

COLLECTION RESULTS FOR SUNDAY

MAY 28, 2009

NO. OF CONTRIBUTION	AVERAGE OFFERING
2.....	Over 100.00
1.....	90.00-100.00
2.....	80.00 - 90.00
1.....	70.00 - 80.00
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4.....	50.00 - 60.00
1.....	40.00 - 50.00
5.....	30.00 - 40.00
5.....	25.00 - 30.00
4.....	20.00 - 25.00
17.....	15.00 - 20.00
11.....	10.00 - 15.00
37.....	5.00 - 10.00
25.....	1.00 - 5.00

TOTAL NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTORS...115
 TOTAL ENV COLL.....\$2,344.00
 LOOSE CASH.....\$ 212.25
 GRAND TOTAL.....\$2,556.25
 AVERAGE CONTRIBUTION WAS...\$22.23
 THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY
 MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND YOURS.

Special Mission

Salesian Missionaries

The weekend of June 27th and 28th, we will welcome Father Leo Ochoa, SDB, who has been assigned to make the Mission Appeal on behalf of the Salesian Missions.

Salesian comes from St. Francis De Sales, the Bishop of Geneva in the 1600's. John Bosco chose St. Francis as the patron of the first foundation because of his patience and charity, two qualities needed for working with youth.

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 around the world.

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 Salesians insist that the needy help themselves in whatever way they can, even minimally. They do not encourage dependence or paternalism, but strive to live up to the working maxim, "helping others to help themselves." To learn more, visit their website at www.salesianmissions.org.

Theology on Tap: Buffalo

This Catholic-speaker series is for young adults in their 20's and 30's only. Meet at Dave and Busters in the Eastern Hills Mall, 4545 Transit Rd in Williamsville on Tuesday, June 16th. Doors open at 6pm. Talk begins at 7:30pm.

Summertime with Jesus...

And your family! Your 2009 free Summer Spirituality Tool Box of Ideas is filled with practical ideas. It is a perfect companion for your family throughout the summer months whether vacationing or being at home. Celebrate the glory of all God's creation! For your free 2009 Tool Box, contact your Office of Family Life Ministries at 847-2210.

Former Camp Turner Staff

Our Annual Alumni weekend for former Camp Turner Staff and immediate families will be held on Friday, June 28th at 5pm through Sunday, June 30th at 5pm. Share pictures, stories and help get Camp ready for the summer. Food and accommodations provided. WiFi onsite. Come and go as you please. RSVP to campturner@gmail.com is required!

Calendar for the Week

Saturday, June 6th -
 10:00 AM AA Meeting
 3:45 PM Confessions
 4:30 PM Mass (Derion & Kujawa Families)

Sunday, June 7th - The Most Holy Trinity Sunday

9:00 AM Mass (Peg Ullenbruch)
 11:00 AM Choir Practice
 11:30 AM Mass (Joseph Mangio)
 11:30 AM Mass of Thanksgiving for Deacon Daniel U. Golinski, reception to follow in cafeteria after Mass.

Monday, June 8th -
 8:15 AM Mass (George Eisenhardt)

Tuesday, June 9th - St. Ephrem
 8:15 AM Mass (Parishioners)

Wednesday, June 10th -
 8:15 AM Mass (Nicole Ganguzza)
 6:30 PM Benediction/Novena & Confessions
 7:00 PM Choir Practice

Thursday, June 11th -
 8:15 AM Mass (Jerome Weber)

Friday, June 12th -
 8:15 AM Mass (George Eisenhardt)

Saturday, June 13th - St. Anthony of Padua
 10:00 AM AA Meeting
 3:45 PM Confessions
 4:30 PM Mass (Joseph & Sophie Suminski)

Corpus Christi Sunday, June 14th -
 9:00 AM Mass (Ralph L. Bauer)
 11:00 AM Choir Practice
 11:30 AM Mass (Arthur Duszynski)

Catholic Climate Covenant

My dear friends, God's creation is one and it is good. The concerns for non-violence, sustainable development, justice and peace, and care for our environment are of vital importance for humanity. ~ Pope Benedict XVI at World Youth Day, June 2008.

TIP: Say No Paper or Plastic Bags! Carry reusable grocery bags to the store instead. Many stores are starting to give cash back for using your own bags. When 1 ton of plastic bags is reused or recycled, the energy equivalent of 11 barrels of oil is saved.

Catechism Questions for the Week

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick 313. "How was sickness viewed in the Old Testament?" In the Old Testament sickness was experienced as a sign of weakness and at the same time perceived as mysteriously bound up with sin. The prophets intuited that sickness could also have a redemptive value for one's own sins and those of others. Thus sickness was lived out in the presence of God from whom people implored healing.

314. "What is the significance of Jesus' compassion for the sick?" The compassion of Jesus toward the sick and his many healings of the infirm were a clear sign that with him had come the Kingdom of God and therefore victory over sin, over suffering, and over death. By his own Passion and death he gave new meaning to our suffering, which when united with his own, can become a means of purification and of salvation for us and for others.

The Four Last Things

The Catholic Church has always reminded her spiritual children to reflect often, even daily, on "The Four Last Things": Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell. For there is nothing better conceived than this powerful meditation to bring forcefully before our minds the essential purpose of life, namely, to save our souls and avoid Hell. The Christian who unites his own death to that of Jesus views it as a step towards him and an entrance into everlasting life. When the Church for the last time speaks Christ's words of pardon and absolution over the dying Christian, seals him for the last time with a strengthening anointing, and gives him Christ in viaticum as nourishment for the journey, she speaks with gentle assurance from the order of Christian Funerals:

Go forth, Christian soul, from this world in the name of God the almighty Father, who created you, in the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, who suffered for you, in the name of the Holy Spirit, who was poured out upon you. Go forth, faithful Christian!

May you live in peace this day, may your home be with God in Zion, with Mary, the virgin Mother of God, with Joseph, and all the angels and saints....

May you return to [your Creator] who formed you from the dust of the earth. May holy Mary, the angels, and all the saints come to meet you as you go forth from this life...May you see your Redeemer face to face....

The saints have recommended it most highly, especially the great Doctor of the Church, St. Alphonsus Liguori (1689-1787)

Year of St. Paul Celebration

On June 29th the Pauline Year will end with the Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul. This year we celebrate the 2,000th anniversary of Paul's birth. Mother of Divine Grace will recognize this joyous occasion 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 20th. 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. We will be sure to get your tickets back to you! Any questions, call Judy Monaco at 684-1624 or Elaine Kishbaugh at 633-4677.

Support Appeal 2009 Catholic Charities

Mother of Divine Grace's total to date for the 2009 Catholic Charities Appeal is \$31,866.00, as compared to our final total last year of \$34,103.00. We did not reach our goal for 2009 and the Diocese is still working hard to reach it's goal of \$11 million. We can all help to reach these goals by making a donation now, or by increasing our original gift. Just put your gift in an envelope marked "Catholic Charities" with your name and address and drop it in the collection basket at Mass. To quote Bishop Kmiec, "The Appeal will succeed because there are a lot of people who depend on Catholic Charities." Thank you for your generosity.

A Family Perspective

In today's gospel Jesus told his disciples "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot hear it now." Jesus has the same problem with us as we do with our children. Our advice is not always welcome. Timing was a challenge for Jesus as it is for us as parents.

Happy Birthday:



- May 31st** - Roalland Smith Patrowski, Florence Brady
- June 1st** - Jacob Panaro, Anthony Cumpston, Patrick Keefe, Donald Sendlak, Rudolph Jacklitch, Michael Bates
- June 2nd** - Brendon Webster, Robert Kibler, Betty Schmitz, Meghan Panus, Richard Kraft, Michelle Becker
- June 3rd** - Jennifer Kishbaugh, Barbara Walkowiak, Dolores Todtenhagen
- June 4th** - Darren Tucker, Elizabeth Monaco, Cecelia Fry
- June 5th** - Randy Szymkowiak, David Filarecki, Joan Schneiderman
- June 6th** - Matthew Carroll, Steven Garrow, Joanne Eyeington

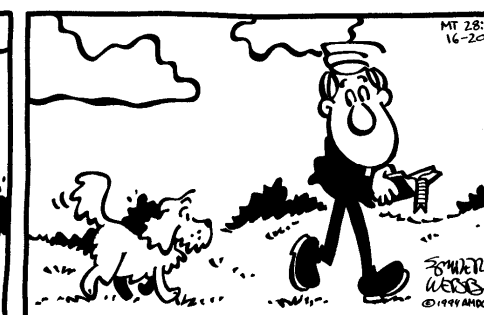
If you don't attend the Novena/Benediction, Why not?

If we had a party for you and only 5 people showed up, you might be offended, yes? Well, we have a party for God every Wednesday at 6:30 pm, and last Wednesday only 5 people showed up. We would like to keep the Novena/Benediction going until the merger takes place. We need 30 or more people to sign up and promise to come. Could you be one of those people? Leave us a note about this in the collection basket, or send us an email.

RESPECT LIFE

"Stem cell research opens new prospects for regenerative medicine and is morally permissible when it uses stem cells taken from adult organisms, but not when it takes cells from human embryos because that invariably causes their death." (The Dignity of a Person, Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith, 12-08)

We Are Catholic, Let It Show!



St. Ephrem

St. Ephrem, called "the Harp of the Holy Spirit," is the great classic Doctor of the Syrian church. As deacon at Edessa, he vigorously combated the heresies of his time, and to do so more effectively wrote poems and hymns about the mysteries of Christ, the Blessed Virgin and the saints. He had a great devotion to Our Lady. He was a commentator on Scripture and a preacher as well as a poet, and has left a considerable number of works, which were translated into other Eastern languages as well as into Greek and Latin. He died in 373. Benedict XV proclaimed him a Doctor of the Church in 1920.

According to the 1962 Missal of Bl. John XXIII the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, today is the feast of Sts. Primus and Felician as well as St. Columba. St. Ephrem's feast is celebrated on June 18.

Primus and Felician are two Roman martyrs of the via Nomentana. Their relics, transferred in the seventh century within the city, are at present in the church of St. Stephen on the Coelian Hill.

St. Columba, or Columkill, apostle of the Picts, was of illustrious Irish descent. He was brought up in the company of many saints at the school of St. Finian of Clonard. Being an ordained priest, and having founded many churches in Ireland, he went to Scotland with twelve companions, and there converted many of the northern Picts to the faith of Christ. He founded the monastery of Iona which became the nursery of saints and apostles. He also evangelized the northern English. He died on June 9, 597 at the foot of the altar at Iona while blessing his people, and was buried, like St. Bridgid, beside St. Patrick at Downpatrick in Ulster.

"Why do some deacons become priests?"

For many years ordained ministers "ascended" from one office to another, culminating in ordination to the presbyterate, or priesthood. The Second Vatican Council (1962-1965), however, authorized the restoration of the diaconate as a PERMANENT order of ministry. So, while students for the priesthood are still ordained deacons prior to their ordination as priests, there are more than 13,000 deacons in the United States alone who minister in this Order permanently. There is no difference in the sacramental sign or the functions between these so-called "transitional" and "permanent deacons".

Next Week: May married men be ordained deacons?

Good Stewardship!

Bill Olear, parishioner of Mother of Divine Grace, is giving of his musical talents to St. Basil's Church on Sunday, June 8th for St. Basil's BBQ, Walden Avenue, from 1-4pm. Bill remembers when the first St. Basil's Church was built. He was an Altar Boy in this church, a Boy Scout, Committee Member, chaired dances and was married there. Now after 70 years he has been furnishing music for past 7 picnics. He has played in just about every nursing home in the area, also! He has never charged for his music, and claims it's his contribution to Society and a gift to God! For more info on the BBQ, call 838-1356. Plan on attending....Fr. Roberts needs your support! This 93 year old man just doesn't stop in his service to God!

