

## From Your Pastor

### *A Picture - or Four - Is Worth A Thousand Words ~ The New Church Plaza*



*Before 1*



*After 1*



*Before 2*



*After 2*

**Thank You!** During the month of June some important work was done to the plaza in front of the church. The asphalt walkways from the steps of the upper church to Market and Arlington streets needed serious repair. We took this opportunity to fix up the whole plaza in front of the church. The hedges, which had been failing for some time, were removed to make way for a newly configured and more open landscape.

On behalf of the Parish, I am deeply grateful to the subcommittee of the Pastoral Council that worked with

PKM Landscape Design in Winchester on this project for the better part of a year. Hugh Gallagher served as the chairman of the committee and he was joined by Maureen McGrail, Michael O'Hara, John Reen and Anthony Rufo. I am also very grateful to Mr. Patrick McGeoghan of PKM Landscape Design for his first class work, as you can see, and for his generosity. Mr. McGeoghan donated the irrigation system for the new plaza in memory of his wife's grandmother, Margaret Mary Trainer (Cutler), who was a parishioner and member of the first graduation class of our High School.

God bless each of you.

*Mrs. Fay*



## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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**Prayers Are Requested** for those who are ill, for vocations to the Priesthood and to the Consecrated Life; for married couples and for families; for the safe return home of the men and women in our military services; for the prayers listed in our book of intentions; and for the repose of the souls of Patrick Joseph Healy, Dianne Ward, Gerard A. Cedrone and deceased members of our parish, our families and our benefactors.

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**We Welcome** into our community of faith Chrismary Chincilla Orellana, Roisin Portillo Connolly, John Robert Gallo Doyle, and Alana Rose McDonagh who were baptized in our church. We extend congratulations to their families.

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**Congratulations** to Daniel Patrick Moore and Christine Marie Kelly who were married in our church last week. May God bless their union.

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**Second Collection:** This week the second collection will be for the Black and Native American Missions. Please be as generous as your means will allow in helping our brothers and sisters in the faith.

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**Catechism Classes:** Starting this week, Gregory Vozzo is teaching a series of classes about the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The five classes will take place on Mondays, July 13 through August 10, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. All catechists are asked to attend. Anyone else interested in learning more about the Catechism is also welcome! We will meet in the large conference room in the rectory

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**Candlelight Procession at Fatima Shrine** will be Monday, July 13 at 8:00 pm. Come and pray for peace.

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**Healing Mass:** Fr. Agustin Anda will be celebrating a Mass of Healing for all who are sick and for those who wish to pray for the sick on Thursday, July 30 at 7:00 pm in the upper church. Anyone who wishes to may attend.

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**Coffee & Donuts** will be served on the rectory front porch after the 9:30 Mass. All are welcome.

**Please Remember the St. Vincent de Paul Boxes** as you leave Mass today. Thank you! We now have a collection bin behind the school for clothing donations. Next meeting will be Tuesday July 14 at 7:00pm.

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**Sancta Maria House**, a ten-bed shelter for homeless women, is looking for volunteers to help with either overnight or day tasks involved in running the house. The shelter is across from the Holy Cross Cathedral and has been run by the Legion of Mary for 36 years. For more information, call Mary or Sheena at 617-423-4366 or at [sheenapappalardo@yahoo.com](mailto:sheenapappalardo@yahoo.com). You can also call Patricia McShane at the rectory.

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**The Legion Of Mary** will not be meeting for the next three weeks due to vacations. Meetings will resume on Wednesday, July 29 at 6:30 pm in the rectory.

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**Project Rachel** is the post-abortion ministry of the Catholic Church to help those dealing with the pain of abortion. Call Project Rachel at 508-651-3100 for a confidential referral to a priest or counselor. *Trust in the tender mercy of God's love.*

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### **UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

**Sundays, July 12 & 26, 9:30am - Family Masses**

**Thursday, July 16, 7:00 pm - Theology on Tap at the Greenbriar;** Fr. Chris Hickey will speak.

**Mondays, July 20, August 3 & 17, 7:00-8:00 pm**  
Choir rehearsal for the 9:30 Mass

### ***PARISH GIVING***

**Parish Offertory (June 27 – June 28): \$4,833**

**Parish Offertory (July 4 – July 5): \$5,004**

**Catholic Appeal (to date): \$37,557**

**St. Vincent de Paul (June 27 – June 28): \$102.00**

**St. Vincent de Paul (July 4 – July 5): \$132.00**

***Thank You for Your Generosity***

**JULY 12, 2009**

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**From a Sermon by St. Augustine, bishop (d. 1859)**

*A Sacrifice to God is a Contrite Spirit*

Men are hopeless creatures, and the less they concentrate on their own sins, the more interested they become in the sins of others. They seek to criticize, not to correct. Unable to excuse themselves, they are ready to accuse others. This was not the way that David the prophet showed us how to pray and make amends to God, when he said: *I acknowledge my transgression, and my sin is ever before me.* He did not concentrate on others' sins; he turned his thoughts on himself. He did not merely stroke the surface, but he plunged inside and went deep down within himself. He did not spare himself, and therefore was not asking to be spared.

