

**FROM THE PASTOR ~**

This weekend we have our annual parish picnic. Thank you to everyone who volunteers to organize this great event, especially Teddy Ravidou and his great crew of cooks! Please come after the 11:00 AM mass. This year it will be held right here at St. Bernadettes.

Thanks to all our adult leaders who brought our parish youth to the Steubenville East Youth Conference last weekend at the La Salette Shrine in Attleboro. It was a powerful weekend for our teenagers: Eucharist Adoration, Mass, and Confessions, along with great talks on living as a young Catholic today. Please continue to pray for our youth, some of whom responded to a vocation call to the priesthood and religious life. We may have some future priests and Sisters among us!

We have already reached the end of July. Where is the summer going? Before long we will be in August, and school will start again. Please keep all our school families in your prayers as they prepare for another great academic year.

In the gospel, this week, Jesus gives us the wonderful prayer we call the Our Father. This prayer is said at every Catholic mass in the world. I ask you to take a few moments this week to pray this prayer, but do it slowly and reflect on the words of the prayer, asking if we imitate what we celebrate: to do God's work here on earth and forgive those who trespass against us.

Our parish festival is not far away and we are looking for people to help. Please call the parish office to volunteer to help with a booth or an activity at the festival. We are also in need of those to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. Please check the bulletin this week to see if you can sign up for some of the openings. Many thanks.

Please continue to pray for me during these summer months. Thank you in advance for all your daily prayers.

In Christ,  
Fr. Stephen M. Gemme

**MASSSES for the WEEK**

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**Saturday, July 28**

5:00 PM † Timothy J. Davis by his wife Michelle & children  
Special Intention for Elaine Colacchio by her aunt

**Sunday, July 29**

9:00 AM † Edmund Wojcik by Barbara & Walter Wojcik  
11:00 AM † Rosanne Farahmandpour by Nicole Mendoza  
† Jeannette Avey by Mary Lou Stupik

**Monday, July 30**

8:30 AM † Celebrant's Intention

**Tuesday, July 31**

8:30 AM † Walter & Evelyn Imhoff by the Furgal family

**Wednesday, August 1**

8:30 AM † David Westerberg by the Englund family

**Thursday, August 2**

8:30 AM Our Lady's Pro-Life Intentions

**Friday, August 3**

8:30 AM † Ed Pelkey by his wife Marriane

**Saturday, August 4**

5:00 PM † Comerato Family by the Cummings family  
† Lionel Duguay by his children

**Sunday, August 5**

9:00 AM † Vinny Cathri & Cheryl Cethri  
Sandy & Dave Henault  
11:00 AM † Roland Grandpre by his family  
† Mark Graebert by Marcia & Ron Roman

**Let Us Pray For :**

- Dan, cancer, for healing and strength
- Marilyn, for healing & comfort
- Betty, for healing from surgery
- Yvette, for good news concerning possible heart surgery
- Susan, for emotional healing
- Grace, possible foot surgery
- Gertrude, for her health

**Masses, Feasts & Gospels**

Sunday	Lk 11:1-13	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday	Mt 13:31-35	Weekday/Peter Chrysologus, bp, doct
Tuesday	Mt 12:46-50	Weekday/Sharbel Makluf, priest
Wednesday	Mt 13:44-46	Alphonsus, Liguori, bp., doctor
Thursday	Mt 13:47-53	Weekday/Eusebius of Vercelli, bp
Friday	Mt 13:54-58	Weekday /Julian Eymard, priest
Saturday	Mt 14:1-12	John Mary Vianney, priest

**The Catechism of the Catholic Church  
"A Portion A Day"**

July 29	1877 - 1885	Aug 2	1913 - 1927
July 30	1886 - 1896	Aug 3	1928 - 1933
July 31	1897 - 1904	Aug 4	1934 - 1938
Aug 1	1905 - 1912		

### WEEK AT A GLANCE

- 7/30 Y.M. Volleyball practice, 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
7/31 Volleyball games, 6:45 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.  
St. Christopher Church, Worcester  
7/31 Adult Bible Study, 7:00 p.m..  
8/2 Women's Faith Sharing, 10:00-11:30 a.m.  
8/2 Y.M. Volleyball practice, 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
8/2 Prayer Group 8:00 p.m.  
8/3 First Friday Devotion, 7:00 p.m.

## **R.C.I.A.**

### **(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

The R.C.I.A. is a process offered to anyone who wishes to become a Catholic or offered to a Catholic who would like to complete the sacraments of Penance, Eucharist, and Confirmation.



