



Sunday, October 25, 2009

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 a.m. - Robert Woock - Joan and Don
 10 a.m. - Rosemary Norris - Bob Cramer

Monday, October 26 - Weekday

5:30 p.m. - Gerard Tetreault -
 Gary and Judy Rodriguez and Family

Tuesday, October 27 - Weekday

9 a.m. - John States - Mom

Wednesday, October 28

St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles

9 a.m. - Henry Dale Edgar - Paul and Loretta Layer

Thursday, October 29 - Weekday

No Mass Today

Friday, October 30 - Weekday

9 a.m. - Robert Boudeman -
 57 Minard Street Neighbors

Saturday, October 31 - Weekday

4:30 p.m. - The Arana Family - Chris and Howie Bugl

Sunday, November 1, 2009

All Saints

8 a.m. - Msgr. Walter Kern - Estate
 10 a.m. - Jerry Staszak (Anniversary of Death)
 - Wife, Fran

Dear Parish Family,

This weekend is designated as "Priesthood Sunday," a time to reflect first on the amazing gift of the ultimate priest: Jesus Christ. In him, through our Baptism, we truly share in the Priesthood of Jesus. We pause in gratitude and prayer as we remember those the Lord has called forth from the assembly so that they can be anointed and ordained as servant priests for God's holy people.

I have had the blessing of serving as the priest in this wonderful parish for over 9 years; and it has been a joy to see the rich unfolding of the priesthood of all God's people as you fulfill your Baptismal call. It is a constant challenge to me to be a better priest because of the way you accept your own vocation.

I ask you to continue to pray for priests, that God may bless them in their work: that they make real the beautiful prophesy of Jeremiah in today's first reading; that they recognize in the words of the second reading from Hebrews that no one takes this honor on himself and that we are beset by weakness, needing the constant grace of God; and that we are challenged to reach out to the Bartimaeus in our midst: the most broken and in need of the words of hope that come from those who witness on behalf of the Messiah, the great High Priest...

Peace and Love,

Fr. Gary

This Week's Split-Club Winners are:

1. Mike Everth
2. Sherry Renosky
3. Krista Rosenberg

<u>Collection for October 10-11, 2009</u>	
Regular	\$4,920.75
Bldg. and Maintenance	206.00
Fuel	<u>258.00</u>
Total	\$5,384.75
<u>Collection for October 17-18, 2009</u>	
Regular	\$4,757.70
Bldg. and Maintenance	97.00
Fuel	<u>105.00</u>
Total	\$4,959.70

IRA Charitable Contributions: IRA owners who are 70 ½ years of age and have a required IRA minimum distribution are permitted under current IRS regulations to transfer all or part of their distribution to a qualifying charity such as St. Mary's. Distributions are transferred directly to the charity, do not have to be taken as income on your personal income tax return, and **may** qualify as a charitable contribution. If you are interested, contact your investment and tax advisors for the details. Please keep in mind this special IRS provision for charitable contributions will expire on 12/31/2009.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Monday - 7-8 P.M. -Religious Education for Grades 6-10
7 p.m. - S.V.D.P.

Tuesday - 3 - 7 p.m. - Eucharistic Adoration
7 p.m. - Consignment Sale Evaluation Mtg.

Wednesday - 7 p.m. - Choir

Thursday - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Girl Scouts
7 p.m. - Folk Choir

Saturday - 10 - 11:30 a.m. - Religious Education for
(Grades K-5)

Upcoming Events at St. Mary's

November 14 and 15 - St. Mary's Holiday Bazaar

Please join us in the Parish Center after all Masses this weekend to celebrate "Priesthood Sunday." Refreshments will be available.

To commemorate "National Alzheimer's Awareness Month" Villa Maria College and the Alzheimer's Association are presenting a series of three workshops:

Nov. 5 - "Understanding Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia"

Nov. 12 - "How-to for Caregivers"

Nov. 19 - "The Family Guide to Alzheimer's Disease"

Classes will be held at Villa Maria College in Room 103 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. A small contribution is appreciated for each session to ensure continued programming for the community. Please contact (716) 961-1815 to register.

Men - ages 30- 55. Do you feel a desire to greater service in the Church? You may be experiencing the call to the **Permanent Diaconate!** Two information sessions will be held to explore the ordained ministry of the permanent deacon and the commitment to formation leading to ordination. Sessions are as follows:

Depew at SS. Peter and Paul convent, 66 Burlington St. Wednesday, November 14, at 7 p.m.

Fredonia at St. Joseph's Church, 145 East Main St., Thursday, November 12, at 7 p.m. in the Gathering Room

Call the Diaconate Office at (716) 652-4308 to register or for further information.

Job Openings: RNs/LPNs full or part-time. PCAs full or part time. Day or evening shifts. Call 892-4141 ext. 414. Villa Maria Felician Sisters.



John Scott, Katherine DiProffio, Kay Hammond, Jason Pawlowski, Katherine Limardi, Tricia Denhoff, Connie Andrews, Kathleen Anderson, Connie McCracken, John Gagliari III, Doris Stump, Marge Ruhlmann, Ellen Gardner, Mildred Delwardt, Voola Bartholomew, Jackie McLaughlin, Zackie Berger, Cecelia Reger, Isabella Serriane, Mary Reitz, Jeffrey Gailor, Nathan Gailor, Jim McCullough, Barbara Kress, Christina Bugl, Brandon Nemece, Leslie Degnan, Donna and Robert Spencer Sr., June Groff, Ann Marie Micoli, Jim Fiegel, and pray for our Armed Forces here and abroad.

