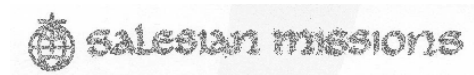


COLLECTION RESULTS FOR SUNDAY

JUNE 14, 2009

NO. OF CONTRIBUTION	AVERAGE OFFERING
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14.....	10.00 - 15.00
38.....	5.00 - 10.00
28.....	1.00 - 5.00

TOTAL NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTORS...111
 TOTAL ENV COLL.....\$1,775.00
 LOOSE CASH.....\$ 91.00
 GRAND TOTAL.....\$1,866.00
 AVERAGE CONTRIBUTION WAS...\$16.81
 THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY
 MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND YOURS.



Next weekend, June 27th and 28th, we will welcome Father Leo Ochoa, SDB, who will speak to us regarding the Salesian Missions.

The Salesians are a modern religious society of Priests, Brothers and Sisters founded in 1859 by St. John Bosco to reach out to poor and needy youth. Today they are some 34,000 strong, working in over 130 countries all around the world.

The special teaching methods of St. John Bosco make the Salesians unique. Realizing that giving bread to a hungry child was only a temporary solution, John Bosco developed what was actually the first "job placement" program in industrialized Europe. He developed practical ways to help young people help themselves. He did this through a program of "play...learn...pray". He replaced evil with reason, religious and kindness. He pioneered trade schools, technical schools and agricultural schools. His methods worked a hundred years ago and they work today...on every continent and in every culture where there are poor youngsters who need a friend.

Please use the "Special Mission" envelope in your packet, or take one from the pew.

F.L.O.W.E.R.
 (Families Live Out the Word in Everyday Routine)

Jesus was in the stern asleep on a cushion. They woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"...the wind ceased and there was great calm....

We know that God is always with us, he promises to never leave us alone. And yet many times in life we feel that we are alone, that God has abandoned us, that he is nowhere to be found or that he is asleep on a cushion somewhere not noticing the storms around us. It is in those times that we, like the disciples, need to remember to turn to him, to "wake him up" if you will, to share with him our concern and turn it over to him. Once we turn it over to God then the 'wind can cease, and we are embraced by great calm'. How might we remind ourselves to 'look over' to Jesus and give him our concerns—let him carry us awhile—like the words of the poem *Footprints*.

(provided by the Diocesan Office for Family Life Ministry)

Calendar for the Week

Saturday, June 20th – Immaculate Heart of Mary

10:00 AM AA Meeting
 3:45 PM Confessions
 4:30 PM Mass (Edward Roetzer)

Sunday, June 21st - 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Mass (Chester Kromkowski)
 11:00 AM Choir Practice
 11:30 AM Mass (Joseph Zazynski Sr.)

Monday, June 22nd -

8:15 AM Mass (Dorothy Fenzel)

Tuesday, June 23rd -

8:15 AM Mass (Richard Goff)

Wednesday, June 24th - Birth of John the Baptist

8:15 AM Mass (Parishioners)
 6:30 PM Benediction/Novena & Confessions
 7:00 PM Choir Practice

Thursday, June 25th -

8:15 AM Mass (George Eisenhardt)

Friday, June 26th -

8:15 AM Mass (George Eisenhardt)

Saturday, June 27th - St. Cyril of Alexandria

10:00 AM AA Meeting
 3:45 PM Confessions
 4:30 PM Mass (June & Edward Phillips, in remembrance of their Wedding Anniversary)

Sunday, June 28th - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Salesian Mission Sunday

9:00 AM Mass (Cynthia Carroll)
 11:00 AM Choir Practice
 11:30 AM Mass (Arthur Duszynski)
 12:30 St. Paul Spaghetti Dinner

Connecting the World with God's Word!

