



Scripture Readings for Today

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

Scripture Readings for November 1st

1st Reading: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

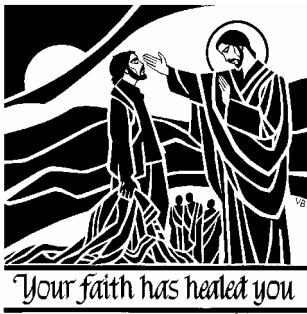
2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

Today we hear another story of the power of faith. A blind man, Bartimaeus, sought pity from the Lord and asked for healing. He believed that the Son of David could grant what he asked. At the end of the Gospel Jesus states that it was Bartimaeus' faith that saved him. Bartimaeus is an inspiration to us. This story reminds us to turn to the Lord Jesus, seeking his protection and healing. In order to do this, we need to be vigilant as we seek to discover more and more the Lord's action and presence in our lives.

The Lord asks Bartimaeus, "What do you want me to do for you?"

What do you want the Lord to do for *you*?



MASS COUNT FOR OCTOBER 17-18TH

5 PM – 230 7:30 AM – 152 9 AM – 262
 10:30 AM – 308 12 PM – 230 Total – 1182

COLLECTION FOR OCTOBER 17-18TH

Envelopes \$13,759.50
 Loose..... \$941.36
 Poor Boxes..... \$382.70
 Children's \$37.14
 Propagation of Faith Collection..... \$4,514.97



Today's psalm says, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy." Good stewards demonstrate by their living and giving that they understand God as the Source of all they are and all they have.

Children's Stewardship

Eleven year old J.P. writes on his envelope:

Time: helping Grand-Pop

Talent: baseball

Treasure: .25¢

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL of Mary Straub.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS, especially those in hospitals – Doris Shryock Catherine Applegarth, and Carol Smelser.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for all those recovering from surgeries and illness and for: Susan Redmond, Beth Szczybor, Therese Lipscombe, Quinn Degenhard, May Herzing, Rev. Edward Hemler, Brother James Kelly, Rose Rauser, Bernard Maddox, Edward Flannagan, Kyla Zeilinger, Jo Keyes, Teddy Skinner, Bill Herman, James DeMatteo, Margaret Peter, Florence Fink, Lillian Goldwine, Lorraine Keough, Kathleen Ricker, Helen Bopp, Fred Repsik, Jr., Frances Amann, Genevieve Randle, Evana Feeney, Heather LaMartina, Ann Finnel, Dottie Lappe, Concetta Fowler, Sandy Miller, Margaret Blinke, Mr. & Mrs. William Lang.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SERVICE PEOPLE: We ask you to remember the parishioners, family & friends serving in the military: **USMC** – Cpl. Joseph Bytella, LCpl. Sean Fitzpatrick, LCpl Alex Webb, LCpl. John J. Cohee, Jr., Sgt. David Burton; **NAT'L GUARD** – Pfc. Ryan Kamauff, David Parker; **NAVY** – David Roussey, Daniel Gately; **ARMY** – SSG Patrick Flanagan, Sgt. Alex Kuziel, James Lowe, Andy Giotis, Andy Deponai, Timothy Muhl, Sgt. Joshua Callow, Specialist Stephen Grenfell, 1st Lt. Stephen Winter, Capt. Sheldon Broedel.

Mass Intentions



MASSES FOR OCT. 26TH - NOV. 1ST

MONDAY	6:30 a.m. – Noreen Newcomb
10/26	8:00 a.m. – Dolores Carver
TUESDAY	6:30 a.m. – Cathy Parsons
10/27	8:00 a.m. – Lucille Tanyag
WED.	6:30 a.m. – Bobby Lee Smelser
10/28	8:00 a.m. – Florence Buczkowski
THURS.	6:30 a.m. – Edward Pigan
10/29	8:00 a.m. – Msgr. Maurice W. Roche
FRIDAY	6:30 a.m. – Mason Maddox
10/30	8:00 a.m. – Ted Gilbert
SAT.	8:00 a.m. – Jack Rubner
10/31	5:00 p.m. – Robert A. Mellendick
SUNDAY	7:30 a.m. – For the Parishioners
11/1	9:00 a.m. – Claire Anderson
	10:30 a.m. – Deceased members of Tanyag & Chavez families
	12:00 p.m. – Margaret McGuirk

DAILY READINGS

Monday	Weekday
10/26	Reading: Romans 8:12-17 Gospel: Luke 13:10-17
Tuesday	Weekday
10/27	Reading: Romans 8:18-25 Gospel: Luke 13:18-21
Wednesday	St. Simon & St. Jude, Apostles
10/28	Reading: Ephesians 2:19-22 Gospel: Luke 6:12-16
Thursday	Weekday
10/29	Reading: Romans 8:31b-39 Gospel: Luke 13:31-35
Friday	Weekday
10/30	Reading: Romans 9:1-5 Gospel: Luke 14:1-6
Saturday	Weekday
10/31	Read: Romans 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29 Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-11

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ends at 2 am next Sunday, November 1st when we revert to Standard time. Please don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour next Saturday night!

FLOWERS – on the Holy Family Altar are in loving memory of Catherine Parsons, requested by her Mom.

PREGNANCY CENTER BABY SHOWER: This is the final weekend to participate in the Pregnancy Center Baby Shower. We thank all the parishioners who generously donated money and baby items to the Pregnancy Center West.

HAITI COLLECTION – This weekend, we welcome Fr. Vitesse, pastor of our sister parish, St. Peter and St. Paul, in Desdunes, Haiti. Fr. Vitesse will speak at all the Masses and we will have a special collection to benefit his parish. Please make checks payable to St. Agnes Church.

RCIA will be held Monday, Oct. 26th at 7 p.m. in the New School. The topic will be **Mary: The Virgin Mother of God.**

ARCHDIOCESAN VISITATION: Please join us Thursday, October 29th at 7 pm in the upper Church for a meeting with the Archdiocesan visitation team concerning the appointment of our new pastor. Members of the team will explain the process of choosing a new pastor and listen to the suggestions and opinions of parishioners. Please plan to attend.



OUR FORTY HOURS DEVOTION:

Sunday, Nov. 1st – Tuesday, Nov. 3rd.
Fr. Raymond Harris will conduct the services. The theme for the talks:
“Marked with the Sign of Faith”.

Sign-up sheet for Adoration can be found in the front of Church.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

Sunday, Nov. 1st – Opening Mass: 12 Noon
“Marked with the Sign of Faith”

Adoration: 1:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Evening Service: 7:00 p.m.
“The Communion of Saints”

Monday, Nov. 2nd
Adoration: 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Evening Service: 7:00 p.m.
“The Call to Become Saints”

Tuesday, Nov. 3rd
Adoration: 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Solemn Closing Mass: 7:00 p.m.
“The Commitment to Become Saints”

ST. AGNES SCHOOL NEWS!

The Hike for Haiti was a great success. St. Agnes students raised \$6,516.00 to give to Fr. Vitesse when he comes to visit our students next Monday, October 26, 2009. Many thanks to Mrs. Jane McCaul who organized the walk-a-thon and to the generosity of our teachers, students and families.

A special *Thank You* also to the Class of 2009:

This letter was received by Mrs. Banks from Stephen Peters, Jr., Chairman of the Monsignor Roche Scholarship Fund.

Dear St. Agnes Class of 2009,

“Thank you very much for your gift of \$860.00 to the Monsignor Roche Scholarship Fund. Our mission is to provide assistance to deserving students of Saint Agnes Parish who wish to attend a Catholic high school and continue to practice the Catholic faith. Your generous gift in these tough economic times will go a long way toward helping us achieve our goals.”

Thank you, St. Agnes School Class of 2009!!

Dates to Remember

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| Oct. 26 | First Reconciliation Mtg. for parents
7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Lower Church |
| Oct. 30 | Halloween Parade/ 1:15 pm |
| Nov.2 | Delivery Day for Innisbrook |

MOUNT DE SALES ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE:

Mount de Sales Academy will host its annual Open House for prospective middle school students and their families on **Sunday, November 1, 2009 from noon to 3 p.m.** Guests will have the opportunity to speak with faculty, staff, students, and alumnae and are invited to tour the academy's campus. For further info, please contact Mrs. Claire Cohagan, Director of Admissions, at 410-744-8498, x126.

MOUNT ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL, 4403

Frederick Ave, will hold its annual Open House on Sunday, Nov. 1st from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more info call 410-644-3300.

CARE PACKAGES: VFW Post 6458 will send care packages to parishioners and loved ones serving in the military in areas of conflict. Please send names & addresses to Bob Gollery at remshut76n81@aol.com or call the parish office.

ALL SAINTS DAY

In honor of All Saints Day, next weekend there will be relics of saints exposed on the Holy Family Altar for veneration. The following saints' relics will be present:

St. Peter	St. Elizabeth Anne Seton
St. Paul	St. Anthony of Padua
St. Andrew	St. Gerard Mejella
St. Philip	St. John Neumann
St. Jude	St. Irene
St. Gemma	St. Paschal Baylor
St. Thomas Aquinas	St. Charbal
St. Agnes	St. Pio
St. Cecilia	St. Frederick
St. Pius X	
St. Therese	St. Clement
St. Maria Goretti	St. Vincent
St. Bernadette	St. Venantius
St. Teresa of Avila	St. Illuminata
St. Catherine of Siena	St. Celestine
St. Catherine of Bologna	St. Maurice
St. Francis of Assisi	St. Christina
St. Bernard of Clairvaux	St. Ursula
St. Alphonsus	St. Victor
St. Blaise	St. Boniface
St. Bridget of Sweden	St. Augustus
St. Margaret Mary	St. Theodosius

ALL SOULS DAY MASS – for the repose of the souls of those buried at New Cathedral Cemetery will be celebrated at St. Joseph Passionist Monastery at 10 am Monday, Nov 2. All are welcome.

SIX-WEEK BEREAVEMENT SEMINAR: designed especially for adults of all ages grieving the death of a loved one. This group will meet at Charlestown Retirement Community, on Wednesday evenings from Nov. 4 through Dec. 9 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required. There is no fee. Please call Fred Schneider L.C.S.W. at 410.735.5569.

CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB: Are you single? Interested in meeting people and developing friendships? The Catholic Alumni Club, a social organization for single professional Catholics, is looking for you. Our monthly activities include dinners, movies, cultural events, picnics, sports, religious events, and charitable activities. For info call 410-580-1250. Check out our website at www.cacbaltimore.org.

ST. AGNES YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday, October 25 – Halloween Party

Come in costume, and bring a friend! We will have a costume contest, make caramel apples and play chubby bunny! Please bring a snack /drink to share.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Monday, October 26 –First Reconciliation Parent Meeting

All parents/guardians of 2nd graders to receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation should attend this informational meeting. Please meet in the lower church at 7 pm. The meeting will end by 8:30 pm.

ST. AGNES CHRISTMAS CARDS – will be for sale after the Masses Nov. 7 & 8 and Nov. 14 & 15. This year we will offer an assortment of our previous, best-selling cards. Proceeds from the sale will go to our Building Fund.

VERA BRADLEY/LONGABERGER BINGO: the Youth Ministry program of St. Jane Frances parish will hold a bingo Sunday, Nov. 8 at 12:30 p.m. in the school hall. Tickets are \$20 by Nov. 1st and \$25 at the door. Call Melissa at 410.255.4646 x 1417.

CARDINAL GIBBONS BULL AND OYSTER ROAST: Cardinal Gibbons will host a Bull and Oyster Roast on Saturday, November 21, 2009 from 7 p.m. until 12 a.m. in the Mullis Gym at the school, located at 3225 Wilkens Avenue. Catering is by Monaghan's. There will be a DJ, and beer, wine, and soda. Cost is \$45 per person. This event will sell out...get your tickets early by calling Tina Flynn at 443-695-3863.

PANERA, DUNKIN DONUTS, GIANT AND SHOPPERS GIFT CARDS: are available for sale after the Masses on the Old School Porch each weekend. Our school receives \$\$\$ at no additional cost to the purchaser. Please support our school by purchasing these gift cards for your weekly food shopping and treats. Gift cards are also available in the school office Monday through Friday. Thank you.

PLEASE REMEMBER: If a family member is ill and unable to attend Mass, please notify the Parish office 410.744.2900, so that Communion may be brought to the home.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

Urgent Action Needed:

The Baltimore City Council has filed a bill that seeks to harass pro-life charities that provide competent, compassionate and free assistance to pregnant women in need. The bill would require pregnancy support centers to post a disclaimer listing services they do not provide (abortion and contraception) or face a \$500 per day fine. This unwarranted bill, 09-0406 "Limited-Service Pregnancy Centers - Disclaimers", would have a harmful impact on these charitable organizations that provide pregnant women with competent, compassionate, and free care.

Your help is urgently needed to ensure that pregnant women continue to receive support from these centers.

Please contact the Baltimore City Council members today and ask them to oppose bill 09-0406.

Oppose Council Bill 09-0406, "Limited-Service Pregnancy Centers – Disclaimers."

Councilman Robert Curran 410-396-4812
Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke 410-396-4814
Councilwoman Rochelle Spector 410-396-4819
Councilwoman Agnes Welch 410-396-4815
Councilman James B. Kraft 410-396-4821

Please visit <http://mdcathcon.org/pregnancysupport> to email your opposition to Council bill 09-0406 to council members and to read Archbishop O'Brien's October 16, 2009 letter to the Baltimore City Council.

God's love does not differentiate between the newly conceived infant in his or her mother's womb and the child or young person, or the adult and the elderly person. God does not distinguish between them because he sees an impression of His own image and likeness in each one."

--Pope Benedict XVI

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SIGN OF PEACE

Paul Turner

At the sign of peace, worshipers are invited to show their peace and love before receiving the Eucharist, which accomplishes their unity most perfectly. The nature of the sign is to be determined by the culture of the people who express it. In the US, the bishops let local communities determine the actions and words. We have no set formula or gesture for extending this sign. Most often worshipers will shake hands and say, "Peace be with you." But you may also see them kiss or embrace, wave or flash a two-fingered sign of peace. Although today it would seem cold to omit the sign of peace, it is optional. Introduced in the 1960s to a bashful church unaccustomed to speaking to one another at worship, it broke the silent mood before Communion. Now it has become a welcome expression of unity among those preparing for Communion together in Christ. The invitation to extend the sign of peace comes from the deacon. The deacon directs posture, gesture, and action in the liturgy. He tells us when to stand or sit, when to leave and when to show peace.

The placement of the sign of peace still confuses some who think it comes too late to say hello and too early to say goodbye. However, the purpose of the sign is not to extend a greeting. It is to express our love; it foreshadows our communion. It's like an all-for-one huddle before the team charges into play. The team should have said hello to each other long before. In fact, some communities take a few moments before Mass begins precisely to encourage worshipers to greet those near them. Such a greeting allows people to feel at home, and it can also be shared by catechumens, who will be dismissed after the homily. The sign of peace has a purpose deeper than a greeting - it expresses the unity of those baptized in Christ.

When extending the sign of peace, attentive worshipers resist turning it into a break. This is not the time to congratulate someone on their anniversary, to set up an appointment, or to exchange messages with the servers. It is the time to express peace and love.

FLU GUIDELINE REMINDERS



– During this time of increased flu and cold activity, please follow these common sense guidelines. If you are sick or have flu like symptoms (fever ~ 100°F or chills and a cough or sore throat), you should stay at home and keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too. If you are sick or have an easily communicable disease you are **not** bound by the obligation to participate in Mass on Sunday. Stay at home and return to Church when you are well. (For longer illnesses, contact the parish office so that arrangements can be made to have someone visit you with Holy Communion.)

At the time of the Sign of Peace during Mass, remember that there is no single gesture required for this exchange. Some may prefer to shake hands, while others prefer to offer a simple bow. At the sign of peace, one may simply say "Peace be with you" to which the response is "Amen".

Those who wish to receive Communion on the tongue should tilt their head slightly back and extend their tongue. Those who wish to receive Communion in the hand should place one hand on top of the other and immediately consume the host.

WILLS AND BEQUESTS – No matter the size of your estate, if you want to provide for your surviving relatives, friends, and others, you need to have a will. If you die without making a will, you lose the ability to control the disposition of your assets. After you have provided for your loved ones, we hope that you will designate a gift for St. Agnes Parish. Your bequest can be a specific amount of money, property, or stock. Just tell your lawyer what you want to do or call the parish office. You can also name our parish as a contingency beneficiary if someone named in your will is no longer living.

MEMORY VERSE

MARK 10:49

"Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you."