

COLLECTION RESULTS FOR SUNDAY

JUNE 21, 2009

Table with 2 columns: NO. OF CONTRIBUTION and AVERAGE OFFERING. Lists various contribution amounts and averages.

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

The Holy Father's Intentions for the month of July

GENERAL: That international attention towards the poorer countries may give rise to more concrete help...

MISSIONARY: That the particular Churches operating in regions marked by violence may be sustained by the love and concrete closeness of all the Catholics in the world.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS THE SICK: especially for Delphine Wojtan, Ron Passmore, Henry Dombrowski, Marjorie Kometh, Jim Bowback, Gloria Kunkel, Marla Kracker, Mary Kometh, John Wild, Sarah Benhatzel, Brian Heitman, Carmella Crimaldi, and all those in hospitals.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Our departed brothers and sisters.

Please check the appropriate box:

- 1 [] Join Class on Being Catholic
2 [] To Become a Catholic
3 [] To Be Confirmed (for Adults)
4 [] Need Transportation to Mass

Complete the information below and drop in collection basket.

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Religious Assistance to Poland

Since 1943, the Catholic League for Religious Assistance to Poland has appealed for aid to the Church in Poland. Today, the Church in Poland continues to be in need of support for the advanced education of its priests.

The hierarchy in Poland continues to send priests for formal leadership preparation to the Pontifical College and the Pontifical Institute in Rome and the Polish Seminary in Paris, France. Without our aid at least one of these institutes would be forced to closed.

You may send your contribution to "Catholic League for Religious Assistance to Poland, Diocese of Buffalo, Lockbox Dept. 294, P.O. Box 8000, Buffalo, NY 14267".

Parenting Perspective

Try a 'tech-free' day! No TV, no computer, no cell phone, no video games. It may seem cruel and unusual punishment, but it can also be a challenge.

Ladies Day Out

Tour Niagara County Wine country on July 21st. Visit Viscarra Vineyards, lunch at Marjim Manor, shop at Gordy Harper's Bazaar.

Our Daily Bread

July's program will feature some of Fr. Paul Seil's best friends. How many of us stay in touch with the friends we made in college?

Calendar for the Week

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

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

Monday, June 29th - Ss. Peter and Paul

8:15 AM Mass (George Eisenhardt)

Tuesday, June 30th -

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Wednesday, July 1st -

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

Thursday, July 2nd -

8:15 AM Mass (Robert Lis for his health)

Friday, July 3rd - St. Thomas, First Friday

8:15 AM Mass (George Eisenhardt)
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Noon

Saturday, July 4th - St. Elizabeth of Portugal, Independence Day!

10:00 AM AA Meeting
3:45 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Mass (Eugene Kujawa & son)

Sunday, July 5th - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Mass (Dennis & Chester Fink)
11:00 AM Choir Practice
11:30 AM Mass (Arthur Duszynski)

Catholic Coalition on Climate Change

Christians, in particular, realize that their responsibility within creation and their duty towards nature and the Creator are an essential part of their faith! ~John Paul II, 1990 World Day of Peace Message, no. 15

Tip for the Week: Use Smart Bulbs! New florescent light bulbs are much more efficient and last thousands of hours longer than the old incandescent ones.

Catechism Questions for the Week
319. "What are the effects of the sacrament of the sick?"

This sacrament confers a special grace which unites the sick person more intimately to the Passion of Christ for his good and for the good of all the Church. It gives comfort, peace, courage, and even the forgiveness of sins if the sick person is not able to make a confession.

320. "What is Viaticum?" Viaticum is the Holy Eucharist received by those who are about to leave this earthly life and are preparing for the journey to eternal life.

When Someone in Unemployed Seeing the Good

St. Paul assures us that all things work for good for those who love God (see Romans 8:28).

It's hard to believe that something good could come from a job loss. By many people later admit that a job loss was the catalyst they needed to change their lives for the better.

A job loss can help you discover what is really important. It prompts you to find ways to simplify your life. It also give you time to discern what God wants you to do.

Finally, it allow you to recognize your real friends. It makes you appreciate people and things that you previously took for granted.

Next week: Formulating an Action Plan

(excerpted from When Someone is Unemployed, Our Sunday Visitor, Inv. No. P911)

"THE ONE WHO HAS HOPE LIVES DIFFERENTLY; THE ONE WHO HOPES HAS BEEN GRANTED THE GIFT OF A NEW LIFE." Pope Benedict XVI (Spe Salvi, n.2)

It's That Time of Year

Congratulations to all the graduates! But, what about those who lost sight of the goal and dropped out of high school? There is hope for a new start at Catholic Charities. In Erie County, we offer valuable help with high school equivalency and career counseling.

