Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 7, 2005

"I wait for the Lord;
my soul waits for His Word."

MASS INTENTIONS

Your prayers are asked for all of our parishioners and benefactors, relatives, and friends, for the welfare of our country, for the sick, the needy, the troubled, and the sinful, for the dead, for those for whom we are bound or have been asked to pray, and for those for whom Mass will be offered in the coming week:

Saturday, August 6 *Vigil: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
5:00pm Alexander & Natalie Sikorski
Sunday, August 7 *19th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00am The People of St. Anthony
10:00am Eileen DeBernardis
12:00noon Margaret Harmonay
Monday, August 8 *St. Dominic*
9:00am Yolanda Rubann
Tuesday, August 9 *St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross*
9:00am Anna Marie Luisa Italiano
Wednesday, August 10 *St. Lawrence*
9:00am Special Intention
Thursday, August 11 *St. Clare*
9:00am Angela Mislowsky
Friday, August 12 *Weekday*
9:00am Rosalie Mislowsky
Saturday, August 13 *Weekday*
9:00am Judith Bentivegna
Saturday, August 13 *Vigil: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
5:00pm James E. McGuire & Daniel P. Thomas Jr.
Sunday, August 14 *20th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00am The People of St. Anthony
10:00am Julius Tucci
12:00noon Ulaine Santoro

The Sanctuary Lamp is lighted
In Memory of
Joseph Hom

- STEWARDSHIP -

Last Weekend's Collection	$	6,812.00
Same Weekend Last Year	$	5,660.00
Mass Attendance		720
St. Anthony's Window (so far)	$	19,659.00

[Our goal is $86,000.00]

Reflection for this Weekend

BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD

"Go outside and stand on the mountain before the Lord; the Lord will be passing by." . . . "after the first there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave" . . ."Lord if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come".

Most people spend some time in their search for God. Many of us expect to find Him at certain times or in certain places. I say my morning and night prayers and acknowledge the presence of the Lord. I go to church and attend Mass with devotion, and God speaks to me and feeds me in the Eucharist. Sometimes I find the Lord in the beauty of a sunset, while watching the waves break upon the sand, or in a warm family reunion.

I am like Elijah today seeking shelter in the Lord, but perhaps I do not know where to find Him. In our busy world, it might be difficult to discern Him in the wind, the earthquake or fires which surround us, because the conditions are not right. With the psalmist I need to listen, to "be still and know that I am God." I will hear His voice in the gentle breeze, the "tiny whispering sound."

I am like the Apostles in the boat, being tossed about, sometimes disoriented, sometimes frightened. The words of Jesus, like those of our late Holy Father John Paul II "take courage, it is I; do not be afraid" are a source of comfort, allowing me to rest in the Lord.

As we seek the Lord, where he can be found, make sure the atmosphere and conditions are proper, so that we can recognize Him.

Question: In what place, or in what moment, do I most easily discover the gentle presence of God?

TITHING: "The strength of a Parish perhaps lies in the faith of the people who believe that their Church can be a vital and continual source in our connections with God and His people. Tithing can give us that vested interest in being a part of and supportive of all activities and programs that are centered in Saint Anthony Parish" (FROM SOMEONE WHO TITHES). My 5% tithe:

INCOME	OFFERING	INCOME	OFFERING
$100.00	$ 5.00	$500.00	$25.00
$200.00	$10.00	$600.00	$30.00
$300.00	$15.00	$700.00	$35.00
$400.00	$20.00	$800.00	$40.00

HOUR OF PRAYER
FOR THE CONVERSION OF HEARTS

Abortion is a legally established fact of death, claiming the lives of one in four newly conceived children while our society turns its back. Join us to pray for the conversion of hearts of those who promote, perform, and support abortion, so that they may come to see the sanctity of all human life and bring the culture of death to an end.

Church of St. Eugene
Tuckahoe Rd & Central Ave, Yonkers
Saturday, August 13th
12:00noon - 1:00pm
+ Holy Hour + Rosary + Benediction +

Acceptance of the sanctity of all human life will only be accomplished by the direct intervention of God.

PRAYER FOR
TRAVELERS AND VACATIONERS

God of all travelers,
send us an angel to keep us safe
wherever we go,
and grant us summertime refreshment.
May we be gracious to guests,
and hospitable to strangers.
Bless us on our journeys,
bless the people we meet,
and bless our returning home,
through Christ our Lord. Amen

+ A VOCATION VIEW +

"Do not be afraid!" Jesus said. Have faith; trust in the Lord's call. Consider being a priest, brother, or sister. Call Father Ed Cipot, 968-1340.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
965-5535

REMINDERS

Registrations for next September are due. Please return the forms to your teacher or drop them off in the Rectory. Registrations received after September 1, 2005 will incur a late fee.

