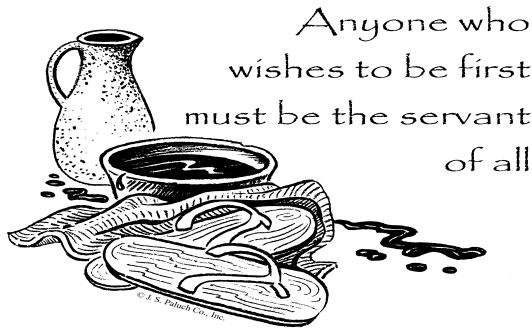


**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 20, 2009**

The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace  
for those who cultivate peace  
*James 3:18*



**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday  
Monday: St. Matthew; Eid al-Fit'r (Islamic feast of the conclusion of Ramadan) celebrated this week  
Tuesday: Autumn begins  
Wednesday: St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)  
Saturday: St. Cosmas and St. Damian; Blessed Virgin Mary

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13  
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21  
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6  
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9  
Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22  
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45  
Sunday: Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

**HOW DO WE TREAT THE MESSENGER?**

Let's not be too hasty in defining who is "the wicked one" and who (namely us) is just! We are very quick to label others as evil, because we tend to label ourselves as good guys. We don't like it when we are brought up short by a prophetic voice that brings us some bad news about our own behavior. We don't like to be reproached for transgressions of the law or charged with violations of our training.

We may condemn and abuse those who bring us up against these truths about ourselves when, if we were really good, we would thank them for helping to keep us on the right path. This is the way they treated the prophets and the way they treated Jesus. Is this also the way we treat those whose message we don't like? © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>**

SUNDAY.....8:00AM	+Jane Cassidy	Req. by Msgr. John T. Cassidy
SUNDAY.....10:00AM	<b>FOR THE PARISH</b>	
MONDAY..... 6:45AM	+Dr. William Nass	Req. by Gerry Pence
TUESDAY..... 6:45AM	+Richard Carpinella	Req. by Ruth Carpinella
WEDNESDAY..... 6:45AM	+Dr. William Nass	Req. by STM Office
THURSDAY..... 6:45AM	Mary Fortney	Req. by STM Office
FRIDAY..... 6:45AM	Mary Fortney	Req. by STM Office
SATURDAY..... 4:30PM	+Jim Wade	Req. by Ed and Shirley Jaeger

**Attention: The 2010 MASS INTENTION book has just arrived. Call or come by if you want to book any intentions for the coming year.**

**\*REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES WITH MASS INTENTIONS. THEY ARE AVAILABLE FOR SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2010**

**SANCTUARY DUTY** – September 25<sup>th</sup> - Randy and Mary Williams

**Our Condolences go out to Helen Nass and all the family and friends of Dr. William Nass. He died on September 16, 2009. Visitation will be on Sunday, September 20, 2009 - 5 to 7 P.M. at Oak Lawn Funeral Home. His funeral service will be Monday, September 21, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at St. Thomas More. Internment will be at Barrancas National Cemetery. A reception will be in St. Thomas More's Hall after the internment.**



Please keep in your prayers Mary Fortney and her husband Jim, Ashley Pace and his wife Judy, Regina Kaufman and her family, Margaret Miller's brother, Betty White, Betty Jo Kyte, and all of our parishioners, family and friends who are waiting for operations, in the hospital, sick at home, recovering at home, and in nursing homes and their caregivers.

**RCIA:** The next session will be on September 23, 2009. This session will be on "The Creed: The Church" and will be presented by Msgr. James Flaherty. All of the sessions will be on Wednesdays and will start at 7:00 p.m. in the STM Parish Hall.

27th Annual Charity Gala benefitting Catholic Charities Pensacola Regional Office, Saturday, October 10th at 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Hospital's Greenhut Auditorium. The Gala promises a night of entertainment and live auction with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres and a chance to win \$10,000. Call 436-6410 to purchase a \$100 ticket for the grand prize drawing. The ticket includes admission into the Gala for one person. Admission tickets without the drawing are \$50 per person. Please save the date. Call 850-436-6410 for more information.

