Dear Friends,

Last week we began our discussion of the various parts of the Mass. We began with the Penitential Rite, the gateway through which we pass to enter into the two great liturgies of the Mass: the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. This past week we reviewed the Liturgy of the Word.

When the Church assembles, the book, the Scriptures (Lectionary) is opened and all listen as the readers and deacon (or priest) read from the Holy Bible. During the Sundays of Ordinary Time, the letters and gospels are read in order touching upon all parts of the Holy Bible. During Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter the readings are those which are traditional and appropriate to these seasons. The Church listens to and—through the weeks and years—is shaped by the Scriptures. Those who have gathered for the Sunday liturgy are to give their full attention to the words of the reader.

The Old Testament is read first. A Psalm is then sung with the congregation singing a refrain after each verse. Next, a reading from the New Testament is read. The congregation then rises for the singing of the Alleluia verse which introduces the “Reading of the Holy Gospel,” the actual words of Jesus of Nazareth. We stand during this reading to give honor to the presence of Jesus in the Gospel. At the conclusion of the Gospel reading, the priest or deacon give a brief homily designed to explain, to inspire, and to motivate us in light of the words of Jesus.

Following the Homily, we reaffirm our belief in the core teaching of the Church by reciting the Creed. The Liturgy of the Word is then concluded by the Prayer of Intercession, a prayer for the world, for all in need, and for the community both local and worldwide.

The reading and hearing of the word—simple things that they are—are the foundation of the liturgical celebration. The public reading of the Scriptures and the rituals which surround this—silence and psalm and acclamation, posture and gesture, preaching and litany of intercession—gather the Church generation after generation. They gather and sustain and gradually make us the Church.

Sincerely,

Fr. Regis

MUSIC NOTES: The Adult Handbell Choir is in need of two ringers. They rehearse on Mondays from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in Room 222. The Adult Choir is in need of singers in each section - soprano, alto, tenor and bass. They rehearse on Thursdays from 7:00 - 9:30 pm in the Church. If interested, please contact Jim Skalos, Music Minister, after Mass or at the Parish Office.

PRE-BAPTISM CLASS. FOR PARENTS WISHING TO HAVE THEIR CHILDREN BAPTIZED, WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAYS, OCTOBER 9 AND NOVEMBER 6. PARENTS WILL MEET FROM 12:30 TO 1:30 PM IN ROOM 216. THE CLASS IS REQUIRED BEFORE THE BAPTISM. CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT (412) 486-6001 TO REGISTER.


R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) has begun but there is still time to join if you are in need to complete a sacrament or newly join the Catholic faith. Also, welcome are parishioners that would like to be refreshed in their faith. The topic for September 25 is the Bible and how to interpret it. Please call Lori Barch at the Parish Office for more details.

The LADIES OF CHARITY will meet on Monday, September 26, in Room 216 at 7:00 pm. All women of the parish are invited. Please join us to see what we are about.

Our next BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY meeting has been changed from Tuesday, September 20, to Thursday, September 22 in Room 216 after the 9:15 am Mass.

“A QUICK JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE” class has begun and those that bought materials but were unable to attend the class on Monday morning will have an opportunity to listen to the video and meet other “homeschoolers” on four Thursdays, 6:00 to 8:00 pm. The dates are September 22, October 6, 20 and November 3. Please call September 22, October 6, 20 and November 3.

INTRODUCTION TO READINGS: 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9 - The prophetic words in today’s reading were spoken during the Israelites’ exile in Babylon. Earlier, the prophet had proclaimed that God was looking mercifully upon them and would soon free them. In today’s reading, the prophet points out that they now have a window of opportunity and should take advantage of God’s willingness to forgive.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20-24, 27 - For the next four weeks, our second reading will be taken from Paul’s letter to the Philippians. When Paul wrote this letter, he was in prison for preaching the Gospel, and he faced the possibility of execution. A person in those circumstances tends to think long thoughts about death, and death is what Paul is wrestling with in today’s passage.
The ST. PEREGRINE CLUB will meet today, September 18, from 1:30 to 3:00 pm in Room #222. This support and prayer group is open to all who are recently diagnosed cancer patients, those currently in treatment, or nursing facility and the room number.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE - Today Jesus is saying to us: “Why are you idle? Go into my vineyard.” Family, where “the last will be first,” is the “vineyard” entrusted to us in today’s gospel. Successful families are constructed by “laborers,” who work hard on family relationships, and not by couch potatoes.

