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A WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ST. ANNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

LENT 2009

WE CHANGE OUR HEARTS...

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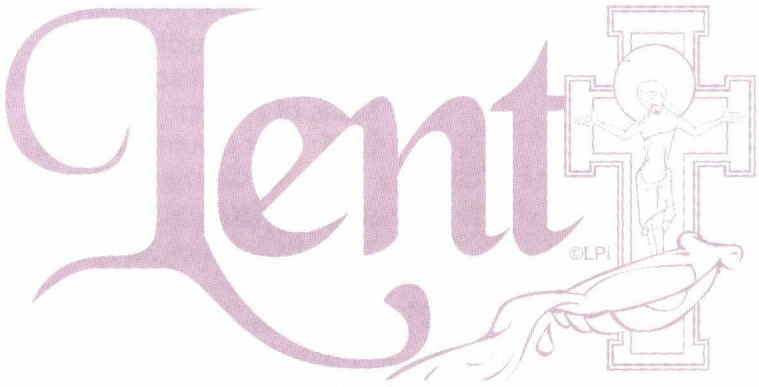

...TO CELEBRATE

THE ULTIMATE GIFT OF LOVE

TRANSFIGURATION!

THIS IS MY BELOVED SON
LISTEN TO HIM!

WE FOLLOW JESUS, THE LORD
ON HIS JOURNEY TO DEATH AND RESURRECTION

Second Sunday of Lent

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St Anne Catholic Community

Lent

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.

Sharing

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 9th
8:15 St. Anne Purgatorial Society

Tuesday, March 10th
8:15 St. Anne Perpetual Mass Society

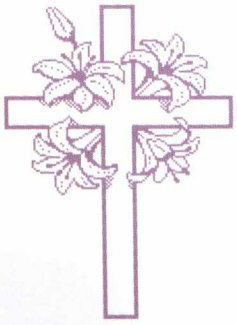
Wednesday, March 11th (School Mass)
8:30 Domenick Spoto—*St. Anne School 2nd Grade*
Agnes Baker—*St. Anne School Faculty & Staff*

Thursday, March 12th
8:15 Barbara Baumgartner—*Barbara Klass*
Alice Pulit—*The Family*

Friday, March 13th
8:15 St. Anne Perpetual Mass Society
Mary Anne Egan—*Patrick and Rosemary Egan*
Special Intention

Saturday, March 14th
8:15 John Gibson—*The Delvecchio Family*
Mass of Anticipation
5:15 Our Country and Its Leadership—*Project Hope*
Art Cramer—*The Family*

Sunday, March 15th
7:15 People of St. Anne
9:00 Donald Begley—*Rebecca and Jonathan Hirsch*
Dennis Lynch—*Tom and Linda Kabarec*
Albert Lockett—*The Jim Noble Family*
Alfonzo Longobardi—*The Cardelli Family*
Logan Joseph Giglio—*The Family*
11:00 Walter Mikosz—*The Family*
Rose Kingsley—*The Kingsley and Van der Voort Families*
Jackie Balla—*The Meckert Family*
William Dougherty—*Terrie and John Rosengren*
Jim Reinhart—*Tom and Nancy Herr*
5:15 Agnes Baker—*Jeanette and Gerry Egan*



Resting in Peace

Fern Marie Condill, *mother of Jim*;
Constance Gagnier, *wife of Ronald and mother of Terry Gagnier and Tracey Forsythe;*
Paulina A. Messina, *wife of Michael and mother of Michael and Marcela;*
Nicholas R. Olker, *husband of Charlotte and mother of Stephen, Christina, Thomas and Charles;*
Benjamin Thompson Jr., *father of Susan Butchness;*
Estelle P. Yozamp, *wife of Dwayne and mother of Beth, Brett, Aaron and Renee Broaddus*

Stewardship of Treasure

Weekly Offering for March 1, 2009

Adult Offering (592 envelopes) $41,315.67
Loose Cash $1,531.00
Pro-rated "Parish Pay" offering $8,194.15
(Weekly share of Monthly "Parish Pay")
Youth and Children Offering (0 envelopes) $0.00
Grand Total $51,040.82

