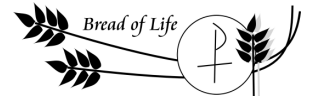


August 9, 2009 *Nineteenth Sunday* *in Ordinary Time*



Saturday, August 8

5 p.m. **Frank & Betty Kinney**
r/o The Haines Family

Sunday, August 9

8 a.m. **George Reynolds**
r/o Family

10:30 a.m. **Maria & Gaetano Antinolfi**
r/o Granddaughter

Monday, August 10

8:45 a.m. **Josephine Martin**
r/o The Saksa Family

Tuesday, August 11

8:45 a.m. **In Thanksgiving for Yolán Cote**
r/o Charlene Cote

Wednesday, August 12

8:45 a.m. **Michael & Madeline DeNapoli**
r/o Marie Sirianni

Thursday, August 13

8:45 a.m. **Paul Kappus**
r/o Mr. & Mrs. John Kappus

Friday, August 14: No Mass

Saturday, August 15: Assumption of the BVM

8:45 a.m. **Iolanda Nappa**
r/o Family

5 p.m. **Wayne Rivers**
r/o Charlene Cote

Sunday, August 16

8:00 a.m. **Michelina & William Juliano**
r/o Family

10:30 a.m. **Altar Rosary Society**

2010 MASS INTENTIONS BOOK

The Mass book for the year 2010 is now open. Masses still available for 2009:
Dec. 2, 3, 5 (First Saturday), 9, 10.

Dear Parishioners!

There was once a woman hiking in the wilderness and she came across a pack of wolves. Knowing that she was in great danger, she immediately ran away. As she was running, no matter how fast she ran, the wolves seem to catch up with her and were almost upon her when she came to a cliff. She had no other place to go. She saw a vine

hanging over the cliff; she grabbed the vine and launched herself over the cliff, hanging onto the vine just as the wolves arrived at the edge of the cliff.

When she looked down at the bottom of the canyon, there was a pack of coyotes waiting for her down below. With the wolves on top and the coyotes below, she noticed two mice

were eating away at her vine. In the midst of all this, out of the corner of her eye, she sees two wild strawberries growing wild on the edge of the vine. She pauses for a moment, picks the strawberries and eats them. If only just for a moment, she enjoys the delicious strawberries in her mouth. A moment of bliss in the midst of chaos! [1]

There are often times in our own lives that we have the wolves of our office or school and the coyotes at home are waiting to be feed and devour us, and all the little, interpersonal struggles, the mice eating away at the relationships that we seem to be holding onto for our dear life. We wonder if we can hold on at all, with the wolves above and the coyotes underneath, the mice eating away at the vine of our life.

The Lord calls us to look at our relationships and to look all around us and to see the strawberries that our in the midst of all the chaos. In the midst of all of this chaos, there are strawberries right in the middle of it. The Lord calls us to seek and to find those strawberries. I do not know how else to see those precious but through prayer. Jesus invites us, as he talks to His apostles, to come away to a deserted place and rest awhile. This is not a call for a vacation. This is a call in the midst of their crazy work. The apostles had been away healing and driving out demons and they are dirty and tired from their journey and they come back. The Lord says come and rest for a while. In other words, we are called as disciples, in the midst of all the chaos of our lives, we are called to find a

place of rest and to spend some time with the Lord.

Just like the vacation, we have to find a time in the midst of our chaos and choose this time of rest and prayer. We need to commit the time each and every day in prayer so what we do here at the Eucharist comes alive in our everyday life.

Our challenge is to spend 15 minutes a day in prayer. And just so we know what



15 minutes is: that represents just around one percent of the day. There are 1440 minutes in a day. So 15 minutes to

the Lord is only one percent. Surely, that



is not too much to ask for; surely the Lord can get one percent of our day back. And we give it back in quiet space in our life.

So, today as we deal with the many chaotic events in our own lives, the wolves of our offices, the wolves of our school environment that are coming hounding after us, chasing us every minute, and the impact of having the coyotes of our home waiting for us and all our relationships that are being eaten away by the mice of our relationships so to speak that we cut time out in our daily life 15 minutes so that we can discover the strawberries in our life. Today, we take out the time to prayer and to be with the Lord.

Fr Zenek, SDS

Interested in Becoming a

Catholic?

