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A WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ST. ANNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

LENT 2007

GENERATIONS OF FAITH

WALKING TOGETHER

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST

The third weekend of Lent is a call to *conversion* and *reconciliation*. We, as a Faith community, invite our Elect (those to be baptized—and those who will receive the Easter sacraments with us for the first time) to drink the Living Water that Christ has given to all who seek to change their hearts. The reconciliation of the Samaritans in the Gospel today comes through a woman who recognizes Jesus as the Christ—the Holy One of God. When we come to know God's saving power in Christ, we are compelled not only to speak and live in His way, but also to work together to break down the barriers that separate us from our brothers and sisters.

Third Sunday of Lent

Volume 3, No. 63 ~ This People is the House of God ~ March 11, 2007



St Anne Catholic Community

OUR MISSION

We, a Catholic Christian people rooted by Baptism, take as our challenge the mission of Jesus: to build the Kingdom of God, standing in solidarity with the poor. We are committed to:

- Welcoming** • Welcoming all people and providing a sense of belonging to people at every stage of life.
- Creating** • Creating a place of enjoyment, excitement and fun for people of all ages.
- Healing** • Healing, reconciling and reaching out in caring service to each other.
- Reaching Out** • Serving those in need, especially the broken, through generous gifts of time, talent and treasure.
- Serving** • Gathering at Eucharist and celebrating the Sacraments of the Church and the sacramental moments of our lives.
- Gathering** • Telling and sharing the Living Story of Jesus.

So challenged, we pray that the Holy Spirit fills us and empowers us so that we may become the Living Presence of Jesus in our contemporary world.

Remembering...

Monday, March 12th

8:15 St. Anne Perpetual Mass Society
Elizabeth Kotecki and Jacob—*The Rosengren Family*

Tuesday, March 13th

8:15 Henry Michalski—*The Klass Family*

Wednesday, March 14th

8:30 Michael Dudzik—*The Family*

Please note that all Wednesday Masses will take place at 8:30 a.m. during Lent, and include the school children.

Thursday, March 15th

8:15 Divine Protection, Urban Thobe—*The Family*

Friday, March 16th

8:15 St. Anne Perpetual Mass Society
Vonda Mash—*Salvatore and Renata Falco*

Saturday, March 17th

Mass of Anticipation

5:15 Mary Catherine Lynch—*Denise Dzedzic*
Frank Wollney—*The Family*

Sunday, March 18th

7:15 People of St. Anne

9:00 Divine Protection, Matt Thobe—*The Family*
Joan Kontkanen—*Rick and Rita Weaver*
Gloria Rodriguez—*Georgeanne Van*
Charlie Selvik—*Bonnie Selvik*
Frank Walter—*Marianne Lutz and Hans Brummer*

11:00 Special Intention—*The Hopkinson Family*
A.J. and Cecilia Smith—*Jean Gaertner*
George Bolton—*Celeste Scheffler*
Bill Reuter—*The Rick Weaver Family*
Ed Trimarco—*The Harwood Family*

5:15 Bridget Burton—*Bonnie DiViesti*

Welcome New Members

Laura and Daniel Teuber
(Joshua)

Sherry and Raymond Trotta
(Kelsey, Jacob, Ian)

Resting in Peace

Frances Honomichl, wife of Jack and mother of Joseph, Frances, Beth and Ann;
Scott Staszak, nephew of the Jozapaitis family;
Arthur Wiggenhorn, father of Bill;
Rose Zientara, mother of Joan Covers

Stewardship of Treasure

Weekly Offering for March 4, 2007

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| Adult Offering (690 envelopes) | \$45,084.00 |
| Loose Cash | \$1,896.00 |
| Pro-rated "Parish Pay" offering (Weekly share of Monthly "Parish Pay" Automatic Checking/Credit Card Giving) | \$7,796.10 |
| Youth and Children Offering (0 envelopes) | \$0.00 |
| Grand Total | \$54,776.10 |
| Amount needed to meet Operating Expense <i>and</i> Loan Interest Payments | \$46,500.00 |
| Collection Excess | \$8,276.10 |
| Sharing Contributions (43 envelopes) | \$1,485.00 |

Past 4 weeks:

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| Average Weekly Offering | \$44,257.52 |
| Average Weekly Shortfall | (\$2,242.48) |
| Total Shortfall | (\$8,969.92) |
| Fiscal Year to Date Shortfall (36 weeks) | (\$16,009.36) |

Building Debt as of March 5, 2007

Outstanding Loan Balance\$4,000,000.00
with Archdiocese

Less Pledged Funds\$100,000.00
Payable through 2008*

*Does not include \$414,765.00 in past due pledge
payments as of February 12th, 2007.

Total long-term Parish Debt.....**3,900,000.00**

Monthly Interest Payment

@ 4.28 % to 5.92%.....\$19,733.53

Monthly Debt-Reduction Collection (green envelope)

Fiscal YTD (36 weeks).....\$312,570.78

If you are considering paying off an existing pledge early and wish to know the balance due, or have questions regarding your pledge, please call **Carol Helmers** at **847.620.3051**.

Important reminders:

Copies of the 2006 Annual Report are available in the parish office and the Gathering Space.

Please turn in weekly collection envelopes for any missed weekend Masses.

Lent 2007

Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 16th-30th, 7:00 p.m.

Vespers (evening prayer)

Tuesday, March 13th-April 3rd,
7:00 p.m.

Holy Week:

Monday, April 2nd

Penance Service, 7:30 p.m.

Holy Thursday, April 5th

Morning prayer, 8:15 a.m.

Children's Liturgy of the Word, 10:00 a.m.

Solemn Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper,
7:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 6th

Morning prayer, 8:15 a.m.

Children's Liturgy of the Word, 10:00 a.m.

Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion,
3:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 7th

Morning prayer, 8:15 a.m.

Children's Liturgy of the Word, 10:00 a.m.

Blessing of Easter baskets, 12:30 p.m.

Vigil of Easter, 8:00 p.m.

(A reception celebrating the new Catholics will take place immediately following the Mass. Please bring a tray of food to share with us as we rejoice.)

Easter Sunday, April 8th

7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,

11:00 a.m., 12:45 p.m.

(No 5:15 p.m. Mass)

Reflections

BY SISTER LAURETTA LEIPZIG, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE AND DIRECTOR OF ADULT EDUCATION

The Family and the Sacraments (continued from last week)

Today we will continue our reflection on how each of the seven sacraments can be seen to intersect with the ongoing life of the family based on the article "Sacraments and Family Life" by Rev. Peter Schineller, SJ. We will address the sacraments of Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders and Marriage.