Do you want God to be appeased? Learn what you are to do that God may be pleased with you. Consider the psalm again: *If you wanted sacrifice, I would indeed have given it; in burnt offerings you will take no delight.* Are you then to be without sacrifice? Are you to offer nothing? Will you please God without an offering? Consider what you read in the same psalm: *If you wanted sacrifice, I would indeed have given it; in burnt offerings you will take no delight.* But continue to listen, and say with David: *A sacrifice to God is a contrite spirit; God does not despise a contrite and humble heart.* Cast aside your former offerings, for now you have found out what you are to offer. In the days of your fathers you would have made offerings of cattle – these were the sacrifices. *If you wanted sacrifice, I would indeed have given it.* These then, Lord, you do not want, and yet you do want sacrifice.

*You will take no delight in burnt offerings,* David says. If you will not take delight in burnt offerings, will you remain without sacrifice? Not at all. *A sacrifice to God is a contrite spirit; God does not despise a contrite and humble heart.*

You now have the offering you are to make...Search within your heart for what is pleasing to God. Your heart must be crushed. Are you afraid that it might perish so? You have the reply: *Create a clean heart in me, O God.* For a clean heart to be created, the unclean one must be crushed.

We should be displeased with ourselves when we commit sin, for sin is displeasing to God. Sinful though we are, let us at least be like God in this, that we are displeased at what displeases him.

*JULY 12, 2009*

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**A PRAYER FOR OUR PRIESTS**

We thank you, God our Father,  
for those who have responded  
to your call to priestly ministry.  
Accept this prayer we offer on their behalf:

Fill your priests  
with the sure knowledge of your love.  
Open their hearts to the power  
and consolation of the Holy Spirit.  
Lead them to new depths of union with your Son.  
Increase in them profound faith  
in the Sacraments they celebrate  
as they nourish, strengthen and heal us.

Lord Jesus Christ, grant that these, your priests,  
may inspire us to strive for holiness  
by the power of their example,  
as men of prayer who ponder your word  
and follow your will.

O Mary, Mother of Christ and our mother,  
guard with your maternal care these chosen ones,  
so dear to the Heart of your Son.  
Intercede for our priests that,  
offering the Sacrifice of your Son,  
they may be conformed more each day  
to the image of your Son,  
our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*St. John Vianney, universal patron of priests,  
pray for us and our priests.*

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**ORACIÓN POR NUESTROS SACERDOTES**

Te damos gracias, Dios nuestro Padre,  
por aquellos que han respondido  
a tu llamado para el ministerio sacerdotal.  
Acepta esta oración que ofrecemos en su nombre.

Llena a tus sacerdotes  
con la seguridad de conocer tu amor.  
Abre sus corazones al poder  
y consuelo del Espíritu Santo,  
condúcelos a nuevas profundidades  
de unión con tu Hijo.  
Llénalos de profunda fe  
en los sacramentos que ellos celebran,  
que nos alientan, nos fortalecen y nos sanan.

Señor Jesucristo, haz que estos tus sacerdotes,  
puedan inspirarnos a luchar por la santidad  
con el poder de su ejemplo,  
como hombres de oración que escuchan tu palabra  
y siguen tu voluntad.

O María, Madre de Cristo y nuestra madre,  
protege con tu cuidado maternal a estos llamados  
tan queridos al Corazón de tu Hijo.  
Intercede para que nuestros sacerdotes,  
que al ofrecer el sacrificio de tu Hijo,  
puedan parecerse cada día más a tu Hijo,  
nuestro Señor y Salvador Jesucristo. Amén.

*San Juan Vianney, patrón universal de los sacerdotes,  
ora por nosotros y por nuestros sacerdotes.*

*JULY 12, 2009*

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**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday, July 12 – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**(Sat.)** 4:00 pm Msgr. John A. Broderick, Mem.  
7:30 am Nora A. Ahern, 32<sup>nd</sup> Ann.  
9:30 am James J. Sweeney 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann.  
11:15 am Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Jankowski, Mem.  
12:45 pm Micaela Brabo, 48<sup>th</sup> Ann.  
5:00 pm *Missa pro Populo*

**Mon.** 7:00 am Alan Temple, Mem.

**Tue.** 7:00 am Frank Coen, 44<sup>th</sup> Ann.

**Wed.** 7:00 am Maria Ciszewski, 12<sup>th</sup> Ann.

**Thu.** 7:00 am Joseph Leone, 84<sup>th</sup> Ann.

**Fri.** 7:00 am Antonio Scaparrotta, Mem.

**Sat.** 7:00 am Manuel Preciado, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ann.

**Sunday, July 19 – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**(Sat.)** 4:00 pm Robert McKee, 28<sup>th</sup> Ann.  
7:30 am *Missa pro Populo*  
9:30 am Ann Cammarata, 1<sup>st</sup> Ann.  
11:15 am Joseph & Rose Bisconte, Mem.  
12:45 pm Elvia Cadena Brabo, 32<sup>nd</sup> Ann.  
5:00 pm Anna & Maurice Ahern, Mem.

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