Thank you for your generous donations to the Catholic Communications Campaign! Because of parishioners like you, the Church is able to minister and evangelize through local and national communications efforts. Programs funded by CCC keep the world connected to the Word through Web sites, radio shows, televised Masses and so much more. To learn more about how your money is making a difference, visit www.CatholicCommunicationCampaign.org

Catechism Questions for the Week

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
 317. "Who administers the sacrament of the anointing of the sick?" This sacrament can be administered only by priests (bishops or presbyters).

318. "How is this sacrament celebrated?" The celebration of this sacrament consists essentially in an *anointing* with oil which may be blessed by the bishop. The anointing is on the forehead and on the hands of the sick person (in the Roman rite) or also on other parts of the body (in other rites) accompanied by the *prayer* of the priest who asks for the special grace of this sacrament.

When Someone is Unemployed Overcoming Temptations

It seems unfair, but people who are unemployed are often confronted with temptations. Temptations are not sins, but they can lead you down a dangerous path. The first step in dealing with temptations is to recognize them. For example:

- *Anxiety* can lead to irritability.
- *Drugs or alcohol* may seem like an appealing way to numb the emotional pain.
- *Gambling* may seem like a quick fix for financial problems.
- *Negative thinking* can lead to self-pity, cynicism, and constant complaining.
- *Envy* keeps you focused on other people instead of concentrating on your own strengths and blessings.
- *Pride* produces fear or failure, refusal to change, and unwillingness to take a necessary risk.
- *Procrastination* makes finding another job almost impossible.

Spiritual writer Henri Nouwen says don't be surprised by temptations: "They will increase, but as you face them without fear, you will discover that they are powerless. What is important is to keep clinging to the real, lasting, and unambiguous love of Jesus."

Next week: Seeing the Good
 (excerpted from *When Someone is Unemployed*, Our Sunday Visitor, Inv. No. P911)

After the church service a little boy told the pastor, "When I grow up, I'm going to give you some money."

"Well, thank you," the pastor replied, "but why?" "Because my daddy says you're one of the poorest preachers we've ever had."



St. Paul Spaghetti Dinner

Mother of Divine Grace will celebrate the joyous occasion of the 2,000th anniversary of St. Paul's birth, and the end of the Pauline Year, with a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, June 28th from 12:30-2pm in the Cafeteria.

Pre-sale tickets for the Spaghetti Dinner will be \$7 for Adults and \$4 for children 12 years and younger. They will be available from June 1st to June 22nd.

If you would like to order your tickets, please complete the "coupon" on page 2, indicating how many you need and place it in an envelope with your total cost. You may put it in the collection basket at Mass, or mail to the Rectory, or stop by the Rectory in person, Monday thru Friday from 9am until Noon. We will be sure to get your tickets back to you if you use the coupon! Any questions, call Judy Monaco at 684-1624 or Elaine Kishbaugh at 633-4677.

"Matters of Faith"

July's "Matter of Faith" by Daybreak TV is a rebroadcast that explores the proposed relocation of St. Gerard R.C. Church, to Norcross, GA. Kevin Keenan's guests are Hank Balling of Arbour Construction Management, Inc., Mike Sullivan from the Diocesan Office of Buildings and Properties, and Dorothy Eckl, a former St. Gerard parishioner. The program airs Sunday, July 5th at 5:30am on WIVB-TV, Channel 4 and repeats on cable. Check the web for other listings at www.buffalodiocese.org/daybreak.

Parenting Perspective

'Our Father, who are in heaven...' Note that we say "Our" Father, not "My" Father, since God is God not only to me but to all. Yes, remember your own father today, but also remember those children whose father is absent, unemployed, deployed in a foreign land, abusive, or in some other way not present. Can you be like a father to someone who needs you? At the very least, consider praying for yourself and all fathers.