Reconciliation

Obviously no family is without difficulties, misunderstandings and tensions. In the reconciliation that takes place when the priest serves as the representative of Christ in offering forgiveness in the sacrament, this also takes place in the home. The reality of forgiveness that we celebrate in the sacrament must be present in the home and family as well. Admission of mistakes and attempts at peaceful mending after arguments are a manifestation of the forgiving, compassionate love of God celebrated in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Anointing of the Sick

In this sacrament, we recall and celebrate God's loving care and concern for the sick. In the home this might be care for a family member, a concerned reaching out beyond the immediate household to a friend, relative or neighbor in need, or simply a prayer to God for health and healing. In all these actions that we perform in the home, there is shown a genuine and sacramental response to what the Church officially celebrates in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Holy Orders

The home is the place where the seeds of priestly and religious vocations are sown. The example of the parents, through their servant leadership, prayers and sacrifices, model and call forth in a child the desire to serve God and God's people. This act of service may be through an ordained or consecrated life as celebrated in the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

Marriage

The grace of this sacrament prepares and encourages the couple to truly be a home church, ministering to one another and to their family. From this sacrament, the family gains the strength to perform the acts of love, sharing, sacrifice, servant leadership, forgiveness and caring that are celebrated in the seven sacraments.

In reflecting upon the home and the seven sacraments, it becomes possible to see more clearly how the grace of God intersects and is offered to families. The strongest link between the sacraments of the Church and the sacramental actions performed in the Christian home is *love*. That same love is also the foundation for the life of the domestic church – the family. Let us be more aware of this link and realize the importance of the role of the members of a Christian family.

St. Anne Catholic Community

St. Anne Adult Education presents

A Lenten lecture series

FOCUS

Faith...

Opportunity...

Community...

Understanding...

Spirituality

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***“Go, the Mass is Ended!
After Sunday Comes Monday”***

Presented by

Father Britto Berchmans

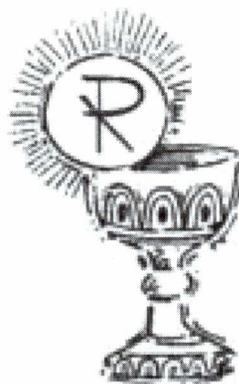
Monday, March 12th

*7:30 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.
in the School Cafeteria*

\$5.00 payable at the door

For more information, call 847.381.5452.

Eucharistic Minister Training



If you have ever thought about service to the faithful of St. Anne as a Eucharistic Minister, we ask that you consider the following invitation.

Training for the Eucharistic Ministry is planned for **Saturday morning, March 17th**, at St. Anne. The training includes both formation and practical sessions,

and takes about three hours to complete.

We will begin in the Hospitality Room with a formation session and a discussion of the practical aspects of distribution of communion in our worship space. We then move to the sacristy and worship space to walk through the communion procedure.

If you would like to attend or if you need more information, please contact **Clem Aseron** at case-ron@stannebarrington.org; **847.620.3065** or **Rick and Rita Weaver** at jdweaver3@juno.com, **847.304.4409**.

This Week's Readings

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| Monday: | 2 Kings 5:1-15b/Luke 4:24-30 |
| Tuesday: | Daniel 3:25, 34-43/Matthew 18:21-35 |
| Wednesday: | Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9/Matthew 5:17-19 |
| Thursday: | Jeremiah 7:23-28/Luke 11:14-23 |
| Friday: | Hosea 14:2-10/Mark 12:28-34 |
| Saturday: | Hosea 6:1-6/Luke 18:9-14 |
| Sunday: | 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/ Ephesians 5:8-14/John 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38 |

Youth Ministry/Journey

St. Anne Journey is proud to present:



Living Stations of the Cross

A testimony to God's incredible love dramatized
in costume with music, special sound, and lighting

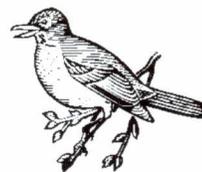
***Wednesday, March 14th
4:15 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.***

All are invited. Bring the whole family.



House of Hope

Welcome Spring!

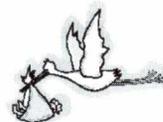


Spring has sprung at the House of Hope

Stop in and see all that is new for the warmer, sunnier days ahead. There's a lot in store for spring break travel, warm weather sports, gardening and freshening up your nest. A great selection of baskets, trimmings and décor has just arrived for Easter - better 'hop to it' for best selection. Every department is filled with new arrivals awaiting your discovery!

Attention moms-to-be

House of Hope has the hot items on every mom-to-be's wish list: glider rockers! Rock your baby to sleep in complete comfort and save a bundle, too! If you've been shopping around, you know how much these can cost. Stop in, give ours a test drive and start a college fund with the money you'll save!



Save some green this St. Patrick's Day

We have beautiful wool sweaters and lots o' green to put an Irish accent on your day! And, of course, we have an Irish wish for you, too:

May you have the hindsight to know where you've been,
the foresight to know where you're going,
and the insight to know when you're going too far!

Save the Date!

This year we mark the 15th Annual Annie's Attic Sale and we need you to make it our most successful yet! This year's sale will be held **June 28th, 29th and 30th**. Volunteers start two weeks prior and hours/days are completely flexible! Family members grade 5 and up are encouraged to get involved and make a difference in the lives of the less fortunate in our area. This is also a *great* community service opportunity for teens!

More information will be arriving soon regarding the many ways to lend your support to Annie's Attic 2007. If you are ready to sign up now, please call the Project Hope office at 847.381.5721.

All proceeds benefit Project Hope,
providing emergency assistance to area
families in crisis.



House of Hope Resale Shop
Heirlooms & Treasures
200 N. Hough St. • Downtown Barrington
Wed - Sat 10 AM- 4 PM • 847.756.4673

Lenten Soup Supper 2007

The agenda for the evening...

6:30 p.m. Gathering

6:45 p.m. A special table blessing from the Congo

7:00 p.m. A simple meal of soup, salad, and rolls

7:20 p.m. Panel discussion about life in the Congo interspersed with the music of the New Community Church Choir, a traditional African gospel choir composed of people from the Congo and neighboring Angola

8:30 p.m. Closing remarks and prayer

Please consider bringing your school-aged children. The evening will be lively and provide an opportunity to better understand Africa.

Please R.S.V.P.