“Thank you again for your thoughtfulness! The toiletry items you recently collected and donated are very much appreciated. I wish there were not so many people in jail. But they are here and they need help in so many ways. Your generosity not only helps their hygiene, it helps their self-esteem because they know that somebody cares about them. A big thanks to Tom Taggart for delivering the donated items. I sense Tom’s pride in the parish when he brings the donations. May God continue to bless you all for thinking of the women and men here at Allegheny County Jail.”

—Fr. Malcolm

DONATIONS ALWAYS NEEDED: 2 oz. or larger deodorant and 4.2 oz. or larger toothpaste are being accepted at the Allegheny County Jail. Please bring only these items. Nothing else can be accepted at the jail. Please drop your donations in the box in the Narthex. Thank you.

FLOWER DEDICATIONS

To remember a special occasion or honor a deceased loved one with a flower dedication, the church altar arrangement is available for a donation of $100.00 and all four vases at the church and narthex doors are available for $50.00. Your dedication will be published in the bulletin. Call the Parish Office (412-486-6001).

AVAILABLE DATES

ALTAR: Sept. 25
Oct. 2, 9, 23, 30

VESSELS: Sept. 25
Oct. 2, 9, 23, 30

FALL DOOR WREATHS: Six @ $100 each
**Sunday, September 18, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sat.** 4:00 pm  Timothy Hazlett (Family) [Fr. Sean Kealy]

**Sun.** 7:30 am  Mary Mlecko (Mlecko Family) [Fr. Pat]

9:15 am  Teresa Whitford (Whitford Family) [Fr. Regis]

11:00 am  Herbert Retter (Melissa White) [Fr. Regis]

6:00 pm  Parishioners of St. Catherine’s [Fr. Pat]

**Monday, September 19, St. Januarius, bishop & martyr**

9:30 am  Paul G. Leech, Sr. (Daughter, Loretta)

**Tuesday, September 20, St. Andrew Kim Taegŏn, priest & martyr and St. Paul Chŏng Hasang, martyr and their companions**

9:30 am  Paul G. Leech, Sr. (Daughter, Loretta)

**Wednesday, September 21, St. Matthew, apostle & evangelist**

9:30 am  Rosemary Sweeney (Bernie and Judy Rykaczewski)

**Thursday, September 22, Weekday**

9:30 am  Frank Conti (Vitullo Family)

10:00 am  Reconciliation (Confessions)

**Friday, September 23, St. Pio of Pietrelcina, priest**

9:30 am  Andrew Caruso (Matesic and Plunkett Family)

**Saturday, September 24, Weekday**

11:30 am  Reconciliation (Confessions)

**Sunday, September 25, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sat.** 4:00 pm  Faye Welsh (John & Carol Huerbin) [Fr. Pat]

**Sun.** 7:30 am  Parishioners of St. Catherine’s [Fr. Pat]

9:15 am  Josephine and Dominic Cuccinelli Family) [Fr. Pat]

11:00 am  Dolores Nero Gorski (Son, Kevin) [Fr. Regis]

6:00 pm  James Fazio (Janet and Bill Ott) [Fr. Regis]

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Sunday, September 18, Catechetical Sunday**

Children’s Liturgy of the Word 222 9:15/11:00 am

Blessing of Catechists  Church  At All Masses

N.C.Y.C. Meeting  Ch Hall 10:30 am

Gr. 1 - 8 C.C.D.  Classrooms 10:30 am - Noon

Baptism  Church 11:00 am/12:30 pm

St. Peregrine Club 222 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Contemporary Choir  Church 4:30 - 6:00 pm