Happy Birthday:



- June 21st - Marissa Chazen, Kevin Becker
- June 22nd - Michael Kraus
- June 23rd - Nicholas Poliniak
- June 24th - Timothy Kobel
- June 25th - Timothy Kopp, Deacon Daniel Golinski, Cecelia Bojan
- June 26th - Diane Fenz, Natalie Passmore
- June 27th - Abigail O'Hara, Anthony Russell, Bonnie Dunworth, Doris Mohr, Jennifer Golinski

RESPECT LIFE

The impact of an abortion is like a stone thrown into the water, sending out ripples of pain and hurt and devastation in all directions. Fathers of aborted children are the neglected victims of abortion who, once they recognize the moral and spiritual gravity of their action or inaction, may experience deep rage and "a gut-wrenching sorrow" so overwhelming, it can, if not healed, emotionally paralyze a man forever. (Dave Andrusko, *NRL News*, 10/07)

Rosary Novena for Life Mass

Join Father Matt Nycz on Saturday, June 27th at 8am at St. Rose of Lima parish (corner of Parkside & Parker Ave), Buffalo. Silently and prayerfully after Mass, we process to the local abortion clinic to pray the rosary for mothers, fathers, their unborn children and the ultimate end to abortion. All are welcome! For more information, call the Diocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities at 847-2205.

Happy Father's Day!

During this special weekend, let's be thankful for a father's leadership and love. And, Catholic Charities can help if you're feeling overwhelmed as the protector and leader of your family ~ call one of our local offices at 856-4494 to make an appointment with one of our professional staff members. www.ccnyny.org.



Saints of Today and Yesterday:

St. John Fisher studied Theology in Cambridge (England) and became Bishop of Rochester. His friend, Thomas More, wrote of him, 'I reckon in this realm no one man, in wisdom, learning and long approved virtue together, meet to be matched and compared with him.'



St. Paulinus was born of a patrician Roman family at Bordeaux. He was successively prefect, senator and consul. His wife, wishing to consecrate herself to God, gave up rank and riches; he followed her example and went to live an austere hermit's life at Nola in Italy.

According to the 1962 Missal of Bl. John XXIII the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, today is the feast of St. Alban who was venerated as the proto-martyr of Britain. He was a citizen of Verulam and was converted by a persecuted priest whom he sheltered in his house.

"Is a Deacon ordained for the Parish or the Diocese?"

Whenever a person is ordained, he is to serve the diocesan Church. Deacons are no different in this regard: they are assigned by the bishop to ministries for which the bishop perceives a great need, and for which the deacon may have special gifts or talents.

Catholic Climate Covenant

If the protection of the environment involves costs, they should be justly distributed, taking due account of the different levels of development of various countries and the need for solidarity with future generations.

TIP: Start Composting!

Organize a compost committee. You'll help your parish or school reduce waste and provide fertilizer for learning gardens at the same time.

Just for Fun!

If you think about it, Adam had more trouble than any of the rest of us buying his Father a gift for Father's Day. I mean, what do you get somebody who's Everything?

We Are Catholic, Let It Show!

God Bless Our Fathers!

In gratitude for my Father

Dear God, the Father of us all, I thank you for my father. Along with my mother, through the marvel of your creation, my father gave me the gift of life itself.

For a father who has died

Father of Life, I thank you for my father. He was such a blessing to me while he was still with us. I still miss him so much. I thank you for what he left me as gifts of love and faith.

Spiritual Up-Life Packet

Feeling sad, down, discouraged, "blue"? Looking for healthy wholesome alternatives to cope? Reach out NOW. Inner healing and hope are a phone call or email away.

Mother of Divine Grace Church
120 Old Maryvale Drive
Cheektowaga NY 14225

Pastor - Rev. Msgr. S. Paul Ayoub

Email: ayoub@motherofdivinegrace.com
Website: www.motherofdivinegrace.com

Mass Schedule:

Mon-Fri8:15 am
Weds...Benediction/Novena..6:30-7pm
Saturday.....4:30 pm
Sundays.....9:00 am, 11:30 am
Holydays..... 8:15 am and 7:00 pm
Saturday...Confessions.....3:45 pm

Rectory Business Hours: Mon - Fri., 9am - Noon. If you need a priest, call anytime.

