

“PASTORAL PONDERINGS...”



Got Bread?

The crowd in today’s gospel is looking for Jesus. Why? He gave them bread. We heard this passage last week, the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. Jesus distinguishes between bread as a ‘thing’ and another type of bread that feeds our relationship with God. This second bread will last and last. We need both.

Jesus points out that we don’t want to be focused only on THINGS and accumulating more and more. What will sustain over the long haul? Relationships of many kinds is the answer. We’re encouraged to notice what feeds our friendship with God. Could it be quiet times away from the cell phone, computer, and TV? Alternatively, we could use technology to enrich our spirituality such as meditations on an ipod, or good websites, i.e., liturgy.slu.edu. Spending some time in nature, perhaps a walk along Lynn Shore Drive or Lynn Woods? Participating in an ARISE group at St. Pius? Paying closer attention at Mass? Time with family and friends? There are many ways in which our spirits can be replenished.

When we pay attention to our relationship God through prayer and our relationships with others, life gets simpler. Our thoughts become clearer, our values more focused. We become more whole, happy, and holy.

For Further Reflection:

1. Look over the past few months. When have you felt replenished? What feeds your spirit?
2. What would it be like to talk to God about these times?

Ask God to help you set aside just a little time on a regular basis to feed your spiritual life.

Next Sunday August 2nd , is the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The scriptures for weekend worship are as follows.

<u>Old Testament</u>	First Book of Kings Chapter 19, Verses 4 - 8
<u>New Testament</u>	Letter to the Ephesians Chapter 4, Verses 30 through Ch.5 Verse 2
<u>Gospel</u>	John Chapter 6, Verses 41 - 51



Please pray for those who have died, especially for:
ANTONIO FIRMANI

Pray also for the sick, for unemployed, for those who serve in the military, for victims of violence, and for peace and justice in the world.

THERE WILL BE NO 7:00 AM MASS ON THE FOLLOWING WEEKDAYS IN AUGUST:

- Wednesday, August 5th
- Thursday, August 6th
- Wednesday, August 12th
- Thursday, August 13th
- Wednesday, August 19th
- Thursday, August 20th

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

First Friday – August 7th, 2009: Adoration in the most Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Prayers of Divine Mercy will take place at 3:00 PM – silent prayers until 7:00 PM. Come pray before the tabernacle of God’s Mercy – the remedy for all our ills. Come to Him, all who are thirsting for his love...and draw your strength. “Can you not spend one hour with ME?”

FALL SEMESTER GERONTOLOGY CLASSES AT UMASS BOSTON.

The University of Massachusetts Boston is accepting applications for its Manning Certificate Program in Gerontology. The program is designed to give students the skills and resources they need to plan for an aging society, work in the Aging network and advocate for elders. We continue to offer daytime, evening, and online classes beginning September 7, 2009. Credits from this program can be applied toward earning the bachelor’s degree in Gerontology. The program is approved for financial aid. For more information and an application, contact Mary St. Jean at 1-617-287-7330 or by email at mary.stjean@umb.edu

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY NEEDS HELP SEEKING OUT THE NEEDY

St. Pius V’s St. Vincent DePaul Society needs everyone’s help in seeking out the poor and needy of our parish. If you know of anyone within the parish boundaries who could use help with food, pharmacy or clothing, please provide us with their contact information, or have them call directly to the Parish Pastoral Center at 781-595-7487.

AUGUST 2, 2009

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ATTENTION CATECHISTS: Several Catechists have not returned their “paperwork” for the 2009/2010 academic year, even though “reminder” phone calls” have been made. During the summer months, prospective Catechists have inquired regarding possible “openings” with our program. PLEASE if you intend to return for the 2009/2010 academic year, PLEASE contact the office on/before **Friday, August 7th** or your class will be reassigned, reflecting that we will be **ONE MONTH** from the start of classes. **PLEASE HELP US!!!!**

CONGRATULATIONS SPV SCHOOL GRADS!!!

An letter is in the mail from the Office of Religious Education inviting you to participate in the Confirmation Preparation Program. Please return the “tear off” portion of the letter. If you are attending public high school, please return the “tear off” portion AND the registration form. If you are attending Catholic High School, please return the “tear off” portion with the name of the school you are attending. THANK YOU !!

YOU ARE NEEDED – Is academic 200/2010 the year you will give the gift of your witness to our children as they journey with Jesus? The “present of your presence is needed. Training and Catechist assistance is available. Won’t you *please* consider spending *one hour with Jesus* and our children? The *entire Grade* cannot start until all Catechists for that Grade are in place.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION is available only on Sunday mornings from 10:00-11:10 AM. Children who are four may attend, even though they may not be attending Pre-Kindergarten in a public school. There is no tuition for “Pre-K”. If you have *any questions* regarding your child’s “eligibility”, please contact the Office of Religious Education.

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUACTION continued...

RE-REGISTRATION FORMS have been mailed, but are returning slowly. **PLEASE** help us and return the form today. Perhaps you know a family member, friend or neighbor who might not have returned the form yet. Your help will assist our planning for Catechists, classrooms, textbooks and supplies. **PLEASE RETURN THE FORM TODAY!** (*Tuition is not due until August 17th.*) If you are planning to move or are entering a Catholic School, please let us know, so that we may mark our records accordingly.

HALL MONITORS NEEDED – What can you do for one hour in service to our children? Simply be present during class time. When completing your registration form, please consider the “*present of your presence*” for our children. The Archdiocese of Boston requires all Hall Monitors (and all volunteers who have access to our children) to participate in the *Protecting God’s Children* seminar (September date will be published in the bulletin).

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The **Altar Bread** for the Month of August has been given in memory of Joseph (Don) Thibodeau by his wife, Virginia Thibodeau. The **Altar Wine** for the Month of August has been donated in memory of Donald Bastrachi by his family.

ALTAR CANDLES

The Altar Candles for the month of August have been donated in memory of **Vito Adamo Jr.** by his wife Colleen Adamo.

SAVE THE DATE! THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will meet on **Monday, August 17th** from 3:00 to 4:00 PM in the Pastoral Center Dining Room. All “nimble fingers” are invited to share in this very different and rewarding Ministry. We are anxious to include new participants. Beginners are very welcomed to join us!

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUACTION continued...
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORM VIA THE PARISH WEB SITE OOOOPPPPPSSSSSS!!! Don't know where you put your re-registration form??? Not a problem!!! We are *thrilled* to announce that the form is available through the parish website: “download” via stpiouslynn.org (and then “click” on Religious Education”) or by calling the Office of Religious Education. *Our sincere gratitude to Danny Connolly for sharing his time and talent in making this happen!*

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR 2009/2010 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Sunday, **September 13th** at 10:00 AM & Wednesday, **September 16th** at 3:00PM classes for all registered children in **Grades K-8.**

Sunday, **October 18th** at 10:00 AM classes for all registered children in **Pre-Kindergarten.**

The first meeting for Parents (only) whose children are planning to celebrate First Reconciliation and First Communion will be held on Sunday, **September 27th** at 10:00AM ***OR*** Wednesday, **September 30th** at 3:00 PM. The meetings will be held in the church.

Confirmation Preparation I – *Parents only*- Monday, September 28th at **7:00 PM** in the upper church.

Confirmation Preparation II – Candidates, Parents and Sponsors – Monday, September 21st at **7:00 PM** in the upper church.

His Eminence Sean Patrick Cardinal O'Malley, OFM, Cap. will preside at the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, April 9th at 5:00 PM