

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

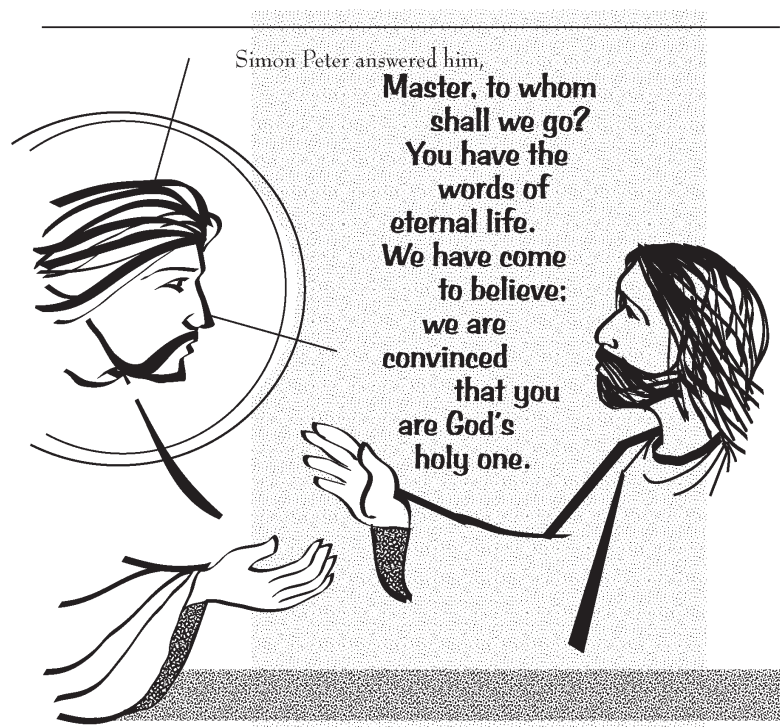
Dear Friends: A few weeks back, I happened to have an opportunity to sleep just a little bit later on a Saturday morning, and when I awoke, I turned on the TV just to catch up on a little news. Unfortunately, the news that day was a little repetitive and so I flipped through a few channels. I ran across an old episode of “The Rifleman,” a black & white series that I used to watch as a kid. I caught the tail end of the episode, but it led me to remember why I liked this show as a child. Its themes always portrayed good versus evil, and its messages always revolved around traditional values, moral uprightness, and stable relationships. I sometimes wonder how common these things are today.

Occasionally, I watch programming today, and I find these things to be lacking. If anything, most of the programs on TV today are humorous, but appear to be devoid of any edifying message. If they do have a message, that message tends to be kind of nebulous or couched in silliness and meaningless banter.

I don't want to make harsh generalizations. There are occasionally some programs that contain meaningful content, and sometimes it is nice to have simple entertainment. Nevertheless, I often wonder if television programming doesn't reflect the trends that are present in contemporary family life. Do families these days espouse sound principles to live by? Are there pearls of wisdom that are taught in families and are they shared in common with other families? Do we have a sense of groundedness in clear moral principles that guide our lives? Do we teach our children the principles that should govern their lives throughout their years – principles like honesty, integrity, a strong work ethic, and perseverance? How often do we exemplify these things ourselves?

Not too many years ago, we might have heard axioms that were commonly adopted and mutually accepted. One such dictum was, “If you say you are going to do it, then do it!” The essential meaning is obvious. If you commit to something, then you better follow through. It used to be that a handshake was enough to be assured that what was agreed upon would be done. Now, even with contracts, we might be hard-pressed to find a person who fulfills their commitment.

Perhaps one of the things that prevent people from making their word their bond is that people are overcommitted to a lot of extraneous things. There are many demands placed upon people in the contemporary world. Nevertheless, we should all make every effort to recapture these essential values and truths to guide our lives. If we want to reestablish a society of order and good moral fiber, we need to reset our priorities and



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back off from those that are of lesser importance.

Where do we start? The primary place that we start is with God. Is He a priority in my life and in my family? Do I keep church and my involvement in it at the center of everything I do? Just like the Israelites in the first reading, and like the listeners of Jesus in the Gospel, we are faced with a choice. Are we willing to serve God? Are we willing to accept Jesus without reserve in our lives?