One of our teen Trek groups is preparing the soup for the evening and they really want to know how much chopping they have to do...commit now to come! Then call **Faithjustice** at **847.989.3574** to reserve your place at the table. You can also email your reservation to **kalmesid@gmail.com**. Flag your email "Soup Supper."

Your free-will donation will be gladly accepted and applied to our Lenten almsgiving project. Anyone who would like to donate a salad will be greatly blessed. Salad donors can call **Laura Cerretani** at **847.842.9629** (evenings).



Thursday, March 15th

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

School Cafeteria

(If you are able, please bring your own bowls and spoons to help us conserve.)

Come listen to stories
of life in the Congo.

Through the music of the New Community Church Choir, a traditional African gospel choir, hear the hope that struggles to pierce the long darkness.

Learn how the people of St. Anne, the Diocese of Goma, and the villagers of Nkokwe are bridging distance, language and culture to understand our shared humanity and find the heart of peace.

The Human Person... The Heart of Peace

On February 7th & 8th, our students in REP and St. Anne School, along with their parents and many parishioners, took advantage of a rare opportunity to view the faces of Africa in a most personal way. Through the artistry of Al Buschauer, guests walked through a gallery of stunning photographs that depict some of life's most difficult paradoxes: incredible beauty, hope, and dignity in the midst of desolation; extreme poverty in a world rich in resources and knowledge; and isolation in a world more closely connected than ever before. Mr. Buschauer took the photographs when he traveled to Africa with Hands of Hope, a Barrington charity currently working in Zambia. The setting in the St. Anne Gathering Space was enhanced by the rhythmic drumbeat of Elliott Wimbush whose music filled the space, and with delicious fruits, cheeses and desserts, all of which were donated for the occasion.

The short program closed with remarks by Bahati (Jacques) Ntamabyaliro, the son of Maheshe (Edouard), the principal of the Catholic Primary School, which is a part of our first year's almsgiving to help the Village of Nkokwe. Many who attended asked for a copy of his presentation. He had to go home and write his thoughts down as they were spoken extemporaneously that evening. He shared them with the committee this past week. In turn we share them with you for your Lenten reflection.

"Truly It Is Just and Good"

We are here to respond to an invitation sent out to us by the God who is Love.

We heard his voice and we came to see his face.

His face is this community gathered here.

His face is each one of us.

His face is the people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo in need of our help.

His face is in these pictures from African nations displayed before us.

Truly it is just and good.

As people of Catholic tradition, we hear these words form the preface every time we participate in a Eucharistic celebration:

Kweli yafaa na nihaki. (Swahili)

Vraiment il est juste et bon. (French)

Truly it is just and good. "It is truly just and good to praise the Lord," the preface states.

Today:

Truly it is just and good to be part of this life-changing opportunity.

Truly it is just and good to be part of this movement of hope.

Truly it is just and good to love those at the margins in the D.R. Congo.

Truly it is just and good to walk with them the margins to the center.

Truly it is just and good to bring passion where there is pain.

Truly it is just and good to care for those who are scared.

Truly it is just and good to hold those who are hurting.

Truly it is just and good; it is truly fitting and right to praise God.

May the vision to reach out to those in Nkokwe be our prayer to God. May we say with joy that "truly it is just and good" when we remember, think and desire to help, walk, encourage, hold and advocate for our brothers and sisters from Nkokwe.

Love summoned us here today; let us be glad to have come to see his face and hear his voice.

Thank you all for coming.

8 February 2007

Bahati Jacques

"Place a Face" on the Bare Branches

With each \$100.00 of alms that is collected parish-wide—

- from our children (in St. Anne School, in Religious Education programs, in Journey groups and Trek groups),
- from adult parishioners (in ministries, in small faith-sharing groups, and members at large), and
- from benefactors in Barrington and elsewhere

— a face will be placed on the bare branches. The hope is that our inward reflection on the meaning of Lent will be expressed outwardly in this community effort to become the people of God.

May our branches bear much fruit!

Packets for the Poor

Lent

Local Lenten Sponsorships

St. Anne's united efforts are multileveled, and year after year, we are becoming one with all who see, who care, and who respond to God's call to lift others...to lead...and to give hope to the needy wherever they are!
...in our parish backyard...or local community...
...throughout the Archdiocese...in this country and beyond!

If you wish to participate in this local sponsoring program for Lent and Easter, please consider the following:

Choose: _____ an individual or

a family of _____ 2 _____ 4 _____ 6 or more

This packet consists of :

_____ certificates for prepared meals from Jewel or Dominick's

_____ prepaid phone cards

_____ prepaid gas cards

_____ a check to help pay rent, utilities and medical bills

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Your packets may be mailed in or dropped off at Project Hope office by **Friday, March 16th**. For more information, call **847.381.5721**.

St. Anne Catholic Community

Eucharistic Adoration

Every **Friday** in the Chapel
from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

More information is available in the baskets below the Adoration posters in the Gathering Space.

Cardinal George has said this about Eucharistic Adoration:

"Dear Friends, The New Millennium of grace is already bringing a renewed interest of the faithful in the real presence of our Lord in the Eucharist. Many dioceses across the country report an emergence of chapels set aside for periods of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar. As a result, the faithful are testifying to graces received, conversions taking place, prayer answered, reconciliation in families, increases in priestly and religious vocations and other favors."

"This is a movement of the Holy Spirit in the Church in these times, and I am happy to give my endorsement to this manual as a tool for getting adoration underway in parishes. May the rich graces given by Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament transform each of us, the Church and the world."

See <http://therealpresence.org/> for more details.

Personal testimony from a St. Anne adorer:

"I look forward to the hour of silence before the Lord; this has truly been the most peaceful hour of my week. The available literature in the Chapel has been an excellent resource to help me meditate and listen for God's will in my life."

Please stop in and see for yourself.



"The Eucharist is a priceless treasure: by not only celebrating it but also by praying before it outside of Mass we are enabled to make contact with the very wellspring of grace."
— Pope John Paul II



**One Lord,
One Faith,
One Baptism.**



Baptism Process—Session 2

A reminder for those who have attended session 1 of the Baptism process in preparation for their baby's Baptism that session 2 will be **Sunday, March 18th**, at 7:00 p.m., in the Church. Please mark this important date on your calendar. We look forward to seeing you!

Sharing Board Event



St. Patrick's Day Party



*Sponsored by the St. Anne Sharing Board
To benefit the St. Frances of Rome Scholarship Fund*

It's time again for the wearin' of the green!

Kick up your heels and invite your friends
to raise a mug to old St. Pat!

When: Saturday, March 17th, 6:30 p.m. to midnight

Where: Parish Center

Cost: \$40.00/person (ADULTS ONLY)
includes authentic Irish meal of corned beef
and cabbage. Cash bar features beer and wine.

The shenanigans will include: *Anam Mor* Irish dancers, Irish music
and plenty of dancing! It is guaranteed to be a great time!

Fill out the order form and return it to the rectory or school office.
Tickets will be held at the party.

For more information,
call **Claire Hamilton** at **847.304.1123**.



St. Patrick's Day Party 2007

Name _____ Phone _____

Number of tickets _____ x \$40.00 = _____

Please seat us with the following people:

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Checks may be made payable to the St. Anne Sharing Board

Sorry, I cannot attend the party, but would like to donate to the
St. Frances of Rome Scholarship Fund in the amount of \$_____.

St. Anne Sharing Board

Sharing Board News

Our thanks to the parish for the warm reception for Fr. Mark Bartosic, Pastor, St. Frances of Rome, at the Masses last weekend. Fr. Mark is deeply grateful for the love and support shown by St. Anne for the people of our sharing parish, St. Frances. Your generosity enables low-income children to attend Catholic school, and helps keep the school and parish operating. Additionally, through gold envelope contributions, we also support the St. Martin de Porres Shelter for Women and Children and the St. Columbanus food pantry. Thank you for all you do to help the Sharing Board!

St. Pat's Party Update

There is still room to join us on **Saturday, March 17th** to celebrate St. Patrick's Day! All profits benefit the St. Frances of Rome Scholarship Fund. Don't miss our fabulous auction items, which include *tickets to the Oprah show, Jersey Boy play tickets, Cubs tickets, Notre Dame tickets, a Nintendo Wii Gaming System, jewelry from G. Whiz, special services*, and other great items. See the flyer for more party details. Party responses must be received by **Monday, March 12th**. In addition, call **Claire Hamilton** at **847.304.1123** to help underwrite some of the costs.

St. Anne Sharing Board Lenten Food Drive

"For I was hungry and you gave me food."



Sharing bags will be collected at the St. Anne Parish Center this weekend.

Saturday, March 10th

9 a.m. - Noon, and

before and after the 5:15 p.m. Mass

Sunday, March 11th

before and after all Masses

until 12:30 p.m.

St. Patrick's Day Pot of Gold Raffle!!!

First Prize: \$,1000.00 Cash

Second Prize: Nintendo Wii System

Tickets: **\$10.00** each or **6** for **\$50.00**

All proceeds benefit the
St. Frances of Rome
Scholarship Fund.

Tickets will be sold after all Masses
this weekend

Drawing will be held at the
St. Pat's Party on
Saturday, March 17th.

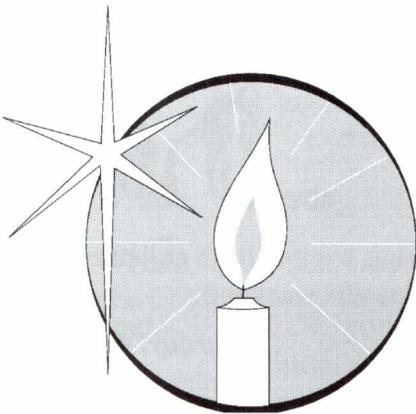
Winner need not be present to win.

Please help support our
sharing parish in Cicero!!



AFTERNOON OF LENTEN RENEWAL

“LIVING AS CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT”



Come join us for an afternoon of music and prayer as we journey through Lent and prepare ourselves for Easter and our call to discipleship

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| WHO? | All St. Anne teens and adults are welcome (Especially for Confirmation candidates, sponsors and parents) |
| WHEN? | Sunday, March 18th, 3:30-6:30 p.m. (includes Sunday Liturgy) |
| WHERE? | St. Anne Church |

FEATURING:



CYPRIAN CONSIGLIO

Camaldolese Benedictine Fr. Cyprian Consiglio is a nationally known singer, composer, recording artist and speaker. During his more than 10 years at

new Camaldoli Hermitage in Big Sur, California, he has served as choirmaster and liturgist and has been involved in formation work and teaching.

Before entering monastic life, Cyprian toured and performed extensively, both solo and with various groups. He lived in a Christian ashram in South India studying Indian music and Asian philosophy and spirituality.

Cyprian is known for his soulful voice and use of many musical styles to express sacred themes. He specializes in concerts for people of all ages.

JOHN ANGOTTI

An accomplished and superb pianist, John began studying piano at the age of seven. His mother, who has been a church musician for over 50 years, motivated him to become involved with church music at a very early age through the children's choir at church.



John has been writing Catholic music since his mid-teen years at St. Joseph Seminary where he was considering entering the priesthood. It was in the music director positions that followed where he found himself composing songs for use in worship on Sunday, songs the entire congregation loved to sing during their prayer.

John continues to spread his message of prayer through song taking a special interest in reaching today's youth and stressing the importance of prayer through music for all ages. Through his ministry of music and word, John shares his experiences and message that Jesus is Lord and Savior of us all.

St. Anne Community Theatre

**St. Anne Community Theater
announces auditions for its
summer production**

WEST SIDE STORY™

Monday, March 19th

Tuesday, March 20th

7:00-9:00 p.m.

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Auditions will be held at the St. Anne Parish Center gym, 120 N. Ela Street

- Auditions are open to boys and girls ages 11-19 (must be 11 by June 30th)
- Show dates are tentatively scheduled for the weekends of July 20th-28th
- Prepare 16 bars of an upbeat song (50's style suggested). Bring sheet music.
- Prepare a 2 minute monologue
- Dress for movement
- Cast will include up to 30 young people
- All auditions are open; no appointments are necessary
- Experienced and inexperienced are welcome to audition
- Headshots are not required

For more information, call 847.382.5300 ext. 400.

www.stannetheater.com

St. Anne Catholic Community

Blue Ribbon Raffle



We did it!! The Blue Ribbon Raffle raised over \$60,000.00 for St. Anne School! Thank you to **all** who purchased raffle tickets in support of our fundraiser. We could not have done

this without the support of both our school families and our parish. Seventy percent (70%) of our school families bought tickets, and we had an overwhelmingly generous response for our parish and alumni. The proceeds from this raffle will help offset the operating costs of our school.

With over 140 guests in attendance, the raffle winners were announced at the Blue Ribbon celebration. They are the Jobes Family, Tom Bush, and Megan Clifford. Ironically, when the Jobes family was deciding which ticket to purchase, they chose ticket number 1225. 12-25, Christ's birthday, would become the winning ticket!