Have you ever thought about becoming a Catholic? Or, having been baptized Catholic, have you considered completing the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation (Sacraments of Initiation)? If you have answered "Yes", the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) will help with your journey. This program will bring you together with others who desire to know the Lord Jesus Christ in the truth of the Catholic faith. As you undergo catechesis, reflect on the scriptures and contemplate the call to faith in Christ, you will be preparing for Baptism and/or reception and completion of the Sacraments of Initiation. Also invited to attend are adults who are interested in broadening their knowledge of and intensifying their commitment to the Catholic faith. Meetings will begin in October. Contact Rose Strohmaier: 908-689-5173 or 908-303-9692 or Father Zenek at 908-689-8318. When leaving a message, please give your name and telephone number).

Margaret Glackin, Chris, Bree, Anna & John Saks, Heather, Stephen, Ray & Alice O'Donnell, Vickie Li Puma, Theresa, Mary, Veronica Gender, Robert Gross, Lillian Shaffer, Bridget, Beatrice Gillis, The Hance Family, Erin Stanton, Theresa Kugelman, Katlyn Faulkner

To add Name: Call Parish Office 908-689-8318 email Rose Strohmaier at:

strohmaier@yahoo.com to add name to the Prayer Chain.

Our military men and women, especially Danny Dzeidic, David Hausamann, Erin Elizabeth McCabe in Iraq and Sean DeLany in Afghanistan.

Christian Singles (45+) Coffee House
Live music, coffee or tea, meet new friends
Sunday, August 16 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church
Rt. 35 (2 blocks south of Main St),
Woodbridge, NJ
Admission \$8

Contact: Christine 908-501-3993; John 732-261-2296 or St. Anthony's Church 732-634-1403

Job Opportunity

Associate Director, Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Piscataway, NJ: Works closely w/ director, pastors and parish youth ministers to expand & develop a comprehensive Youth & Young Adult Ministry throughout the Diocese. Coordinating regional Theology on Tap and other services; worship & faith sharing programs; assisting w/ the coordination of large scale events; coordinating the logistics & planning for various activities & events.

Education/Experience: BA in religious education, Catholic theology or equivalent; or, 5-7 years related experience in Youth & Young Adult Ministry or equivalent combination of education & experience. Forward resume: HR@diometuchen.org or mail to: Human Resources Director, Diocese of Metuchen, PO Box 191, Metuchen NHJ 08840

Our Weekly Offering

Last Week \$2,571.00 Last Year \$ 2,925.00

Saturday, August 15 is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Morning Mass at 8:45.

Altar Rosary Society Scholarship Fundraiser

The Altar Rosary Society is sponsoring an outing to the *Hunterdon Hills Playhouse* to see the comedy, "We Must Kill Toni" (or Marry Her) to fund their scholarship program. The event will take place Saturday, October 24. Tickets are \$63 per person, which includes dinner and the show. To purchase tickets



visit the Society's store in the Parish Center after a weekend Mass. Additional information can be had by calling Ann Morpeth at 852-6406 or by viewing the poster in the vestibule.



Religious Education Information: ****We are in the process of assigning students to classrooms. If you haven't sent in your child's Rel. Edu. Registration yet, please do so ASAP so we can finalize the rosters.**

Confirmation Certificates: Parents can pick up their child's Confirmation certificate at the Parish Office, Monday-Thursday 9:15 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

ALTAR SERVERS

Aug 15 Carlee Moran, Auston Viotto

Aug 16 Robert & Juliette Capaldo

Aug 22 Evan & Ryan Moran

Aug 23 Mackenzie & Robert Mason-8; Melody Haag, Sarah Kochan, Justin Watt- 10:30

LECTORS

Aug 15 Nancy Guerriere

Aug 16 Joan Capaldo-8; Bob Gagliano-10:30

Aug 22 John Haines

Aug 23 Joan Capaldo-8; Helene Picht-10:30

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Aug 15 Eileen Mattison E, James Mattison C, Ray Vonderheide C

Aug 16 Bill Supple E, Monica Merkel C, Emily Cirone C -8; Mary Koskoff E, Phil Koskoff C, Joy Haag C

Aug 22 Ginny & Tim Moran C, Ray Vonderheide E

Aug 23 Diane Keggan C, Nadie Hill E, Bill Supple C-8; Jane Labato E, Joy Haag C, Tina Jackson C-10:30