

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week



Fr. Kevin Sepe

<u>Saturday, July 23, 2011</u>	
4:00PM Donald Sullivan, Jr.	Anniversary
<u>Sunday, July 24, 2011</u>	
7:30 AM Lucius & Ruth Manganello	Memorial
9:00 AM Ruggiero & Loreta Ricci	Memorial
10:30 AM William Little, Sr.	Anniversary
12:00NN David Parr	Memorial
<u>Monday, July 25, 2011</u>	
7:00 AM	
<u>Tuesday, July 26, 2011</u>	
7:00 AM	
<u>Wednesday, July 27, 2011</u>	
7:00	
<u>Thursday, July 28, 2011</u>	
7:00 AM	
<u>Friday, July 29, 2011</u>	
7:00 AM Sick, Deceased and Personal Intentions	
<u>Saturday, July 30, 2011</u>	
9:00 AM	
4:00PM Mary McCarthy & William Mowles	Memorial
<u>Sunday, July 31, 2011</u>	
7:30 AM Santa & Pasquale Iannello	Memorial
9:00 AM Anne Hirsch	Memorial
10:30 AM Deceased Members of the Tricomi Family	Memorial
12:00NN Paul Derrane, Sr. & Paul Derrane, Jr.	Memorial

Continuing the Cardinal's Pentecost letter:

3. Evangelization Starts with Each Catholic's Ongoing Conversion

We can only share what we have received. In preparing to evangelize, we are called to conversion, which means continually to receive the Gospel of Jesus Christ individually and as a Church. The Good News nurtures us, makes us grow, and renews us in holiness as God's people.

Conversion is ongoing in the hearts of believers and it consists in knowing not just *about* Jesus but in actually *knowing* Jesus. It comes through the power of the Holy Spirit who gives us the grace to invite Jesus into our lives, to put on the mind of Christ by rejecting sin, and to accept the call to be ever more faithful disciples of Christ in the Church. It is a fruit that comes from prayerful dialogue with Christ our Redeemer. Unless we undergo such a conversion, we have not truly accepted the Gospel.

We know that people experience conversion in many ways. Some experience a "sudden, shattering insight that brings rapid transformation. Some experience a gradual growth over many years. Others undergo conversion as they take part in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – the usual way adults become members of the Church today. Many experience conversion through the ordinary relationships of family and friends. Others have experienced it through the formation received from Catholic schools and religious education programs. Still others have experienced ongoing conversion in renewals, ecumenical encounters, retreats, parish missions, or through some of the great spiritual movements that have blessed Church life today."

Personal conversion for each of us will involve different steps depending on our relationship to Jesus and his Church. "For those who practice and live our Catholic faith, it is a call to ongoing growth and renewed conversion. For those who have accepted it only in name, it is a call to re-evangelization. For those who have stopped practicing our faith, it is a call to reconciliation. For children, it is a call to be formed into disciples through the family's faith life and religious education. For other Christians, it is an invitation to know the fullness of our message. For those who have no faith, it is an invitation to know Christ Jesus and thus experience a change to new life with Christ and his Church.

One college student who entered the Church this Easter gave a beautiful testimony of her own conversion. "I have grown to recognize God's presence in all people and all things, and I consistently find myself joyfully surprised by the action of His grace in my life and in the larger world. God's light has infused and informed my perspective so deeply that I cannot fathom a life without it, and through my entrance into the Catholic Church, I hope to live my life as one unbroken gaze upon the face of God, and respond to our universal call to holiness." This young woman's encounter with the Gospel left her with a different vision of what life is and a new paradigm for how to live it. Her faith, well-nurtured

Our Tithes & Offerings

Thank you for your offerings last weekend:

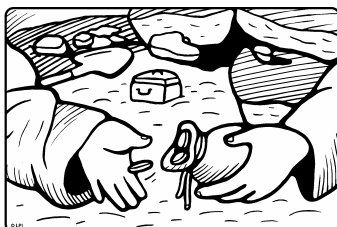
Offertory/Envelopes (254)	\$6,701.00
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EFT Weekly Average	\$1,055.19
Total Offertory	\$10,773.19

Percentage of Offertory Received by Envelope/EFT—72%

In your name, in thanksgiving and trust in God, our weekly parish tithe of \$1,077 was added to the special collection for Catholic University for a total of \$2,454.

