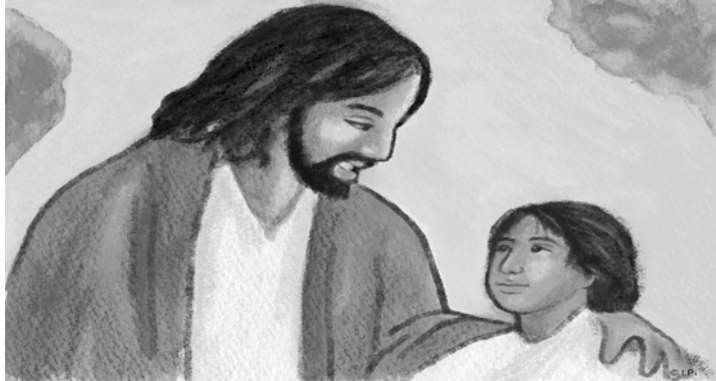


**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 23-24, 2006 (XXI-58)**



THEME OF TODAY'S MASS

Mark is the evangelist who reminds us most often how difficult it was for the apostles to believe in Jesus and to accept the demands of discipleship. Mark says they didn't understand what Jesus was saying, and they were afraid to ask. Their concern was—what would their position be in the change that Jesus was promising? Each sought their own advantage!

THINGS TO LISTEN FOR IN TODAY'S READINGS

In the First Reading

Faithful Hebrews living in Alexandria are the objects of mockery and persecution by renegade Hebrews and hostile non-Hebrews. The wisdom author has their experience in mind when writing about the sufferings of "the just".

In the Second Reading

James asks the Christian disciple to discern when legitimate debate crosses over the line and degenerates into contentiousness, by looking at the persons involved. Are they jealous and selfishly ambitious? Or are they pure, peaceful, gentle, open to reason, merciful, full of good acts, simple and sincere?

In the Gospel

At Caesare Philippi, Peter had declared that Jesus was the Messiah. As they pass through Galilee, Jesus instructs the disciples further. They are on their way to Jerusalem.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joan Velms, who was buried this past week from Assumption Church.

Please pray for the deceased members of the following parish families: Diaz, DiBona, DiCaro, DiCostanzo, DiDente, DiGiacomo, Dilley, Dillman, DiLorenzo, Dimech, Dinsmore, DiPiro, DiSorbo, DiStasi, Diurno, DiVincenzo, Dmytryshyn, Docherty, Dodd, Dokla, Donahue, Donofrio, Donoso, Donovan, Dorosh.

"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.

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday (September 24)

9:30 am 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

UP-COMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

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

COLLECTIONS

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Offertory	\$8,075.70	\$7,371.05

As of last weekend, the cumulative Offertory Collection is **\$7,580.63** 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 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. 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.

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).....

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, 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 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.

UMBRELLA'S CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

Members of our parish are invited the Umbrella's 18th Annual Candlelight Vigil to be held at Kellogg Environmental Center, 500 Hawthorne Avenue, Derby, on Tuesday, October 3, from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm. This gathering is held to remember the victims whose lives were 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 all couples celebrating special wedding anniversaries this year are invited. Archbishop Mansell will be the main celebrant of the Mass. 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, 2006, 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. Thank you.

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 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)
11:30 am-HM-Charles B. Sultzbach (The Pudelka Family)

Monday (September 25) Weekday (G)
8:00 am-LM-Helen McEntegart (Mary & Joe DiPiro)

Tuesday (September 26) Weekday (G)
8:00 am-LM-For a Special Intention (Mary Boyko)

Wednesday (September 27) Vincent de Paul, priest (W)
8:00 am-LM-Rita Richards (Family)

Thursday (September 28) Weekday (G)
8:00 am-LM-Stella Menard (Her Children)

Friday (September 29) Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, archangels (W)
8:00 am-LM-Thomas Clifford, Jr. (Family)

Saturday (September 30)
8:00 am-No Mass
9:00 am- Wedding-David Picheco & Christina Savino

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-Open

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 X 144 www.laureltonhall.org

HOLY FAMILY RETREAT CENTER

DAY RETREAT

Wednesday, October 11, 10:00 am-2:00 pm
"If you want to walk on water, get out of the boat!"
Speaker: Father David Cinquegrani, C. P
The day includes presentation, reconciliation, lunch and Liturgy.
Program Offering: \$25.00

MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT

September 29 – October 1
"For the Life of the World"
Retreat Offering: \$370.00 per couple

WOMEN'S RETREAT

October 6-8
"For the Life of the World"
Retreat Offering: \$185.00

Send name, address and offering to:

Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center
303 Tunxis Road
West Hartford, CT. -6107
(860) 521-0440

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all".