We are all called to be good stewards of everything that we have been given. We are called to be good stewards of our conduct, of our talents, and of our labors. This weekend, we would like to invite you and challenge you to put God at the center; to be a good steward by sharing your time and your talent with him by getting involved in some type of ministry or service in the church. Also, pray that the Lord will help you to follow through with that commitment. There is no greater way to witness to your family the essential virtues that I described above, than the faithful involvement in the life of faith that we are all called to. God bless!



Sister Patrick Bruen, Rest in Peace

It is with great sadness that we have received the news of the death of our dear friend, Sister Patrick Bruen. She passed away last Thursday at the convent in Ohio. She was the saintly nun who helped countless people at Catholic Charities, visited the sick of our parish, formed the Friendship Circle, the Bridge Club, and was ready to help whenever needed. Sister Patrick, rest in peace!

Children's Liturgy of the Word

On Sunday, September 9, we will begin the "Children's Liturgy of the Word". For the past number of years, all children in grades 1 through 5 are invited to leave the Church after the Gloria and opening prayer to hear the same Scripture Readings that we adults hear in the Church. Following the readings, the presider gives a simple explanation of the readings, the children can participate in a "dialogue homily", recite the Creed and offer prayers of petition of their own. After about 20 minutes, they then return to the main assembly in the Church, and are present with you for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. No registration needed,

Rectory Office Hours:
Monday-Friday, 9:00AM-5:00PM

Schedule of Services

Masses: *First Friday: 5:30PM - Anointing of the Sick*
First Saturday: 8:15AM Vigil at 5:30PM.
Sunday: 8AM, 10AM, 12PM, 5:30PM (Youth Mass)
(Babysitting at 10, 12 & 5:30 Sunday Masses - Ages 6mo-5yrs - in Parish Hall Nursery)
Weekdays: Monday through Friday 8:15AM,
Wednesday & Friday 5:30PM
Holy Days: 7AM, 12PM & 6:30PM (Vigil 5:30PM)

Confessions: Saturdays - 4-5PM and 6:30-7:30PM
Marriages: By appointment only and notice six months in advance.

Weddings take place on weekdays any time and
on Saturdays no later than 3:00PM

Baptismal Instruction: Pre-register through the office.

Anointing of the Sick: On request and at the 5:30PM Mass on First Fridays

children simply come promptly when they are invited, and are supervised by the Presider at all times. No restroom break or drinks take place during this time, it remains Mass Time for the children.

Welcome, New Parishioners!

Please welcome our new parishioners: William and Laura Hill and their children, Thomas and Jessica, Ms. Debbie L. Robinson, Charles A. Garcia, Ron and Cathy Votral and son R. Alex.

We invite them to become an active part of our growing faith community!

St Pius X Women's Group New Study!

When we say we are Catholic, we are not simply saying something about what we believe or who we are. Our Faith is meant to be put into practice. At its heart, Christianity is a way of life. And being Christian means daring to "walk the walk", daring to live our lives for Christ, daring to allow Christ to transform our lives so we can live for him.

Put Your Faith into Practice With

Walking Toward Eternity: Daring to Walk the Walk

This group will meet on Fridays, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., starting September 7, 2012. For more information, please contact Sarah Morrison @ sfm011@grandecom.net or 361-816-8246.

May They Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of parishioner Eugene J. McGuinness, who passed away last week and whose Memorial Mass was last Friday at our church.

Please also pray for Winston J. Frontado whose Memorial Mass was this past Saturday at our church.

First Saturdays

On the First Saturday of each month a Rosary will be said at 8AM before the Mass at 8:15AM. Our Blessed Mother asked us to make 5 first Saturdays for Peace and the reparation of sins.

Thanks for the CARE packages

In a recent communication from Lt. John Cyrulik in Afghanistan, he writes: "On behalf of the 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade, I would like to thank you for the generous donations of food and personal hygiene products. Your contribution has allowed the soldiers to continue the mission and improved morale and motivation. We are indeed grateful for the enthusiastic support." So, thank you again, parishioners, for your generous contributions.