Amount needed to meet Operating Expense *and* Loan Interest Payments $47,000.00

Collection Excess $4,040.82

Sharing Contributions (36 envelopes) $1,367.00

Ash Wednesday $1,715.00

Building Debt as of March 2, 2009

Outstanding Loan Balance with Archdiocese **$1,700,000.00**

Less Pledged Funds payable through 2009 (includes "Complete the Journey" and other pledges $810,000.00

Total long-term Parish Debt **$890,000.00**

Monthly Interest Payment (5.92%) $8,386.66

Monthly Debt-Reduction Collection (green envelope)
Fiscal YTD (35 weeks) $69,216.00

Past 4 weeks:

Average Weekly Offering $39,343.37
Average Weekly Shortfall ..... ($7,656.63)
Total Shortfall ..... ($30,626.52)
Fiscal YTD Shortfall (35 weeks) ..... **($164,558.44)**

My dear friends and members of the St. Anne community,

It gives me great joy to announce to you that ***Fr. Bernie Pietrzak*** *will be my replacement as your pastor. Fr. Bernie has been the pastor of St. Raymond de Pentafort in Mt. Prospect for more than 10 years. He is a wonderful priest and has been a wonderful pastor. He brings many personal gifts to our community, and I know that you will find him—as I have—to be both pastor and friend.*

We plan to have a brief welcome and introduction at next weekend's liturgies.

God has certainly blessed the St. Anne community!

Lovingly,

Fr. Jack

Parish Sharing

Lenten Food and Coat Drive

To benefit the St. Columbanus Food Pantry

THIS WEEKEND

Warm outerwear and food bags filled with nonperishable food will be collected at the Parish Center parking lot this weekend.

Collection times are:

Saturday, March 7th
from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon,
and before and after the 5:15 p.m. Mass

Sunday, March 8th
before and after all morning Masses until 12:30 p.m.

Jewel and Dominick's gift certificates
as well as cash donations are also welcome!

Please give generously!

ST. PATRICK'S DAY POT OF GOLD RAFFLE!!!

First Prize: $1,000.00 Cash

Second Prize: $250.00 Apple Store Gift Certificate

Tickets: $20.00 each or 3 for $50.00

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

Tickets will be sold after all Masses
March 7th-8th, and **March 14th-15th**.

Drawing will be held **Tuesday, March 17th**.
Winner need not be present to win.

Please help support our sharing parish in Cicero!!

St. Anne Catholic Community

LaFarge Lifelong Learning

Inspiration Through Continuing Education

Presented by the St. Anne Catholic Community

Adults 50 years and better are invited to pursue a new interest through St. Anne's LaFarge Lifelong Learning Program. Courses meet once per week for six weeks and are held in the St. Anne Senior Center. Instruction is paced to the individual needs of each participant to ensure an enjoyable and rewarding learning experience for all.

There's still time to join the fun!

Classes start this week.

*To register, call the LaFarge Office at **847.381.5799**.*

Spring 2009 LaFarge Course Offerings

Class	Day/Dates	Time/Instructor	Fee
Beginning/Advanced Computing 6 classes	Mondays 3/9 - 4/13	9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Mike Konie	$30.00
Digital Photography 6 classes	Mondays 3/9 - 4/13	6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Doug Jones	$20.00
Woodcarving 6 classes	Wednesdays 3/11 - 4/15	9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Jim Hoffman	$20.00
Using Microsoft Word 6 classes	Wednesdays 3/11 - 4/15	9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Mike Konie	$30.00
Watercolor Painting Techniques Beginning and Advanced 6 classes	Thursdays 3/12 - 4/16	10:00 - 12:00 p.m. Jim Kennedy	$25.00

Suggest a Course or Share Your Talent!

LaFarge classes are taught by volunteers with expertise in their area of instruction, either as hobbyists or through their professional careers. If you have a talent you would like to share with others or a suggestion for a course you would like to see offered, please call us at **847.381.5799**.

March Madness Returns

50% off storewide, including furniture

March 11th, 12th, 13th and **14th**

Plus, **Saturday, March 14th,** 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.:

$3.00 bag sale on clothing, toys and books

We are making way for spring and summer arrivals!

Project Hope's 4th Annual

Bridal Faire

Saturday, March 14th

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

We are featuring designer gowns from area bridal salons for just $50.00 each, plus men's suits, tuxedos, prom dresses, and other formal attire, accessories and gifts.