Our fees are as follows for next year:

$85.00 for one child $130.00 for two children
$150.00 for three children
$130.00 for non-parishioners with one child (those not registered in the Rectory and currently not receiving Church envelopes).

OUR MASS INTENTION BOOK FOR 2006 . . .

Is open for Mass Intentions. Our Rectory hours for arrangements are: 9:00am-4:00pm. PLEASE REMEMBER: JUST SIX (6) MASSES FOR ANY ONE INTENTION. THE OFFERING FOR EACH MASS IS $15.00.

CELEBRATE MARRIAGE -
AN ENRICHMENT DAY FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Escape for a day with your spouse and take quality time to deepen your love, enhance your communication, and build a stronger family foundation. The day is designed to give married couples an opportunity to focus on their life-long love and commitment and rekindle the joy. "Celebrate Marriage" benefits couples of all ages and years married. Fall dates: Sept 24th, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Poughkeepsie; Oct 22nd, Immaculate Conception, Manhattan; Nov 5th, Holy Family, Staten Island. $30.00 fee/lunch provided. Day ends with renewal of wedding vows. Contact 212-371-1000 x 3190.

MARRIAGE TAKES THREE

Marriage takes three to be complete:
It's not enough for two to meet.
They must be united in love by
Love's Creator, God alone.

Then their love will be firm and strong;
Able to last when things go wrong.
Because they've felt God's love and know
He's always there, He'll never go.

And they have both loved Him in kind,
With all their heart and soul and mind;
And in that love they've found
The way to love each other every day.

A marriage that follows God's plan
Takes more than a woman and a man.
It needs a oneness that can be only from God
- A marriage takes three.

OUR •TREE OF LIFE•

There are forms on all our tables if you are interested in arranging for 'A LEAF', or you can drop by the Rectory. The cost for 'A LEAF' is $300 and can be paid over a period of time. It is a wonderful memorial and, as you know, we pray for those remembered on our 'TREE OF LIFE' in our Prayer of the Faithful during our weekend Masses.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK

We pray for all the sick of our Parish, especially:
Msgr. Frank Burns, Monilo Dahbia Catin,
Allen Carter, Lubo Gjurashaj,
Chelsie Isacello, Rose Pace, Bea Pilkington,
Ed Ryan (a Marine), Rosalie Saraceno, and Charles Zriek

If you know of anyone who is in need of our prayers and would like to be added to our sick list, please call the Rectory.

THE SUMMER IS A GOOD TIME TO REVIEW:
THE HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Solemnity of Mary, January 1st

This Feast, closely connected to the Feast of Christmas, is the most important and oldest of the major feasts of Mary. Mary, Mother of God, became a universal feast in 1931. After Vatican II, it was placed on January 1 in 1969. At a conference, the U.S. Bishops decided with Vatican approval given July 4, 1992, that when the solemnities of Mary, the Mother of God (January 1), the Assumption (August 15) or All Saints (November 1) fall on a Saturday or Monday, it is not an obligation to attend Mass for these Feasts.

Ascension of Christ,
40 days after Easter

This Feast is celebrated the fortieth day after Easter Sunday and commemorates the elevation of Jesus into Heaven by His own power inthe presence of His Disciples.

Assumption of the Blessed Mother, August 15

This is the principal Feast of Mary. It has a double purpose: first, the departure of Mary from this life; and second, the assumption of her body into Heaven. The obligation to attend Mass drops if this Feast falls on a Saturday or a Monday.

All Saints• Day, November 1

This Feast honors all the Saints, known and unknown. This Feast was first celebrated on May 13, 610, when Pope Boniface IV proclaimed the day Feast of All Holy Martyrs in Rome. The intent was to honor all martyrs who were not included in local records. In 835, Pope Gregory IV changed the date and name to November 1 and Feast of All Saints. A fall date allowed people to celebrate with food from the fall harvest. The obligation to attend Mass drops if this Feast falls on a Saturday or a Monday.

Immaculate Conception, December 8

The Immaculate Conception of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, is the belief that God preserved Mary from any inclination to sin; the inheritance or original sin passed on to all mankind from Adam and Eve. This Feast of the Conception of Mary appeared in the Roman calendar in 1476. After the dogmatic definition by Pope Pius IX in 1854, it became the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is always obligatory to attend Mass on this Solemnity.

Christmas, December 25

This Feast, one of the two major Feasts of the liturgical year, celebrates the birth of Jesus. It is always obligatory to attend Mass on this Solemnity.

