20th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to his disciples: “I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!” - Lk 12:49
Saturday, August 17 — Memory of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00am Intentions of the Parishioners
Joshua 24:14-29 / Matthew 19:13-15
Sacrament of Reconciliation 3:00—3:30 pm
4:00pm †Elida Vindas by her Family
Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 / Hebrews 12:1-4 / Luke 12:49-53

Sunday, August 18 — 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am †Annette Plourde
10:30am †Paul McKinney by Bob & Mary Ellen Harkey
4:30pm †Thomas Devine by Rosemary Henault
Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 / Hebrews 12:1-4 / Luke 12:49-53

Monday, August 19 — Weekday
7:30am Rita Kernan (living) by Kizzy McCormack
Judges 2:11-19 / Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday, August 20 — St. Bernard, Abbot
7:30am †Harriet Held by Jean Rostowsky
Judges 6:11-24a / Matthew 19:23-30

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00am—9:00am
Wednesday, August 21 — St. Pius X, Pope
7:30am Debbie Bulakowski (living) by James & Helen Kelly
Judges 9:6-15 / Matthew 20:1-16

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:30pm—7:30pm
Thursday, August 22 — The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:30am Philip & Marjorie Kelly by James & Helen Kelly
Judges 1:29-39a / Matthew 22:1-14

Friday, August 23 — Weekday
7:30am †Kevin Henry by Ed & Jean Rostowsky
Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22 / Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday, August 24 — Memory of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00am Intentions of the Parishioners
Revelation 21:9b-14 / John 1:45-51

Sacrament of Reconciliation 3:00—3:30 pm
4:00pm †Thomas Normand by his Wife

Sunday, August 25 — 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am Rachel Galvan (living—birthday) by Rosemary Henault
10:30am †Jose Ramirez by his Family
4:30pm †Kevin Henry by Martha Gorton

“Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life”
Caring for and Sharing with Each Other

“G I F T S”
Giving In Faith Through Stewardship
Discover your God-given gifts and find a place in our community to give your gift back to God in gratitude and service.

Treasure (Resources): Financial Report
$ 2,369.00 Envelope Offertory for August 11, 2019
$ 574.00 Loose Offertory for August 11, 2019
$ 1,442.00 Monthly
$ 2,575.00 Attic Treasures
$ 407.00 Previous weeks & other donations
$ 7,367.00 Sub-total
$ 516.00 Cathedraticum
$ 6,851.00 Total that stays in the parish for our use.

Thank you for giving your “first fruits” back to the Lord!
May God return your generosity to you 100-fold!

Staff
Father John Kuzhikottayil, Administrator
Father Binny Issac and Father Joy Jacob, Parochial Vicars
Annette Whidden, Director of Religious Education
Mary Sciarretta, Child Care Center Director
Thomas Festa, Facilities Manager
Jeff Bingham, Parish Secretary
Helen Finateri, Bookkeeper
Anita Gawronski, Parish Council President
Nancy Hanson, Parish Minister
Cornell Bialicki, Music Director & Organist

Finance Council
Father John, Matt Fortney, Michael Mason, David Whidden, Don Duman (Trustee) & Cindy Russo (Trustee)

Ministries
Virtus Facilitator: Annette Whidden
Pro-Life: Dorothy Deitelbaum
Raffle: Don & Jackie Duman
Attic Treasures: Joan Bettencourt
Food Bank: Barbara Salerno & Mabel Herring
Cooking Club: Joanne Ramos
Adult Faith Formation Minister: Sherri-Lyn Raimo
Retreat Coordinator: Mary Welch
Holy Name Society President: Don Duman
Our Lady’s Guild Co-Presidents: Mabel Herring and Jackie Duman
Our questions this week center around the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

What is the Anointing of the Sick?  
(United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

In the Church’s Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, through the ministry of the priest, it is Jesus who touches the sick to heal them from sin—and sometimes even from physical ailment. His cures were signs of the arrival of the Kingdom of God. The core message of his healing tells us of his plan to conquer sin and death by his dying and rising.

The Rite of Anointing tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point to death to receive the Sacrament. A careful judgment about the serious nature of the illness is sufficient.

What are the effects of the Sacrament?