If you are interested in the EFT option to simplify your weekly contributions please contact the parish office.

PLEASE REMEMBER ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH WHEN PLANNING YOUR ESTATE. Thank you!



"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." - Mt 13:44

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lively and deep, will make her a great witness to the truth of the Gospel. By her testimony, she is already a great evangelizer!

Next week we will continue this letter with "The Primary Mission of Our Church". If you would like to read this letter in its entirety, copies are available in the Church or online at www.BostonCatholic.org/PentecostLetter or on CardinalSeansBlog.org



*From the desk of the
Pastoral Associate
Mrs. Linda Muldoon*



Catholics Come Home... We hear today one of the most startling verses in the New Testament: "We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28) *All things? Work for good? Really? That God brings good out of evil or joy out of sadness has become almost a cliché, but Paul is clear: if we love God and follow His will, all things will work for God. This verse is food for hours of contemplation. Our faith is a gift that sustains us daily but in times of distress and crisis it gives us untold strength. How can we not do all that we can to share this gift? Our friends and relatives whom we love so dearly, who are not with us each week, deserve to be reminded of God's promise.*

Do you want to become a member of or complete your sacramental initiation into the Catholic Church? Have questions? Please consider joining us for an informal, informational "getting to know you" meeting on Tuesday, August 2 at 7:15PM. Light refreshments will be served. Please call Linda Muldoon at the parish office for more information.



Making Music, Praying Twice... NEEDED IMMEDIATELY! Parents with young children can attend and participate (for FREE) in a training class to be held here at SFA, most likely on Saturday morning, August 13. If you are interested and available, please call the parish office ASAP! If you are looking for a quality early childhood music education program, if you want to offer your child the developmental benefits of music and movement, if you hope to meet other parents who share your values, if you want to integrate faith into your daily life—please call the parish office or visit www.makingmusicprayingtwice.com.



Prayer Intentions for our service men and women... If you know of someone on active duty or about to be deployed and would like their name and picture displayed in church, please call the parish office. Thank you.



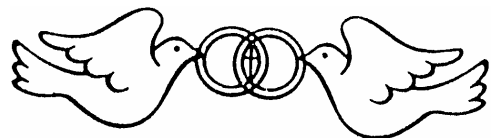
Parish Prayer Line... Do you need prayers for yourself or a loved one? Knowing that others are praying for you is nourishing, consoling and strengthening. To be placed on (or to participate in) the parish prayer line, please call 781.843.1332 and speak with Linda.



SVDP Food Pantry and Referrals... Thank you to everyone who donated food or money during last week's Food Collection Sunday. Our shelves are looking better! **If you are in need**, please note that our regular pantry hours are Thursdays from 10AM-12NN and 2-4PM, with an advance phone call requested so that we can be prepared for your visit. We also may be able to provide **limited financial assistance** as well as referrals to parishioners in need—please call the parish office—all inquiries are handled with discretion.

SAVE THE DATE!

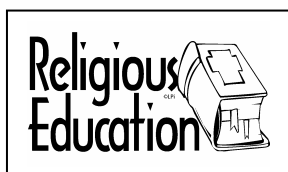
- Wednesday, August 3** FOCCUS session for engaged couples at 7:15PM in the church hall. Please call the parish office if you plan to attend so that materials can be prepared for you.
- Tuesday, August 9** Alzheimer's Support Group from 5:30 (light supper) – 7PM at Sunrise of Braintree—call 781.356.0190 for more information.
- Wednesday, August 17** Evening of Prayer at 7:15PM in the church
- Sat./Sun., Aug. 20/21** Ministry Fair here at SFA—please watch for more details.



*Michael Cosgrove & Amanda Howe III
Richard Baker, Jr. & Leanne Bossa II*

Readings for the Week of July 24, 2011	
Sunday:	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/ Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46
Monday:	2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28
Tuesday:	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday:	Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday:	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53
Friday:	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/ Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Saturday:	Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday:	Is 55:1-3/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

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from
Mrs. Lynne Jensen

The office of Religious Education is planning to be open for drop-in registration or visits from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Monday through Thursday for the rest of the month of July or until renovations in the office begin. Other times are available by appointment. Please call: 781-848-3238 or e-mail ljensen@sfab.org Telephone messages and e-mails will be retrieved regularly and responses will be made as appropriate. You may also go to our website for information about registration.

