



# Our Lady of Mount Carmel St. Ann Parish

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## LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:00, 10:00, and 11:30 a.m.

## DAILY MASS

Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m.

## HOLYDAY MASSES

Vigil: 7:00 p.m.  
Holyday: 7:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. or by private appointment.

## PASTORAL STAFF

Msgr. F. Stephen Pedone, Pastor  
Rev. Jesus Martinez, Associate Pastor  
Most Rev. George E. Rueger, in residence  
Deacon Gerry Montiverdi, Part-time Liturgical Assistant.

## PARISH OFFICES AND STAFF

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Mr. Glenn MacGregor, Part-time Custodian  
Mr. Walter Borek, Part-time Church Caretaker

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents and Godparents must attend the Baptismal instruction session before the Baptism is celebrated. These sessions take place on the First Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Community baptisms are celebrated on the third Sunday of every month after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Private baptisms may also be arranged by calling the parish office.

## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

To prepare for this lifelong commitment, couples must begin marriage preparation twelve months before the proposed wedding date, according to the diocesan policy.

## FAITH FORMATION

The Religious Education Program offers instruction to children and young people from Grade One through the high school years. Children are prepared for the reception of First Reconciliation and then First Holy Communion and young people for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation in high school, including those who attend Catholic schools. Rel. Ed. Office: 508-791-6139.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

This process of sharing faith stories and studying the Bible and the teachings of the Church is open to anyone who is in need of receiving any one or all of the Sacraments of Initiation. -Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation or to anyone who wishes to enter into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church.

## FAITH FORMATION TEAM

Mrs. Joan D'Argenis D.R.E./Youth Director  
Maria Sciannameo RCIA Director

## LITURGICAL MUSIC MINISTRY

Mr. Scott Olson, Organist  
Mr. Michael Garceau, Organist/Wedding Ministry

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Council meets on the third Tuesday of every month. The Council is committed to assisting the pastor in various liturgical celebrations and parochial and diocesan fundraisers and to pursuing its own charitable endeavors.

## ORGANIZATIONS

Guild of Our Lady of Sorrows  
Beato Angelo D'Acri Society  
The Gene J. DeFeudis Italian Cultural Center  
Mt. Carmel Golden Years Club

## PRO-LIFE CONTACTS

Pro-Life Office, Mrs. Allison LeDoux: 508-929-4311  
Respect Life Parish Representative: Louise Faiola: 508-756-1150  
Visitation House: 508-798-0762  
Problem Pregnancy: 888-310-7217

## ILLNESS

Arrangements can be made to have Holy Communion brought those who are homebound due to illness, age, or impairment of any kind or to celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing and Reconciliation with them. Please notify the parish office with the necessary information.

## PARISH REGISTRATION

To become a registered member of the parish, please call the office. One of the secretaries will gladly assist anyone and complete the registration over the phone or through the website.

## REPORTING THE ABUSE OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

To report the abuse of a child or a teenager, please contact Mrs. Frances Nugent, Director of the Diocesan Office of Healing and Prevention at 508-791-7171. You may also call Gloria Caprioli, our parish coordinator for prevention and education, at 508-344-7718. Lastly, you may call Msgr. F. Pedone at 774-243-1154.

**WEEKEND COLLECTION  
7/25/2015 & 7/26/2015**

4:00 PM Mass	\$801.00
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,044.00
10:00 AM Mass	\$979.00
11:30 AM Mass	\$970.00
Shared Envelopes	\$175.00
Total Mass Collections	<u>\$3,969.00</u>
Special Collections:	
Weekend Envelopes –mailed in	\$1,214.00
Children’s Envelopes	.35
Fuel	\$5.00
Assumption	\$17.00
Peter’s Pence	\$10.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$5.00
Easter Flowers	\$5.00
Churches in Eastern Europe	\$5.00
Capital Campaign	\$249.00
On-Line Giving	\$282.50
Candle Offering	\$186.00
Total	<u>\$1,978.85</u>
Restricted Funds	\$269.00
Unrestricted Funds	<u>\$5,678.85</u>
Total	<u>\$5,947.85</u>

The Finance Committee has determined that we need to collect \$9,400 each week to meet our current expenses. Thank you for your continued support of Our Lady of Mount Carmel-St. Ann parish.

