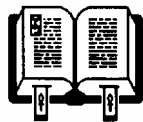


TODAY IS THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 26, 2008

**Scripture Readings for Today****1st Reading:** Exodus 22:20-26**2nd Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10**Gospel:** Matthew 22:34-40**Scripture Readings for November 2nd****1st Reading:** Wisdom 3:1-9**2nd Reading:** Romans 5:5-11**Gospel:** John 6:37-40

Dear Parishioners,

As we have heard the Great Commandment this weekend of love of God and neighbor, we must recognize how, as Jesus prophesized, love has grown cold in our time. Both in the continuing distancing from God and the practice of the Faith and in the unprecedented disintegration of the family in our time, loves decline is evident. Perhaps one reason is a superficial notion of love which regards it as something purely "positive," to be abandoned at the first sign of hardship. Yet, as Jesus taught us on Calvary, love and sorrow go together. If we never want to feel sadness, then the answer is to be purely selfish; then, we will only care if something happens to ourselves. As St. Augustine wrote, "He who loves carries a burden." To love means to unite our hearts with another, sharing their sorrows, feeling their loss, and being saddened by their sins.

Yet, this is the Good News as well. In accepting the sorrows and burdens that the selfish avoid, we also receive a joy and a hope which they will never know. As St. Paul wrote using the analogy of a woman in labor, perhaps an expectant mother is a good analogy of Christian love. Yes, it involves carrying a burden, physical hardship, and a complete rearranging of her life and priorities, but these are small prices to pay for the joy to come. As love is the greatest commandment, perhaps it will sometimes be the most difficult to carry out, but it will also bring the greatest reward. God does not merely possess love, God is love. To love is to share in the life of God, a life that is eternal. While love can require sacrifice, a short time on Calvary is a small price to pay for an eternity with God.

Fr. Tim



We fulfill the commandment to love our neighbor when we exercise good stewardship — joyfully sharing our gifts to meet our neighbor's need.

God never condemned money, as such, but rather insisted that it be used to further the Kingdom of God.

THE COLLECTION FOR OCTOBER 18-19TH

Envelopes	\$13,425.00
Propagation of Faith Collection	\$4,571.00
Loose	\$992.00
Poor Boxes	\$394.00
Children's.....	\$32.00

THE MASS COUNT FOR OCTOBER 18-19TH

5 PM – 247	7:30 AM – 196	9 AM – 283
10:30 AM – 294	12 PM – 267	Total – 1287

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL of James Ryan.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS, especially those in hospitals – Mary Sellman, Ruth Perrotti, Elizabeth Griber, Zachary Watkins, Mary Brooks, Dorothy Mihalovic, Maribelle Jane Kursch, Bill Amann, and Audie Murphy.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for all those recovering from surgeries and illness and for: Lou Kaminski, Charles & Jacque Harris, John Joseph, Kyla Zeilinger, John Hartner, Mr. and Mrs. William Lang, Noreen Newcomb, George Weinhold, and Robert Nelson.

PRAYER FOR OUR SERVICE PEOPLE: We ask you to remember the parishioners, family & friends serving in the military: USMC – Pvt. Harry Harrison Bruns, LCpl. Joseph Bytella, LCpl. Sean Fitzpatrick, LCpl Alex Webb, LCpl. John J. Cohee, Jr., Sgt. David Burton; USAF – Capt. Brian Gallagher; NAT'L GUARD – Pfc. Ryan Kamauff, David Parker; ARMY – Timothy Muhl, Sgt. Joshua Callow, Specialist Stephen Grenfell, 1st Lt. Stephen Winter, 1st Lt. Sheldon Broedel, Recon Scout Matt Lambert, 101st Airborne.

Mass Intentions**MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF OCT. 27- NOV. 2ND**

MONDAY 10/27	6:30 a.m. – Francis & Peggy Levy 8:00 a.m. – Sr. Marie Edwina SSND
TUESDAY 10/28	6:30 a.m. – Zelma Delahanty 8:00 a.m. – Michael Lawler
WED. 10/29	6:30 a.m. – Leni Graeneveld 8:00 a.m. – Msgr. M.W. Roche
THURSDAY 10/30	6:30 a.m. – Doris Hines 8:00 a.m. – Colleen Waite
FRIDAY 10/31	6:30 a.m. – Monica Kuyawa 8:00 a.m. – Samuel E. Wenck, Jr.
SAT. 11/1	8:00 a.m. – Poor Souls in Purgatory 5:00 p.m. – Thomas Dougher
SUNDAY 11/2	7:30 a.m. – Regina Schott 9:00 a.m. – For the Parishioners 10:30 a.m. – Barranco Family 12:00 p.m. – Villamor Kayas, Jaime & Basilio Anonuevo

DAILY READINGS

Monday 10/27	<i>Weekday</i> Reading: Ephesians 4:32 — 5:8 Gospel: Luke 13:10-17
Tuesday 10/28	<i>St. Simon & St. Jude, Apostles</i> Reading: Ephesians 2:19-22 Gospel: Luke 6:12-16
Wednesday 10/29	<i>Weekday</i> Reading: Ephesians 6:1-9 Gospel: Luke 13:22-30
Thursday 10/30	<i>Weekday</i> Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20 Gospel: Luke 13:31-35
Friday 10/31	<i>Weekday</i> Reading: Philippians 1:1-11 Gospel: Luke 14:1-6
Saturday 11/1	<i>Solemnity of All Saints</i> Reading: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14 Reading: 1 John 3:1-3 Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

ALL SAINTS DAY is November 1st and is a Holy Day. This year, because it falls on a Saturday, the obligation to attend Mass is abolished. Our celebration of the Holy Day will be held at the 8 a.m. mass Saturday morning.

PREGNANCY CENTER BABY SHOWER: There will be a bassinette placed at the Blessed Mother's Altar during the entire month for you to place new baby articles or a check. Please make checks payable to Pregnancy Center West.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE – Please continue to pray that all will come to understand the truth of the dignity of human life from the first moment of conception. The faithful are also encouraged to pray outside the Hillcrest Clinic in Catonsville. Priests for Life will visit the Catonsville abortion mill on Tuesday, October 28 from 10 to 11 am. A prayer vigil will be conducted by Father Victor Salomon. Hillcrest Clinic is located at 5602 W. Baltimore National Pike-about 3/4 of a mile east of the Beltway. Please park on Johnnycake Rd.

BUILDING DEDICATION: Our new multi-purpose building will be dedicated Sunday, November 23rd by Bishop Madden. Parishioners who would like to serve on the refreshment committee for the reception following the dedication should call Sue at 410.788.3537 or suebianco@yahoo.com. There will be a meeting of the refreshment committee Wednesday, October 29th at 6:30 pm in the school library. Please plan to attend if you are able to help.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME begins at 2 am next Sunday, November 2nd. Don't forget to turn your clocks back next Saturday night!

OUR FORTY HOURS DEVOTION will begin next Sunday Nov. 2nd. Fr. Tim Fell will conduct the services.

FORTY HOURS SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

Sunday, Nov. 2nd – Opening Mass: 12 Noon
Adoration: 1:00 – 7:00 PM
Evening Service & Talk: 7:00 PM
Monday, Nov. 3rd – Masses: 6:30 & 8 AM
Adoration: 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Evening Service & Talk: 7:00 PM
Tuesday, Nov. 4th – Masses: 6:30 & 8 AM
Adoration: 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Solemn Closing & Procession – 7:00 PM

ST. AGNES CHRISTMAS CARDS – will be for sale next weekend November 1st & 2nd and November 8th & 9th after all the Masses. The Stained Glass Window of the Nativity from our Church is beautifully photographed for the card. Profits from the sale are for the Building Fund.

ST. AGNES SCHOOL NEWS!

The Spaghetti Dinner was a great success thanks to the many parent and student volunteers who organized, decorated, served, and cooked. It was a delightful afternoon filled with Italian atmosphere, great food, and warm hospitality!

Many thanks to the co-chairs of the committee: Jane McCaul and Karen Geary! Thanks for all your hard work.

Dates to Remember

Monday Oct. 27	Innisbrook Delivery
Wednesday Oct. 29	12:30 Dismissal for Faculty Meeting

PARISH BLOOD DRIVE is scheduled for Saturday, November 15th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Old School Hall. Please call the Religious Education office 410.747.9073 to give the gift of life.



CARE PACKAGES: VFW Post 6458 is looking for names and addresses of parishioners serving in the military; in Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Philippines. Care packages will be sent this Christmas season. Send info to Bob Gollery remshut76n81@aol.com.

PARISH MINISTRIES: Thanks to all who have signed up for the ministries from the Stewardship Festival. More forms are available on the windowsills. The coordinators will contact those interested in their ministry.

OPEN HOUSE – Area High Schools welcome new students to their Open Houses:

Mount St. Joseph –	Sun. Nov 2	11-2 pm
www.msjnet.edu		
Mount de Sales –	Sun. Nov. 2	12-3 pm
www.mountdesales.com		
Calvert Hall –	Sun. Nov 9	12-4 pm
www.calverthall.com		

Institute of Notre Dame – Sat. Nov. 15 11-2 pm
www.indofmd.org

Cardinal Gibbons School Open House was Saturday October 25th, 2008. If you were unable to attend, please contact the Admissions Director Michael Hoos at 410-644-1770 ext. 109.

St. Agnes Youth Ministry

Sunday, October 26 – Halloween Party

All high school-aged guys and ghouls are invited to our annual Halloween party tonight from 7-9pm. Come for fun, food, games and prizes! Guys: Please bring a drink. Ladies: Please bring a snack. Everyone, please come in costume! We will have a costume contest!

Sunday, November 2 – Forty Hours Devotion

Please meet in the youth room by 6:50pm. We will gather as a group before heading over to the Church for the Forty Hours devotion.

THE YEAR OF ST. PAUL: JUNE 2008 - JUNE

2009: During this year dedicated to the 2000th anniversary of the birth of the Apostle Paul, Pope Benedict XVI has determined that special plenary indulgences may be gained by visiting designated churches. One such Church is St. Paul Catholic Church in Ellicott City. Visit www.archbalt.org and click on the Pauline Year image to learn more about obtaining a plenary indulgence during the Pauline Year.

PAULINE RETREAT: A semi-silent retreat, St. Paul—Mystic and Missionary: Why we Need Him Today!- will take place at the Seton Center in Emmitsburg, MD, on December 5-7, directed by Fr. Jack Lombardi. Retreat includes Mass, Confessions, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, healing service, meditation and free time. Cost is \$190. For more information: Lombardi@msmary.edu or 301-447-5318 to register.

ADVENT SILENT RETREAT FOR WOMEN –

December 5-7th at Dominican Retreat House in McLean, Virginia. Take time to reflect on and strengthen your personal relationship with God and to prepare to receive the mystery of Christ. Fr. Jude Winkler, OFM, Conv. is the retreat director. Call Rebecca Quinn 410.242.8754 or Dominican Retreat House at 703.356.4243.

MEMORY VERSE

MATTHEW 22:37-38

You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment.