



Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 1, 2007

“No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God.”

- Luke 9:62

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CONFIRMATION: This sacrament is administered to Grade 10 students. Preparation for the sacrament is a two-year program, Phase I, Grade 9 and Phase II, Grade 10. This is a requirement for students in Catholic, Private or Public Schools. Registration Forms were mailed to Grade 9 students who are presently enrolled in our program. Those who are not in our program need to call the office at 656-7185 and a Registration Form will be mailed to you.

RECONCILIATION / HOLY EUCHARIST: These sacraments are usually received in Second Grade. If children attend Catholic School they are required to attend our religious instruction classes in Grade 2 in preparation for the reception of these sacraments. Parents need to call the office 656-7185 to register.

RE-REGISTRATION 2007- 2008: Family Re-Registration Forms with Reports were mailed to the parents on Monday, May 14. Some forms have been returned for which we are very grateful. We will be delighted to get the rest of the forms so that we can arrange our classes for the NEW DRE. *Thank you.*

NEW FAMILIES: We will *WELCOME* new families into our Parish Family and Religious Education Program. Parents are asked to call the office at 656-7185 regarding registration and to make an appointment. Children entering Pre-School must be three years old by February 2007. Children entering Kindergarten must be in Kindergarten in regular school.

CALENDAR DATES: Sunday, Sept. 9, Pancake Breakfast; Sunday, Sept. 16, Enrollment of Catechists and Classes for Grades 1 - 6; Sunday, Sept. 23, Classes for Grades 7 - 8 begin; Sunday, Sept. 30, Pre-School and Kindergarten begin; Sun. Oct. 14, Confirmation Classes Grades 9 / 10 begin. *Please NOTE the beginning date for Grades 7 and 8 Classes. This is so that their Catechists can take part in the Enrollment Ceremony at 9:00am. Liturgy.*

CLASSES: All classes are held on Sunday, morning. Grades 7-10, 8:45-10:00am. Pre-School during the 9:00am. Liturgy. Kindergarten- Grade 6, 10:00 - 11:15am.

OFFICE CLOSED: The Religious Education Office will be closed during the month of July. Re-Registration Forms may be mailed to the 10 Old Church Road, Greenville, 19807 marked Religious Education.

Summertime at Emmanuel Dining Room (EDR)

Please remember that our mission to EDR continues through the summer months. Mark your calendars now for Wednesday, July 11. Call an EDR Committee member if you have questions: Jeanne Harkin, 610-388-1845, or Ann Hapka

PASTOR'S NOTES

Steeled For The Journey

“When it came close to the time for his passion, he gathered up his courage and steeled himself for the journey to Jerusalem”.

Other words for steeled are hardened, toughened, disciplined. This description of Jesus strongly indicates what was going on inside of him. He knew he was walking into a situation where he would not come out alive, and so he summoned up every ounce of courage as he began his last journey to Jerusalem.

Every one of us is asked to take the same journey as Jesus. We are called by Jesus himself to be faithful no matter what it might require of us. Our world is sadly lacking in people with the courage of their convictions. Often people choose the path of least resistance. Or we just wander off the path bit by bit, till we are no longer on our original journey.

If you find yourself lost in the woods and you discover that the only way out is over a mountain and through some dense bush, then chances are you will take that route. But if you discover an easy footpath, you would probably choose that trail. Too many times we see breaking our commitment as an easy footpath. When we take the easy way, we avoid a lot of hard work, but end up losing so much.

Look for support for your faith, and give your support to others. It's just too dangerous to keep travelling alone. And besides that, it's not healthy. We can get tired and worn out if we don't have others to lean on. When we find it hard to believe, it's good to have friends whose faith is strong. When we get discouraged, it's good to have others to pick us up and help us move on. And, of course, we can do the same for others.

2006 Collection to Aid the Church Central & Eastern Europe

Hope is the theme for this year's collection to the Church in Central & Eastern Europe. Proceeds from the collection go directly to support seminaries, social service programs, youth ministry, pastoral centers, church restoration and the spreading of the Gospel message through the mass media. The collection is scheduled for July 7-8th weekend. Please give generously.