The R.C.I.A. process is a wonderful opportunity for the entire parish to get involved in the sharing of and the deepening of our faith. This faith of ours is not a private treasure from God, but rather one that should be shared with others. This process invites all parishioners:

1. To pray for individuals seeking to learn more about the Catholic faith and to support them on their journey.
2. To be opened to the possibility of being a sponsor for a R.C.I.A. candidate: a sponsor is one who is willing to journey and share faith with a candidate.
3. To approach anyone that you feel would be interested in exploring the Catholic faith.
4. To reach out to any Catholic friend or neighbor who would need to receive the sacrament of Eucharist and Confirmation.

Anyone that is interested is most welcomed! The R.C.I.A. process begins in the fall and it continues through the Easter season. If you have any questions, please contact Sr. Muriel Audette at 508-393-2838.

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Adult bible study is held every Tuesday from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Pastoral Center. Questions? Contact Molly Maguire by email, [mmaguire1@worchester.edu](mailto:mmaguire1@worchester.edu) or by phone 781-835-5948. All are welcome to attend.



### FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION

Friday, August 3, 2007

7:00 PM

Rosary & Benediction

All are Welcome!

### WOMEN'S FAITH SHARING

The next meeting of Women's Faith Sharing will be on Thursday, August 2nd from 10 - 11:30 am at the Pastoral Center in the Conference Room. We are reading "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World" and will reflect on Chapters 2 - 6 using the questions provided at the end of each chapter. Any questions, contact Judi at 508-393-3303.

### ALTAR SERVER OUTING

The annual altar server outing to Canobie Lake Park in Salem, NH will be held on August 7th. Bus transportation will be provided this year. We will leave St. Bernadette Church parking lot at 10:00 a.m. All who are attending should arrive by 9:30 a.m. The bus will leave the park at 7:00 p.m. All servers who plan on attending, please fill out the permission slip form that will be sent by mail. Any questions, please contact Chuck Dinovo at 508-366-5288 or the parish office.

### MOM'S (Ministry of Mother's Sharing) GROUP

Do you have newborn, toddler, or preschool-aged children? The Saint Bernadette Mom's Group is a club of Christian Mothers focusing on ministering to other mothers in our parish and in the surrounding community. Raising children to be good Christians is very challenging -- we all benefit from the company of other moms facing similar issues. We meet for a playgroup in member's homes twice a month during the school year, and for impromptu playground get-togethers during the summer. All ages are welcome! Sign up to receive information about playgroups and view the calendar at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/StBernadetteMoms/> or call Terry Foster at 508-393-2527. We look forward to meeting you!

### FRIENDS OF THE SUFFERING SOULS

The Friends of the Suffering Souls is a Catholic Lay Association who conducts a perpetual novena of Masses for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. You may enroll for yourself and for other living or deceased loved ones as an act of charity on their behalf. The only obligation is to have on Mass a year said for the souls in purgatory. If you are interested in joining, please contact Marian Anderson at 508-351-6244 or email at [mazander@charter.net](mailto:mazander@charter.net).

**7th ANNUAL PROUD 2B CATHOLIC MUSIC FESTIVAL**

**Matt Maher  
Father Stan  
Jesse Romero  
Righteous B  
Martin Doman  
Jon Niven  
Ben Walther  
And many others!**

The Marist House, 518 Pleasant Street, Framingham, MA  
August 11, 2007 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM  
(gates open at 12 noon)  
Mass at 5:30PM - Holy Hour 8:00PM

Tickets  
\$25 per person  
July 1 to July 31  
\$30 after July 31

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**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

*May the heart of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament be praised, adored, and loved with grateful affection at every moment in all the tabernacles of the world, now and until the end of time!* (Anonymous)

St. Bernadette Parish welcomes you to join us in our Chapel for Eucharistic Adoration of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Our Adoration Chapel at St. Bernadette Parish is opened 24 hours a day Monday through Friday. Please join us. To sign up or for more information call Sr. Muriel or Cheryl in the parish office at 508-393-2838. Hourly volunteers are needed at the following hours:

Monday	1 p.m.-2 p.m.	Monday	4 p.m.-5 p.m.	Tuesday	2 am. - 3 a.m.
Tuesday	3 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Wednesday	12 p.m.-1 p.m.	Thursday	12 a.m.-1 a.m.
Thursday	1 a.m.-2 a.m.	Thursday	2 a.m.- 3 a.m.	Friday	1 p.m.-2 p.m.

Substitute for Tuesday, July 30, August 6 and August 13 from 11pm-12am. (on vacation)

**SUMMER VACATION** - If you have an hour of adoration and plan to be away for vacation this summer, please call Sr. Muriel or Cheryl in the parish office to let us know. Thank you.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION**  
**2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR**

**REMINDER!** If you have not already registered your child for religious education for the 2007– 2008 school year please do so as soon as possible. All registrations were due on June 30th. Please call the religious education office if you have any questions at 508-393-7445.