Comings and Goings

The Week at a Glance



Sunday, August 26

Men's Club BBQ - PH

8:00-10:00AM - RCIA - CC#2

Tuesday, August 28

7:00-9:00AM - Men's Journey - CC#1&2

10:00AM - Journey - CC#2

12:30PM - MAP - CC#1

6:30-8:30PM - CMSE - Core Class - CC#1

8:00PM - Night Angels - CC#2

Wednesday, August 29

7-9AM - Joyful Pillars - CC#2

9:00AM-5:00PM - Sr. Angela - PH

9:00AM-12:00PM - MAP - CC#1

6:00PM - Catechist meeting - CC#1

Thursday, August 30

1:00PM - Bridge - CC#1&2

6:00-10:00PM - Gathering - PH

7:00PM - Adoration - CH

Friday, August 31

7AM - 12PM - Student Council Election - PH

5:00PM - Webelos - CC#2

6:30PM - Wedding rehearsal - CH

Saturday, September 1

9:00AM-9:00PM - Sr. Angela - PH

2:00PM - Wedding - CH

Sunday, September 2

1:30PM - Baptism class - CC#1

2:00PM - Private Mass - CH & PH



ANNUAL BARBECUE

Sunday, August 26, 2012

Parish Hall

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

1/2 Chicken BBQ

Potato Salad and Beans

One Plate - Only \$8.00

We'll Cook For You!

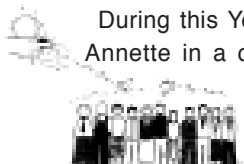
YOUTH CORNER



No Edge or Lifeteen this week, but keep an eye out for exciting news about our Edge and Lifeteen programs... coming soon!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION


COMING IN THE FALL: EPIC!



During this Year of Faith, find out. Join Sr. Annette in a one-year (20 session) view of the Church's 20 centuries of living faith. Minimal homework! Meet in CC#2.


Monday (7:00 to 9:00 PM) class begins Sept. 10.
Tuesday (2:00 to 4:00 PM) class begins Sept. 11.

FIRST TUESDAY SNAPSHOTS



During this Year of Faith, join Sr. Annette to explore a single aspect of our faith or how we Catholics express our faith. Meet in CC-2 the First Tuesday of the month from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. (NO HOMEWORK!) We begin September 4 by answering the question: What kind of God do you believe in?

ABOUT RCIA



The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is for --any non-Catholic who wants to find out more about the Catholic faith

--any returning Catholic who wants to be re-introduced to the Catholic way of life and perhaps complete initiation sacraments

Sessions are being held Sundays, from 8:30 to 9:45 in CC-2. For more information, contact Sr. Annette Wagner at 993-0299 or awagner@stpiusxcc.org.

Altar Servers Sept. 1-2

Sat. 5:30 p.m.
MC Stephanie Gibbon
Reagan Gibbon
William Tucker



Sun. 8:00 a.m.
MC Toby Shull
MC Tori Shull
Christian Ramos

Sun. 12:00 p.m.
MC Joseph Tarin
Matthew Lutz
Blake Finch

Sun. 10:00 a.m.
MC Andrew Thomas
Ben DeSive
Mackenzie DeSive

Sun. 5:30 p.m.
MC Brian Pompa
MC Matthew Quiroz
Cole Morin


Lectors

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME


SEP 1 SAT 5:30 P.M. Peter Anzaldua
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SEP 2 SUN 8:00 A.M. Alpha Patterson
SEP 2 SUN 8:00 A.M. Joe Skrobarczyk
SEP 2 SUN 10:00 A.M. Hester Rodriguez
SEP 2 SUN 10:00 A.M. Patricia Stegall
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SEP 2 SUN 5:30 P.M. Simon Purnell
SEP 2 SUN 5:30 P.M. Angie Quiroz

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CCD REGISTRATION



will continue throughout the month of August. You can obtain the registration form online or at either the parish office or the CCD office. We welcome all families who have children of Catechetical age 3-12. A Catechesis of the Good Shepherd class will be held on Sunday mornings for those who are interested. This will be for children ages 3-5 only. We are also registering for Confirmation I and Confirmation II classes.



The words I spoke to you
are spirit and life

School News

By Principal Kathy Clark

Editor's note: Please accept my apologies for last week's glaring error in the School News section. You can be assured that re-running last spring's final column is a sign of the bulletin editor's absentmindedness, not the principal's. The school is still in good hands.