**UPDATE:** Catholic Charities will be selling tickets to the Gala on September 26<sup>th</sup> and September 27<sup>th</sup> in the Narthex at St. Thomas More Church.

## ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

**St. Thomas More Men's Club:** The Men's Club meets at 8:00 a.m. in the parish hall on the first Sunday of every month. If you have any questions, please call Henry Pataky at 932-9514 or Ken McClure at 456-9888.

**The Ladies Altar Society:** All women in the Parish are invited to join in the good works of this group. Call Lynn Van Natter @ 456-1070 or Mary Williams @ 457-0173 for more information. The ladies meet the second Sunday of every month in the parish hall after the 8 AM Mass.

**Prayer Chain:** If you have a prayer request, please call Susan Soule at 455-1690, and she will activate the prayer chain.

**PARISH COUNCIL:** The next meeting will be on October 11, 2009 at the Parish Hall at 9:00 a.m.

**The Rosary** is being recited on the first Saturday of each month at 4:10 p.m. Come and join the group at St. Thomas More.

**CCD Class :** Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

**Craft Group:** Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.

**Parishoners -** If you have someone in the military, serving here in the states or overseas, and want a Advent booklet "Five Minutes with the Word" sent to them from St. Thomas More, please submit their Name and Address. You can put in in the Offertory Basket, bring to the office or email to Jo at [bayshore@stm.gccoxmail.com](mailto:bayshore@stm.gccoxmail.com).

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHONERS:  
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick (Deborah) Heroman

Let's all pray that this Hurricane Season (June 1-November 31) is a quiet one.

The **Catholic Charities Food Pantry** is in constant need of food items. If you have extra canned foods, dry foods, etc. please bring them to the parish hall and we will deliver them on September 29, 2009.

**PET BLESSING:** In honor of the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, we will conduct a "Blessing of the Pets" on October 4th at 2:00 PM at the St. Frances Garden behind the Church. If the weather is bad we will conduct the blessing in the Hall so bring your pet, rain or shine. Contact Deacon Ken McClure if you have any questions.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

How long have there been parochial schools in the United States? Longer than you may imagine. The Jesuit fathers opened Saint Mary School in Philadelphia in 1782 in the first light of independence. Catholic and Protestant squabbles about the nature of education forced the Fathers to make this risky and innovative venture in the heart of the city. The school was closed by a devastating fire in 1902, but reopened in 1968 as St. Mary Interparochial School, the first example of a shared parochial school. It is also the only Catholic school within the confines of a national park. This is the "Mother School" of this uniquely American institution. Many parochial schools, especially in "national parishes," were established to preserve the culture and language of the "old country," and also to protect young people from prejudice.

In other countries, Ireland for one, the Church is authorized to run national schools, sometimes under the sponsorship of a parish. In still other places, such as Quebec, publicly-funded "separate schools" were administered by the Church. Wherever the state funds Catholic schools, normally enrollment is guaranteed to all applicants. The Quebec system was dismantled in 1998 when the state decided to reorganize schools along linguistic lines rather than religious affiliation. Parochial schools require considerable sacrifice, but they endure as a distinctive treasure of the Church in the United States. —Rev. James Field, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

**ATTENTION: Mary Stevens from Shear Convenience will come out to homebound or to health care facilities to cut and style hair. Call her at 457-4841 or on her cell phone at 291-0298.**

#### Financial Status for the Month of August 2009

Income:	Expenses:	
Offertory – \$24,091.43	Diocesan Loan (Monthly)	\$ 2,544.61
	**Other Monthly Expenses	<u>22,357.02</u>
	Total Expenses -	\$24,901.63
Loss for August 2009: <u>\$-810.20</u>		

#### Financial Status for the Month of August 2008

Income:	Expenses:	
Offertory – \$19,239.67	Diocesan Loan (Monthly)	2,544.61
CSA Rebate - <u>\$ 2,962.50</u>	**Other Monthly Expenses	<u>20,262.66</u>
Total Income - \$22,202.17	Total Expenses -	\$22,807.27
Loss for August 2008: <u>\$-605.10</u>		