**TRIP TO SOUTHERN ITALY AND SICILY –  
MAY 12-23, 2016**

You are invited to join us on this beautiful trip to southern Italy and Sicily, featuring Taormina, Alberobello, and the Amalfi coast. The trip is being organized through AAA Travel and Collette Tours. It will be an enjoyable trip at a reasonable cost. Seating is limited. Informational packets are available at the entrances to the church and also in the parish office. You may also call Linda Burke at 508-853-7000 x3324 for more information.

Dear Devotee’s of San Vitaliano;

It’s that time of year again for our Annual Feast of San Vitaliano. This year our date is Sunday August 30, 2015. Our celebration Mass will be held at 11:30AM, with the reception immediately following at Leo’s. This year we will have a family style dinner down stairs, the cost is \$35.00 per person. Any Baked goods would be appreciated. Hope to see all of you there to give Thanks to San Vitaliano for another year!

Sincerely,  
Mark Gerardi

Send payments to me at Mercadante Funeral Home  
370 Plantation St., Worcester Ma.01605

**VENERINI SISTERS**

As women of prayer, the Religious Venerini Sisters share the Gospel message of love, peace and justice through the charism of St. Rosa Venerini. St. Rosa’s profound love of the poor formed the basis of her mission. She opened the first free school for girls in 1685 in Viterbo, Italy, to help uneducated girls and women living in what she saw as “cultural, moral and spiritual poverty.” St. Rosa’s motto – “To Educate to Liberate” – describes her understanding of the importance of faith formation through studying the word of God and the necessity for vocational training that could provide a source of income for the girls and their families. In 1909, Venerini Sisters came to the Worcester Diocese in order to teach the children of Italian immigrants. They established a presence here at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Many remember being taught by the Venerini Sisters in religious education classes. The Venerini Sisters also were established at St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Fitchburg and at St. Ann Parish in Leominster. In the 1970’s, the Venerini Sisters were called upon to extend their ministry to poorer nations of the world. They now have communities throughout the world in Italy, Brazil, Romania, Chile, Albania, Cameroon, Nigeria, India, Benin, as well as other areas of the United States.

This weekend we welcome Catherine Judge, who will speak at all Masses and ask for your prayerful and monetary support for the missions sponsored by the Venerini Sisters.

THE SECOND COLLECTION AT ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND WILL BE TAKEN UP TO SUPPORT THE VENERINI SISTERS IN THEIR MISSIONARY WORK. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

**TRIP TO WRIGHT’S CHICKEN FARM,  
HARRISVILLE, RHODE ISLAND –  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup>**

This event is an appreciation trip for our altar servers and is a gift from the parish for them. It is open to CYC and family members who wish to attend. On the way home, we’ll stop for ice cream. This event will include the altar servers, teenagers and family members from Our Lady of Loreto Parish. We will leave from Mt. Camel parking lot on Mulberry Street at 5:00 pm and return around 9:00 pm. Permission slips, available in the church vestibule, must be filled out and returned to Joan D’Argenis. Altar server permission slips should be returned to Anna Mae Gentile. Space is limited to the first 40 people from both parishes who return signed permission slips.

**PARISH FOOD PANTRY**

Through your generosity, we are able to help families in our local area with food. Please drop off food items in the white cart near the shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Your donations make a big difference to some one who is hungry. Many thanks!



# MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 1, 2015—4:00 p.m.

**Jack Lanzilotti** by Domenic and Family  
**Salvatore Rinaldi and Evelyn Lazzari** by Antoinette Rinaldi and Family

Sunday, August 2, 2015—8:00 a.m.

