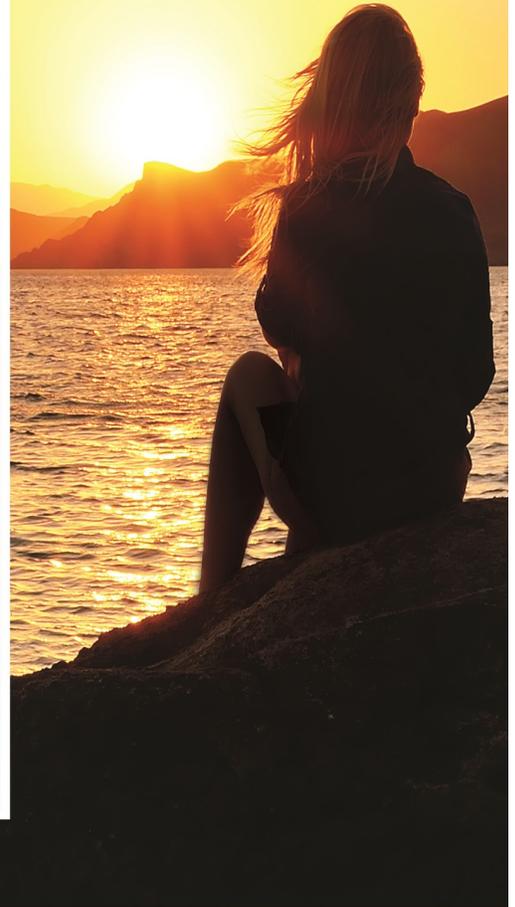


20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HOMAGE

He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, "Lord, help me." - Mt 15:24-25



Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Parish Vision Statement:

We, as Christ's disciples, are the hands, minds & voices which lovingly glorify God by serving Each other as a Christian family.

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Lord's Day:

Saturday 4:00 PM, Sunday 10:00 AM

Weekday:

Monday-Tuesday, Thursday- Friday 9:00 AM
(No Mass on Wednesday)

First Friday:

9:00 AM

Confessions:

Every Saturday 3-3:30 PM

WEEK OF August 19 & 20, 2017

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND LITURGIES

Sat. August 19 - Vigil: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - Bertrand LeMay - Eileen Kopacz

Sun. August 20 ~ Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 AM Imeldia Chviruk - Family

11:00 AM Recitation of the Rosary

Monday, August 21

9:00AM Danielle Richmond - Jean Dawson

Tuesday, August 22

9:00 AM Edward Prostack - wife, Theresa

Friday, August 25

9:00 AM John Anthony Vincent Ridick

Sat. August 26 - Vigil: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM -

Sun. August 27 - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 AM - Bertrand LeMay - Theresa Gallaher

11:00 AM Recitation of the Rosary

 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." This woman was an outsider. She was a Canaanite, not an Israelite, and as such she would have been considered ritually unclean. But she approached Jesus nonetheless and asked for his help. And Jesus used this opportunity to teach his disciples an important lesson.

In the verses directly before today's passage, Jesus had told Peter that what defiles a person comes from the heart, not from ignoring external purity practices. Then, Jesus traveled with his disciples from Galilee to the region of Tyre and Sidon where they were much more likely to encounter someone considered to be unclean.

At first it appeared that Jesus wasn't going to acknowledge the woman who begged for help. His comment, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs," was a common comparison between Jews (the children) and Canaanites (the dogs). But, in fact, Jesus said this only to go right ahead and break this social code! He showed by his actions that it did not matter whether someone was Jewish or not, what mattered was the faith in a person's heart. And this woman proved to Jesus and the doubting disciples that she had great faith. How many others would have even approached Jesus to ask for his help? How many others would have persevered when he appeared unresponsive? By pausing in his response, and first mentioning the standard reply, Jesus gave this woman the opportunity to demonstrate her great faith. And then, he answered her request and praised her extraordinary faith. What a lesson for his prejudiced disciples! And what a lesson for us, both to persevere in faith, and never to judge others on mere appearances.