Fax Number :834-0335

Parish useful phones:

Rectory834-8488
Food Pantry.....835-0243

Business Manager :Judith Monaco

Parish Council:Michael Luksch

Parish Outreach ..Theckla Mullen...835-9489

Music:

Folk - Elaine Kishbaugh.....633-4677
Organ - Wanda Yoerg.....839-3329

Baptism - Last Sunday of Month at 12:30 PM. Call the Rectory to enroll in Baptismal Class.

Anointing of the sick... Sat after 4:30 PM Mass. If an emergency, call anytime

Marriage - Call Rectory for an appointment.

New Registration.... Welcome! Please call the Rectory to make an appointment to Register.

Pregnancy Emergency Services:

Women Health Services.....853-4438
Our Lady of Victory Choose Life.....824-4709
Post Abortion Reconciliation.....847-8789
'Project Rachel'.....847-2205
Pregnancy Hotline.....1-800-848-LOVE
Nurturing Network.....1-800-TNN-4MOM
Bethany Christians Services.....1-800-238-4269
Several Sources Foundation.....1-800-NO-ABORT
Birthright.....1-800-550-4900
Good Counsel Homes.....1-800-723-8331
Catholic Home Bureau.....1-800-592-HELP
Separated/Divorced (Link).....847-2209

Other Services in our building:

Alcoholic Anonymous.....853-0388
Kids Klub Day Care.....831-0550
Convent Apt.....856-4494-3037

Domestic Violence Emergency:

Haven House.....884-6000
Salvation Army Shelter.....883-9800
Safe Program(developmentally disabled victim of family member).....832-4444
Treatment - Catholic Charities.....856-4494

This Week At MDG

Mother of Divine Grace R.C. Church
120 Old Maryvale Drive
Cheektowaga, NY 14225

June 21st, 2009

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Readings for the Week
June 21, 2009

Sunday: Jb 38:1,8-11; Cor5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41
Monday: Gn 12:1-9; Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday: Gn 13:2,5-18; Mt 7:6,12-14
Wednesday: Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66,80
Thursday: Gn 16:1-12,15-16;Mt 7:21-29
Friday: Gn 17:1,9-10,15-22; Mt 8:1-4
Saturday: Gn 18:1-15; Lk 1:46-50,53-55 Mt 8:5-17
Next Sunday: Wis 1:13-15;2:23-24; Cor 8:7,9,13-15, Mk 5:21-43

Happy Father's Day!

God our Father,
In your wisdom and love you made all things.
Bless our father.
Let the example of his faith and love shine forth.
Grant that we, his family,
May honor him always
With a spirit of profound respect.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?

If one were inclined to be depressed about the state of the Church these days, there is plenty of bad news. The lack of response to religious vocations. There is the closing of churches and even their being turned into all sorts of other uses.

The Church is the Body of Christ and therefore its life must mirror Jesus. We know his life was a suffering life unto his death. Why are we surprised that we are mirroring his sufferings fears and anxieties?

The Disciples had been witnesses to several of Jesus' miracles and

healings. This is the reason behind the 'yet' in the 'Do you not yet have faith?' In other words, Jesus was saying to them: How much more proof of who I am do you want before believing. We on the other hand have had not the same experience of miracles as the disciples, at least not in as much of a showy way.

If we are depressed, it is not because Jesus is asleep in the boat. Rather it is because arrogantly, we think all depends on our own efforts and not on God. It may do us a world of good to read the story of Gideon in the book of Judges where God appears to

complain that no matter how often He saves Israel from their enemies, He never gets credit for it. Rather Israel pretends that it saved itself by its own efforts.

The lesson is twofold here. First Jesus is with us till the end of the age. Jesus is God and obviously the world, his creation, cannot be away from him. He is also present in the Church, present also in the Eucharist. He and the Father are present in each of us who love God and obey his commandments.

Jesus gave us the Holy Spirit so to enable us to live our Christian lives. At times things may be very difficult. We may even think we cannot do it. But the Holy Spirit enable us to live as Jesus wants.

~S. Paul Ayoub