The Gift of Our Time

Service to one's Church and community consists of offering one's time to serve the poor, volunteer at religious education, lector, be a Eucharistic Minister, bring Communion to those less ambulatory, but most importantly the gift of time is allowance for prayer. Prayer is such an important part of our lives that we must make time for it in our daily but nevertheless busy lives.



National Right to Life



When we feed those who cannot feed themselves-the infant, those who suffer from paralysis or the persistently unconscious we do more than sustain their lives. We demonstrate our love and concern for them as fellow human beings, and from a specifically Christian perspective, as brothers and sisters in the Lord."

Msgr. Kevin T. McMahon, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Faculty

LET'S CELEBRATE THE 4th!

Let's not make it just another national holiday for R & R. Why not start the day with a prayerful reflection joined with the Eucharist at 9 a.m. mass this Wednesday at SJOB. Our forefathers started our country entrusting it to the Almighty in 1776. If you've strayed, let's remember the *invitation to return*. The parish office will be closed Wednesday, July 4th.

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Our Children's Bulletin
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FAITH-FILLED & FUNXXX
Don't Leave Church Without It!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Many marriage customs stand in tension with modern American attitudes and values, notably "giving away the bride," which is no longer in the Catholic liturgy, and reminds us of a time when marriage was a contract between men (the groom and the bride's father). A Mexican custom, now approved for use in the United States, has a very different message. An ancient Roman custom called for smashing pieces of gold and silver so that bride and groom could each keep half. This is the origin of today's Mexican practice of the groom giving thirteen gold coins to the bride, symbolically placing all his worldly goods into her care, and a sign of his unconditional trust. The coins are often given in beautiful gift boxes and are retained as an heirloom. Why thirteen? The standard explanation is that they represent Jesus and the apostles. The priest blesses the coins and pours them into the bride's cupped hands. Then she entrusts them to the groom, who later pours them back into her hands. This enduring ritual is in such harmony with our tradition's view of marriage that it is now increasingly performed by English-speaking Hispanic Catholics at weddings in the United States.

Biennial Marian Pilgrimage

The 2007 *Biennial Marian Pilgrimage* to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC is Saturday, October 20, 2007. Cost of the pilgrimage for those by bus is Adult: \$25; \$10 for children 12 and under; \$25 for 2 or more children by Gregg Bus Company from NCC parishes. Registration can be made with Marge Danz (302) 994-3874 our parish representative. Departure from designated pickup points will be at 7 or 8 a.m., return to parish by 7 PM. Msgr. Rebman, assisted by Msgr. Barres and Fr. Piekarski are Pilgrimage Directors. Bishop Michael A. Saltarelli will be celebrant and homilist of the 11:00 AM Mass – Solemn Eucharist Exposition at 3 PM with guest homilist and procession of the Blessed Sacrament". St. Joseph's Adult Choir will provide liturgical music for the Mass and Holy Hour this year. Reservations for bus transportation are due by OCTOBER 1st.



Saturday (June 30)

5:00 p.m. Anna L. B.
Wolfe by Lisa & David Beatson

Sunday (July 1)

7:30 a.m. Theresa Nicastro Wahl by Chuck Wahl
9:00 a.m. Parishioners
10:30 a.m. Vincenza Simeone by M/M Edmond Ianni

Monday (July 2)

7:00 a.m. Family of William Everson by Mike & Gracia Ratliff
12:05 p.m. Helen Rizzo by Vincent Rizzo

Tuesday (July 3)

7:00 a.m. Dora & Draper Brown by Isabel & Ralph Pearce
12:05 p.m. Florence Fitzpatrick by Martha Dixon

Wednesday (July 4) *One Mass Only*

9:00 a.m. Genevieve Stefanowicz by Joe & Ann Maire Finch

Thursday (July 5)

7:00 a.m. Dorothy Press by Michael & Maureen Murphy
12:05 p.m. Margaret Healy by Gene & Francis Dolan

Friday (July 6)

7:00 a.m. Larry Hoffman & Margaret McGrath by Margaret Hoffman
12:05 p.m. John Coulter by Ginny Nowland

Saturday (July 7)

8:00 a.m. Marco McDaniels by family
5:00 p.m. Rita Kearns by family