Summer Camp

Performing and Fine Arts camp for ages 10-14, August 3-20, Mondays through Thursdays from 8am-Noon at Cardinal O'Hara High School in Tonawanda. This camps is designed to offer daily workshops on fine arts development including music, art, dance, and drama.

Marriage Moment

Do you and your spouse have different shopping personalities? Is he utilitarian while you are a recreational shopper? Are you a bargain hunter while she shops as therapy?

ProjecTruth

This organization is founded on the belief that as students develop virtues through character education, they build a strong internal commitment to making healthy life choices. We have reached over 50,000 teens across Western New York since its 2001 inception.

Happy Birthday:



- June 28th - not one we know of!
June 29th - Joseph Moreno, Robert Kapron
June 30th - Joseph Zogaria, David Martina, Christopher Wisniewski, Cheryl Oryszak, Frank Passafiume, Debra Przybyl,
July 1st - Joseph Young, Lynn Torgalski
July 2nd - Annabelle Flett, Gary Aquilina
July 3rd - not one we know of!
July 4th - Chandel Yea, Barbara Palmiere

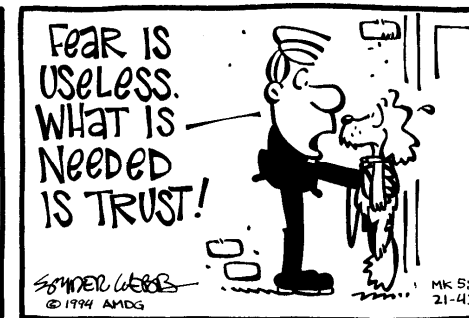
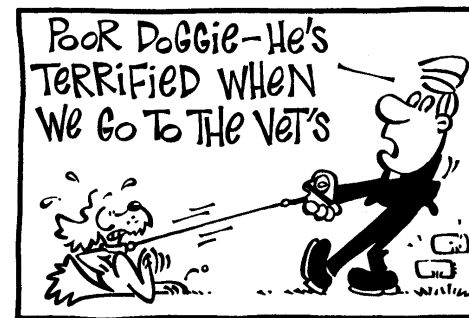
RESPECT LIFE

A recent TV ad features an ultrasound image of an unborn child in the womb accompanied by this message: "The child's future is a broken home. He will be abandoned by his father. His single mother will struggle to raise him. Despite the hardships, he will endure...this child will become the first African-American president."

At just 10 weeks after conception nails and fingerprints begin to emerge in patterns that will uniquely identify a child throughout his or her entire life.

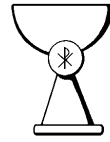
The Holier A Woman Is, The More Woman She Is

"The anxieties and neuroses of the modern woman, seeking an illusory equality with men in liberation from the burdens of motherhood, have their source in this basic frustration. Refusing motherhood, a woman betrays her womanhood. But what of the many women who have been denied the natural capacity for motherhood? How wonderfully they too could find fulfillment by transcending their complexes and giving themselves in service to those who need the heart and the hand of a mother." ~Leon Bloy



The Precious Blood of Jesus

The month of July is dedicated to The Precious Blood of Jesus. The Blood that coursed through the veins of Christ was a part of that Sacred Humanity made possible by the maternity of Mary, whose parents, St. Joachim and St. Ann are honored this month. (July 26). Our Lord's blood poured out on the Cross purchased our salvation, washed clean the robes of the martyrs, and gave birth to the Church as it flowed from his wounded side. The Precious Blood of Christ — now pulsing through his Mystical Body — continues its salvific work, preserving and purifying, repairing and providing nourishment for regeneration and renewal of its members.



July's longer and warmer days also provide us with the opportunity for renewal, both interior and exterior. Schedules relax and pressures ease, inviting travel. But, whether we travel or not, like the missionary, Bl. Junipero Serra (July 1), we preach to others — by our conduct, our speech, even the clothes we wear. May we be modest in everything we do, imitating St. Maria Goretti, the young martyr for purity (July 6), and "preaching" Christ to everyone we meet.

The summer Readings of Ordinary Time remind us that our earthly pilgrimage is also a journey, a great adventure towards union with Christ, the Beginning and the End of our journey. Each Sunday with its Easter renewal becomes a mile marker along the way, linking where we have been with where we are going. May the Precious Blood of Jesus sustain us as we journey to our true home, with Mary and the angels as our companions on the way.

"How do I find out more about becoming a Deacon?"

The best place to start is with your pastor, who can put you in touch with the Director of Deacons for your diocese. The Director will be able to outline the various requirements and processes to be followed.