**Jerry Perna** by Lillian Pascarelli  
**Gloria Deluca** by daughters Cyndi & Annie and granddaughters Vanessa & Brianna

Sunday, August 2, 2015—10:00 a.m.

**Mary Masiello** by Dolores Riggieri

Sunday, August 2, 2015—11:30 a.m.

**Joseph and Katherine Riggieri** by Daughter  
**Joseph Sr., Joseph Jr. and Stephen Dellagala** by Dolores

Monday, August 3, 2015—7:00 a.m.

**Parishioners Intentions**

Tuesday, August 4, 2015—7:00 a.m.

**Maria Antonia DeCristofaro** by Matteo Travaglio

Wednesday, August 5, 2015—7:00 a.m.

**The Sick of the Parish**

Thursday, August 6, 2015—7:00 a.m.

**Henry C. Pignataro, Sr.** (15th Anniversary) by Rosemarie and wife Chelestine and Family

Friday, August 7, 2015—7:00 a.m.

**The People of the Parish**

Saturday, August 8, 2015—4:00 a.m.

**Carmella Lanzilotti** (Birthday Remembrance) by Domenic and Family  
**Leonard Cariglia** (Month's Mind) by Family

Sunday, August 9, 2015—8:00 a.m.

**Michael Sputo** by Butch and Grace Mahoney  
**Jack Masiello and Domenick Marrone** by Caryl

Sunday, August 9, 2015—10:00 a.m.

**Rose Bello** by Daughters  
**Patsy J. Tomaiolo** by Family

Sunday, August 9, 2015—11:30 a.m.

**Guy Mattero** (6th Anniversary) by Wife Rose Marie and Family  
**Gennaro "Gene" Maruca** by Hank, Rose and Angelo Leone



**Please pray for the sick of our parish:** Anna Perro, Francis Caffone, Susan Stomski, Donna Grasseschi, Lena Sbrogna, Lori Blackwell, Carmella Szklarz, Matteo Fiore, Matthew Hicks, Henry Penny, Patrick Loconto, Eleanor Lupisella, Butch Rano, Mary O'Connor, Christina Rovezzi, Christopher Collazo, Eleanor Gaudenzi, Eileen Biziewski, Patricia Naples, Paula Mari, Sim Simone, Cathy Coffey, Mary Ciuffredo, Mildred Bassan, Vincent Pusateri, Debbie Caffone, Carol Youngstrom, Juana E. Pignataro, Joseph Lapomardo and Joseph DiLeo. May the Lord give them strength, courage and healing.

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### THIS WEEK OUR SANCTUARY LAMPS ARE DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF:



**Michael Bodinizzo**  
 (Birthday Remembrance)  
 By Wife and Children

### AND A SPECIAL INTENTION FOR:

**Joseph C. DiLeo**  
 By Family

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### DONATIONS OF ITALIAN COOKIES

We are looking for donations of Italian cookies for the Mount Carmel Italian Festival August 21-23. If you are capable of making and donating these please contact Stella at 774-253-7015. All donations are appreciated.

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### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Festival Committee is looking for volunteers for the Italian Festival to be held at Mount Carmel August 21-23, 2015. Volunteers are needed to help out either in the kitchen, setting up, breaking down and many other various duties for any of the days and times starting Thursday, August 20—Sunday, August 23. There is a sign up sheet in the main office in the parish center or you may call Stella at 774-253-7015 to sign up and volunteer.

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### PARISH SCHOLARSHIPS

Our parish offers scholarships for parishioners who are attending college. You must be an active member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel-St. Ann parish to be eligible. Applications may be obtained at the parish office.

Completed applications must be received in the parish office no later than August 3, 2015.

July 30, 2015

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

"Restore the Church - Build the Future" is the national theme for the **Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe** which will be taken up in our diocese on the weekend of August 8 & 9. Grants funded by the collection support pastoral projects, scholarships, and Catholic organizations working in areas formerly under Soviet control. The bishops and people of these regions still face enormous challenges in restoring church structures and in rebuilding the cultural and spiritual life of the community, tasks that are often complicated by a lack of religious freedom. The emerging problems posed by secularism also require major investments in developing the next generation of Church leaders.