**THANK YOU**

On behalf of the staff and board of directors of Visitation House, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parishioners who have recently donated items to us. It is greatly appreciated and God Bless you.

I would also like to personally thank Emily Pegg, Jennifer Pegg, and Brendan Griffin for their outstanding volunteerism at Visitation House this summer.

God Bless and take care,  
Eve Lindquist  
Executive Director, Visitation House, Inc.

**MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING**

*August 10 & 11*

*Marlborough Middle School*

Shakespeare's hilarious romp is presented by the local Catholic theatre group, Gaudete Academy. Brilliantly directed by Emily C. A. Snyder, Gaudete features many students from Hudson Catholic as well as area colleges and secondary schools.

Performances: 7 pm Friday August 10,  
2 pm & 7 pm Sat. August 11.

Tickets at the door only: \$10 adults/ \$7 seniors and students. Group rates available. Info: 508-303-3717

St. Bernadette Annual Festival  
Friday, September 7th 5PM-10PM  
Saturday, September 8th 12PM-10PM



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## Win \$10,000!

Mega Ca\$h Raffle tickets on sale after Mass or at the Parish office during the week. Tickets \$100 each.

Want to help out with the festival? We are looking for men and women to help with many areas of the festival. Contact Susan Pegg at 508-393-2838 for information.

**BAKERS NEEDED!** The Bake Shop is looking for people to bake for the Sweet Shop at this year's annual festival. We need cookies, cupcakes, brownies, apple pies...ect.! A Sign up sheet is located in the gathering space of the Church. Thanks for your support! Patti Slaughter and Lisa Brown.

**BASKET RAFFLE** - Sally Lampi and Tricia Temte will be organizing the Theme Basket Raffle for the festival again this year. Last year was a great success. Please consider putting together and donating a Theme Basket for this year's festival. Any questions, please call Sally at 508-366-8069 or Tricia at 508-303-6248 during the summer. A Sign up sheet is located in the gathering space of the Church. Thank you!

**SWEEPSTAKES RAFFLE - DONATIONS!** Do you have a business or service that is able to donate a certificate, a service, an item or cash for the annual sweepstakes raffle? The committee is still looking for more items to give away. If you are able to help out please contact Amy Halloran at 508-393-3206 or Maggie Lellman at 508-393-7996.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Adults, teens, families: are you able to help stuff the envelopes for sending the sweepstakes raffle out? The more volunteers we get, the lighter the load will be to get the mailing out. Call Amy or Maggie at the above number if you are able to help out.

### BANNERS

Come join us! We invite your business or group to have their names displayed for all to see during the two days of St. Bernadette Parish & School Annual Festival on September 7 & 8, 2007. It pays to advertise. The banner will be 2'X4' in size, made of heavy plastic for long lasting wear. The background will be royal blue with white lettering and a second color of red or yellow may be added for Logo's or other designs.

Need help designing? We can assist you. If you have a business card, please include it in your return to us. All banners are customized for you—no two alike.

Cost: \$100— Donation  
(make check payable to: St. Bernadette Parish)

These banners will be hung in the main tent during the festival for all to see. They will be kept at St. Bernadette's to be used for future festivals if you choose to donate another \$100 in the following years. All orders are to be in no later than August 3rd.

Contact: Rita Griffin, 35 Leonard Drive, Marlboro, MA 01532 508-485-3968

# Reflection on the Our Father

By Fr. Miguel Marie Soeherman, MFVA

Wednesday, 27th Week in Ordinary Time, 11 October 2006, 7:00 am  
Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Hanceville, Alabama

Our Dear Lord teaches His disciples to pray. He teaches them the "Our Father" — the prayer with which all of us are very familiar.

You notice though what St. Luke writes in his gospel. It is not the same as the version that we pray often. It is much shorter than the version we pray.

The "Our Father" is commonly known as the prayer with 7 petitions. The #7 always symbolized perfection so the "Our Father" is the prayer with 7 perfect petitions. In other words, any petitions we pray in our own words can be found in any of these 7 petitions of the Lord Prayer.

Now St. Luke's version does not have 7 petitions. We only heard 5 petitions in today's Gospel passage:

- 1) Hallowed be Your Name
- 2) Your kingdom come
- 3) Give us each day our daily bread
- 4) Forgive us as we forgive others
- 5) And lead us not into temptation.

Compared to St. Matthew's version, two petitions are not heard in today's passage:

- 1) Thy will be done
- 2) Deliver us from evil

Matthew's version is the one we're very familiar with. Matthew's version is the one which the Church naturally used since it's more developed and complete.