Remember that we are currently enrolling for next year's Religious Education classes and to register early in order to get your preference for class days and times! Materials are available in the Religious Education office in the Saint Francis of Assisi school building or you can visit our website at www.sfab.org (click-on St. Francis of Assisi office of Religious Education) to download the information and registration forms. Please invite or introduce someone new to our program! All are welcome to stop by the office not only for information related to our programs and/or to register for next year's classes, but also to learn about our volunteer opportunities and any training programs that are currently being offered. We are interested in meeting you! Please call ahead to be sure that someone will be available.

CATECHIST CORNER



Meetings to collaborate and review baseline syllabi for Grades K-3 have been scheduled:

Monday, July 25 Grade 1 11:00 a.m.

Monday, July 25 Grade 2 12:00 p.m.

Monday, July 25 Grade 3 1:00 p.m.

Please RSVP to Lynne Jensen, DRE if you are planning to attend so that she can plan for sandwiches.

Please let Lynne know if you are planning to return as a Catechist/volunteer and your preference as to day and time. It will be very helpful in planning for the fall program. The opening session for Grades K-6 will be a Brunch meeting to take place on Sunday, September 11 from 10:15 - 11:45AM. Class time schedules are available in the office for the school year 2011-2012.

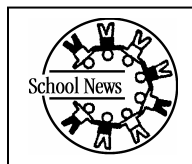
An Evening of Prayer/mini-Retreat is being planned for all interested Catechists to be held on Wednesday evening, September 7 from 7-8:30PM.

We are recruiting for Catechists and volunteers for the Religious Education program! Please consider that God is calling YOU by name to share your time, talent, and treasure in the ministry of Catechesis as a teacher, volunteer assistant, or hall monitor beginning in the fall. Opportunities are available at all grade levels, on all days, and at all times. We especially hope that many of our young people in middle and high school grades will consider volunteering in the various roles. We greatly appreciate the

positive response that we are getting and hope that many more will join! We can help with resources, planning lessons, guidance, and support. It is a wonderful opportunity not only to share your faith, but to grow in faith. If you need help in your decision, more information, or have any questions, please call Mrs. Lynne Jensen, DRE, or Mrs. Diane Hopkins. We look forward to working with you!

Saint Francis Religious Education is planning to begin a new class for preparation for First Penance/First Communion for child(ren) with Autism or other special needs... Please contact Lynne Jensen, DRE at the office if you have a son or daughter who might need/desire this program or would like more information @781-848-3238 or email ljensen@sfab.org

A Ministry Fair is being planned after all of the Masses on the weekend of August 20-21. Plan to attend to learn about various ministries in the Parish and ways that you may share your time, talent, and treasure!



from
Mrs. Vittoria
DeBenedictis

Summer Office Hours: Please make note of the following summer hours for the office personnel.

The office will be open from 9:00 A.M. -12:00 Noon every Tuesday, starting July 18. We will resume our school year hours on Monday, August 15.

SUMMER PRAYER

O God of all beginnings and endings,
We praise and thank You for the gift of this past school year.
It has been a time filled with grace and blessings,
With challenges and opportunities, joys and sorrows.

The days have passed quickly, O Lord.
The weeks, the months, the seasons, the holidays, and holy days,
The exams, vacations, breaks, and assemblies,
All have come forth from Your hand.

While we trust that Your purposes have always been at work each day,

Sometimes it has seemed difficult to understand and appreciate
Just what You have been up to in our school.

Give us the rest and refreshment we need this summer.

Let our efforts of this past year bear fruit.

Bring all of our plans to a joyful conclusion,

And bless us, according to Your will,

With the fulfillment of our summer hopes and dreams.

Watch over us in the weeks of rest ahead,

And guide each day as You have done this past year.

Help us return to school with a new spirit and a new energy.

May we continue to grow
In age, wisdom, knowledge and grace
All the days of our lives. Amen.

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