

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21-22, 2012

Sunday Lectionary Readings

This Week's Readings: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20
Next Week's Readings: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28

Scripture Reflection

In today's first reading, when the Ninevites repent of their evil ways, God withdraws the threat of punishment. The best message that this reading gives us is that true repentance is readily accepted by God. Yet, many of us have difficulty believing this. Often, we believe that our sins are too numerous or too terrible to be forgiven. We are afraid of God's anger, knowing that we *are* guilty in our failure to do something good or in our willingness to do something bad. Yet, God loves us anyway, accepting our words and gestures of repentance, just as God did for the ancient Ninevites. In fact, God is willing to meet us more than halfway. So, when we are tempted to think of ourselves as unforgiveable, let us remember – with joy – the story of the Ninevites and God's graciousness to them, remembering that God is eager to be gracious to us as well.

Let Us Pray For Those in Need of Prayer

Carrie Ayers, Amy Longar, Frances Sims, Howard Williams, Larry Bur, Joyce Hill, Eileen Twynham, Paul Cullin, Margaret Deurling, Don Rottman, Anthony Romano, Sr., Timothy Linn, Valborg Linn, David Brice, George Danek, Kathleen Allen, Jo van Gaal, Nina Arts, Vince Gomes, Joe Pezzi, Don Miles, Fr. Bob Judge, Evelyn Steinrock, Caylee Crews, Sr. Mary Louise Lynch, MMS, Colette Bleistine, Kyla Zeilinger, Carol Tiffit, Colette Danek, Jane Schaberg, Paul Joop, Pat Kane, Natalie Barringer, Marion Jervey, John Garvey. *Names will be listed for 6 weeks. If you would like a name listed for an additional 6 weeks, please notify the rectory).*

This Week's Mass Intentions

Saturday, Jan 21, Jack Mulholland, M.D., <i>deceased</i>	Friday, Jan 27, Dorothy Gallagher, <i>deceased</i>
Sunday, Jan 22, Edward Cole, <i>deceased</i>	Saturday, Jan 28, Charles T. Mower, <i>deceased</i>
Monday, Jan 23, Thomas O. Wood, <i>deceased</i>	Sunday, Jan 29, Edwin Weidler, <i>deceased</i>
Wednesday, Jan 25, F. Anne Eichelman, <i>deceased</i>	

Collection Update

Last weekend's offertory: \$4,932.00
Last weekend's 2nd Collection to benefit Retired Archdiocesan Priests: \$674.00
This weekend's 2nd Collection will benefit our Community Center and outreach ministries.
Next weekend's 2nd Collection will benefit Holy Angels Catholic School.

This Week at Corpus Christi

Sun, Jan 22, 9:10 am	Faith Formation Classes	Midtown
Sun, Jan 22, 10:40 am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Church
Sat, Jan. 28, 9:00 am	Lenten Liturgy Planning	Rectory
Sun, Jan 29, 9:00 am	Confirmation Class	Rectory
Sun, Jan 29, 9:10 am	Faith Formation Classes	Midtown
Sun, Jan 29, 10:40 am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Church

Coming Up at Corpus Christi

Sat/Sun, Feb 4-5, after mass	Blessing of Throats	Church
Sun, Feb 5, 9:10 am	Faith Formation Classes	Midtown
Sun, Feb 5, 10:40 am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Church
Mon, Feb 6, 7:00 pm	Pastoral Council Meeting	Rectory
Sun, Feb 12, 9:00 am	Confirmation Class	Rectory
Sun, Feb 12, 9:10 am	Faith Formation Classes	Midtown
Sun, Feb 12, 10:30	Rite of Covenant – Confirmation	Church
Sun, Feb 12, 10:40am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Church
Wed, Feb 15, 7:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Rectory

Visit our website at www.corpuschristibaltimore.org for our more complete calendar of events.

Please pick up your 2012 envelopes from the back of church as you leave this weekend!

CORPUS CHRISTI NEWS

From the Pastor,

Here we are in the Ordinary Time of the year. A time when we listen to what it means to be a faith-filled follower of Jesus.

Hopefully we will listen to our Sacred Scripture passages over the next several weeks, as we continue to make efforts in our lives to grow closer into the image of Jesus Christ.

Hopefully, we will take what we hear to heart and begin to put all of it into action. And in doing so, we will build up the Body of Christ, Corpus Christi.

Peace,
Fr. Marty

Pastor's Suppers

Don't forget to sign up for the Pastor's Suppers. Sign-up sheets are in the back of church near where the old bulletins are placed on the back wall of the church. There are still openings for the dates in, March and April. Fill out the tear off and return it as soon as possible – this will enable the pastor to plan appropriately. Please place your tear off in the collection basket.