Vocation View

Today's gospel asks us, "do you not yet have faith"? Are you being called to share your faith as a priest, deacon or religious? If you are willing to answer God's call, call Father Walter Szczesny at 847-5535. You can also check out the "Priest of the Month" stories on our great website: www.buffalovoations.org!

A Family Perspective

The healing of the woman and the child in today's gospel are a reminder we are all wounded. We retreat to those we love looking for acceptance, listening, understanding and support. Families can be healing communities where Jesus is present in our care for one another.

Good Giggles!

A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office. "Is it true," she wanted to know, "that the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life?" "Yes, I'm afraid so, replied the Doctor. There was a moment of silence before the senior lady replied, "I'm wondering then, just how serious is my condition because the prescription is marked 'no refills'!"

A Prayer for Job Seekers

Gracious and loving God, you know our need of meaningful work. Send your Holy Spirit to guide those who are searching for employment. Help them to recognize the gifts and talents you have given them. Deepen their desire to follow your will. Inspire them as they contact potential employers. Give them patience as they wait for responses.

Shelter them from feelings of rejection. Protect them from discouragement. Give them courage to overcome fear.

Shower on them the graces they need to persevere. Let this time of searching become an opportunity to grow in faith, to cultivate the virtue of hope, and to experience your healing love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Camp Turner Open House

Open House will be held July 4th from 1-4pm. The camp offers week-long summer camping experiences. You may also reserve the site for your conference, party or gathering. Come tour the facility, try the activity areas and meet the staff. Lunch and other great treats will be available. Take a 45 minutes tour which includes cabins, dining hall, arts and crafts, archery, foxfire, games-in-the-woods, horses and more. Space is still available to sign up this summer! Camp Turner is a non-profit organization operated by the Catholic Diocese of Buffalo. It is located one mile past Quaker Lake in the Quaker Area of Allegany State Park. (exit 18 off I-86)

Mother of Divine Grace Church
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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
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June 28th, 2009

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Readings for the Week
June 28, 2009

Sunday: Wis 1:13-15;2:23-24; Cor 8:7,9,13-15, Mk 5:21-43
Monday: Acts 12:1-11; Tm 4:6-8,17-18; Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29; Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday: Gn 21:5,8-20a; Mt 8:28-34
Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19;Mt 9:1-8
Friday: Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29
Saturday: Gn 27:1-5,15-29; Mt 9:14-17
Next Sunday: Ez 2:2-5; Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a

Welcome Father Leo Ochoa!

Father Leo Ochoa will speak at all Masses this weekend on behalf of the Salesian Mission Appeal.

The Salesian objective is to teach young people various trades that will help them find decent jobs and become self-sufficient, contributing members of society.

The scope of their work is tremendous. Today there are more than 34,000 Salesians serving almost three million needy youngsters in over 130 countries, including the United States.

Please use the envelope provided in your packet (Special Mission), or take one from the pew. Your generosity works on every continent and in every culture where there are poor youngsters who need your help!

Do not fear, only believe

Do not fear, only believe. Both the Jewish leader and the sick woman had much to fear, the one because his daughter is near death, the other because her illness is unending. They turned to Jesus because he was their last resort. They have tried everything else to not avail. They had faith in Jesus for the simple reason that he was their last resort.

Jesus did not disappoint them. It was their faith that made their prayers answered. Yet, so often we hear people say that they prayed and believed but their prayers were not answered. Why is that? What sort of believing is answered and other believing is not?

First of all, it is easy to say I believe, whether one knows for sure that he believe or not must be tested. Let's look at the

woman first. She did not say to herself, if I touch his garment, maybe I will be healed. She told herself: if only I could touch his garment, I will be healed. Despite fear and the crowd, she managed to put her faith to the test. She touched his garment and was healed.

The leader's faith too was tested. The people came and told him not to bother the master, his daughter had already died. Under those circumstances, he should have fallen apart and felt that he was too late. But that was not what he did. He now believed even more strongly. He trusted that Jesus can and will bring his daughter back to life. And Jesus did.

When Peter and John faced the first occasion of using the healing power that Je-

sus gave them. Peter said to the man who was paralyzed: silver and gold I have none, but in the name of Jesus rise. And then, he put his hand in the hand of the man and lifted him up. The man was healed.

In all these cases, we have not only people who believe but especially people who acted on this belief. Acting on our faith is the difficult part of believing, but also what gives our faith credibility. Otherwise, it is easy to say I believe if it costs us nothing.

Why is it difficult to act on our belief? It is because we really are not sure we believe and we don't want to be disappointed. Think of Jesus ordering the tomb to be opened and saying to Lazarus: come out. That was acting on faith!

~S. Paul Ayoub