

FROM THE PASTOR ~

Father Rodriguez at St. Joan of Arc Parish in Worcester sends his thanks for your support of the food pantry he oversees. Many families are helped each day, and your goodness is a great part of their ability to assist families that do not have enough food for their children. Thanks also from me!

I had a great experience this past week, when a young person asked me how a person can live a holy life. Not a bad question for a young person to ask. The first step to take in living a holy life is prayer, rooted in the sacraments of the Church, with the most important, being the Holy Mass and the sacrament of Reconciliation.

The Second Vatican Council calls the Eucharist: the source and summit of the Christian life. The true presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament gives us the nourishment we need to live a life fully alive with Christ at the center of our hearts. Also, is the need to make a good confession, and to do so on a regular basis. Making a daily examination of conscience is also important, perhaps before we sleep at night, to reflect on our day, and to ask God for the grace to grow in holiness and charity each day. Humility is also key, for a humble heart always seeks the Lord.

Eucharistic Adoration is another great way to grow closer to God, for the true presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist can and will calm us down, allow us to center on Christ, and pray not only for ourselves but for all those in need. The Church also teaches that a devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary is another important opportunity to grow in holiness. I know for my own spiritual life, Our Blessed Mother continues to intervene on my behalf each day, and in my daily prayers I ask for her powerful intercession, along with Saint Bernadette and Saint Francis for all within our parish and school community. I ask that we all join in prayer, to ask God to continue to guide us and bless us each day.

In Christ,

Fr. Stephen M. Gemme



Saturday, September 22

5:00 PM † Donald Mossman by the family
† Joseph Falco by Anne Falco

Sunday, September 23

9:00 AM † Michael A. Horgan by Dolores & Jerry Boule
11:00 AM † Joseph Ptak Jr. by the St. Bernadette Parish Staff
Special Intention in thanksgiving for Marguerite Buisson's 100th Birthday by the family

Monday, September 24

8:30 AM † Gloria Reeves by the Boland family
† Josephine Scerra by Mr. & Mrs. James Ferrecchia

Tuesday, September 25

8:30 AM † Mary Tynan by her husband
† Jean Stone by Vicky Killeen

Wednesday, September 26

8:30 AM † Catherine Berryman by the Millar family

Thursday, September 27

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

Friday, September 28

8:30 AM † Timothy J. Davis by his wife Michelle

Saturday, September 29

5:00 PM † Mary Rossi - 1st Anniversary by the family
† Charles Scholl by the Duggan family

Sunday, September 30

9:00 AM † Tony Noyola by the Pacific family
† Daniel J. Morazzini by the Pacific family
11:00 AM † Henry & Lydia Martin by Joseph & Claudette Moineau

Let Us Pray For :

- Edith, for her health and well being
- Elizabeth, for healing and strength
- Evelyn, Successful knee replacement surgery
- Edie, for peace and comfort

MASSES, FEASTS & GOSPELS

Sunday	Lk 16:1-13	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday	Lk 8:16-18	Weekday
Tuesday	Lk 8:19-21	Weekday
Wednesday	Lk 9:1-65	Weekday/Cosmas & Damian, martyrs
Thursday	Lk 9:7-9	Vincent de Paul, priest
Friday	Lk 9:18-22	Weekday/Wenceslaus, martyr Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, martyrs
Saturday	Jn 1:47-51	Weekday

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

Sept 23	2337 - 2350	Sept 27	2373 - 2386
Sept 24	2351 - 2359	Sept 28	2387 - 2391
Sept 25	2360 - 2365	Sept 29	2392 - 2400
Sept 26	2302 - 2306		

WEEK AT A GLANCE

9/25 55 & Over Luncheon, Noon, P.C. Hall
9/27 Girls Group, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
9/27 Prayer Group 8:00 p.m.
9/29 Craft Fair Workshop, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Pastoral Center Hall
9/30 Coffee Hour, 10:00-11:00 a.m., P.C. Hall

COFFEE HOUR

Join us from 10-11 am. Every Sunday for Coffee hour. Come for fellowship, meet families of our parish while enjoying coffee, tea, juice, donuts, and other baked goods. If any family is interested in volunteering to help out approximately 2 hours once every 6-8 weeks for this ministry or if interested in being a chairperson for this ministry, please call 508-393-2838.