The students and staff of St. Pius X Catholic School are back into the groove of school and their activities are in full swing. We have just completed our third week of school and already have had our first PTO meeting and Parent Orientation, a teddy bear parade, our first fire drill of the school year, and the Liturgy to Begin the School Year! By the time this week ends, our Fall Fundraiser will have ended, our 5th graders will have been to three of their five classes of Starbase Atlantis, and our 4th 5th and 6th graders will have elected new Student Council officers. If you attend the 12:00 Mass next weekend, you will see our students in uniform for the first school-wide Sunday Mass.

Our first PTO meeting / Parent Orientation was well attended. It provided parents with lots of information about the school, fundraisers and goals for the year. After the meeting, parents visited the classrooms where they met with the teachers and learned about their child's curriculum, teacher expectations, rules and regulations.

On Friday, the K-3, K-4 and K-5 students participated in a Teddy Bear Parade as a culminating activity to their thematic unit on bears. Each student brought his/her favorite bear and paraded in and out of the classrooms with it. Parents, teachers and students enjoyed seeing the variety of bears. Some were fancy and some were obviously well loved!

Last Wednesday, our 5th and 6th graders participated in the Liturgy to Begin the School Year at the Corpus Christi Cathedral. This is an annual Mass that is celebrated by Bishop Michael Mulvey and the pastors of parishes that have schools. All of the Catholic Schools in the Diocese send their exiting

classes to this Mass where the lectors, altar servers and choir members are all students. It's a beautiful sight to see the students proceeding down the isles of the Cathedral with their school banners. The Catholic school system is certainly alive and well in Corpus Christi.

Our Fall Fundraiser ends tomorrow, August 27. It is still possible to order items online, however, so if you are interested in helping the school, please check out the website: www.charlestonwrap.com/shop_now.php. There are three catalogues from which to choose.

Our 5th graders are participating in the Starbase Atlantis program again

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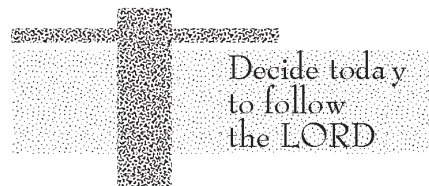


this year. This is a program that gets kids excited about science and math. They learn all about principles of flight with hands-on activities and experiments that include building a rocket, operating a flight simulator and climbing into the cockpit of a real airplane. During their last class, they launch the rockets they have built.

Student Council elections were held on Friday. Results will be published in next week's bulletin. The offices that were up for grabs were President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Chaplain. Our school has the best Student Council in town. Last year they raised \$960 with their Healthy Heart Cart sales. These are snack items that they sell after school on the court. They donated \$500 of their proceeds to our school library for new books. Their sponsor is Mrs. Stovall, our 5th grade teacher. Kudos to them!

Around the Diocese

The Bishop's House.-The Bishop's house has served the diocese well both as an episcopal residence and place for diocesan social gatherings. Designed by architect Morris Levy in 1936, it is one of a series of Mediterranean style field stone veneered houses on Ocean Dr sited to overlook Corpus Christi Bay. Through the efforts of the Kenedy family, the diocese was able to purchase it in 1950 from the original owner Knox Colton.



SAFE ENVIRONMENT CLASSES

REMINDER

PLEASE CHECK the expiration date on your blue Safe Environment Card. If it is expired or about to expire come in for a re-certification class.

ALL CLASSES ARE IN CC#1 AT 6:30 pm

Schedule for re-certification classes:

August 14	September 11
October 9	November 13
December 11	January 8
February 12	March 12
April 9	May 14

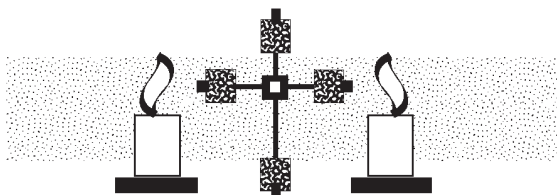
Schedule for Core classes:

August 28	October 23
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Mass Intentions