The committee witnessed countless stories of generosity, including families who purchased multiple tickets, our school faculty who pooled money to purchase tickets, a gentleman who placed \$40.00 on our ticket booth, and an elderly couple who braved the subzero weather to purchase a ticket at the school office. We are truly a blessed community!

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you so much for your generosity, trust, and belief in St. Anne School.

Most fondly,

The Blue Ribbon Raffle Committee

Stations of the Cross

St. Frances of Rome Parish is going to be praying the Stations of the Cross on **Good Friday, April 6th**, at 3:00 p.m. The town of Cicero has given them permission to process through the neighboring streets around the Parish as they pray the Stations. The stations are based on those celebrated by Pope John Paul II on Good Friday 1991. They are presented as an alternative to the traditional stations and as a way of reflecting more deeply on the scriptural accounts of Christ's passion. An ensemble of bilingual parishioners has put together a format that engages those who walk the way. Colorful paper-maché masks in the Mexican folkloric tradition have been made for the different personages in the Stations such as Jesus, Mary, Simon, and Pilate. It will be something to see and experience, and it will be very prayerful.

The people of St. Frances would be delighted if some of their friends from St. Anne could come and join them. The Stations will last approximately one hour, and will be immediately followed by Veneration of the Cross. St. Frances is at the corner of 15th Street and Austin Boulevard in Cicero: turn south at the end of the Austin exit ramp on the Eisenhower Expressway. For more information, call **708.652.2140**.



FISH Needs Help

FISH (For I Shall Help) has served residents of the Barrington area since 1967 with a network of volunteers who answer transportation needs for medical-related appointments. The majority of the clients are elderly, who are especially appreciative of the personal door-to-door service.

Three types of volunteer opportunities are available at this time. Volunteer *drivers* and *telephone workers* are scheduled a pre-assigned day once a month. A volunteer *substitute driver* has flexibility and is called when needed. FISH fills an important need in our community and makes a difference for the people of Barrington. To volunteer or obtain more information, call **Susan** at **847.304.1913**.

Happenings at St. Anne

Employment Ministry

The St. Anne Employment Ministry is currently developing a larger network of ministries to share with. Our Employment Ministry will be united with 20 other parishes in our local area. If you are interested in becoming an active member of the St. Anne Employment Ministry, email maria@marialarsen.com and your email address will be added to the Yahoo group which currently reaches out to over 250 members. You will also receive correspondence regarding job postings, meetings, workshops, etc.

St. Anne Playgroup

To all moms and caregivers: Please join the St. Anne Playgroup which meets at 10:30 a.m. every Thursday. You can drop in with your baby, toddler or preschooler any time between 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. We look forward to having you join us. If you have any questions, please contact **Mary Sneed** at **847.756.4235** or **Carolyn Fier** at **847.713.2109**.

St. Anne Women's Softball

The St. Anne women's softball team is looking for women from St. Anne to join them their next season; no experience is necessary. Games take place on Tuesday evenings at the park district. For more information, call **Maria Larsen** at maria@marialarsen.com.

The Shawl Ministry

The Shawl Knitting Ministry welcomes all to knit together on the **2nd Monday** of each month, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Parish Center. Bring at least 3 skeins of yarn and needles of choice. Our purpose is to create, bless and give away shawls to bring warmth, comfort and best wishes for improved health to those who receive them. The next get together will be **Monday, March 12th**. For more information, call **Liz** at **847.381.8695** or **Joan** at **847.381.1409** or visit www.shawlministry.com.

Ministry of Care

If you or a family member are homebound and unable to attend Mass, but would like to receive Communion, a trained Minister of Care will bring the Eucharist to you. You and the minister can decide on the day and time of the visit. For more information and to make these arrangements, call **Mary Hoffing** at **847.382.2148**. We are here—for you.

The Family Rosary

We encourage all St. Anne families to join us each **Tuesday** evening at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel to pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary. You are welcome, whether your family is big or small, with young children, old children, grandchildren or no children. Come for this special prayer time.

Come join the Adult Education Book Club

This Month and Discuss a Classic!

Wednesday, March 28th, 7:15 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Parish Library 2nd Floor above the Gathering Space

"To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee*

"When he was nearly thirteen, my brother Jem got his arm badly broken at the elbow....when enough years had gone by to enable us to look back on them, we sometimes discussed the events leading to his accident. I maintain that the Ewells started it all, but Jem, who was four years my senior, said it started long before that. He said it began the summer Dill came to us, when Dill first gave us the idea of making Boo Radley come out."

Set in the small Southern town of Maycomb, Alabama, during the Depression, *"To Kill a Mockingbird"* follows three years in the life of 8-year-old Scout Finch, her brother, Jem, and their father, Atticus—three years punctuated by the arrest and eventual trial of a young black man accused of raping a white woman. Though her story explores big themes, Harper Lee chooses to tell it through the eyes of a child. The result is a tough and tender novel of race, class, justice, and the pain of growing up.

*Please note that this book is different than the previous posted selection for March.

Other Happenings

Spring Floral Fantasy

St. Viator Parents' Club will present its 25th annual spring plant sale on **Wednesday, March 14th**, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 and can be obtained at www.saintviator.com/fundraising/parents.htm.

Barrington Career Fair and Symposium

The Barrington Area Chamber of Commerce and the Barrington Career Center are sponsoring the Greater Barrington Career Fair and Symposium on **Wednesday, March 14th**, from 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., at Makray Memorial Golf Club. The luncheon and symposium begin at 11:00 a.m., and include a key note speaker and a panel forum.

Taizé Prayer Service

A Taizé prayer service, including meditation, Taizé chant and quiet reflection will take place on **Wednesday, March 14th**, at 7:30 p.m., at the Viatorian Province Center in Arlington Heights. For more information, call **Karen Cutler** at **847.637.2125**.

Lenten Day of Recollection

The Council of Catholic Nurses of Lake County will hold a Lenten day of recollection at the Marytown Retreat Center in Libertyville on **Saturday, March 17th**, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information, call **Gloria** at **847.336.3295** or **Mary** at **847.623.9125**.

Catholic Charities Loss Meetings

Holy Family Church will be the site of the next LOSS meeting on **Wednesday, March 21st**, at 7:00 p.m. For more information, call **312.655.7283**.