ST. BERNADETTE MASS ON T.V.

Pre-recorded Masses from St. Bernadette Parish will be shown on the Northborough local access channel 11 on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday at 10 a.m. Please let those you know who are homebound and are unable to attend.

CAN YOU HELP US?

We are looking for individuals in our parish to help assist other with rides in our parish. These individuals may need a ride to Mass, a doctor's appointment or to an event or special service that is at St. Bernadette Parish. Please call the Parish office at 508-393-2838 for more information or if you can help out with this ministry.



**Drivers
Wanted**

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PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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 11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Tuesday 2 am. - 3 a.m.
Tuesday 3 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Thursday 2 a.m.- 3 a.m.
Friday 1 p.m.-2 p.m.	Friday 2 p.m.-3 p.m.
Friday 8 p.m.-9 p.m. (To Share)	

55 & OVER LUNCHEON

We would like to welcome back our parishioners who are 55 & Over to St. Bernadette Parish's monthly luncheon. If you are new to the parish or have never attended one of our luncheons, please join us for a wonderful meal and fellowship with others in our community.

The next luncheon will take place on Tuesday, September 25 at Noon in the Pastoral Center Hall. Please sign up after Mass or call the Parish office if you plan on attending. If you are homebound and need a ride, please call the parish office at 508-393-2838 so we can make arrangements.

CALLING ALL GIRLS AGES 10-14

St. Bernadette Parish is starting a new girls group! If you are looking for another way to enhance your daughter's faith foundation and solidify her relationship with Jesus, please consider this commitment thru the school year. We will be learning about the virtues, having guest speakers, doing crafts, works of charity and having FUN!! The girls group will meet in the evenings on the 3rd and 4th Tuesdays of every month. Please join us on Thursday September 27th @6:30pm for an informational meeting and pizza downstairs in the pastoral center. Call Debbie Furgal 508 393-6732 or Lynn Somers 508 393-8642 with any questions or for more info.

JOYFUL NOISE MAKERS WANTED

If you're looking for a fun way to lend your time and talent to our parish, join the traditional choir! No previous experience is necessary, and the choir members are all very friendly and welcoming. Our Monday night rehearsals are a nice blend of ministry and fellowship. Some people find it good for temporarily putting aside daily cares long enough to pour all their attention into faith-filled music making. We are especially in need of basses and tenors (men), so, wives, please bring your husbands with you when you join.

Our rehearsals take place on Monday evenings at 7:30, in the church. We sing on the first and third Sundays of the month during Ordinary time and more often during Advent and Lent. Join us for the whole year, or just for a season. More information can be obtained by calling Katherine Waters, choir director, at (508)393-6484.

CONTEMPORARY CHOIR

Any student currently going into grade 9 or above is welcome to join the Contemporary Choir. If you would like further information about the contemporary choir, please e-mail Tom Lowe at TomLowe62@gmail.com.



LIFE CHAIN ON RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

Join in this year's LIFE CHAIN - to be held on Respect Life Sunday, October 7, from 2-3:30 p.m. All are invited to join in prayer at this annual event, to be held rain or shine. The stations will be at White City Plaza Shrewsbury, Elm Park and at Denny's parking lot on Lincoln St. The Life Chain is a national event. Unlike a demonstration, it is a peaceful and prayerful witness to life. Join others in prayer for an end to abortion and a renewed respect for the sanctity of human life. Information contact: June Johnson at 508-755-0162 or Louise Faiola at 508-756-1150