One funded group, a Czech association for women and children and the protection of unborn life has worked for 23 years to reduce the rate of abortions in the Czech Republic. When the association opened its doors in 1990 after the Velvet Revolution, half of all pregnancies in the country ended in abortion. Through innovative counseling and support programs at six regional centers for women in difficult situations, the association has played a major role in reducing the abortion rate from 50 percent down to 20 percent. The centers work to protect the human dignity of both mothers and children, advocating for the right to life of the unborn.

Recently, the association experienced a crisis when the Czech government withdrew operational support for its programs. The Subcommittee on the Church in Central and Eastern Europe provided a critical bridge grant that allowed the association to continue its operations while searching for a permanent funding solution. In 2014, the Czech Bishops' Conference announced that it would fund the association's operating expenses from its own budget, thereby guaranteeing the future of the association and its crucial work.

I ask that you keep these programs in your prayers and that we join our fellow Catholics in the United States in making a generous contribution to support the efforts to rebuild pastoral capacity and create future leaders of the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

With every prayerful best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend Robert J. McManus  
Bishop of Worcester

**PRAYING for PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS**

Christians are being persecuted, especially in the Middle East. They are being killed, tortured, and forced to give up everything! They are forced to leave their homes and country simply because they are Christians! They need our prayers and support. Although we may not be able to support them physically or financially, we can and should support them with our prayers!

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel St. Ann Parish will be holding a novena for Persecuted Christians.

This novena is for all Persecuted Christians especially in the Middle East, and for religious freedom, so it would coincide with others praying this novena throughout the U.S. (There is power in numbers) We will meet in the church, pray the prayers of the novena and conclude each evening with the Rosary. This is open to everyone who wants to participate, We realize that it may be difficult for some of you to attend every evening, but every bit helps, attend when you can.

Although trying to find time that will be best for everyone is difficult, we think the following schedule may be best for most people...

**Saturday August 1, 2015- 5:00 pm** (After the 4:00 pm Mass)

**Sunday August 2, 2015 -**

**Friday, August 7, 2015** 7:00 pm

**Saturday August 8, 2015 - 5:00 pm** (After the 4:00 pm Mass)

**Sunday August 9, 2015** 7:00 pm

If you have any questions, please contact Maria @ 508-842-7604

As a reminder our parish follows the guidelines of the national Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People approved by the US Bishops and the policies of the Diocese of Worcester in screening those who work with children in our care and in helping victims of abuse find healing. If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a Church employee or volunteer in the past, please contact Frances Nugent, Victim Services Coordinator for our diocese at 508-929-4363 (direct line & confidential voicemail). If you are concerned about a current case of abuse, please contact the local civil authorities immediately.



**SAVE THE DATES**  
**Our parish festival will be held August 21-23, 2015 on our parish grounds.**

**OUR LADY OF SORROWS**

Our Lady of Sorrows will meet on **Wednesday, August 19 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Parish Center.

**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL – ST. ANN  
GOLDEN YEARS CLUB**

August 4, 2015

10:00 A.M. Socializing  
12:00 Noon Lunch – Followed by Social.

August 11, 2015

10:00 A.M. Socializing  
12:00 Noon Lunch – Followed by Social.

August 18, 2015

9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. VNA “Keep Well Clinic” –  
Pressure Etc.

10:00 A.M. Socializing  
12:00 NOON Lunch – Followed by Social.

August 25, 2015

10:00 A.M. Socializing  
12:00 Noon Lunch – Followed by Social.

**REMINDER --- PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING  
FOOD FOR THE POOR --- FOOD FOR OUR FOOD  
BANK---DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD BANK HAVE  
BEEN VERY LOW---IF MEMBERS DONATE ONE ITEM  
EVERY TUESDAY FOR THE FOOD BANK IT WILL BE  
VERY HELPFUL.**

**ST. ANTHONY FEAST**

North End, Boston  
Friday, August 28, 2015  
Bus will leave Mount Carmel at 5:30 p.m.  
And leave Boston at 10:00 p.m.