Vocation View

God the Father, Creator. God the Son, Redeemer. God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier. When we "go out to make disciples of all nations" we have a lot to tell! God is present everywhere. Would you be willing to proclaim the truth of God's love and presence in your life as a priest or religious? If so, call Father Walter Szczesny at 847-5535. You can also check out the "Priest of the Month" stories on our website at www.buffalovocations.org!

Parenting Perspective

How do you keep in touch with your child if you are away from home on business? When you can't physically hug or comfort your child, look for ways to be virtually present~ a call at bedtime, a taped story, a Skype connection, an email photo of you holding a picture of your child. Be present even when you're not! Don't forget to pray for them.

Marriage Moment

Resolving an argument: Strategy #4~ CO EXIST. When neither one is willing to move from a position, it may be possible to simply agree to disagree. This way no one is wrong, but you agree to follow your own light as long as it doesn't interfere with your spousal relationship.

Did You Know... Just 22 days after conception, a human embryo's heart begins beating. The little heart will beat nearly 54 million times *before he or she is born!* (The Endowment for Human Development, www.ehd.org)

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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
Cheektowaga, NY 14225

June 7th, 2009

The Most Holy Trinity Sunday



Readings for the Week
June 7, 2009

Sunday: Dt 4:32-34,39-40; Rom 8: 14-17; Mt 28:16-20
Monday: Cor 1:1-7; Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday: Cor 1:18-22; Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday: Cor 3:4-11; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Acts 11:21b-26;13:1-3; Mt 5:20-26
Friday: Cor 4:7-15; Mt 5:27-32
Saturday: Cor 5:14-21; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14: 12-16,22-26

2009 Catholic Communications Campaign

Next weekend, a special collection will be taken up at all Masses for the Catholic Communication Campaign which supports the media projects of our diocese. These projects include Catholic television and radio programs, the diocesan Web site, www.buffalodiocese.org, and the Western New York Catholic.

Your contribution helps our diocesan Communications office provide you with quality Catholic programming and publications, as well as current news via the Internet. Please use the envelope provided in your packet, or taken one from the pew. Thank you for your generosity.

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

I was praying the sign of the Cross and thinking how comforting it is to just make that sign prayerfully. No wonder Catholics turn to this sign anytime they are afraid, need help or want to score a touchdown or even win a lottery ticket. It is a cry from the heart like 'Mama'. It makes us feel we belong to a family, the greatest of families, the very family of God himself, the Blessed Trinity.

Often people waste time trying to understand the Mystery of the Blessed Trinity, when what it is needed is heart. More and more I can see that our religion is not a religion of the mind, but of the heart. It stands to reason: here we have God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit who are such a close knit family that they are really one God. They are equated with Love, as St John puts it: God is love.

God created not of need but of love. It's his big generous heart that made him want to create, to share his abundant love with his creatures. You see his love and care throughout his creation, in the mother bird with her nestlings, in the very trees and plants. Such variety of creation and yet each has its place and its importance. Only a loving creator could have made all this possible.

But of course the gem of his creation is man and woman. It could be the Angels, but we are not there yet to know. We know about mankind. The Bible makes us picture God planning the creation of man like a father and mother preparing the baby's room before his birth. There is such tenderness and love in the story of creation. God even thinks that man might need someone like him to journey through life and so he creates Eve. Notice that he cre-

ates Adam and Eve differently from the rest of creation. He breathes into them his own spirit, already sharing with them his life breath as it were.

Then he invites us into his family. His Son becomes one of us so we can become one of him. He suffers and dies and rises to show us to what extent God loves us. One can give all the love gifts of the world, but to die for the one you love? That is love. God did that for us. When you think about it, you feel like a heel sinning, after all what God has done for you. What a horrifying way to say Thank You to the greatest friend one would ever have, God himself.

We ought to prostrate ourselves in front of the tabernacle and beg for mercy for our ingratitude.

'Father, help us to adore you, one God in three persons, by proclaiming and LIVING our faith in you. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen'

S. Paul Ayoub