Volunteers Needed

Please consider volunteering to help with the Sister Parish Coffee Sales. Carol Bleistine and Beth Dellow have been doing the sales for 10 years! Please contact Carol at 410-207-3732 (cell) to find out what is involved in doing the monthly sales. Why not offer to volunteer with someone else and then the responsibility would only be every other month. Besides providing delicious coffee and candy at fair trade prices, the sales are very important in helping to raise money for our Sister Parish outreach.

Hospitality

We need parishioners to volunteer to help with Hospitality that we have once a month after the Sunday mass. Lea Billingslea has coordinated this for several years. Thank you, Lea, for the tasty treats. If you would like to help with this, please contact Betsy Lafferty at 410-523-4161 or Betsylafferty@verizon.net.

Parish Social Events

This year we decided to have two parish social events: Sunday, June 10, 2012 on the Feast of Corpus Christi we will host our feast day party after mass, and Sunday, September 30 a Corpus Christi Fall Fest after mass. Details will be coming closer to the party times, but we wanted to make sure you put them in your schedule.

December Offertory Update

FY 2012 Wkly Budget	\$	4,090
December Budget		12,270
December Actual Offertory		12,847
December Surplus	\$	577
YTD Shortfall	\$	1,970

The above figures do not include Christmas offertory which was budgeted separately. \$4,430 of offertory in December was received via bill pay and the balance from envelopes, checks and loose offerings. We encourage you to consider making the switch to bill pay to insure that your offering gets here even when you cannot!

BEYOND CORPUS CHRISTI

World Marriage Day 2012

All married couples are invited to participate in a special Mass and reception with Archbishop O'Brien at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, 5200 N. Charles Street, Sunday, Feb 12th, at 3:00 pm.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

A Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held January 27-29, 2012 in Manchester, MD. Contact Project Rachel at 1-800-286-4224 or email projectrachel@archbalt.org.

Flu season is in progress

Flu viruses are spreading. Flu can be easily spread so please get vaccinated, wash your hands often, cover your mouth with a tissue or your arm if you sneeze or cough, **and** stay home when you feel sick. The Sunday obligation to attend Mass does NOT apply if you are sick or caring for someone who is sick. (Code of Canon Law cc 1247-8).

Are You a Catholic Who Has Never Been Confirmed?

Archbishop O'Brien will be conferring the sacrament of Confirmation on adult Catholics (age 18 and older) on Sunday, March 18, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. at the Basilica of the Assumption. The Department of Evangelization will offer three sessions to prepare adults to receive this sacrament. The sessions are designed to review our core Catholic beliefs, discuss discipleship in our Church today, and explore ways of living in a Catholic faith community guided by the Holy Spirit. The formation series will be held at the Catholic Center, 320 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, 21201, on Saturdays, February 4, 18 and 25 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. For more information, please call Kathy Wandishin at 410-727-3565 x68 or email kwandishin@baltimorebasilica.org.

Prayer Service for Christian Unity

An ecumenical Prayer Service for Christian Unity will take place at Saint Ignatius Church, 740 N. Calvert Street (at Madison), Baltimore, Maryland 21202, at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, January 20, in the Chapel of Grace. The celebration, held during the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity, will include scripture readings, prayers, hymns and intercessions. The main speaker will be Rev. Craig Moore, the pastor of Mount Vernon Place United Methodist Church. A reception will follow. All are welcome! For further information, contact parish@st-ignatius.net or 410.727.3848.

St. Thomas Aquinas Open House

St. Thomas Aquinas School in Hampden will hold an Open House daily from Monday, January 30, through Friday, February 3, 2012, from 9-11 a.m. Visitors may visit classrooms each day and observe classes in session. Tuition assistance is available. For info, please contact Sr. Marie Rose, Principal, at 410-889-4618.

Reading the Signs of the Times

Register now for the 33rd annual SOCIAL MINISTRY CONVOCATION, Saturday, March 3, 2012, 8 AM to 3 PM at Seton-Keough High School. Co-sponsors: The Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Catholic Charities, Beyond the Boundaries, St. Vincent de Paul Society, African-American Ministries, Hispanic American Ministries, Pax Christi of Baltimore. A day of refreshment, learning, sharing with parishioners, , workshop leaders and keynote speaker, Janine Carreiro, Brockton, Mass. Interfaith Organization, winner of the CCHD 2010 Cardinal Bernardin Award. \$10 Donation includes lunch. Contact Carol Palmer: 410-261-6780 or cpalmer@cc-md.org.