DURING THIS 'YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST' ENCYCLICAL ONTHE EUCHARIST

Don't Catholics Already Celebrate the Eucharist Every Time They Go to Mass?

Indeed we do! For at every Mass we are witnesses to a miracle. The Eucharist is not a symbol of our Lord; the bread and wine *actually become* the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Christ. At the altar, He truly comes to us, again and again, in His real presence.

Christ Himself instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper as a "memorial of His Death and Resurrection; a Sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a paschal banquet in which Christ is consumed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us" (Sacrsosanctum Concilium).

The Eucharist calls us to memorialize Christ's Passion and Death on the Cross, the sacrifice in which He won for us - our salvation and eternity with the Father. It is also a tremendous sign of our unity as believers, We call it Communion because when we approach the altar, we are acknowledging our unity with Christ, His Church, and one another.

"The culmination of the Mass is not the consecration, but communion..."

St. Maximilian Kolbe

Yet these words can only partially express a mystery that is beyond words: "If you understood Him, it would not be God," writes St. Augustine. So, too, with the Eucharist. Through the Year of the Eucharist, the Church calls us to plumb this mystery more and more deeply -- not just when we come together for the Mass, but in every situation of life.

"Every consecrated Host is made to burn Itself up with love in a human heart."

St. John Vianney

The Church asks all of us to examine our consciences to make sure we are truly prepared to receive Jesus:

Are we in a "state of grace" that is, not aware of any unconfessed grave sin? If not, then we should celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation first.

Have we observed the one-hour fast from food and drink (except for water and medicine) before receiving our Lord?

Do we believe in the Real Presence; do we believe that Christ is present, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity?

Are we faithful to the moral teachings of the Church in our personal and public lives?

We want to use this column to give ourselves a much needed religious knowledge. It will be an •on-going• column and will f year cycle of readings at Mass.

The Church: Source and Guardian of Faith

God•s word comes to us through the Church.
It gives us a mission to one another and the world.
Our fidelity to the word depends on fidelity to the Church.

•God speaks most often not in extraordinary manifestations but in a •still small voice• (1st Reading). We hear it first in the ordinariness of a Christian family. God calls us in our daily lives, in our homes, parishes, and dioceses.

In the daily lives of Christians, God speaks to us and through us to others. There is an urgency about Christian living. In order to satisfy the divine command, •make disciples of all nations•, the Catholic Church must spare no effort in striving that the word of the Lord may speed on and triumph.

It is the Church•s mission to bring that word to the Jewish people and to all the world (2nd Reading). Its message is Christ Himself who casts out fear (Gospel) and brings light, life, and freedom. •Apart from this message, nothing is able to satisfy the heart of man•.

In the community of faith, the message of Christ is faithfully preached. •Aroused and sustained by the Spirit of Truth, the People of God, guided by the sacred teaching authority and obeying it, receive not the mere

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COMMUNITY NOTES

New York's FINEST...The NY City Police Department is continuing to recruit the most qualified men and women to join its ranks. Filing for the upcoming Police Officer examination is now through September 16, 2005. Test dates Friday, October 28, 2005, Saturday, October 29, 2005, and Sunday, October 30, 2005. Candidates can call 212-RECRUIT or apply online at www.nyc.gov/nypd.

Pilgrimage...Holy Cross Church, NY, NY, is organizing a pilgrimage to China, October 12-24 and to Fatima, Rome, and Assisi, November 18-26. For more info, call 212-244-4778.

Concert Series...St. Frances de Chantal, 190 Hollywood Ave, The Bronx, presents "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!" on Sunday, August 21st, 3:00pm in honor of our patron St. Frances de Chantal. Please join our Adult Choir, guest vocalists, and the Artemis Chamber Orchestra in a concert featuring sacred and patriotic music. Admission is free. All are welcome. 718-792-5500.

Director of Music wanted...St. Bartholomew's Yonkers. Candidate must play the organ, familiar with rituals of the Church. Singing is required. Contact Fr. Francis, 965-0566

Cathedral HS for Girls in Manhattan...will be celebrating its Centennial Anniversary beginning September 2005. A Mass will be held at St. Patrick's Cathedral on September 25th at 2:00pm followed by an Open House at the school. All alumnae are invited. To add your name to the list, please call the Development/Alumnae Affairs Office at 212-688-1545.

Daytop...When tragedy strikes home! A son, daughter, a father can readily fall prey to the pitfalls of drugs and alcohol. What you do will chart your family's future. Father O'Brien's 40-year old Daytop is as close as your telephone. Don't delay. Daytop Westchester, 246 Central Park Ave, Hartsdale, 914-949-6640. Hotline # 800-2-DAYTOP.