VISITATION HOUSE POSITIONS

If you have non-profit experience and a strong commitment to the pro-life position then we anxiously await your application! Visitation House, Inc. is a growing organization offering shelter and hope to women facing crisis pregnancies. We are seeking two full-time positions, **House Mother and Day House Manager**. Both positions require a minimum bachelor level degree and or have experience within the social service field or this population. Duties will include crisis management, case management and advocacy in the community. The ideal candidates will have a strong Catholic faith, a commitment to the pro-life mission, a proven track record of leadership and administrative qualities. Also, they will be responsible to oversee the Home, offer spiritual leadership for the women and assist with Life Skills programs, as well as meet and greet visitors.

The Day & Night House Mother - One House Manager is needed for day and night. This is a live in position, which would include salary plus benefits.

Send or fax cover letter and resume to our Search Committee to: Visitation House, Inc., P.O. Box 60115, Worcester, MA 01606 fax 508 393-7470
Questions? Contact Eve Lindquist at 508-798-0762.

Celebrate a Shower of Roses

St. Therese Triduum

Saturday, Sept. 29th 4:30 p.m. Mass
Anointing of the Sick
Sunday, Sept. 30th 11:15 p.m. Mass
Blessing of the Roses
Monday, Oct. 1st 7:00 p.m. Mass
Procession to Shrine

St. Mary of the Hills
630 Cross Street, Boylston, MA 01505
508-869-67710

~ Bring a Rose for Therese ~



GATHER US IN 2007 - WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Gather Us in 2007 will take place on November 3 at the DCU Center, in Worcester. All diocesan women and young adults are invited to participate in this day-long event featuring presentations and workshops on women's maturing spirituality. This year Joyce Rupp and Antoinette Bosco will join us as key-noters. Great speakers, plenty of time for discussion. Come and be inspired. The \$45 registration fee includes lunch. The day will close with Mass celebrated by Bishop McManus. For more information or registration forms go to: the diocesan website, www.worcesterdiocese.org or <http://www.worcestercommissionforwomen.org> or contact Cheryl at the Parish office. Gather Us In is sponsored by the Commission for Women, a diocesan organization.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

The Craft Fair, Saturday, November 17th, the date of this year's fair will soon be here and there is still a lot to do ! In order to have a successful craft fair you need items to sell. If you have a talent for sewing, quilting, knitting, cross stitching, woodworking, ornament making, or any other craft, WE NEED YOUR HELP. Please consider making a few items that can be sold at our parish tables.



If you have items to donate, they can be left at the Pastoral Center, weekdays from 9 am to 4 pm., or contact Jeanette Farreh @ 508-485-4010 (mailbox # 1) or Cathy Porter @ 508-485-6764. Please include your name and address with your donation. With everyone's help and support we will have a spectacular and successful Craft Fair again this year.

QUILTING CRAFT FAIR WORKSHOPS

- The workshop will be held on Saturday, September 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Pastoral Center. Ideas for projects and fabrics will be available. You are invited to bring your sewing machine and basic sewing supplies to get started on a project or you can drop in for an idea which you can create at home. If you have any questions, please call Mary Anne Clifton at 508-303-4942.

MORE WORKSHOPS - Please come and join us in making an assortment of items from ornaments, rag angels, wreaths, swags, lighted pinecone baskets, and much more. There are many tasks to do during the workshops, such as painting, cutting, ironing, decorating and finishing ongoing projects. **WE NEED YOU HELP!**

October 6	10 am-2 pm	Pastoral Center Hall
October 13	10 am-2 pm	P.C. Conference Room
October 20	10 am-2 pm	P.C. Conference Room
October 27	10 am-2 pm	Pastoral Center Hall

Come and work with us, laugh with us and enjoy some great fellowship as we create many outstanding items to make our craft fair a success again this year.

Religious Education 2007-2008



Religious Education Registration for 2007 - 2008 school year - It is important that all registrations be turned in now so we can have enough teachers in place and enough materials for students. Please call the religious education office at 508-393-7445 if you have any questions or need a registration form. Schedules for all grade levels will be mailed to all those who are registered at the beginning of September.

PK, K and Grade 1 - Classes for these grades will begin on *Sunday, September 30th from 10:15am - 11:15am* and run on a bi-weekly basis. Classes will meet in the pre-school building.

Grades 3 thru 6 - Classes for these grade levels will begin on *Sunday, September 30th from 10:15am - 11:45am* and will run on a bi-weekly basis. Classes will meet in the school building. All students in these grade levels will enter and exit the school building through the lower glass doors. If you have any questions please contact the religious education office at 508-393-7445.



Junior High & High School - Classes will begin on Sunday, *September 30th from 6pm - 8pm in the school building*. Please remember to sign up to work the festival, it's a great opportunity for service hours and it's fun too! You can sign up in the gathering space after Mass! Please call the religious education office with any questions at 508-393-7445.

Religious Education Help Needed - The Religious Education Office is looking for one more teacher and a few aides to help out for this year's classes. If you love children and would like to share your faith with them, please contact Ginny at 508-393-7445.

Diocese of Worcester presents **YOUTH DAY 2007**
Saturday, October 27, 2007
Oakhust Retreat and Conference Center 120 Hill Street, Whitinsville, MA

Registration begins 9AM
Opening Mass 10 AM with
Bishop Robert McManus
Presider, Homilist, & Keynote
Close with Eucharistic
Adoration

Registration deadline: Oct. 10 Pre-registration required \$20 per person
\$15 per person for groups 30 or more. Costs include lunch & dinner
Download registration form on our website: www.ymworcester.org
Day includes keynotes, music by *Disciples' Voices*, breakout sessions, and
Eucharistic Adoration

Bus transportation will be available from St. Bernadette Church.
Contact Susan Pegg, Office of Youth Ministry at 508-393-2838 for information.

MOM'S GROUP

Do you have a newborn, toddler, or preschool-aged children? The St. 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. All ages and new members are always welcome! For more information contact Terri Foster at 508-393-2527, or sign up to receive information about playgroups and view the calendar at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/StBernadetteMoms/>. We look forward to meeting you!

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

New Volunteers

The 8th Annual Catholic Men's Conference is scheduled for Saturday, March 8, 2008, at the DCU. The planning committee for the Conference is always looking for men who wish to volunteer their services. All men are welcome to a Pizza Party/Planning Meeting for new volunteers, which is scheduled for Thursday, October 18th, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Christ the King Church in Worcester. You will learn about the various ways you can help. For further information, contact Angelo Guadagno at 617-283-6680 or by email: angelog1@prodigy.net.

The Church and Salvation

by Fr. William G. Most

The Church is sometimes called the universal sacrament of salvation. That use of the word sacrament is broad, not strict. It is true in as much as the Church is the divinely instituted means of giving grace to all. But the Church is not a visible rite - it rather confers these visible rites which we call the seven Sacraments.

From the fact that the Church is God's means of giving grace, it is clear that there is no salvation outside the Catholic Church. This truth has even been defined by the Church more than once, e.g., in the Council of Florence in 1442. However we must take care to understand this teaching the way the Church understands it. We just saw that the Church claims the exclusive authority to interpret both Scripture and Tradition. So one like Leonard Feeney who interprets the teaching on the necessity of the Church his own way is not acting like a Catholic theologian at all. The Holy Office, on August 8, 1949, declared that L. Feeney was guilty of this error. Because of his error, he rejected several teachings of the Magisterium, saying they clashed with this definition - but they clash only with his false interpretation, given in private judgment.