The one thing to notice is the context when the "Lord's Prayers" is given. St. Matthew's version (the more complete version) is given in the context of the Sermon on the Mount. Specifically, it is given as part of Our Lord's teaching on how to pray. St. Luke's version, on the other hand, is given in one of those occasions just after Our Lord has been at prayer. So the Lord's Prayer is given in two different contexts.

There is nothing surprising about Our Lord teaching the same things on different occasions. — not always using the same words, not always at the same length, but always stressing the same basic points.

Just like Our Beloved Mother Angelica — she used to give lessons to the brothers on Wednesday morning — which we used to call it our "Wednesday Audience with Mother". She used to give daily lessons to our dear Sisters privately in the Monastery. And when she's on the air during her "live" shows, frequently she would teach the same basic points as she taught us or the Sisters earlier. So the teachings were done on different occasions — not always using the same words, not always at the same length, but always stressing the same basic points.

And that's the reason why there are two different versions of the "Lord's Prayer", but Our Lord is stressing the same basic points: the prayer of the "Our Father" which has 7 perfect petitions.

John Paul II: "Everything that can and must be said to the Father is contained in those 7 requests which we all know by heart. There is such a simplicity in them that even a child can learn them, but at the same time such a depth that a whole life can be spent meditating on their meaning".

The Lord's Prayer is a simple prayer but it has such a depth that many Saints have written books or meditations just on the Lord's Prayer. Our Holy Father St. Francis wrote one; St. Theresa of Avila wrote one; St. Augustine wrote one and that's just some of the examples.

## Liturgical Roles - August 4 & 5

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>EMC</u>	<u>Servers</u>
5:00 p.m.	S. Pegg S. Pegg	Deacon George M. Maguire C. Dinovo C. Dinovo J. Risotti J. Boule D. Pegg	C. Wall J. Pegg M. Wall
9:00 a.m.	M. Duggan D. Coad	Deacon George S. Carens B. Chute R. Agbay B. Breyfogle H. Turner	R. Ryan M. Itkowski E. Itkowski
11:00 a.m.	C. Baldelli K. Ryan	Deacon George G. Boland J. Ryan M. Pierson D. Henries B. Henries M. Maguire	E. Pegg M. Ryan A. Ryan

Altar Society - August 4  
M. Walker, D. Pirie, J. Foster, B. Wojcik

## OFFERINGS - WEEK OF JULY 15, 2007

Offertory Commitment	\$ 7,262.50
Loose Money	\$ 296.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

For your information:

Please make out separate checks when submitting for the Offertory collection and for the Campaign for St. Bernadette's. *Please indicate in the memo section which fund the check should go into.*

In the past few weeks, a few envelopes have come in without a name or Id number. If you wish to be accounted for your donations, please make sure your name or Id number is written on the envelope. Thank you.



Registration packets are available in the Gathering Space of the Church and at the Pastoral Center Office or by calling 508-393-2838.

All items (including flyers) to be placed into the bulletin must be in the office by Friday of the prior week. If possible, please email information to [stbernadetteparish@charter.net](mailto:stbernadetteparish@charter.net). Thank You.

\*\* Items for the August 11th bulletin must be in by Wednesday August 1st due to vacation schedule. \*\*

## PARISH MINISTRY LEADERS

### Adult Bible Study

Molly Maguire 781-835-5948

### Altar Servers

Chuck Dinovo 366-5288

### Altar Society

Walter & Rose Zydlewski 485-7683

### Art & Environment

Anne Wall 393-3042

### Baptism Preparation

Sr. Muriel Audette 393-2838  
Deacon George O'Connor 393-2838

### Bereavement

Mary Jane Pierson 393-2766  
Sr. Muriel Audette 393-2838

### Caring Connection/Hospitality

Sr. Muriel Audette 393-2838

### Coffee Hour

Eileen Dawson 393-5070

### Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

Horace Turner 393-5340

### Knights of Columbus

St. Augustine Council #5724  
Michael Ryan, (Grand Knight) 393-5203

### Parish Finance

Susan Pegg 393-2838

### Gift Shop

Maggie Lellman 393-7996

### Lectors

Horace Turner 393-5340

### Marriage Ministry

Deacon George &  
Joyce O'Connor 393-2838

### Mom's Group

Terri Foster 393-2527

### Music Ministry

Contemporary Choir  
Tom Lowe 393-8113

Adult Choir  
Katherine Waters 393-6484

### Outreach

### Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Sr. Muriel Audette 393-2838  
Cheryl Charest 393-2838

### Prayer Group

Marianne Kearney 351-6099

### Respect for Life

James & Jamie Rame 869-0540

### R.C.I.A.

Sr. Muriel Audette 393-2838

### Women's Faith Sharing

Peg Lien 393-7180  
Sr. Muriel Audette 393-2838  
Judi Winning 393-3303

### Youth Ministry

Don Pegg 393-2838