Gr. 6 - 8 Home-based C.C.D.  Homes 7:15 - 8:45 pm

Life Teen (Youth Group)  Ch Hall 7:15 - 8:45 pm

**Monday, September 19**

Bible Study  Ch Hall 10:15 am - Noon

Gr. K - 8 C.C.D.  Classrooms 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Adult Handbells 222 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Finance Council Meeting 216 7:00 - 9:00 pm

**Tuesday, September 20**

Rosary for Peace 222 9:00 am

Cub Scouts  Clsrm./Hall 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Boy Scouts  Ch Hall 6:00 - 8:45 pm

HAPPEN Meeting 216 6:30 - 9:00 pm

**Wednesday, September 21**

Gr. K - 5 C.C.D.  Classrooms 4:30 - 6:00 pm

Gr. 1 - 8 C.C.D.  Classrooms 6:30 - 8:00 pm

**Thursday, September 22**

Divine Mercy Chaplet 222 9:00 am

Bereavement Ministry Meeting 216 10:15 - 11:30 am

St. Vincent de Paul Blood Drive  Ch Hall 12:30 - 6:30 pm

Bible Gathering 216 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Adult Choir  Church 7:00 - 9:30 pm

**Friday, September 23**

**Saturday, September 24**

N.C.Y.C. Hoagie Sale  Portico  After 4:00 Mass

Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser  Ch Hall 5:00 - 8:30 pm

**Sunday, September 25**

N.C.Y.C. Hoagie Sale  Portico  After All Masses

Children’s Liturgy of the Word 222 9:15/11:00 am

R.C.I.A. 216 10:15 am - Noon

Gr. 1 - 8 C.C.D.  Classrooms 10:30 am - Noon

Baptism  Church 11:00 am/12:30 pm

Pre-Cana Class 215 1:00 - 5:00 pm

Contemporary Choir  Church 4:30 - 6:00 pm

Baptism  Church 6:00 pm Mass

Gr. 9 Rite of Commitment & Parent Meeting

Youth Group Ice Cream Social  Ch Hall 7:15 pm

Gr. 6 - 8 Home-based C.C.D.  Homes 7:15 - 8:45 pm

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday:**  Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24,27a/Mt 20:1-16a

**Monday:**  Ezr 1:1-6/Lk 8:16-18

**Tuesday:**  Ezr 6:7-8,12b,14-20/Lk 8:19-21

**Wednesday:**  Eph 4:1-7,11-13/Mt 9:9-13

**Thursday:**  Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9

**Friday:**  Hg 2:1-9/Lk 9:18-22

**Saturday:**  Zec 2:5-9,14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45

**Next Sunday:**  Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11/Mt 21:28-32

**FLOWER DEDICATIONS**

The flowers on the altar are donated this weekend in Celebration of the 24th Wedding Anniversary of Anthony and Eva Vitullo.

**OFFERTORY** for 09/11/11 = $17,324.83

**BUILDING FUND COLLECTION** = $8,114.31

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**LECTOR AND ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

9/24 Sat. 4:00 pm  Gold, R Wolf  Katsafanas, Arnold, Klingensmith

9/25 Sun. 7:30 am  Gardner, Susi  Gaida, B & J Romantic

9:15 am  Kushma, Zbur  E & K Herock, Ellis

11:00 am  Spohn, Jaketic  Spohn, Zearag, Homer

6:00 pm  Andrews, Gavin  S Andrews, Keen, Huber

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YOUTH ACTIVITIES

2011-2012 C.C.D. CLASSES BEGIN - Today, September 18, is the start of another exciting year of C.C.D. Catechists will be blessed at all Masses this weekend. September 18 is the first class for the Sunday Program (10:30 am-Noon), as well as the Middle School Home-based Program (7:15-8:45 pm). September 19 begins the Monday Family Program and the Monday Middle School Program (6:30-8:00 pm). On September 21, both the Wednesday Afternoon (4:30-6:00 pm) and Wednesday Evening (6:30-8:00 pm) Programs will begin. Have a great year!

SECOND GRADE REMINDER: If your child will be receiving First Reconciliation this year, there will be a Parent Meeting on Wednesday, October, 12, beginning at 7:00 pm in the Church Hall. One parent must attend. Please mark your calendars now.