Weekend of October 31 - November 1, 2009

Lectors' Schedule

Saturday, October 31:

4:30 p.m. Mike Howells, Michael Sutt

Sunday, November 1:

8 a.m. Brian Costello

10 a.m. Angela Beightol, Mary Wohleben

Extraordinary Ministers' Schedule

Saturday, October 31:

4:30 p.m. Martha Chilcott, Fred Wascovich, Peg Bosseler, Mary Alice Stroehlein, Burt Marshall

Sunday, November 1:

8 a.m. Ken Carter, Sr. Carissima, Aimee Bell

10 a.m. Mary and Dave Wohleben, Angela Beightol, Joan and Mike Howells, Gil Weber, Choir Member

Altar Servers' Schedule

Saturday, October 31:

4:30 p.m. **Emily Stoll**, Thomas Stoll, Christopher and Jonathan Bolt

Sunday, November 1:

10 a.m. **Christopher Sharkey**, Elizabeth Powers, Antonio Fuller, Erin Nicosia

Greeters' Schedule

Saturday, October 31:

4:30 p.m. Sandy Wilkolaski, Cecilia Shanahan

Sunday, November 1:

8 a.m. Florence Claude, Barbara Buczkowski

10 a.m. Chris and Kathy Prucha



Mary's Little Lambs Nursery

Saturday, October 31:

4:30 p.m. Darlene, Miranda and Brandi Snyder

Sunday, November 1:

10 a.m. - Sherry Allen, Kelly Hinchy

"Scrip" Volunteers

Saturday, October 31:

4:30 p.m. Mary Alice Stroehlein, Mary Lou Flanders

Sunday, November 1:

8 a.m. Kathy and Dave Greenfield

10 a.m. Nancy Eglin

If you are unable to meet your commitment, please arrange for a substitute.

REFLECTIONS ON GOD'S WORD

Jeremiah 31:7-9 We often associate the words of the prophets with proclamations of doom and warnings about the consequences of ungodly behavior. Here, however, Jeremiah envisions a time of triumph and a return to the land God had give His people. In the midst of this returning procession are the infirm and the fragile. It is a compassionate God, partial to the weak, who leads them to life-sustaining waters along a level road, rescuing them from their years of exile. Israel was familiar with the idea of God as Father, but it was not until the teachings of Jesus that the phrase took on the importance that we understand it to have in our lives today.

Hebrews 5:1-6 These verses explain what it means to be a high priest. A high priest must be a person called by God. A priest represents the people and must identify with their human nature and was guilty of sin just as they were. Even so, the office was of divine appointment, as was also the case with Christ who was sinless. The true humanity of Jesus makes him a more, rather than a less, effective high priest to the Christian community. Jesus shared their weakness; the ultimate offering of his body on the cross was a sin offering for himself as well as for the people.

Mark 10:46-52 Jesus' journey to Jerusalem is halted by the cry for pity from the blind Bartimaeus, who addresses Jesus as the Son of David, revealing a spiritual insight that even Jesus' disciples failed to possess. In this central section of Mark's gospel we hear at the beginning and at the end the healing of a blind man. These framing stories signify the purpose of Jesus' journey from Caesarea Philippi to Jerusalem. As Jesus traveled his way he tried to open the eyes of the disciples to the reality of his suffering, dying and rising. However, they remained ignorant of the purpose of Jesus' mission. It is in the faith-filled plea of Bartimaeus that we see the foundation of discipleship: Bartimaeus heard Jesus, cried out to him, persisted in his prayer, came to Jesus when called, and followed Jesus on the way.

Readings for the week of October 25, 2009

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52
Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16
Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39/Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Gary R. Kibler, Pastor
Carol Costello, Pastoral Associate and D.R.E.
Eleanor Wascovich, Parish Secretary
Mickey Pils, Business Administrator
Bessie Provenzano, Housekeeper
Robin Ritz, Maintenance/Custodian

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Altar & RosaryFran Staszak 434-1461
Altar Servers..... Paula Provost 438-0943
Catholic CharitiesBrenda and Mike Ulrich 433-6467
Fred Wascovich 434-3451
Christian Formation..... Sharon Roussie 439-0228
Christian Services..... Chris Halvorson 625-9420
DeSales Catholic School School Office..... 433-6422
Evangelization Committee.....Bernie Winter 433-4071
Extraordinary Ministers.....M/M Chris Prucha 439-0722
Event Fundraising.....Julie Brounscheidel 434-4517
Finance & Administration Jim Smigelski 433-0849
GreetersMary Alice Stroehlein 433-6106
Knights of Columbus.....Phil Chamot 434-7688
Martha-Mary Church Care.....Sheila Winter 433-4071
Ministers of Hospitality
4:30 p.m.....Ed Forness 433-8242
10 a.m.....Gerry Dembrowicz 692-8394
Ministers of the Word..... Vickie Richardson 778-5668
Ministry of ComfortDonna Santarsiero 433-3002
Music Minister.....Melissa Coleman 778-9461
R.C.I.A.....Marcia Seibel 688-0772
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SacristanDoris Stump 731-5230
Small Faith Communities..... 434-6316
Split Club.....Joe Santarsiero 433-3002
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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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