



Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 21, 2007

I lift up my eyes toward the mountains; whence shall help come to me?
My help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

-Psalm 121:1-2

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

The classes for Confirmation preparation began this past Sunday for the 9-10th grades. The 7th grade is using a text entitled One Faith Lord. The text gives a review of basic doctrine, which is written to engage the interest of the 9th grade student.

The eighth grade is using text which focuses on the rituals of the liturgy of Confirmation. The topics include "Gathering as a Church," Proclaiming Gods Word, Sharing in the Eucharist. Please continue to remember the candidates for Confirmation in your prayers as well as the Catechists.

The 2nd grade classes observed the month of the Rosary, as then learned how to say the parts of the Rosary.

Majestic Italy

Have you been to Italy? Want to go again? Join Mary Ellen Schaubert, Michael Marinelli and Msgr., Rebman for a 10-day music and sightseeing trip April 14-23, 2008. Brochures are in the back of church. The choir will sing at the Vatican, St. Francis in Assisi, St. Mark's Venice, and at a concert at St. Ignatius Church in Rome. Call Mary Ellen, Michael or Msgr., Rebman for information.



Lay Ministers of Communion: The number of volunteers for this ministry in the liturgy and to the sick have been dropping due to retirements. Practicing Catholics over 18 with a love for the Eucharist and service to their neighbor are invited to interview for this ministry with Coordinator, Joe Finch (302) 654.8999 or Msgr. Rebman. Diocesan-sponsored classes are required in addition to parish training.

BAPTISM PREP CLASS: The next class will be held Sunday November 18, 10:30 Family Center. Call or email Deacon Ed Lynch if you want to attend this class at 302-477-3200 during the day or at 302-654-7571 in the evening. felynych@wlnglaw.com.

Bottles for Babies

Birthright of Delaware handed out Bottles for Babies last weekend. We ask, if you haven't already done so, to take one home, for each bottle contains prayers to recite during the month for the protection of life. Fill the bottle with loose change and return it the last Sunday of October. It's that simple. Proceeds benefit pregnant women.

PASTOR'S NOTES

God's Love Letter

Love letters are beautiful things. But don't worry if you don't have any hidden under your bed, because we all have a very large and beautiful love letter from God – we call it the Holy Scriptures, The Bible, The Word of God. And today, the only thing I want to do is to remind you of that love letter and encourage you to look at it once again.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that, "The Church forcefully and specifically exhorts all the Christian faithful ...to learn the surpassing knowledge of Jesus Christ, by frequent reading of the divine Scriptures." (par. 133)

So how are we supposed to do this reading and reflecting on the Scriptures? There are many different ways, but let me suggest one way. A very simple and effective way is to take the Scripture readings for the coming Sunday, and allow those readings to be part of our prayer during the week.

If you have a Sunday missal, then the readings are easy to find. Perhaps you could take one reading at a time during the week. Find a quiet spot, read the reading, stay with it for a few minutes and allow it to speak to you. This way you would cover the Sunday readings on three different days, and would be better prepared to hear them when you come to the Eucharist on Sunday. Perhaps you would even discuss them with someone else. This method also keeps you in tune with the liturgical season, whether that be Lent or Christmas or just the Ordinary Time of our Church year.

But what really matters is to allow God's Word to slowly become a part of your thinking, breathing and living. God's love letter can change our lives as it has done for so many people since the days when Jesus walked this earth.

SHARE IN SPIRIT: Contributions are steadily coming in thanks to those who contributed. You can still participate by using the envelopes you received in your monthly packet or use the envelopes available in church.

WORLD MISSION Collection will be held this weekend. World Mission Sunday calls every Catholic to celebrate, at the Eucharist, our vocation to be missionary and to help the Missions. Please give generously.

A TOUCH OF PIZZAZZ!

Many people have commented on our beautiful new altar cloth, which was the initiative of the Environment team. Parishioners Maryanne Groom, John Kojro, and Diane and Michael Marinelli worked together to construct the cloth. We extend our sincere appreciation for a job well done. The Environment Team is a sub-committee of the Parish Council/Liturgy Committee and is responsible for overseeing the internal environment of the church building. In addition to decorating for the holy days and liturgical seasons, the team identifies areas within the church building that need attention. Some identified areas are the Stations of the Cross, the shallow closet in the rear of the church, and the vestibule, i.e. the Stations need cleaning, the closet can be made functional, and the vestibule with some creative interior design plans can serve as a waiting room for brides. There are other projects and if you would like to find out more about them or the team, send an email note to liturgy_committee@comcast.net. Please consider volunteering your time and talents to help the Environment team with any of its projects. We appreciate hearing from you.