- Sat. 8/25 5:30PM Alice Sosa's Anniversary by Adrian Sosa & Family
- Sun. 8/26 8:00AM For the Parishioners
 10:00AM Bob Conwell by Ellen M. Dickson
 12:00PM Chester Zablocki by Aneda Zablocki
 5:30PM Joe McCullough by Peter & Joanne Volpe
 7:30PM Gio A Kim Nguyen by Lisa Nguyen
- Mon. 8/27 8:15AM Gomez and Hawkins Family Tree
- Tue. 8/28 8:15AM Frank Baish by Bobby & Donna Gough
- Wed. 8/29 8:15AM William & Agnes Parker by Donna Parker
 In thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus by Josie Sheldon
 5:30PM Dawson Boone by Lory Moore
 Regina Richter, CDA Court 246 by Catholic Daughters
 Angie Rossi by Ben Janosek
 Frank & Martha Kolda's 60th Wedding Anniversary Intentions by Art & Lou Kaler
 Richard Villarreal by Olaya Gonzalez
 Graciela Noyola by the Trevino Family
 John Noyola by the Trevino Family
- Thu. 8/30 8:15AM Jerry Alan Schiebrel by Tomas Duran
- Fri. 8/31 8:15AM Dr. Charles Clark, Sr. by Richard & Katheryn Carlson
 5:30PM Joe Mc Cullough by M/M Bonifacio Rodriguez
- Sat. 9/1 8:15AM Reba P. Downey by Fr. Don Downey
 5:30PM Max Almendarez' Anniversary by Boyd, Swoboda & Almendarez families
 Charles Peterek by Marion Peterek
- Sun. 9/2 8:00AM Cecil A. Downey by Fr. Don Downey
 10:00AM Thomas & Mary Fitzgerald by the Fitzgerald girls
 12:00PM Frank K. Mansheim by Joanie Whitmire
 5:30PM For the Parishioners



Please Pray for our Sick & Shut-Ins...

Manuel Balbin, Madison Beckwith, John Boyd, Frances Branning, Sr. Patrick Bruen, Bob Byrd, Stella & Michael Campos, Ashley Carroll, Jason Cox, Alicia de Boza, Florinda De La Garza, Mark DeGaish, Sandy DeGregorio, Minga DeLosSantos, Samantha Didear Deste, Liz Elovitz, Yolanda Escobar, Juan A. Flores, Bobby Floyd, Frances Galvan, Raymond Garcia, Jr., Elida Gonzalez, Bobby Gough, Glenda Graham, Vickie Grainger, Charlotte & Tommy Groner, Jared Groner, Terry Groner, Coleen Habeeb, Marie Habeeb, Rose Marie Hand, James Hartman, Corina Herndon, Cathy Hervey, Chris Holland, Elizabeth Johnson, Martha Kaler, Dorothy Krause, Ed Lewis, Dorothy Mathews, Michael McCloskey, Virginia Medrano, Robert Miller, John Morgan, Dan Murray, Patricia Paris, Phil Perabo, Robert M. Pope, Roberto Reyes, Raymond Richter, Marguerite Ross, Luis Salazar, Tim Salch, Janie San Miguel & children, Amber Saylor, Terry Schacherl, Josephine Sheldon, Tina Shepherd, Msgr. Richard Shirley, Willie Mae Shirley, Mary Pat Slavik, Maxine Sommers, Lydia Tey, Idolina Vela, Luz Villarreal, Melva Walet, Mary Lois Webster, Bea Wilson, Linda Witt, Dolly Zihelli, Sarah Zuniga and all those who asked for and need our prayers.

Financial Report for week ending 8/19/12

Operating Revenue:

Sunday Collection	\$ 24,687.06
Other Income	\$ 75.00
Total Operating Revenue.....	\$ 24,762.06

Other Contributions:

Acts of Charity	\$ 2,401.91
Janosek Scholarship	\$ 25.00
Habeeb Scholarship	\$ 535.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 55.00
Catholic Relief Srv.	\$ 60.00
Catholic University	\$ 2.00
Total Other Contributions.....	\$ 3,078.91
Total Contributions 8/19/2012	\$ 21,725.98

Loan balance on Youth Bldg

as of August 14, 2012\$1,016,025.83

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