Pius IX (*Quanto conficiamur moerore*, August 10, 1863) taught: "God... in His supreme goodness and clemency, by no means allows anyone to be punished with eternal punishments who does not have the guilt of voluntary fault." Vatican II (*Lumen gentium* # 16) taught the same: "They who without their own fault do not know of the Gospel of Christ and His Church, but yet seek God with sincere heart, and try, under the influence of grace, to carry out His will in practice, known to them through the dictate of conscience, can attain eternal salvation." Pius XII had said (*Mystici Corporis Christi*) that one can "be related to the Church by a certain desire and wish of which he is not aware", i.e., by the desire to do what God wills in general.

Precisely how does this work out? We saw on our very first page that St. Paul insists (Romans 3:29) that God makes provision in some way for all. We saw that one of the earliest Fathers, St. Justin Martyr (*Apology* 1:46) said that some, like Socrates could even be Christians because they followed the divine Word. Now St. Justin also said that the Divine Word is in the hearts of all. Then we notice in St. Paul's Romans 2:14-16 that "The gentiles who do not have the law [revealed religion] do by nature the things of the law; they show the work of the law written on their hearts." And according to their response, they will or will not be saved.

Clearly, it is this Divine Word, or the Spirit of Christ, the Divine Word, that writes the law on their hearts, i.e., makes known to them what they should do. If they follow that, although they do not know that that is what they are following, yet objectively, they do follow the Logos, the divine Word. And so St. Justin was right in calling them Christians. We can add that St. Paul in Romans 8:9 makes clear that if one has and follows the Spirit of Christ, he "belongs to Christ." But, to belong to Christ is the same as being a member of Christ, and that is the same as being a member of the Church. Not indeed by formal adherence, but yet substantially, enough to satisfy the requirement of substantial membership. Indeed, Vatican II even wrote (LG # 49): "All who belong to Christ, having His Spirit, coalesce into one Church."

So, St. Paul was right: God does take care of them; St. Justin was right too: they can be Christians without knowing it. Otherwise, God would be sending millions upon millions to hell without giving them any chance at all, if they lived far from places where the Church was known, e.g., in the western hemisphere before 1492.

That fact that salvation is possible in this way does not mean that there should be no missions or attempts to bring back the Protestants. Richer and more secure means of salvation are to be had with formal explicit adherence to the Catholic Church. Therefore we need to make every effort. In regard to Ecumenism, it is good to keep in mind a rule from Vatican II, in its *Decree on Ecumenism* (# 11): "It is altogether necessary that the complete doctrine be clearly presented. Nothing is so foreign to true Ecumenism as that false peace-making in which the purity of Catholic doctrine suffers loss, and its true and certain sense is obscured."

Liturgical Roles - September 29 & 30

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>EMC</u>	<u>Servers</u>
5:00 p.m.	S. Pegg P. Dinovo	Deacon George G. Boland C. Dinovo C. Dinovo S. Pegg D. Pegg J. Winning	M. Lellman E. Temte G. Temte
9:00 a.m.	J. Ryan R. Lindquist	Deacon George S. Carens J. Falconi J. Volpi P. Amato E. Lindquist W. Wojcik	K. Carens J. Carens A. Furgal
11:00 a.m.	V. Melfa J. Maguire	Deacon George S. Vorderer D. Henries B. Henries G. Boland H. Turner R. Hebert	M. Maguire M. Ryan A. Ryan

Altar Society - September 2
M. Walker, J. Foster, B. Wojcik

OFFERINGS - WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2007

Offertory Commitment	\$ 5,472.00
Loose Money	\$ 394.00
Monthly Maintenance	\$ 114.00

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.*



Welcome to Our Parish

Thank you for joining us in the celebration of the Mass! It is our sincere wish to welcome you to our parish.

If you are new to our parish or to the Catholic faith, we are honored to have you with us.

Registration packets are available in the Gathering Space of the Church and at the Pastoral Center Office or by calling 508-393-2838. Please feel free to ask any questions about our Church.

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. Thank You.

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

Susan Pegg 393-2838