Cost \$25  
Call Gladys - 508-798-8071  
Carmelita—508-853-0019  
Please make checks payable to Carmelita Bello,  
4 Cheyenne Road, Worcester, MA 01606

**WORCESTER COLUMBUS DAY PARADE  
NEWS UPDATE**

**Program booklet** deadline is August 31. Place and **AD** and send a congratulatory message to Henry Camosse-2015 Grand Marshal &/or Worcester Columbus Day Parade Committee. **Tickets** are **NOW ON SALE** for the “Outstanding Italian” banquet in honor of 2015 Grand Marshal, Henry Camosse Jr. Saturday, September 19, 6:00 pm Cocktails-7:30 pm dinner. Entertainment by: JAZZED UP. **Donation is \$45/pp.** For tickets call: (508) 791-4230 or (508) 868-2589 **Worcester Columbus Day Parade applications** are now being accepted. Visit our website for an application [www.worcestercolumbusdayparade.com](http://www.worcestercolumbusdayparade.com) . **All proceeds fund the Worcester Columbus Day Parade, on Sunday, October 11, 2105, 12:30 pm. Worcester Columbus Day Parade Committee** is a 501(c)3 organization. Your donation is tax deductible. **Support the parade.**

**FAMILY BEACH TRIPS**

Monday, August 3 Hampton Beach  
Monday, August 10 Newport



The Beach Trips fill up quickly. Sign-ups are a must. We leave at 8:00 a.m. and return at around 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$20.00 per person or \$35.00 per family up to 5 members each person thereafter is an additional \$5.00.

**BUS TRIP TO REVERE**

Bus trip to Revere on Tuesday, August 4. We leave at 4:30 pm. It is a school bus Cost: \$10.00 per person. Kelly's for Lobster Roll. Kell's Creme for strawberry shortcake. They also have some great pizza and other restaurant. Revere Beach is the oldest beach in the United States

**WHITE CHRISTMAS**

Two World War II vets have become partners in a song-and-dance act after the war. Looking for love, they follow a duo of beautiful singing sisters to a gig at a Vermont lodge, which happens to be owned by their former army commander General Waverly. Wednesday, December 9 in Providence show is at 7:00 p.m. we will leave at 4:30 p.m. Dinner is on your own. There are some nice restaurants in the area. Cost - \$55.00 includes ticket

**NEWPORT PLAYHOUSE**

Dinner Show and Cabaret  
Saturday – October 3  
**The Odd Couple**  
Cost - \$65.00 includes bus, show and dinner

The Diocese of Worcester Presents: "A Cursillo Day Of Renewal -- Love Your Catholic Faith" on Sat., Oct. 3rd from 10:00am-3:30pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church Hall, 28 Mulberry Street, Worcester. We are featuring two dynamic & inspirational speakers, music, lunch & raffles! Tickets are \$15 before 9/21 and \$20 after. ALL ARE WELCOME!! To purchase tickets and/or for more information, contact Dave Tittle at [774-230-3502](tel:774-230-3502) or at [dtsoulseeker@gmail.com](mailto:dtsoulseeker@gmail.com).

**PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS**

The parish office will be open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Thursday and will be closed Fridays. HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE SUMMER!

## TAKE FIVE FOR FAITH

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2015 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Feed a body, nourish a soul**

Food: healthy eating or the latest bizarre and trendy enthusiasm of the “foodie”? Well, for the greatest number of our sisters and brothers, bread is still the bottom line, both literally and symbolically. Jesus may have informed the devil that people “do not live on bread alone,” but physical hunger must be satisfied along with the spiritual hunger satisfied by the nourishing Word of God. Play your part in feeding the poor. Support a local food bank. Your work will ultimately provide you and those you serve with soul-enriching nourishment.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35 (113)*. “Work for food that endures.”