Hospice of Northeastern Illinois

Compassionate volunteers are needed to care for patients and families. The next patient-volunteer training session will be **Friday, March 23rd** and **Friday, March 30th**. For more information, call **847.381.5599**.

Catholic Charities Dinner

The 9th annual Helping Hands dinner and silent auction "Sweet Home Chicago" will take place on **Wednesday, March 24th**, at the DoubleTree Hotel in Alsip. For more information, call **708.430.0428**.

Prayer Service for Peace in the Middle East

On **Sunday, April 15th**, at 7:30 p.m., a prayer service for peace in the Middle East will be held at Lutheran Church of the Atonement, 909 Main Street, in Barrington. The service includes reading from the Bible, music, and prayers for peace in the Middle East. For more information, call **847.381.0243**.

Widowed Ministry

A weekend retreat/workshop for widows will take place on **March 24th-25th**, at Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge. For more information, call **708.354.7211**.

Vicariate Confirmation for Adults

Deanery 1B preparation sessions will begin on **Monday, April 2nd**, at St. Edna Church, Doherty Center, 2525 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights.

Grief Support Group

The Bereavement Committee of Santa Maria del Popolo Church in Mundelein is offering a seven week support session to all adults who have lost a loved one and are struggling with grief and loss. The first meeting in **Thursday, April 12th**, at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call **Maura** at **847.566.0945**.

Marriage Encounter

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend will be **April 20th-22nd**. For more information, call **Jim** and **Kris** at **800.442.3554**.

Jazz at James

St. James Parish in Chicago will host its annual jazz Mass on **Sunday, April 22nd**, at 9:30 a.m., featuring the jazz ensemble from St. Peter's Church in Chicago. For more information, call **Emily Haynes** at **773.288.2311 ext. 12**.

National Catholic Singles Conference

The conference will take place on **April 27th-April 29th**, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Schaumburg. For more information, call **815.828.5094** or visit www.NationalCatholicSingles.com.

A Ride for 3 Reasons - March 2007

Help support Barrington resident Bob Lee in his solo 6,500 mile bike ride across the country to raise money to find a cure for ALS and cancer and promote awareness for Hospice. Donations can be sent to *A Ride for 3 Reasons*, P.O. Box 365, Barrington, 60010. More information is available at www.3reasons.org.

NAMI

The National Alliance on Mental Illness has new contact information. Visit www.namibarringtonarea.org or call **312.215.4104**.

Minister Schedule: 03/17/07-03/23/07

| March 17 - March 23- Fourth Sunday Of Lent | |
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| Saturday, 5:15 PM | |
| Brown, R. | MC |
| Farman, Georgene | MC |
| Heck, M. | Captain |
| Scardino, R. | Server |
| Wolf, T. (1) | Server |
| Heck, R. (2) | Server |
| Huguelet, T. (1) | Lector |
| Furey, P. (2) | Lector |
| Huguelet, K. | EM |
| Patterson, C. | EM |
| Quinn, E. | EM |
| Schneider, M. | EM |
| Sieger, J. | EM |
| Sobolewski, B. | EM |
| Sobolewski, P. | EM |
| Sonnicksen, P. | EM |
| Wolf, L. | EM |
| Zwolinski, M. | EM |
| Sunday, 7:15 AM | |
| Kaminski, M. | MC |
| Coath, J. | Captain |
| Coath, R. (1) | Server |
| Tracy, E. (2) | Server |
| Nora, L. | Server |
| Tyrpin, D. (1) | Lector |
| Nolan, J. (2) | Lector |
| Cusumano, S. (3) | Lector |
| Gagliano, A. | EM |
| Garcia, F. | EM |
| Huynh, J. | EM |
| Oefelein, C. | EM |
| Polnow, M. | EM |
| Truett, J. | EM |

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| Sunday, 9:00 AM - | |
| Walker, D. | MC |
| Walker, J. | MC |
| Bernacchi, M. | Captain |
| McAuliff, T. (1) | Server |
| Darch, C. (2) | Server |
| Faycurry, S. | Server |
| Bishop, B. (1) | Lector |
| McSorley, A. (2) | Lector |
| Albanese, J. | EM |
| Albanese, M. | EM |
| Bishop, S. | EM |
| Brennan, L. | EM |
| Brennan, M. | EM |
| Burke, Caitlin | EM |
| Burke, Chris | EM |
| DeLaurentis, S. | EM |
| Galazka, L. | EM |
| Kaesar, S. | EM |
| Larkin-Leighton, E. | EM |
| Simmons, M. | EM |
| Tabak, K. | EM |
| VanNest, D. | EM |
| Walter, J. | EM |
| Werner, S. | EM |
| Sunday, 11:00 AM - | |
| Kolasinski, W. | MC |
| Hirsch, A. | Captain |
| Guarnieri, D. (1) | Server |
| Poglitich, M. (2) | Server |
| Hirsch, E. | Server |
| Kolasinski, P. (1) | Lector |
| Matre, R. (2) | Lector |
| Brenneman, V. | EM |
| Degner, M. | EM |
| Diak-Witak, R. | EM |
| Diaz-Jimenez, E. | EM |
| Doherty, J. | EM |
| Donlea, C. | EM |
| Fasano, P. | EM |
| Fisher, D. | EM |
| Goodwin, K. | EM |
| Jakubec, C. | EM |
| Jodoin, C. | EM |
| Lynam, K. | EM |
| McLean, M. | EM |
| Mulvihill, D. | EM |
| Wirt, A. | EM |
| Wirt, D. | EM |

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| Sunday, 5:15 PM - | |
| Abbate, J. | MC |
| Abbate, R. | MC |
| Olson, B. | Captain |
| Murray, S. (1) | Server |
| Cygan, M. (2) | Server |
| Privatsky, K. | Server |
| Dreshfield, D. | Lector |
| Levin, P. | EM |
| Miller, J. | EM |
| Moran, K. | EM |
| Murray, K. | EM |
| Raseman, S. | EM |
| Rojek, L. | EM |
| Rojek, K. | EM |
| Romeo, D. | EM |
| Russotiesi, G. | EM |
| Schuh, A. | EM |
| Van der Voort, J. | EM |
| Werner, J. | EM |
| Monday, 8:15 AM - Joseph, Husband Of Mary | |
| Horcher, J. | Server |
| Oehler, C. | Server |
| Tuesday, 8:15 AM | |
| DeLisle, B. | Server |
| Perry, A. | Server |
| Wednesday, 8:15 AM | |
| Darch, K. | Captain |
| Darch, C. | Server |
| O'Connor, B. | Server |
| Thursday, 8:15 AM | |
| Trimberger, J. | Server |
| McLaughlin, E. | Server |
| Friday, 8:15 AM | |
| Dayton, B. | Server |
| Kubon, L. | Server |

As a reminder to our ministers and a service to the community, this list is the same as was mailed and does NOT contain any changes made. If there are blank spaces and you can serve, please call **Georgene** at 847.620.3066 or **Clem** at 847.620.3065.