Area vendors will be on hand offering unique merchandise and services for your big event at exclusive savings. Complimentary fitting consultations, refreshments and prize drawings, too!

Come early for best selection!

House of Hope Resale Shop

Heirlooms & Treasures

200 N. Hough St. • Downtown Barrington

Wed - Sat 10 AM- 4 PM • 847.756.4673

St. Anne Community Theater
AUDITIONS

Tuesday, March 10th
and **Wednesday, March 11th**
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
St. Anne Parish Center Gym
For more information,
call **847.382.5300** ext. **400**.

www.stannetheater.com

LIBRARY for LENT

If you are looking for some ideas for your Lenten prayer and reading, our parish library has something for you. Browse through the many shelves and specifically, look on the Bulletin Board and in the kiosk labeled "FOR THE SEASON." You will find items listed below and numerous other selections.

BOOKS

"Love Set Free"
"Walk with Jesus"
"The King, Crucified and Risen"
"Prayers of the Lenten and Easter Seasons"
"Daily Reflections for Lent"
"The Way of the Cross"
"Witnesses to Calvary"

SHORT PAMPHLET ARTICLES

"Lenten Customs"
"In the Desert with Jesus"
"Lent: A 40 Day Retreat"

VIDEOS/DVD'S

"Rolling Back the Rock"
"Forgiveness: Going the Extra Mile"
"The Ten Commandments"

PARISH TO HOLD "SPRING GALA" FUNDRAISER
HELP IS NEEDED

After an absence of several years, St. Anne Parish plans to hold a "Gala" fundraising event later this spring. All proceeds will go to help make up the serious shortfall in weekly collection revenue that the Parish is presently facing. The following details have been finalized:

Saturday, May 30th

The Sanfilippo Estate, Barrington Hills

Theme: Casino Games

Parishioner help is needed to assist with the event details, including soliciting silent and live auction items and coordinating the casino game activities with the professional gaming company. If you would like to be a part of the team to plan and manage this much-needed fundraiser, please call **Diane Augustine** or **Joe Kelsch** at **847.382.5300**. Your participation will be much appreciated by Fr. Jack.

Educating the Children of Congo

The stone walls are crumbling. Sheet metal roof panels leak when the rains come. There are no windows and the floor is mud. Teachers have only a blackboard from which to teach. Their students take copious notes, which they carefully erase as each lesson is mastered. This way they can re-use notebooks for almost two years.

This is what the children of Congo know. They are happy to be learning and their teachers are grateful to the people of St. Anne for their salary support. Please continue to help us with your Lenten alms in our effort to replace their school building. Tags explaining the details are on the branches in the Gathering Space.