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

**Just add gratitude to taste**

Some of the happiest words in the English language are: Time to eat! No matter how rough the path of a given day, sitting down to a meal improves the mood and replenishes energy. But the recharging effect of a meal requires one simple plug-in on our end: gratitude. The Israelites in the desert didn't appreciate the steady diet of manna that literally saved their lives. Instead they groused and compared it to the fare they had back in Egypt. Bring gratitude to every table, and *bon appétit!*

TODAY'S READINGS: *Numbers 11:4b-15; Matthew 14:13-21 (407)*. “We remember the fish we used to eat . . . and the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic.”

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

**FEAST OF JOHN VIANNEY, PRIEST****Say hello to a priest today**

To the sophisticated of the 21st century, Saint John Vianney can seem a funny, well-intentioned but bumbling Catholic antique. But his commitment, especially to those seeking forgiveness and reconciliation, was anything but antiquated, and he continues to inspire. We can forgive his overzealous threat to withhold absolution from penitents who refused to give up dancing (!) and celebrate parish priests, who—like Saint John—place the good of their parishioners and their growth in holiness above all else. Know a priest? Why not call and give him a word of encouragement and gratitude today?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Numbers 12:1-13; Matthew 14:22-36 or Matthew 15:1-2, 10-14 (408)*. “Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.”

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

**FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF MARY MAJOR****Be a bearer of Good News**

Today we honor the largest church in the world dedicated to Mary, *the Mother of God*. While Catholics today utter that Marian title with ease, at one time whether Mary of Nazareth was best named “Mother of *Christ*” or “Mother of *God*” was an intense, even violent controversy. The Greek word for the latter title is *Theotokos*, God-Bearer. Saint Francis of Assisi saw each of us as “bearers of Christ within,” whose duty is to bring Christ to birth daily in our world. In honor of the Mother of God, work to bring Christ to life each day with simple acts of love and forgiveness.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Numbers 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35; Matthew 15:21-28 (409)*. “O woman, great is your faith!”

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

**FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD****Out of the clear blue**

Transfiguration is a moment when everything changes. It might be the moment you receive a diagnosis of cancer. A phone call in the middle of the night bringing news of a sudden death. A truck that careens out of control on the highway . . . or a bomb dropped out of the clear blue summer sky on an August Monday morning. Hiroshima was a tragedy, as has been all war violence before or since. How about we work on a new transfiguration—to a world where violence is left behind and peace reigns?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Mark 9:2-10 (614)*. “Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.”

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

**FEAST OF CAJETAN, PRIEST****Open your heart to those in need**

Saint Cajetan is the beloved patron of Argentina, especially of that country's poor and those seeking decent employment. He was familiar with the world of high finance and founded the Bank of Naples in the 16th century to offer the poor an alternative to loan sharks who preyed upon them. Argentinian Pope Francis consistently urges us to help the poor, perhaps not by founding a bank but neither by simply writing a check. The Holy Father says we must engage with poor people, look them in the eye, and touch them, and then together go out to meet and help those who are in greater need, because there is always someone in greater need: “Your heart will begin to enlarge, to enlarge, to enlarge! . . . Do it!”

TODAY'S READINGS: *Deuteronomy 4:32-40; Matthew 16:24-28 (411)*. “Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

**FEAST OF DOMINIC, PRIEST****The prayerful, dynamic duo**

Dominic was a highly educated young man in 12th-century Spain who, when the country fell into famine, responded in exactly the way Jesus said we all must if we are to follow him: He sold what he had, gave it to the poor, and followed Jesus. When one day he met a ragged beggar and recognized him as one about whom he'd dreamt, he said, “You are my companion and must walk with me. If we hold together, no earthly power can withstand us.” The beggar was Francis of Assisi. Like these two one-time rich boys, move the Kingdom forward by giving away the gifts you have.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Deuteronomy 6:4-13; Matthew 17:14-20 (412)*. “Amen, I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, . . . nothing will be impossible for you.”

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