Sharing the

3rd Sunday of Lent, 2007 (28A)

Exodus 17:3-7;

Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts;

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8;

John 4:5-42 (USCCB)

[⁴ He had to pass through Samaria.¹]

⁵Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.

⁶Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon.

⁷A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."

⁸His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.

⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" – For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans. –

¹⁰Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water?"

¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?"

¹³Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again;

¹⁴but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go call your husband and come back."

¹⁷The woman answered and said to him, "I do not have a husband." Jesus answered her, "You are right in saying, 'I do not have a husband.'"

¹⁸For you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true."

¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I can see that you are a prophet.

²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem."

²¹Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

²²You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews.

²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshippers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him.

²⁴God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth."

²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Anointed; when he comes, he will tell us everything."

²⁶Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking with you."

²⁷At that moment his disciples returned, and were amazed that he was talking with a woman, but still no one said, "What are you looking for?" or "why are you talking with her?"

²⁸The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people,

²⁹"Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?"

³⁰They went out of the town and came to him.

³¹Meanwhile, the disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat."

³²But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know."

³³So the disciples said to one another, "Could someone have brought him something to eat?"

³⁴Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work.

³⁵Do you not say, 'In four months the harvest will be here?'

I tell you, look up and see the fields ripe for the harvest.

³⁶The reaper is already receiving his payment and gathering crops for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper can rejoice together.

³⁷For here the saying is verified that 'One sows and another reaps.'

³⁸I sent you to reap what you have not worked for; others have done the work, and you are sharing the fruits of their work."

³⁹Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me everything I have done."

⁴⁰When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days.

⁴¹Many more began to believe in him because of his word,

⁴²and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

Living Story

The fourth gospel is not simply history. As he most often does, John organized and shaped the oral tradition to serve his *theological* purposes. How appropriate that we use John for the three Scrutinies.ⁱⁱ In the middle of Lent, we recall our own baptism and the liberation it has brought and continues to work in us; we well understand the movement away from alienation; with the Samaritan woman we move from thirst to living water.

This pericope is unique to John. There is nothing in the Synopticsⁱⁱⁱ about Jesus engaged in a Samaritan ministry; actually, he forbade it (Mt 10:5). Luke describes a mission to Samaria after the Resurrection (Acts 8:1) and John's community did contain Samaritan converts. Since John wrote about 100 CE, this story was likely injected back into Jesus' lifetime from the oral tradition of John's community and was meant to give legitimacy to a Samaritan mission and therefore to show full equality between Samaritan Christians and Judean ones. Note however, that the emphasis is on Jesus as messiah and that their belief and practice must be rooted in Jesus. Their ancient argument of Samaritan and Judean is to be set aside (v.21); in Jesus, even old "enemies" are to be included in covenant relationship! What must have been the reaction in both Samaritan and Judean communities at John's insistence! Again, it is very important to keep in mind that we are not looking at did Jesus say and do this or that, but what was the gospel writer's intent in addressing his particular community.

Note the evolution in this woman. She moves from a *misunderstanding* on the level of the literal to an acceptance of Jesus as the Messiah. This is astounding, given the barriers of culture and cult.^{iv} John frequently uses misunderstanding as a technique to pack a theological point; he deliberately shows a character missing what Jesus is saying in order to gradually and fully develop understanding in the reader. In this case,

John shows movement from **out-group** to **in-group**; from alienation to inclusion; from despised Samaritan to acceptance into the band of disciples. Note also that as in Luke the author of this gospel seems to take pains to show that women are not inferior to men in the Christian community: the woman at the well is presented as a prototype of a missionary and evangelizer.^v

v.4-5 The most direct route from the region of Judea to the region of Galilee was to remain on the west side of the Jordan River, travel northward which meant having to go through the region of Samaria. To avoid the hated apostate Samaritans, Judean travelers from Jerusalem would go out of their way; they crossed east over the Jordan, made their way north until they by-passed Samaria, then re-crossed the river to enter Galilee. Although v.4 says *He had to pass through Samaria*, going through Samaria was a **theological** necessity to show the reader that Jesus' mission was inclusive: a woman, a non-Jew, is brought from unbelief to belief, from an **out-group** to an **in-group**.

vv.6-7 The Mediterranean world is divided according to gender. Women have their places (kitchen, home); men have theirs (outdoors, the fields, the gate, the marketplace). The well is common to both but not at the same time! Women can use the place only in the morning or evening; at noon puts her there at a wrong time - she can encounter males while not in the company of male relations. vv.7,9 It is counter-cultural for a man to speak to an unchaperoned woman in a public place. She therefore questions Jesus' action. [Later, the disciples are astonished! (27)]

Jews do not share... Samaritan women were considered ritually impure from birth. Therefore to avoid becoming unclean, Judeans were forbidden to drink from a vessel they had handled.

THE LIVING WATER (6-15)

v.10 John reveals that Jesus' action is not based on need (thirst) but on his status as messiah. He challenges: if

she could recognize who is speaking, she would ask for the *living water*. vv.11,12 She interprets on a literal, material level: *living* must mean "moving, flowing," aren't they talking about well water? She sees Jesus as less than Jacob.

vv.13,14 Jesus clarifies: he is speaking of the water leading to eternal life.

v.15 She, intrigued, asks for this different water, fulfilling part of his challenge at v.10 but remains unenlightened about *who* he is (calls him "Sir" through v.19). She understands it may be unusual water but remains on the material level

TRUE WORSHIP OF THE FATHER (16-26)

v.16 He takes the initiative in leading her to recognize who he is by referring to her personal life.

v.17 She gives an ambiguous, deceptive answer, instinctively reacting against what she (and we) thinks is just moral probing.

v.18 He uses the answer to uncover her evil deeds. [In 3:19-21 John says that those whose deeds are evil do not come near the light lest their deeds be exposed] Will the woman turn away from the light?

vv.19-20 She looks **toward** the light. Judging from her abrupt change of subject she would rather this be less personal. In broaching the topic of worship she begins to talk on a spiritual level.

vv.21-24 True worship can come only from those informed by the Spirit of truth. Only through the Spirit does the Father beget true worshippers.

