

August 23, 2009

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

4:00 PM Stanley Treloar, Jr. by his wife and children

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

8:00 AM William J. Fitzpatrick, Sr. by the Moss Family

9:30 AM Annette Lizotte by her family

9:30 AM Blaire Sutherland by her Grandparents
(birthday remembrance)

11:00 AM John Carvalho by his family

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

9:00 AM Jean and Joseph Ciryak

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

9:00 AM Edmond Girouard by Charles & Jacqueline Herzig

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

9:00 AM Vincent Arcello by Nancy Storey

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

9:00 AM Joseph Flanagan (27th anniv)
Florence Steel (1st anniv) by their family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

4:00 PM M/M. Jacintho Furtado by daughter, Dorothy

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

8:00 AM Norman Tolley by Yvette Abrams (18th anniv)

9:30 AM Donald Martin by Manny & Lorraine (5th anniv)

11:00 AM Joseph S. Korkosz, by wife Alice & children

Month of August Memorial Candles

Sanctuary Lamp in memory of Arthur Abrams by his wife, Yvette

Altar Candles in memory of Jeffrey Varanese by his brother and sisters

Tabernacle Candles in memory of Jack Lyons by his wife, Katherine

August 16th Collection

Budget \$ 4,440.00

2nd Collection - Assumption \$ 797.00

“Thank You” to all who continue to generously support our parish!

Gift Bearers - If you are a family member or friend who would like to bring the gifts to the altar at a loved one's Mass, we would be happy to have you do so. Just stop by the Sacristy before Mass and tell Father Michael you will be the gift bearer that day. Thank you

Newport Cruise - Sail to Newport on beautiful Narragansett Bay, on Thursday, August 27th aboard the Vista Jubilee. You will be treated to a narrated tour of Newport Harbor along with a delicious buffet and live entertainment. Boarding will begin at 10:15 a.m.; departure at 11:00a.m., and return to Warren at 3:00 p.m. For more Information or to reserve tickets, call Phyllis at 508-676-8378 or Lorraine at 508-674-7298

Faith Formation

Back by popular demand – Once again a registration form is printed in this week's bulletin. Parents, please note:

- ◆ If registering more than one child, a form for each child must be completed.
- ◆ If your child is entering 1st grade, or If new to our program, and was not baptized in our parish, (St. Francis of Assisi, St. Michael, or Our Lady of Fatima), we will need a copy of their baptism certificate for our file. Please call the parish where your child was baptized and request a copy of their baptism certificate. The certificate is to be returned with the completed registration form.
- ◆ Registration fee: \$40.00 for one child; \$65.00 for two or more children. Please make check payable to St. Francis of Assisi Religious Education Program.
- ◆ Completed forms can be mailed or returned to the parish office at 270 Ocean Grove Ave., Swansea.
- ◆ If you have any questions, please call the parish office at 508-673-2808.

As of the printing of this bulletin, of the 290 returning students in last year's program, and an estimated 30 new 1st graders (for a total of 320), only 113 children have been registered. I am not sure if the lack of response is due to missed mass attendance (thereby not receiving the information posted in the weekly bulletin), not realizing that a registration form must be completed each year, procrastination, lack of consideration for the coordinator and teachers, or simply apathy.

Parish family, I am asking for your help - If you know of anyone who has not yet registered their child in this year's program, please bring a bulletin to them. In this way they will be able to fill out the registration form and return it to the parish office.

Thank you,
Nancy Storey
Faith Formation Coordinator

Saint Vincent's Home Have fun while helping the kids of Saint Vincent's Home at the 4th Annual Motorcycle Run on Sunday, August 16 beginning at 9 a.m. The scenic 50-mile Run starts at 2425 Highland Ave. in Fall River and ends at Minuteman Harley-Davidson on Route 6 in Dartmouth with a cookout, raffle, and silent auction. Trophies for favorite bike as judged by Saint Vincent's youth will be awarded. Get your tickets today, and have a great time while helping the children of Saint Vincent's. Advance registration is \$15 for Active Military and Veterans, \$20 for drivers, and \$5 for a passenger. The Motorcycle Run is sponsored by S & S Concrete Forms Construction. To register, please contact Melissa Dick at (508) 235-3228 or email mdick@stvincentshome.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER

The next meeting will be **tonight, Sunday, August 23rd** at 6:00 p.m. in the church hall. Please contact Monica Valenti if you have any questions. Bring a friend!!

50 Week Club – Congratulations to the August 23rd winner.....Antone Miranda

Pro-Life Committee



CHOOSE LIFE LICENSE PLATE initiative has now collected 1046 registrations; the goal is 1500 by October 31. So far, only three people have signed up in Swansea. If you haven't considered making a commitment to this Pro-life program, please do so. For information go to www.machoose-life.org/ or call Joe Ripanti for information. 508-678-4453

Family Life

The Family Life Committee is looking for faith-filled, generous people who are willing to share ideas, talents and faith to enrich St. Francis of Assisi parish. Our goal is to transform our parish community into a vibrant, active and welcoming home, where we all feel treasured and loved. To do this, **we need you!** Our membership is growing, but we still need more people to continue to do things which make our parish awesome. **Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the church hall.** Come and join us.

St. Vincent de Paul



In Need of Assistance? Are you facing utility shutoffs and or high food bills? If you are a family in need of assistance, please contact the Saint Vincent de Paul Society at 508-673-2808.



Pope Benedict XVI has declared a "Year for Priests" beginning with the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 19, 2009. The year will conclude in Rome with an international gathering of priests with the Holy Father on June 19, 2010. With the announcement of this Year for Priests, the Pope has declared St. John Vianney the Universal Patron of Priests on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the death of the Curé d'Ars. Please [pray](#) for our priests that they might always be faithful to their sacred calling.

Please Pray for Priests

Dear Lord,

we pray that the Blessed Mother wrap her mantle around your priests and through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry.

We pray that Mary will guide your priests to follow her own words,

"Do whatever He tells you" (Jn 2:5).

May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph, Mary's most chaste spouse.

May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart inspire them to embrace all who suffer at the foot of the cross.

May your priests be holy, filled with the fire of your love seeking nothing but your greater glory and the salvation of souls.

Amen.

Saint John Vianney, pray for us.

