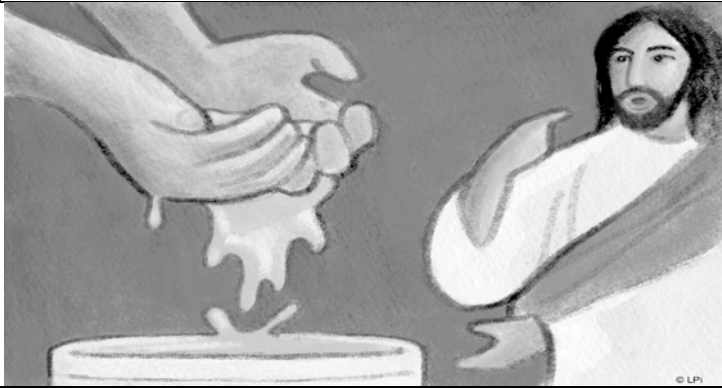


**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 2 & 3, 2006 (XXI-55)**



THEME OF TODAY'S MASS

We gather and listen to the scriptures. Like the Scribes and Pharisees, we consider that we are sincere religious people, trying to serve God the best way we know how. But our efforts to obey our tradition can be counter-productive. We are tempted by concern for externals; to make harsh judgments about others; and we fail to practice what we preach.

THINGS TO LISTEN FOR IN TODAY'S READINGS

In the First Reading

Faithfulness means integrating commandments with daily obedience. The reading reveals attitudes among people. Some prefer God to be near – but without the demands of Torah! Others prefer Torah-keeping as the source of life, but emphasize the harsh conditional demands. The author doesn't separate the God, Who is very close, from Torah-keeping!

In the Second Reading

In the letter, Christian discipleship means living with integrity. The disciple's faith and actions must be coherent. The writer points out that faith in God is made visible by deeds of compassion and honor.

In the Gospel

Jesus makes the point that keeping endless laws for their own sake, actually has the opposite effect to that intended – the qualities which impart purity or impurity to a person's life come from within.

Please pray for the deceased members of the following parish families: Cocce, Cody, Cole, Collins, Comerford, Commune, Compy, Condo, Condon, Confinante, Connors, Conroy, Conti, Conway, Cooke, Coonan, Coppola, Coriano, Coscia, Cosciello.

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

- Monday (September 4)** Labor Day-No School
- Tuesday (September 5)**
7:00 pm-Miraculous Medal Novena-Rectory
- Friday (September 8)**
6:45 pm-Bingo-Hall

UP-COMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

- 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

COLLECTIONS

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Offertory	\$7,901.05	\$7,459.39

As of last weekend, the cumulative Offertory Collection is **\$6,295.06**

more than last year.

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

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

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 July 30, we have made \$1,835.00.

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, please call Bill Wiacek (203) 888-9858, Bob DeFelice (203) 734-3043, or Bob Davis (203) 736-6664. Thank you.

We also wish to thank all those who supported this event last year.

PARISH NURSE

There will be classes for training and recertification in AED and CPR in September and October. More information will follow

Also, parish nurse office hours will resume on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9:00-11:00 am, beginning Tuesday, September 5.

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 school year 2006-2007. Registration will take place following all Masses that weekend, in the back of the church.

ALL-GIRLS VOCAL GROUP FROM POLAND TO PERFORM AT ST. JOSEPH'S

The all-girls vocal group "ORATORIUM" from Poland will present religious songs in Polish and English, on Tuesday, September 19, at St. Joseph Church, 32 Jewett Street, Ansonia. The concert will begin at 7:00 pm. The ORATORIUM group is well known for the perfection of harmony. They have sung for over 25 years and have given concerts in many countries of the world. A perfect treat to your ear. Please come with the whole family. Free-will donation will be taken during the concert. THIS WILL BE THE ONLY APPEARANCE IN CONNECTICUT.

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.....
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Grade (s).....

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 (September 2)** Vigil Twenty-second Ordinary Sunday (G)
4:00 pm-HM-Russell Kuspinsky (Wife Mary)
- Sunday (September 3)** Twenty-second Ordinary Sunday (G)
7:30 am-LM-For All Parishioners
9:30 am-HM-Denise Simpson Hebert (Family)
11:30 am-HM-Theodore Tyma (Wife Millie & Family)
- Monday (September 4)** Weekday (G)
8:00 am-LM-Deceased Members of the Rev. Raymond Mulcahy Family
- Tuesday (September 5)** Weekday (G)
8:00 am-LM-Anna Bujnovski (Daughter)
- Wednesday (September 6)** Weekday (G)
8:00 am-HM-Joseph & Ann Kiely (Family)
- Thursday (September 7)** Weekday (G)
8:00 am-LM-Joseph Parker (Sister)
- Friday (September 8)** Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (W)
8:00 am-HM-Francis & Josephine Donahue
- Saturday (September 9)** Peter Claver, priest (W)
8:00 am-LM-Joseph & Edna Casale (Grandsons)
- 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)

YOUTH GROUP MEETING

There will be a Youth Group Meeting on Sunday, September 10, 2006, at Holy Rosary Church, Father Salemi Drive, Ansonia, from 7:00-9:00 pm. All 9th through 12th Graders are invited. If interested, please call Nancy Wojciechowski at 734-1326 or 305-4532. Thank you.

WE WISH EVERYONE A MOST

ENJOYABLE LABOR DAY WEEKEND.

PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY.