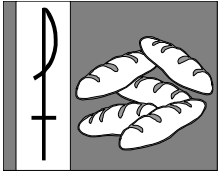
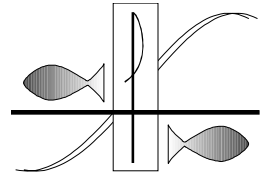


Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



July 31, 2005

“One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.”



MASS INTENTIONS

Your prayers are asked for all of our parishioners and benefactors, relatives, and friends, for the welfare of our country, for the sick, the needy, the troubled, and the sinful, for the dead, for those for whom we are bound or have been asked to pray, and for those for whom Mass will be offered in the coming week:

Saturday, July 30 *vigil: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00pm Margaret Sindell

Sunday, July 31 *18th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00am The People of St. Anthony

10:00am Christopher Kiernan

12:00noon Chacko Kattapurath

Monday, August 1 *St. Alphonsus Liguori*

9:00am Al Fennelly

Tuesday, August 2 *Weekday*

9:00am Kevin Keogh

Wednesday, August 3 *Weekday*

9:00am Special Intention

Thursday, August 4 *St. John Mary Vianney*

9:00am Wilhelmina Castro - 4th Ann.

Friday, August 5 *Dedication of St. Mary Major*

9:00am Silverio Noregia

Saturday, August 6 *Transfiguration of the Lord*

9:00am Anthony Azzdino

Saturday, August 6 *vigil: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00pm Alexander & Natalie Sikorski

Sunday, August 7 *19th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00am The People of St. Anthony

10:00am Eileen DeBernardis

12:00noon Margaret Harmonay

The Sanctuary Lamp is Lighted
In Memory of
Kurt Grabbe

- STEWARDSHIP -

Last Weekend's Collection \$ 3,687.00
Same Weekend Last Year \$ 4,267.00

Mass Attendance 680

St. Anthony's Window (so far) \$ 19,659.00
[Our goal is \$86,000.00]

Reflection for this Weekend

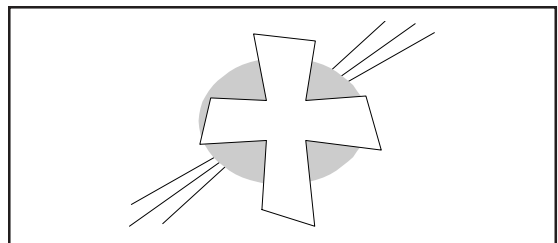
I WILL RENEW YOU

“What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine or nakedness, or peril or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through Him who loved us.” . . . “Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew you with an everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David.”

How many of the letters to Paul provide us with lists of virtues, gifts, or qualities which bring us to an attach us to Jesus Christ. The hymn of charity in Corinthians, the virtues enumerated in Colossians, the fruits of the Spirit in Galatians are well known. The danger signs in Romans today should be looked at. Although they were directed to the first Christian community at Rome, they are also addressed to us today.

What is it that can separate us from the love of Christ? First and foremost is sin, rupturing our relationship with God. Included could be the tendencies of our society and culture today, consumerism, materialism. Our immediate world tells us what barriers may raise to prevent the love of God from flooding our existence. For some reason we continue to allow this to happen. Our indifference to others in need, our hesitation to “become involved”, our silent assent to that which is not of God, these are the building blocks which can cause such separation.

Question: What are the danger signs in our lives which can separate us from the Lord? How willing are we to draw up a list, and then do something about it?



TITHING: God has made each of us a steward and has given us abilities and talents and gifts that are unique for each of us to use in that work. A Christian steward serves God out of love and gratitude for these gifts, knowing that it's not how much we have but what we do with what we have that is important. “As each has received a gift, so employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace” (1 Peter 4:10). My 5% tithe:

INCOME	OFFERING	INCOME	OFFERING
\$100.00.....	\$ 5.00	\$500.00.....	\$25.00
\$200.00.....	\$10.00	\$600.00.....	\$30.00
\$300.00.....	\$15.00	\$700.00.....	\$35.00
\$400.00.....	\$20.00	\$800.00.....	\$40.00

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD -

AUGUST 6



While Jesus was in Galilee, about one year before His Passion, He manifested His glory to three of His most beloved Disciples - the same who were afterward witnesses of His Agony in the Garden: Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, James and John. He led them to the summit of Mount Tabor, as it is generally believed.

The face of the Divine Savior became resplendent as the sun and His garments white as snow. Moses and Elijah appeared at His side and conversed with Him on the death He was to suffer at Jerusalem. Peter, in admiration, exclaimed: "Lord, it is good for us to be here!" He then proposed to erect three tents: one for the Savior, another for Moses, and a third for Elijah.

While He was still speaking, a luminous cloud enveloped them and a voice was heard proceeding from it: "This is My beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased; hear Him." The three Apostles fell prostrate; but Jesus touched them and commanded them to arise. When they arose, the vision had vanished and our Lord stood beside them in His ordinary guise.

It was fitting that those who so soon should behold Jesus in the depths of the humiliation to which His sacred humanity was to be subject in Gethsemani, should catch a glimpse of that glorious humanity and of His Divinity, that they might be strengthened against temptation.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

965-5535

REMINDERS

Registrations for next September are due. Please return the forms to your teacher or drop them off in the Rectory. Registrations received after September 1, 2005 will incur a late fee.

Our fees are as follows for next year:

**\$85.00 for one child \$130.00 for two children
\$150.00 for three children**

\$130.00 for non-parishioners with one child (those not registered in the Rectory and currently not receiving Church envelopes).

OUR MASS INTENTION BOOK FOR 2006 . . .

Is open for Mass Intentions. Our Rectory hours for arrangements are: 9:00am-4:00pm. PLEASE REMEMBER: JUST SIX (6) MASSES FOR ANY ONE INTENTION. THE OFFERING FOR EACH MASS IS \$15.00.

OUR 'TREE OF LIFE'

There are forms on all our tables if you are interested in arranging for 'A LEAF', or you can drop by the Rectory. The cost for 'A LEAF' is \$300 and can be paid over a period of time. It is a wonderful memorial and, as you know, we pray for those remembered on our 'TREE OF LIFE' in our Prayer of the Faithful during our weekend Masses.



+ A VOCATION VIEW +

If God is calling you to full-service in the Church, do not be afraid. Jesus promised He will be with us always. So, if you think God could be calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Ed Cipot, 968-1340.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK

We pray for all the sick of our Parish, especially:

Msgr. Frank Burns, Monilo Dahbia Catin,

Allen Carter, Lubo Gjurashaj,

Chelsie Isacello, Rose Pace,

Ed Ryan (a Marine), Rosalie Saraceno, and Charles Zriek

If you know of anyone who is in need of our prayers and would like to be added to our sick list, please call the Rectory.



THE SUMMER IS A GOOD TIME TO REVIEW:

THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Wisdom
Understanding
Counsel
Fortitude
Knowledge
Piety
Fear of the Lord

THE FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Charity
Joy
Peace
Patience
Kindness
Goodness
Generosity
Gentleness
Faithfulness
Modesty
Self-control
Chastity

THE CHAPLET OF MERCY AS A NOVENA - THE NOVENA TO THE DIVINE MERCY

The Chaplet can be said anytime, but the Lord specifically asked that it be recited as a novena, especially on the nine days before the Feast of Mercy. And He promised, "By this Novena (of Chaplets) I will grant every possible grace to souls".

First Day: *Today bring to Me* all mankind, especially all sinners, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy.

Second Day: *Today bring to Me* the souls of priests and religious, and immerse them in My unfathomable mercy.

Third Day: *Today bring to Me* all devout and faithful souls, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy.

Fourth Day: *Today bring to Me* those who do not believe in God and those who do not yet know Me.

Fifth Day: *Today bring to Me* the souls of those who have separated themselves from the Church.

Sixth Day: *Today bring to Me* the meek and humble souls and the souls of little children, and immerse them in My mercy.

Seventh Day: *Today bring to Me* the souls who especially venerate and glorify My Mercy and immerse them in My mercy.

Eighth Day: *Today bring to Me* the souls who are detained in purgatory and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy.

Ninth Day: *Today bring to Me* souls who have become lukewarm, and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy.

In addition to the Novena to The Divine Mercy, which Our Lord gave to Saint Maria Faustina for her own personal use, He revealed to her a powerful prayer that He wanted everyone to say - The Chaplet of Mercy. Saint Faustina prayed the Chaplet almost constantly, especially for the dying, and the Lord urged her to encourage others to say it too, promising extraordinary graces to those who would recite this special prayer.

HOW TO PRAY THE CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY

The Chaplet of Mercy is recited using ordinary Rosary Beads of five decades

1. The Sign of the Cross

2. Opening Prayer: *(optional)* You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us. O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!

3. The Our Father

4. The Hail Mary

5. The Apostles' Creed

6. On the "Our Father" *bead before each decade:*

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

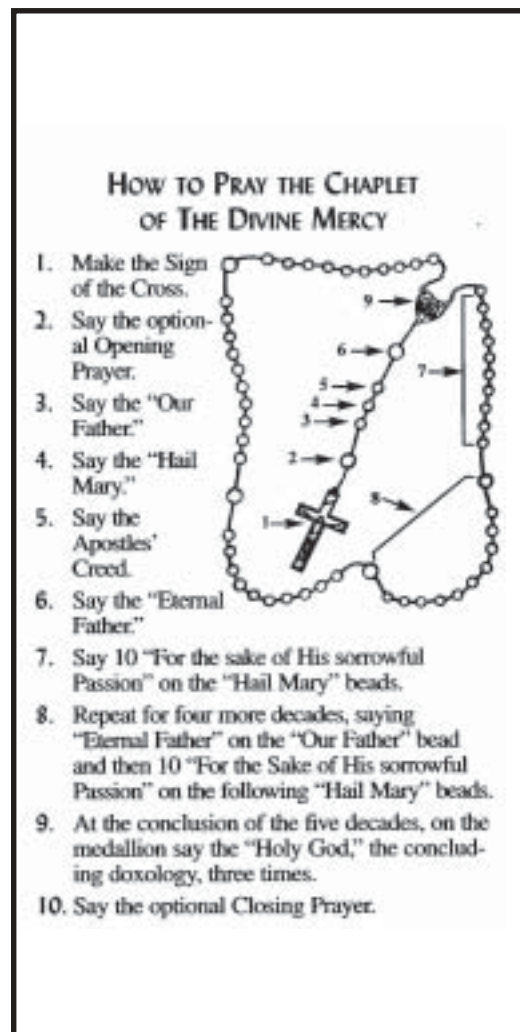
7. On the "Hail Mary" *beads of each decade:*

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

8. Repeat "Eternal Father: and "For the Sake of His sorrowful Passion": (Number 6 & 7) Prayers for four more decades.

9. After five decades, the concluding doxology (three times): Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

10. Closing Prayer: *(Optional)* Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless, and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us, and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments, we might not despair, nor become despondent, but with great confidence, submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy Itself. Amen.



GOOD THOUGHTS

1. Give people more than they expect and do it cheerfully.
2. Don't believe all you hear, spend all you have, or sleep all you want.
3. When you say, "I love you," mean it.
4. When you say, "I'm sorry," look the person in the eye.
5. Love deeply and passionately. You might get hurt but it's the only way to live life completely.
6. In disagreements, fight fairly.
7. Talk slowly but think quickly.
8. When you lose, don't lose the lesson.
9. Remember the three R's: Respect for self; Respect for others; and Responsibility for all your actions.
10. Don't let a little dispute injure a great friendship.
11. When you realize you've make a mistake, take immediate steps to correct it.
12. Smile when picking up the phone. The caller will hear it in your voice.

COMMUNITY NOTES

🏠 Concert Series... St. Frances de Chantal, 190 Hollywood Ave, The Bronx, presents "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!" on Sunday, August 21st, 3:00pm in honor of our patron St. Frances de Chantal. Please join our Adult Choir, guest vocalists, and the Artemis Chamber Orchestra in a concert featuring sacred and patriotic music. Admission is free. All are welcome. 718-792-5500.

🏠 Director of Music wanted... St. Bartholomew's Yonkers. Candidate must play the organ, familiar with rituals of the Church. Singing is required. Contact Fr. Francis, 965-0566

🏠 Babes in Arms... Stepinac HS, presents this musical comedy Fri, Aug 5th & Sat, Aug 6th at 8:00pm and Sunday, August 7th at 3:00pm. \$12.00 adults, \$10.00 seniors and children under 12. 946-4800 x 260.

🏠 Cathedral HS for Girls in Manhattan... will be celebrating its Centennial Anniversary beginning September 2005. A Mass will be held at St. Patrick's Cathedral on September 25th at 2:00pm followed by an Open House at the school. All alumnae are invited. To add your name to the list, please call the Development/Alumnae Affairs Office at 212-688-1545.

🏠 Daytop... When tragedy strikes home! A son, daughter, a father can readily fall prey to the pitfalls of drugs and alcohol. What you do will chart your family's future. Father O'Brien's 40-year old Daytop is as close as your telephone. Don't delay. Daytop Westchester, 246 Central Park Ave, Hartsdale, 914-949-6640. Hotline # 800-2-DAYTOP.

CHURCH CLEANING			
Team	Captain	Phone #	Date & Time
4	Connie Foti	423-0160	Aug 5, Fri, 10am
1	Marge Kleinlercher	965-3368	Aug 12, Fri 10am
2	Doris Ciufo	963-1991	Aug 19, Fri, 10am
3	Beth O'Dwyer	965-9408	Aug 25, Thur, 5pm

We want to use this column to give ourselves a much needed review of our religious knowledge. It will be an 'on-going' column and will follow the three year cycle of readings at Mass.

The Church: The Sacrament of Christ

*The Church makes Christ present.
In the Church, we receive true food and drink.
Through belonging to the Church, we share Christ's life.*

"St. Paul concludes the first part of the Epistle to the Romans with a hymn of triumphant confidence in Christ (*2nd Reading*). Many people today, while sharing that confidence in Christ, reject the 'institutional Church' declaring that they are willing to love Christ but not the Church. It is true that, unlike its Founder, the Church is 'always in need of purification'. In spite of the Church's imperfections, it is here, in His Body, that He is to be found.

In His Body, we are in touch with His grace and His message; we are in touch with Himself. 'If Christ is the Sacrament of God, the Church is for us the Sacrament of Christ; it represents Him, in the full and ancient meaning of the term, it really makes Him present.'

He fills the Church with His Divine Gifts. Just as He once fed the hungry crowds (*Gospel*), Christ offers, in the Church, the food and drink which satisfies all hunger and thirst. To abandon the Church and to search elsewhere for Him would be to reject His Gift for what is not bread (*1st Reading*).

The Church is not just an institution; it is the Body of Christ. As we celebrate the Eucharist in which our unity with the Body is expressed and brought about, we examine our attitudes towards the Church. The Catholic is not only subject to a power but it is a member of a body as well and his legal dependence on this power is to the end that he may have a part in the life of that body. His submission in consequence is not an abdication, his orthodoxy is not mere conformity by fidelity.

Christ was aware that the members of the Church would not be perfect. He Himself experienced the imperfection of the Church in the conduct of the Apostles."

From: *The Christian Journey* by Archbishop Dermont Ryan

A MILLION YEARS FOR GOD

A young man once asked God how long a million years was to Him. God replied, "A million years to me is just like a single second in your time." Then the young man asked God what a million dollars was to Him. God replied, "A million dollars to me is just like a penny to you." Then the young man got his courage up and asked, "God, could I have one of your pennies?" God smiled and replied, "Certainly, just a second."