When the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given, the hoped-for effect is that, if it be God’s will, the person be physically healed of illness. But even if there is no physical healing, the primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives the Holy Spirit’s gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty of old age. The Holy Spirit renews our faith in God and helps us withstand the temptations of the Evil One to be discouraged and despairing in the face of suffering and death. Also, a sick person’s sins are forgiven if he or she was not able to go to Confession prior to the celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Another effect of this Sacrament is union with the Passion of Christ. By uniting ourselves more closely with the sufferings of Our Lord, we receive the grace of sharing in the saving work of Christ. In this way, our suffering, joined to the Cross of Christ, contributes to building up the People of God.

The Sacrament also prepares us for our final journey when we depart from this life. The Anointing of the Sick completes our identification with Jesus Christ that was begun at our Baptism. Its grace and power fortify us in our final struggles before we go to the Father’s house.

What is the importance of the Sacrament for the Community?

For some, there is nothing more frustrating than being sick. Sickness runs from annoying inconvenience—like a headache or a common cold—to grave, life-threatening cases involving major surgery or incurable disease. In each case, sickness reminds us of our limitations.

Our reaction to infirmity is to seek alleviation. With a perfect understanding of the human person, Christ has provided the Church from its beginning with a spiritual as well as a corporeal remedy for our illness. We are not just flesh and bone. We are spirit, mind, and body.

In a very real sense, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick has a very important community dimension. In any illness, particularly one as we near the end of our lives, we should never have to stand alone. We should not have to face infirmity without the consolation of others. In the New Testament’s Letter of St. James, the sick person is instructed to call for the presbyters (priests) of the Church for an anointing and prayers.

These presbyters represented the Christian community and its concern for the sick person. Such concern is further highlighted in the “prayer of faith” that St. James said will reclaim the one who is ill—the prayer arising from the community of faith, the Church, gathered around the sick person precisely to invoke the “name of the Lord.”

The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that “the Anointing of the Sick” is a liturgical and communal celebration, whether it takes place in a family home, a hospital or church, for a single sick person or a whole group of sick persons.

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1517)
Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.” (John 6:35)

Parents (who are registered here) and godparents are prepared at a class next held on September 3rd at 6:30pm. Please call the Office to sign up. If you missed a class you previously signed up for, you must sign up again for the new class; nothing is assumed.

Godparents must be confirmed and obtain a Sponsor Certificate from their own Catholic parish.

Baptisms normally take place here on the 2nd or 3rd Sundays of the month after the 10:30am Mass, but other weekends are possible depending on other events.

**Ethics and Compliance Officer:** Annette Whidden, DRE 203-723-0782

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**Volunteers Needed!**
If you currently volunteer for Religious Education, or think you might want to join the Ministry (We need you!) please contact Annette Whidden to update your contact information and availability. You can email: saintvincentferrerdre@gmail.com. I will get back to you as soon as possible. Thank you so much for your time and talent!

**Registration for Religious Education GIFT (Growing in Faith Together) program.** Registration for the 2019-20 year is beginning this week. Registration forms and schedules are available on the bulletin board outside the Religious Ed Office. Completed forms and payments can be mailed in or left in the Religious Ed mailbox in the Parish Office. It is important to fill out the entire form, back and front, even if you have done so in the past. Thank you. Our first GIFT meeting is Sunday, September 15th for all families in the Vern Maxwell Family Center. There will be an ice cream social and orientation/short class for children. Please register your family to reserve a place in the program.

**10th Grade Confirmation Class Parents:** There will be an informational meeting for parents/guardians of our Confirmation 2019 class on September 4, 2019. The meeting will be in the Religious Ed office at 7 PM. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.

St. John School in Watertown, CT. is accepting applications for a part-time Spanish Teacher and a part-time Middle School Language Arts teacher—with classes beginning September 3, 2019. Applications should be directed to Mrs. Marylou Iannone, Principal, or Mrs. Piccolo at St. John School, 760 Main Street, Watertown, CT (860) 274-9208

**VIRTUS:**

Parishioners in active ministries (lectors, catechists, aides, ministers, etc) need to attend a training session in child protection. The Virtus Training session entitled “Protecting God’s Children” is being offered at various locations throughout the Archdiocese. Important: Register online only at: www.virtusonline.org

Church of the Assumption—Woodbridge
Monday August 26—6:00pm
Sacred Heart High School—Waterbury
Tuesday, August 27—6:00pm

**MONEY COUNTERS**
August 18 Cindy Russo / Gerry Boffen / Frank DiBiase
August 25 Judy Cousens / Mary Welch / Connie Luciano

St. Francis Church (in unity with St. Vincent Ferrer) will be supporting SCHOOL SUPPLY needs for NAUGATUCK YOUTH SERVICES: boys and girls—ages 10-15 and COVENANT TO CARE FOR THE CHILDREN OF GREATER WATERBURY—ages 5 years and up.