Lenten Almsgiving 2009

The Human Person...
The Heart of Peace
HP x 2

SCHOOL IN THE DRC

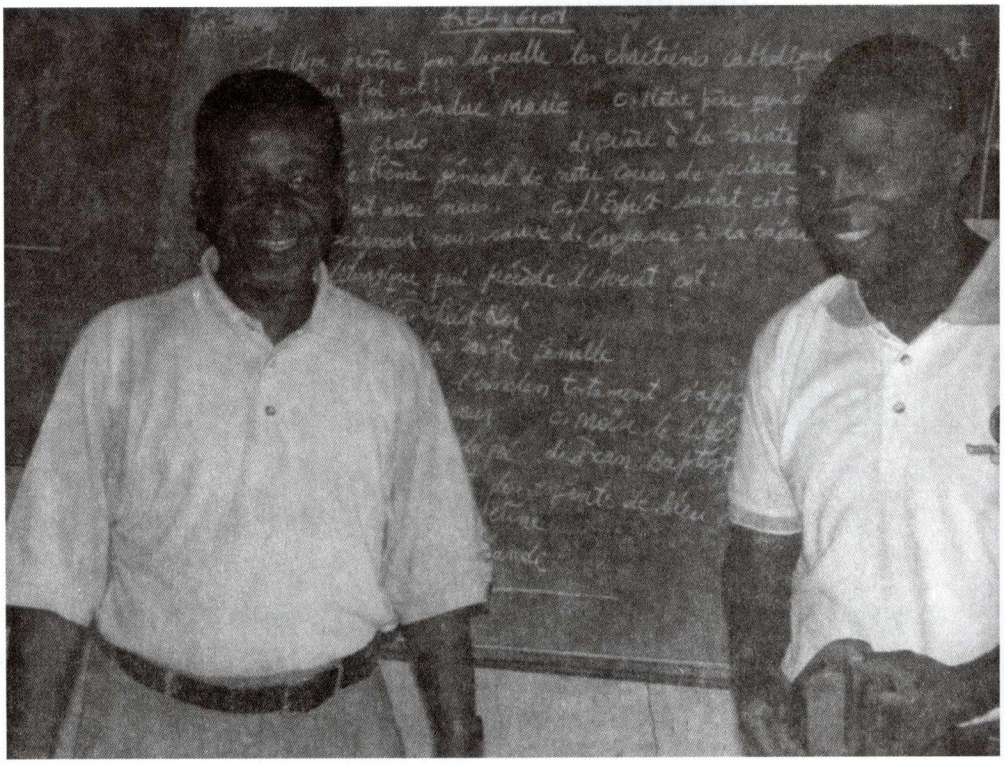
Primary school in the Congo follows a European model. It consists of six "forms" which are equivalent to our eight grades. Students move forward as the subjects (including three languages) are mastered. Because of many disruptions in their education, there is a wide age range at any level. Primary school is followed by another six forms that equal our secondary education. Students lucky enough to attend secondary school typically must move away from their families and live with relatives nearer to these schools.

Try your high school French and see if you can translate the lesson on the chalkboard! French, religion, spelling and penmanship are all taught in a lesson on Church history.

Father and Son Committed to Education for Congo's Children

Bahati Ntamabyaliro (right), who is known to many at St. Anne for his work on our Africa Project, is home visiting his family in the Congo for the first time in five years. His father, Maheshe (left), asked him to speak to his students and encourage them to work hard so they can make changes to improve their lives and their country.

The Rugari Parish School where Maheshe is principal is the same school Bahati attended as a child. He learned his lessons well there. This is also the school which the St. Anne community will soon begin to rebuild. Pictures can be found on the hearth in the Gathering Space along with the architectural plans for Phase I of the building.



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Learn more about how we are helping to educate the children of the Rugari Parish in the Village of Nkokwe in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Lenten Soup Supper

Thursday, March 12th 6:30 p.m. Cafeteria

Join Faithjustice for a simple supper of soup and salad and listen to Dr. Mephi Ngoi and his wife Daphne. Dr. Ngoi headed up the Chemistry Department in the largest university in Kinshasa before Mobuto Sese Seko came to power. At odds with the powerful dictator, he sought political asylum in the United States in the 1970s; he taught at the university level in this country. Moving to Chicago, he took a teaching position at Evanston High School and ran EHS' Chemistry Department until he retired. Daphne ran the media center and library. Mephi and Daphne continue to raise both funds and awareness about the critical need for schools in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. They are members of the Chicago Congo Coalition and have worked with members of our Faithjustice Committee.

Following Ngoi's presentation, the Committee will share its plans to build a new primary school in the Village of Nkokwe.

Faithjustice at work in Africa

B.Y.O.B (BOWL, THAT IS...)

R.S.V.P. to **847.382.3626** or a.kalmes@sbcglobal.net.

AGENDA

6:30 p.m. Soup served
7:00 p.m. Education presentation, Q and A
7:45 p.m. Rugari and Nkokwe update
8:15 p.m. Closing prayer

PLEASE NOTE:

FAMILIES PREPARING FOR A BABY'S BAPTISM

Families who have attended Session 1 in preparation for their baby's Baptism are reminded that there is a Session 2 on **Sunday** evening, **March 15th**, at 7:00 p.m., in the Church.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Suzanne and Ron **Alesi**

Alice **DeYoung**

David **Gervase**

Nicole **Soesman**

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Part of the **RCIA** process is all of us reaching out. St. Anne Parish is seeking all who may have even the slightest interest in getting to know Jesus Christ through the Catholic Church to come and get acquainted. Advertising in the *Clarion* will herald them in our evangelization effort, but you, the members of St. Anne community, are the best tools we have to invite a friend, neighbor, husband, wife, or even stranger to attend the inquiry sessions which will begin soon. If you or someone you know is interested, call **Sister Anna Marie** at **847.381.5793**. You will be helping in the process of bringing about the kingdom.

SEARCHING FOR MORE

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St. Anne Adult Education presents

a Sacramental Lecture

Focusing on... The Gift of Marriage

Monday, March 16th

7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Presenter: Fr. Fred Licciardi

Hospitality Room (lower level of church)

ST. ANNE BOOK CLUB

All are invited to join in the discussion of this month's powerful, thought-provoking book, *"The Kindness of Strangers"* by Katrina Kittle. We will meet on **Tuesday, March 31st**, at 7:30 p.m., in the Library. Following is a summary of the book:

Sarah Laden is a widow with two sons, Nate and Danny, and a thriving catering business. Her best friend, Courtney, helped her through the horrible days after her husband's death and is always there when she's needed. Her son, Jordan, is even Danny's best friend. Then one day all that changes. In a nightmare chain of events, Sarah discovers that she really didn't know Courtney at all and poor, odd Jordan has been living a hell no one could imagine. As Courtney waits in jail, Sarah decides at the request of her older son, Nate, to take on the foster care of Jordan, with all its painful ramifications. Child sexual abuse is hard to read about, but told through the perspectives of Sarah, Nate, Danny, and Jordan, this is ultimately an attractive story of ordinary people trying to make the best of an awful situation and finding the healing power of love and forgiveness in the process.

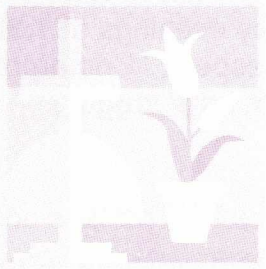
CALLING ALL YOUNG AT HEART AND 50+

A LENTEN RETREAT

You are invited to a Lenten retreat with Father Tom Bishop on
Thursday, March 19th,
from to 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the hospitality room.

The program will be as follows:

9:15 a.m.—Continental breakfast
10:00 a.m.—Talk begins
10:45 a.m.—Break
11:00 a.m.—Mass
11:45 a.m.—Break
12:00 p.m.—Lunch



Cost: $15.00 per person

LENTEN RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM

Thursday, March 19th

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Number of reservations: _____ at $15.00 each

Please make checks payable to *Young at Heart* and
mail to **Sr. Margaret**, 120 North Ela Street, Barrington, 60010.

Registration deadline: **Monday, March 9th**

URGENT HELP NEEDED!

St. Anne's Environment and Art team is looking for 2 members to join the 1st and 4th week of the month watering teams. There are 4 watering teams who rotate to care for the plants in the Chapel, Gathering Space, and Church. The task is done twice a week (usually Monday and Friday) and takes about 2 hours each time. If you can help with the gardening task, please contact **Peggy Sobolewski** at **847.382.5150** or rsobole@aol.com.

SHAWL KNITTING MINISTRY

Join us as we knit together on the **2nd Monday** of each month, from 1:00-3:00 p.m., in the conference room of the Parish Center. The next date is **Monday, March 9th**. For more information or to request items, call **Liz** at **847.381.8695** or **Joan** at **847.381.1409**.

FAMILY ROSARY

All are invited to attend the Family Rosary on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m., in the Chapel, after Vespers. Come pray for Fr. Jack's healing from back surgery.

LENT 2009

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent, 7:00 p.m.

VESPERS (EVENING PRAYER)

Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

Monday, April 6th, 7:30 p.m.

WEDDING MUSIC and LITURGY FAIR

Monday, March 9th

Planning a wedding at St. Anne's or for a family member? Just want to get out for an evening of beautiful music? Brides and-grooms-to-be and their significant others are especially invited to St. Anne's Wedding Liturgy and Music Fair, to be held in the chapel on **Monday, March 9th**, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Our prospective wedding couples will receive the book *"Celebrating Marriage"* and a music planning sheet, and Rory Cooney will give a brief 'user's guide' to the book. Over an hour of our time together will be sampling parts of forty or so pieces of music as options for the wedding. Providing music will be Rory as well as some of our cantors, a string quartet, trumpet, and flute. It is an enjoyable and indispensable opportunity to prepare for the wedding ceremony. Prospective brides and/or grooms should R.S.V.P. to the liturgy office at **847.620.3064** or by email to rcooney@stannebarrington.org so that we can prepare enough handouts. There is no charge for this evening. All are welcome, even if you are not getting married!