(As of Monday)

Saint Vincent Hospital at Worcester Medical Center:
Robert Cikota, Arline Conway. Memorial Hospital:
None Listed. UMass. Campus: **None Listed.**

Please pray for Daniel Kachadorian who is actively serving in the Army, stationed in Afghanistan



(Please arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass)

Saturday, August 26

Lector: Christina Marotta

Commentator: Warren Lohnes

Altar Server: Kristopher Curnin

Ministers of Holy Communion: Kathy Hannon & Eileen Lohnes

Sunday, August 27

Lector: Rose Kempton

Commentator: Patricia Reardon

Altar Servers: Elisabeth & Caroline Villa

Ministers of Holy Communion: Jean Dawson, Ben Sulminski, Daniel Fullen, Kerri Sulminski, Kate Hamilton, Pricca Yawlui

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

August 6, 2017

Church in Central/Eastern Europe \$60.00, Sunday Offering \$3063.00

August 13, 2017

Church in Central/Eastern Europe \$452.00, Sunday Offering \$2524.00

Many thanks to all of you who send in your weekly contributions to the parish even when you are away on vacation. We depend greatly on your steady stewardship at this time of year. While people go away for periods of time, the bills keep showing up!

BINGO

August 25, 2017

Team # 4— Judy Keenan, Michael Burgraff, Donald Ducharme, Dan Fullen, Sonny Collins

The Every –Week Crew and Early Shift Workers

Theresa Courtney, John Harrington, Lisa Hickory, Emma Lusignan, Patricia Wassel, Joan Lorusso, Pat Markiewicz, Ed Corrigan, Carole Nourse, Jeannine Corrigan, Debra Diaz, Donald Ducharme, Fran Peperato, Debbie Plant, Ed Wall, Julie Carrigan & Michael Burgraff

Ladies Guild Kitchen Crew:

Beverly Farrar & Jeanne Lavallee

****Vision statement is located on the cover of bulletin****

Warm Weather Attire

We ask everyone to remember in the summer months to dress for Mass in a way that corresponds to worshipping and honoring the Lord. Please use discretion in your attire. For example, very *short* shorts/skirts/dresses and strapless tops/dresses, etc. are for the beach, not Church. We are honored that the Lord has invited us to his banquet table—let us remember to show our gratitude in every way we can, including in our dress.

Women of Faith - Morning of Prayer

“Finding Balance in a Busy Life: Looking at the Figures of Martha & Mary” will be offered on **Saturday, Aug. 26 from 9:30 am – 1 pm** at St. Anne’s Convent, 720 Boston Post Road East, Marlborough. Presenter is Marina McCoy, Ph.D. is a philosophy professor, spirituality writer, and prison volunteer. It will begin with “coffee and” followed by a brief presentation, prayer, personal reflection, and discussion. A registration fee of \$10.00 is paid at the door. Pre-registration is required by August 17. To pre-register, please e-mail womenoffaithssa@gmail.com or phone Ann Williams at 508-481-8176 or Sr. Yvette Bellerose at 774-239-3372. For more information about Women of Faith, please visit our website at WomenOfFaithSSA.org.

Comboni Missionaries

This weekend, August 19 & 20 we will have the pleasure of welcoming Fr. Placide Petit who works in South Sudan. He will coming to speak about his ministry work in that area.

We will take a second collection to assist him in his ministries. Thank you for your generosity.

Parish Council Meeting

Our next Parish Council meeting will be held Sunday, August 27 at 6:30pm in our parish hall.

Collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe

Thank you for your generous contribution last week to the Collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe! As a parish, we collected \$512.00 total to help **restore the Church and build the future** in over 20 countries. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give.



HANKS!

Dear Sa-

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Heart-St. Catherine parishioners and all,

A BIG THANK YOU to all of you who helped in any way with the backpacks for students in Haiti: packing and transporting them and the items to go in them, donating and setting out items, cleaning up, even providing use of the photocopy machine and money to feed the workers. Your generosity is such a testimony to your love for Jesus. You were a wonderful answer to my prayers, which showed me yet again how we can trust Jesus to help us accomplish what seems impossible! Thank you for sharing your time, talent, treasure and love with students served by the Worcester Diocesan Haitian Apostolate.

Love in Christ,

Tanya Connor

C: 225-305-7114

How about making a Cursillo weekend?

Cursillo or "short course in Christianity" is an uplifting and educational experience. Cursillo was brought from Spain to the United States in 1962. The weekend is facilitated by a team of laypeople and clergy who deliver organized talks and discussions. What the presenters add to the talks is the witness of their own lives, their struggles and triumphs in Christ. The weekend is full of laughter, prayer, great music, wonderful meals and so much more. Our final 2017 date is: Women's - October 12-15; and our upcoming 2018 Men's - February 22-25. All weekends will be held at the Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center in Putnam, CT. For additional information, please contact Sue Leighton at 508-278-3155 or sleighton1958@gmail.com OR Joan Laracy at 774-239-2474 or joanlaracy@yahoo.com.