vv.25-26 She finally, if obliquely, recognizes who he is [see Exodus 3:14; God's self-revelation to Moses that God is the *I AM who AM* (*ego eimi*)] and Jesus affirms it saying **I AM** *he*. So she has evolved; she now grasps who he is. John gives us the drama of a soul struggling to rise from the things of this world to a belief in Jesus. Not only this Samaritan woman but everyone must come to recognize who it is when Jesus speaks and must then ask for living water to well up in them. **21**

Sharing the Living Story (continued)

It is important to understand that this is not an indictment of this woman's moral life. It is metaphor—a lens through which to view Samaria's infidelity toward the ancient covenant of Moses. Samaria had intermarried with gentile invaders and intertwined worship of the pagan gods of five foreign tribes while moving away from the *I AM*, the God of their ancestors. In Jesus' day, Samaritans were still tainted with foreign cultic practice. Therefore, even the present "husband"^{vi} is not a husband in full integrity. So the impact on the Judean reader has much greater implication than a woman's personal morality.

THE DIALOGUE WITH THE DISCIPLES: THE HARVEST (27-38)

vv.27-30 Jesus' disciples return as the woman goes into the town to bring people to Jesus, the Messiah. She is like the disciples early on; see chapter 1:40-49.

vv.31-34 The disciples misunderstanding about food exactly parallels the woman's misunderstanding about water! Jewish tradition describes the Torah (first 5 books of the Bible; the Law) as food for the believer. Note how pointedly John reminds his own Jesus group that even for Jesus, food is doing the will of the God who sent him thereby completing the work for which he was sent.

v.35 A series of proverbs directs the disciples toward their own mission to engage in "harvesting" those who are yet to come to Jesus...*the fields are ripe*, Jesus corrects the "four month" interval - the time is now! Verse 30 has the Samaritans already en route to him! vv.37-38 The literary structure

and the fact that this gospel was written post-resurrection, makes it likely that this refers to the sending forth of the disciples (17:18 & 20:21) and cautions the community from taking undue credit for its missionary success. It merely reaps the fruit of others' labor: primarily that of Jesus.

vv.39-42 The Samaritans come to belief first on the basis of the word of the woman who testified about Jesus and then on the basis of their own experience of Jesus' words. This envisions the mission of this Jesus group after the resurrection (testifies= witnessing = evangelizing). John has the departing Jesus pray for "those who will believe in me through their word" (17:20).

Other cultural notes:

v.28 "people" is translated from the Gr. for "men." Again, she is counter-cultural: she goes to where she does not belong and admits to them that Jesus knew what they all knew: that she was a shameless woman, who behaved shamelessly regarding cultural rules governing proper behavior between men and women. Note above in my discussion of vv.16-26 that this is a story-way of talking about the deeper relationship of God and people through the metaphor of Samaria and its fidelity to God.

John is confirming new roles for women in his community: Jesus not only talks with the woman but also guides her progressively from ignorance to enlightenment, from misunderstanding to clarity. She is the most carefully and intensely catechized person in the gospel. Though the woman demonstrates her brazenness

in discussing with Jesus "masculine" political-religious topics—Messiah, and Temple—he accepts her questions and answers them rather than steering her back to "female" topics.

Comparing and contrasting women's place in ancient Mediterranean and contemporary Western culture is instructive in itself but ought not to distract attention from the woman's astonishingly rapid insight into who Jesus really is: "Jew," "sir," "prophet," and "Messiah," leading ultimately to the Samaritan village's recognition of Jesus as "Savior of the world."

Of course I have focused on the meaning of the text for John's Jesus group and stayed away from "the story as it may have happened in the time of the historical Jesus." It is by understanding the purpose of the gospel writer in gathering these stories for the particular circumstances of that author's Jesus group that we can perhaps shed some light on what God has wished to communicate to us.^{vii}

So what: Can we take some time during this first of three successive Lent Sundays to recall and dwell on images that speak of our own movement from thirst to being slaked with living water? Might we go to our catechumenal community and speak of those images, witness to them? Maybe we can be like the Samaritan woman and evangelize within our own groups—family, friends, associates—and use our experiences to go to them and gently sing among us the psalm refrain:

*If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.*

ⁱ One verse earlier in the biblical text but not chosen to be part of this pericope.

ⁱⁱ Scrutiny: A liturgical rite done to encourage the community to take a deep and careful look at their lives through the lens of John's gospel.

ⁱⁱⁱ The Gospels by Matthew, Mark and Luke; thus called because they can be viewed side by side and their passages compared.

^{iv} Cult: a way of worship, arising out of a particular view of God

^v See also John at 20:11; the first witness at the resurrection is a woman.

^{vi} Her (Samaria's) relationship with the God of the Israelite covenant.

^{vii} *Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation*, in Austin Flannery, O.P., General Ed., *Vatican II: The Conciliar and Post Conciliar Documents*, 1987, #12.

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Project Hope Needs

Notices are posted as a courtesy to and for our parishioners. All references must be obtained by the appropriate parties.

Project Hope Needs

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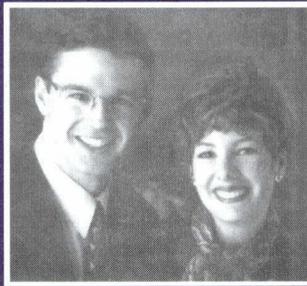
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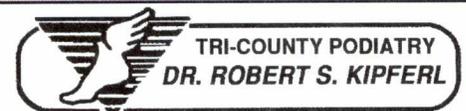
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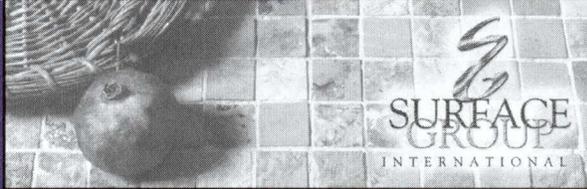
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Monday-Friday: 8:15 a.m.

Saturday:

First Saturday of the month: 8:15 a.m.

Mass of Anticipation: 5:15 p.m.

Reconciliation: 9:15 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Sunday: 7:15, 9:00*, 11:00* a.m. & 5:15 p.m.

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Marriage: A son or daughter of a registered parishioner or a registered and active parishioner will need to schedule an interview with a parish staff person to set a date and start the marriage process. Please call 847.382.5300.

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Reconciliation: Saturdays 9:15 - 10:00 a.m. and by appointment.

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To register, please call 847.382.5300.