ST. ANNE EMPLOYMENT MINISTRY

Push your job search forward. St. Hubert's, Schaumburg, has a job listing blast you can subscribe to which pulls job postings from several job boards and compiles them into a daily email. Email St_Hubert_Job_Ministry-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. Another great resource is the Barrington Career Center, 600 Hart Road, Suite 275, **847.304.4157**, www.barringtoncareercenter.com. Our parish provides a personal, one-on-one coffee meeting to discuss details and strategies unique for your search. If you would like to schedule a meeting to dissect your resumé and job search techniques, send an email to maria@marialarsen.com. Meetings are held early in the morning, late in the afternoon or on weekends.

REFLECTIONS

By Sister Lauretta Leipzig, Pastoral Associate and Director of Adult Education

Making Prayer a Priority Each Day

To some of you, the name Tom McGrath will be familiar. Tom was the main presenter at our liturgy meeting in October and was well received by over 100 attendees. Tom McGrath has been actively involved in the ministry of the written word for over 25 years. He has authored a multitude of resources, including the publication, *"Raising Faith-Filled Kids,"* which is available in our parish library.

Tom has written a short article entitled *"Help families Make Faith a Priority."* In it he states that "One of the best gifts parents can give their children is the habit of praying throughout the day." Yet, we know that the hectic pace of family life often means that prayer gets lost in the shuffle. In an attempt to assist parents (and all of us) to consider prayer in our daily lives, he gives five suggestions. Although it would be commendable to cover all five each day, he suggests that we pick the one or two that particularly call your attention and begin with these. Here are his suggestions:

Start the day with prayer

He has a rather amusing way to help accomplish this. He says: "Put your slipper or shoe far under the bed at the end of the day. Then each morning while on your knees retrieving your footwear say a quick prayer offering the whole day to God.

Give a minute to prayer in the car

Most families spend a lot of time in the family car. Perhaps you may start the practice of saying a quick prayer as you start the engine. Knowing the amount of travel we do in a day, we will be assured that we will be aware of God's presence several times in our day.

Keep special intentions in mind

Tom recommends the practice of one family he cites. The family keeps a jar on the kitchen windowsill in which each family member can place a note listing a special intention that the others can pray for. It might be to do well on a test, handle a work situation well, or for the health of a relative or friend. Those special intentions can be called to mind throughout a day.

Pray at every meal

It is a long practiced custom in families to pray at each meal. Just a moment of thanks to the one who has provided the food and all that we need is an important custom.

Pray when people or events upset you

God sends us happy moments as well as those that challenge us. It is important to get into the habit of saying a short prayer when we are irritated, worried, or upset with someone or some situation.

ST. ANNE SCHOOL NEWS

ST. ANNE SCHOOL CONGRATULATES THE 2009 SPELLING BEE WINNERS

Natalie Watkins (Runner-Up)

and **Gillian Hood** (Winner)

Saint Anne Catholic School

Fr. Jack 20 Years

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, June 13th

Our community has been blessed with 20 years of dedicated service from Fr. Jack Dewes.

Set aside this evening to share in a special celebration in honor of his retirement.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

HOW WILL YOU BE PARTICIPATING IN THIS SEASON OF LENT?

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the St. Anne Chapel every Friday during Lent. The hours will be immediately following the 8:15 a.m. Mass until 7:00 p.m. Visit with Jesus for 5 minutes, or stay and enjoy the peace of His presence as long as your schedule allows.

WHAT IS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION?

It is recognizing and honoring the *special* presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Vatican II declared "Christian life incomplete if not Eucharistic-centered." Pope John XXIII, who called the Council, referred specifically to the benefits and blessings associated with Eucharistic adoration: the most fundamental reason why prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is of such merit and value is that it is prayer arising from the basic mystery of Christianity, faith in the incarnation ("I am the bread of life…everyone who believes shall have eternal life").

Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is a profession of faith in the real bodily presence of Jesus: **The Real Presence**. While it is true that God is everywhere as the Creator and Sustainer of all things, and that God is present by sanctifying grace in all souls in the state of grace, these are *spiritual* presences. The Eucharistic presence of Christ – Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity – is entirely unique, and it alone is referred to as **The Real Presence**.

One of the best ways to look at prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is to see it as an extension of Holy Communion. As we pray before the Eucharist, our souls are fed, our minds and our wills are strengthened and given light to go about the tasks of our daily lives.

EVERYONE CAN PARTICIPATE!!

Everyone can participate because everyone can always find some time to spend with a friend. Whatever time you choose, for as long or as little time as you choose…Eucharistic Adoration is available to all ages! There will be reading/reflection material for adults and children available for your use in the Chapel.

THE LORD IS WAITING FOR YOU. WILL YOU COME TO MEET WITH HIM?

2nd Sunday of Lent, 2009 (26B)

First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 (USCCB)

1 God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!"
"Here I am!" he replied.
2 Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah.
There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you."

9 When they came to the place of which God had told him,
Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it.
10 Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son.
11 But the LORD'S messenger called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!"
"Here I am!" he answered.
12 "Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him.
I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son."
13 As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket.
So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son.

15 Again the LORD'S messenger called to Abraham from heaven
16 and said: "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did
in not withholding from me your beloved son,
17 I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the
sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies,
18 and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing –
all this because you obeyed my command."

Responsorial Psalm 116: 10, 15, 16-17, 18-19.

I will walk in the presence of the LORD, in the land of the living.

Second Reading: Romans 8:31b-34 (USCCB)

Brothers and sisters:
31 If God is for us, who can be against us?
32 He who did not spare his own Son
but handed him over for us all,
how will he not also give us everything else along with him?
33 Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones?
It is God who acquits us.
34 Who will condemn?
It is Christ Jesus who died – or, rather, was raised –
who also is at the right hand of God,
who indeed intercedes for us.

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10 (USCCB)

2 Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves.
And he was transfigured before them,
3 and his clothes became dazzling white,
such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.

4 Then Elijah appeared to them, along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus.
5 Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here!
Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."
6 He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified.
7 Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; then from the cloud came a voice,
"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

8 Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

9 As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to
anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead.
10 So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

Living Story

What Mark had in mind here is not absolutely clear given some uncertainty whether he wrote just before or just after the destruction of the Temple in the year 70. His community was certainly in chaos; it seemed on the verge of being excluded from the Judean (Jewish) community as all Palestine came under increasing military pressure from the Roman authorities who were trying to stem the Judean (Jewish) unrest.

Mark makes clearer Jesus' identity - this time in the form of a theophany.[1] This must be of importance to his community for he shows the principal disciples, Peter, James and John, accompanying Jesus. Jesus leads them alone to a mountaintop, traditionally, a place where God reveals God's self—compare Moses atop Mt. Sinai (Exodus 19) and Elijah on Mt. Horeb (1 Kings 19). Mark makes it a singular event in his gospel: the "who" Jesus is is marked by the physical appearance of his garment[2] which sets up the reader for the voice in v.7. The important Hebrew scripture figures, Moses of the Law and Elijah of the Prophets, represent the core of the Judean (Jewish) biblical tradition[3] and signify the importance of the Transfiguration for Mark's community; Moses and Elijah are depicted as *conversing with Jesus*! Despite these signs and the voice from the cloud, Mark pictures the early disciples as misunderstanding. (Later ones also?)

Just a few verses ago (8:29), Mark shows Peter as giving Jesus highest honor: he calls Jesus Messiah; here, he calls him simply rabbi, teacher. Mark even compounds their misunderstanding: let's just stay here, on this mountain top, with Jesus, our rabbi, and talk intimately with our ancient leaders, and we'll make tents for the three of them to abide in – for *it is good for us to be here*.

Mark raises it another level despite Peter's incomprehension and the disciples' terror. Out of the cloud[4] comes the startling clarification. This one is not an equal with Moses and Elijah; this one is Son, and Beloved. Moreover, **listen** to what he has to say. And abruptly, only One is left.