We are asking you to generously help this Outreach Project by supplying any of the following items: BACKPACKS * SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS * PENS * PENCILS * CRAYONS * ERASERS * RULERS * SMALL CALCULATORS GLUE STICKS * PENCIL SHARPENERS * COLORED PENCILS * LOOSELEAF PAPER * 1” BINDERS.

Donations can be placed in the box labeled SCHOOL SUPPLIES in the foyer here at St. Vincent Ferrer Church. Last day for drop off is Sunday, August 18th. Thank you for generously helping those of “our” children in need!

**SAVE THE DATE!**
St. Vincent Ferrer Car Show
Sunday, September 15, 2019
12—4 pm in the upper parking lot
Rain Date: Sunday, September 22, 2019

**St. Vincent Child Care Center**

*Attention We now offer Infant and Toddler Care* State-licensed facility offering Year-round Full and Part time care for children aged 6 weeks to 12 years of age, including Before and After care during the School Year.

HOURS: 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
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EVENT SUMMARY THIS WEEK AT ST. VINCENT FERRER
Sunday 8/18/19 Masses @ 8am and 10:30am and 4:30pm //
Monday 8/19/19 Mass @ 7:30am //
Tuesday 8/20/19 Mass @ 7:30am // Adoration 8:00am—9:00am //
Wednesday 8/21/19 Mass @ 7:30am // Adoration 6:30pm—7:30pm //
Thursday 8/22/19 Mass @ 7:30am//
Friday 8/23/19 Mass @ 7:30am //
Saturday 8/24/19 Mass @ 8:00am // Confessions @ 3:00pm // Mass @ 4:00pm //

REFLECTION ON THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Our God is a consuming fire, the Scriptures tell us. And in this week’s Gospel, Jesus uses the image of fire to describe the demands of discipleship.

The fire He has come to cast on the earth is the fire that He wants to blaze in each of our hearts. He made us from the dust of the earth and filled us with the fire of the Holy Spirit in Baptism.

We were baptized into His death. This is the baptism our Lord speaks of in the Gospel this week. The baptism with which He must be baptized is His passion and death, by which He accomplished our redemption and sent forth the fire of the Spirit on the earth.

The fire has been set, but it is not yet blazing. We are called to enter deeper into the consuming love of God. We must examine our consciences and our actions, submitting ourselves to the revealing fire of God’s Word.

In our struggle against sin, we have not yet resisted to the point of shedding our own blood, Paul tells us in this week’s Epistle. We have not undergone the suffering that Jeremiah suffers in the First Reading this week.

But this is what true discipleship requires. To be a disciple is to be inflamed with the love of God. It is to have an unquenchable desire for holiness and zeal for the salvation of our brothers and sisters.

Being His disciple does not bring peace in the false way that the world proclaims peace. It means division and hardship. It may bring us to conflict with our own flesh and blood.

But Christ is our peace. By His Cross He has lifted us up from the mire of sin and death—as He will rescue the prophet Jeremiah.

And as we sing in the Psalm this week, we trust in our deliverer.

Scott Hahn

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL DINNER
Our next meal for St Vincent de Paul is on Sunday, August 25, 2019. The meal will be Pulled Pork with sandwich rolls, Pasta Salad, Baked Beans and Cake. We are asking our Parishioners to provide us with Rotini pasta, cans of Baked Beans and Italian Salad Dressing.
We thank you for your continued support.

CONCERTS ON THE GREEN
FINAL CONCERT FOR 2019!
The 2019 Summer Music Festival on the Naugatuck Town Green takes place Tuesdays from 7pm to 9pm.
Concerts benefit the Naugatuck Food Bank (please bring non-perishable food donations).
TUESDAY AUGUST 20
BEATLES FOREVER
(YEAH, YEAH, YEAH)

August 18th—Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Following Jesus sometimes means being rejected by others. Speak an encouraging word this week to someone you know who is trying to follow Jesus through the fire. Say a prayer for those who are discerning a call to priesthood or religious life. Ask them to call

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