The next meeting of CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD Committee will be Monday, October 3, at 7:00 pm in the Church. Fr. Regis will address the effects of the Roman Missal changes on our ministry. Please plan on attending this meeting. If you would like to join this ministry, we would love to have you. Contact Kathy Zang at (412) 486-6001 or ccd@stcatherineofsweden.org with any questions.

TRAINING FOR CATECHISTS regarding the changes in the Roman Missal is being offered on two nights: Tuesday, October 4, at 7:00 pm in Room 215 or Thursday, October 6, at 7:00 pm in the Church. Catechists need to attend only one meeting. Please RSVP to Maryalice Bokulich at (412) 486-6001 or releddsec@stcatherineofsweden.org. Thank you!

ATTENTION ALL 9TH GRADERS

❖ Your Confirmation packets are due to the C.C.D. Office.
❖ The Rite of Commitment will be celebrated on Sunday, September 25, at the 6:00 pm Mass. All Confirmation candidates and their parents must attend. Sponsors are invited to join us. There will be a Parent Meeting following Mass in the Church.
❖ Confirmation - Saturday, November 12, 2011 at 11:00 am.

THE YOUTH GROUP ICE CREAM SOCIAL AFTER YOUR RITE OF COMMITMENT at the 6:00 pm Mass, all current 9th graders are invited to join the Youth Group on Sunday, September 25, in the Church Hall for an Ice Cream Social! Come and enjoy ice cream sundaeas served by the upperclassmen followed by games and activities while your parents attend the meeting in the Church. This is a great way to get to know other students in the youth group as well as experience what youth group is all about!

HOAGIE SALE
SEPTEMBER 24 & 25 - AFTER ALL MASSES
DELICIOUS 12" ITALIAN HOAGIES - JUST $5.00!

Please help send our teens to the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis by enjoying a hoagie while watching the Steelers-Indy game!

The JUNIOR LADIES OF CHARITY will meet on Monday, September 26, at 6:00 pm in Room 216. All teen girls of the parish are invited to become part of this service organization.

HAPPENINGS ELSEWHERE

ST. ALEXIS SCHOOL, located a the north end of McKnight Road in the area of Target and Giant Eagle, has openings in grades K - 8. Our experienced staff uses an exciting curriculum designed to prepare the students for successful social and academic experiences. For a tour or registration information, please call (724) 935-3940 or visit our website at www.stalexis.org/#! School.

St. Ursula Parish Support for Grieving Families Ministry is offering a 7-week GRIEF SUPPORT PROGRAM—share with others who are grieving the loss of a loved one in an atmosphere of trust and caring compassion. This free series runs seven consecutive Mondays beginning September 26 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Social Hall. For more information or to register, call Sister Janice at (412) 486-06700 x 7.

A PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN class will be held at St. Bonaventure Church, Glenshaw on Tuesday, September 27, from 6:30 to 9:30 pm in Newmeyer Hall. To register contact Kathy Stupar at (412) 897-5838 or kathystb@verizon.net.

Are you looking for a new way to share your time and talents? The BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY is in need of volunteers to help stock shelves, shop for produce, pickup bread nearby and assist clients with shopping at our pantry. Days and times are flexible and everyone is welcome. Please contact Sandy McDermott at (412) 487-4028 or skime716@msn.com.

The Pittsburgh Diocese is now being accepting applications for the position of ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT for the Insurance/Employee Benefits Office. General qualifications are PC skills, bookkeeping abilities, medical billing experience a plus, the understanding of standard office procedures, 3 to 5 years of responsible secretarial experience and Blue Cross experience helpful. To apply, call Darlene Holzer, Personnel Director at (412) 456-3016.

North Hills religious community is seeking a P.T RECEPTIONIST/ PHONE SYSTEM OPERATOR to work 5 hrs./week from 4:30 - 9:30 pm on Sunday. Good communication and interpersonal skills required; will train on phone system. Submit resume to: Director of Administrative Services, Sisters of Divine Providence, 9000 Babcock Boulevard, Allison Park, PA 15101 or call (412) 635-6319.

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