As at 8:30, Mark's Jesus warns them to keep the Messianic secret; they are to tell no one until after the resurrection when they will fully understand the meaning of his passion and his death. The psalm refrain again gives us the connections.

In the Genesis pericope, Abraham's steadfast faith saves him and saves Isaac. Both sing:

I will walk in the presence of the LORD,
in the land of the living.

In the Romans reading, Paul tells that Jesus, the one faithful to the Father, is raised up, is released from death. So too are the inheritors of Jesus raised up, for *how will he* [God] *not also give us everything else along with him?* Moreover, Christ will be a powerful intercessor for us: after all is said, no matter what the transgression, God's love for humankind is so unconditional that the Father *did not spare his own son but handed him over for us all.* All can sing:

I will walk in the presence of the LORD,
in the land of the living.

Mark, writing a generation after Jesus' death, recalls the theophany to his community: Jesus **is** the Son, and the glory of God **does** shine through him, and death **is** conquered, and all can sing:

I will walk in the presence of the LORD,
in the land of the living.

So What? Like Mark's community at the time he writes, we too live after the passion, death and resurrection. Also, like that community, we are told of the cost of discipleship (see just before today's pericope, at Mk 8:31-38). What meaning, then, can the Transfiguration have for us in our particular circumstances in today's financial climate as we struggle to stay faithful, to remain in solidarity with The Christ through solidarity with his community?

FOOTNOTES:

[1] The showing of God, the manifestation of God, *Dictionary of the Bible,* John L. McKenzie, S.J.

[2] In the Greek, the connotation is "glistening with heavenly light."

[3] **Elijah**: a major prophet, defender of the Hebrew tradition, one who was to return at the end of the epoch that immediately preceded the coming of the Messiah. **Moses**: a patriarch, direct receiver of the Covenant at Sinai, who handed on the instrument of that covenant in the form of the Law by which the people were to comport themselves.

[4] Cloud: Accompanies theophany, recall Mt. Sinai and Moses (Exodus 13) or see the description of who led the People in the desert (Exodus 19)

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Thursday:	Jeremiah 17:5-10/Luke 16:19-31
Friday:	Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Micah 7:14-15, 18-20/Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
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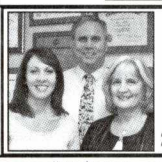

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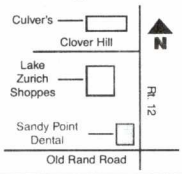

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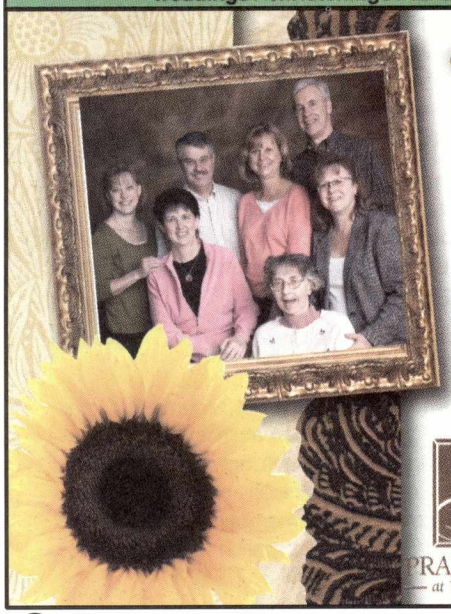

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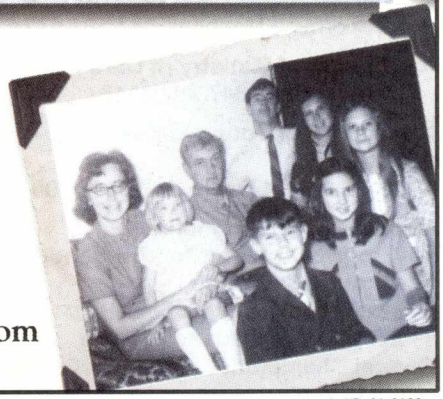

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Saturday: First Saturday of the month: 8:15 a.m.
Mass of Anticipation: 5:15 p.m.
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Sunday: 7:15, 9:00*, 11:00* a.m., 5:15 p.m.
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Reconciliation: Saturdays 9:15 - 10:00 a.m. and by appointment.

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