

Mass Intentions

Parish Support

Saturday, July 25

4:00 PM Deceased members of the Randlett Family

Sunday, July 26

9:00 AM Emma Ranola

11:30 AM Benjamin & Mildred Itrato

5:00 PM For the Parishioners

Monday, July 27

12:10 AM Elvira "Vera" and Frank Staskawicz

Tuesday, July 28

12:10 PM Thanksgiving for
Tony Abou-Hamad and Family

Wednesday, July 29

12:10 PM Margaret O'Gorman

Thursday, July 30

12:10 PM Deceased members of the
Martial Richard Family

Friday, July 31

12:10 PM Thanksgiving for
Henry Abou-Hamad and Family

Saturday, August 1

4:00 PM Thanksgiving for
Alfred Abou-Hamad and Family

Sunday, August 2

9:00 AM Open Hearts Memorial Guild

11:30 AM Jolyn Rodrigues

5:00 PM For the Parishioners



LAST WEEK'S REGULAR COLLECTION

\$2,265

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection channels aid through the bishops' conferences of Central and Eastern Europe to meet the needs of rebuilding the Church in formerly Communist nations-training seminarians and lay leaders, reaching out to young people, reviving Catholic charities, and renewing programs of catechesis and evangelization. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/aee.



There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. - Jn 6:9, 11

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REFLECTION

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is a certain fast-food company that sells hamburgers. In their advertising, they claim that their product has the ability to satisfy our cravings. In fact, several television ads depict their hamburger calling people up on the phone, ostensibly getting them to stop whatever it is they are doing to satisfy their craving. Nothing can resist them! Is this company creative? Perhaps; but a better question might be, is their product fulfilling? For a brief period our hunger is satisfied, but as with all urges and cravings, they soon return.

Today's Gospel reading is the only miracle story told in all four Gospels, the feeding of the five thousand. It is theorized by some that one aspect of the miracle was Jesus' belief in our ability to share. As the baskets of fish and bread were passed, the people took what they needed but shared some of what they had, as well. But the greater symbolism to take away from today's reading is that Jesus Christ, the bread of life, removes all hunger and all needs and continues to nourish us forever. All that we crave truly resides in the loving arms of the Son of God.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 2002), God has placed in all of us a longing for truth and goodness that only he can satisfy. "God immediately touches and directly moves the heart of man." The five thousand people had finally arrived at their destination, seeking to have their souls fed through the teachings of Jesus. And just as he instructed them to lie down in the grass, rest and be fed, so too are we to take this and every Sunday as an opportunity to rest, reflect, and be nourished by the Word of God.

REFLECTIONS FROM
FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY

The whole matter of Marie Bernard Soubirous in a beautiful, gentle and yet powerful way may be described as “running its own railroad” or, certainly even better, of reminding us of the love of the Son of God’s mother’s care for the poor.

In the minds of many little Bernadette had little to offer; in the way of the most wonderful of women she had everything.

She was innocent, and even though it brought her trouble, she could only tell the truth.

In later years she joined a Religious Order and even though she could have gone to a newly erected chapel she did not.

The Lady whom she had seen and who had asked her to come eighteen times finally told her of her beautiful name, “I am the Immaculate Conception.”

There is an interesting story told which may or may not be true. A handicapped little girl had been brought to the waters of Lourdes in her parents hope for a cure. Nothing happens.

As the family was leaving Lourdes the child looked back at a statue of Jesus and said “I’m going to tell your mother on you”. Suddenly the child was cured. The story may be imaginative and even though the possibility is slight we do not know the ways of Jesus Christ and His mother.

(to be continued)

RN HEALTH CARE COORDINATOR

The Archdiocese of Boston is seeking a full time, geriatric nurse practitioner or community nurse with broad clinical skills and 5+ years of experience to oversee and manage the care for retired clergy. Clinical experience with sound understanding of the elder care system including services and payment mechanisms required. Prior experience in caring for elderly religious or clergy is desirable. Good communication skills required with ability to consult and advocate for the individual clergy. Familiarity in computer skills essential to assist in the implementation of a data system. Covenant Health System is assisting in recruitment of this position. Please send resumes to: david_fraser@covenanths.org

A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

In this Year for Priests, O Father, we ask your blessing on those You have called to priestly ministry. Show them Your love and give them Your strength.

May they, above all, be faithful and passionate followers and friends of Your beloved Son, Jesus.

May they be prayerful like Jesus, hearts burning within them and set upon You above all.

May they celebrate the Mass with reverence and love and grow in devotion to the Eucharist.

May they be compassionate like Jesus toward all who seek peace and forgiveness.

May they be teachers like Jesus, on fire with Your Word.

May they be prophets like Jesus, proclaiming Your Kingdom to all.

May they entrust themselves into the care of Mary, Mother of Priests.

May they inspire and guide many men to answer a call to the priesthood.

St. John Vianney, beloved priest of God, pray for us and for all your brother priests.

Amen.



A FRIENDLY REMINDER...

In consideration of others, please remember to turn off or silence cell phones during Mass.

SISTERS/DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY

On the weekend of July 31 to August 2, the Sisters and Daughters of Charity will be celebrating the Bicentennial of the Foundation of the Sisters of Charity in Emmitsburg, MD July 31, 1809. There will be many celebrations being conducted throughout the country during the year to honor this special anniversary, but this particular event will be especially meaningful because it will take place on the very grounds where it all began 200 years ago. Please join us in prayer that this special occasion will be a blessing to all those engaged in works of charity including the education of the young and in all the works of the Church.

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