LET'S CELEBRATE!

Did you RSVP to our invitation to celebrate volunteers for their time and talents? RSVP by e-mail by the 22nd to John Sarro@drba.net, Executive Officer, Parish Council or call the rectory 658.7017.

Let us hear from you so we can finalize the head count. Parish volunteers and *their spouses*, are invited to attend our biennial Parish Appreciation Party, a catered reception, on Sunday, Oct. 28th 4-7, Family Center.

Winter Wonderland

The Oblates of St. Francis deSales are sponsoring a bus trip to New York City, Saturday, December 1, 2007. Departing 9th & Scott Streets, Wilmington, DE at 8:00am. Enjoy a day of shopping, sightseeing, a Broadway show or visit Rockefeller Center to catch a glimpse of the tree and skaters. \$55.00 per person includes: transportation, juice, goodies and a few surprises. We will depart New York City at 8:00pm. Contact (302) 658-2212 or e-mail patone.oblates@verizon.net

† RESPECT LIFE †

Listen to Catholic Forum every Sunday morning at 10:05 a.m. on 1150AM WDEL. Next Sunday, October 27th, tune in to hear an interview with Mr. Mark Christian, Executive Director of Catholic Cemeteries for the Diocese of Wilmington. Catholic Forum is a production of the Office of Communications of the Diocese of Wilmington

All Souls envelopes may be found in your envelope packet or in the pews. Please take part in our Novena of Masses for the Faithful Departed beginning November 2.

It's Like A Treasure Hunt!

Visit the SJOB Archives Open House on Nov. 4th before and after Mass 8:30 to 12:30. You'll find a treasure trove of artifacts that beautifully represent the history of this 166 year old parish. *Discover the Stuff of Life!*



Saturday (Oct. 20)

5:00 p.m. Ray Carr by Marie

Sunday (Oct. 21)

7:30 a.m. Ann & Clover Knotts by daughters Bev & Carol

9:00 a.m. Parishioners

10:30 a.m. Theresa Nicastro Wahl by Chuck Wahl

Monday (Oct. 22)

7:00 a.m. Sally Rebman by Anne & Charles Alfieri

12:05 p.m. Dr. John L. Kron by family

Tuesday (Oct. 23)

7:00 a.m. Doris Watson by the Watson family

12:05 p.m. Carol Mical by Cathy & Gene Kelleher

Wednesday (Oct. 24)

7:00 a.m. Eileen McLaughlin Pyle by Mary & Al Forester

12:05 p.m. Robert J. Schumacher by Loretta Carlson

Thursday (Oct. 25)

7:00 a.m. David O. Beatson by Lisa & David

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12:05 p.m. Raymond Degnam by Kathleen Aikins

Friday (Oct. 26)

7:00 a.m. Frank Hogan by Anne & Gene Fagan

12:05 p.m. Living & deceased members of Laffey/McHugh families by Marie Louise McHugh

Saturday (Oct. 27)

8:00 a.m. St. Joseph on the Brandywine Volunteers

5:00 p.m. Phyllis McDonald by Donald McDonald & Donald McDonald, Jr.



Choir presents the anthem *Diffusa Est Gratia* composed by Giovanni Nanini (ca.1543-1607) and edited by Richard Proulx. The following translation is by John J. McDonnell. "Grace is poured out on your lips: Therefore, God blesses you forever. Myrrh, aloe, and cassia, are on your vestments, in houses of ivory from which the daughters of kings honor and take delight in you."

NUN RUN

Make it a Habit!

The Little Sisters of the Poor are holding the 1st Annual "Nun Run" 5K Run/Walk/Kids' Fun Run on Saturday, November 3, starting at 9:00 AM at Jeanne Jugan Residence, 185 Salem Church Road, Newark. Entry fee is \$15.00 until 11/1/07; \$20 on race day. Sunday, November 4, will be the Little Sisters' 25th Annual Spaghetti Dinner from 1:00-6:00 at Jeanne Jugan Residence. Adult tickets are \$9.00, and \$5.00 for children under 12. Call 302-368-5886, ext. 226 for more details.