

Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 24-25, 2010

Sunday Lectionary Readings

This Week's Readings: Genesis 18:20-32; Colossians 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13
Next Week's Readings: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21

Scripture Reflection

"Ask and you shall receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Jesus' encouraging words from the Gospel are familiar to us, but do we misunderstand them? His words seem to imply that if we ask God for anything, God will grant it. But that's not the case. What we want might not be good for us. Or, it might be good for us but very bad for someone else. Or, it might be good for us, but now is not the time for us to receive it. In this passage, Jesus does not say, "Ask and whatever you want will be given to you." Yet, truly, when we come to God in humility and the joy of knowing that God loves us, we can rest assured that God will not let us leave empty-handed. We will receive, even though we might not get exactly what we want. That does not mean our prayers were unanswered. It simply means that we do not fully understand what God is up to! Oh that we could be as intimate with God as was Abraham in today's first reading. Abraham permitted God to be God and was open to the possibility God might say "no" to his request, no matter how much he persisted. What about us? Do we allow God to be God when we make a request?

Let Us Pray For Those in Need of Prayer

Emily Kerstetter, Katie Flack, Brendan O'Brien, Vince Gomes, Charlotte Floyd, Julia Smith, Kathleen Drake, Joe Pezzi, Mike Goodman, Mary Jane O'Brien, Paula Pratt, Don Miles, Janet Rogucki Kreiss, Jerry Hammell, Gerri Gray, Marie Oberle, Sandy Neubauer, Annette Froehlich, Peter Landry, Fr. Bob Judge, Evelyn Steinrock, Terry Hawthorn-Nan, Caylee Crews, Sr. Mary Louise Lynch, MMS, Riley Davis, Colette Bleistine, Kyla Zeilinger, Carol Tiffit, Colette Danek, Jane Schaberg, Paul Joop, Pat Kane, Natalie Barringer, Marion Jervy, Paula LaSalle, Barbara Cheles, Bob Twynham, John Garvey, Howard Grant. *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, Jul 24, George K. Massad, <i>deceased</i>	Friday, Jul 30, Michael Besko, <i>deceased</i>
Sunday, Jul 25, James Lombardo, <i>deceased</i>	Saturday, Jul 31, Fr. Mike McLernon, <i>deceased</i>
Monday, Jul 26, Thomas O. Wood, <i>deceased</i>	Sunday, Aug 1, Gloria Tufo, <i>deceased</i>
Wednesday, Jul 28, David J. Shay, <i>deceased</i>	

Collection Update

Last weekend's offertory: \$4,798.00
Last weekend's 2nd collection to benefit our Community Center and outreach ministries: \$583.00
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Coming Up at Corpus Christi

Wed, Aug 4, 7:00 pm	Pastoral Council Meet/Greet Fr. Marty	Rectory
Sat, Aug 14, 9:00 am	Day of Reflection – Sunday School/CLOW Leaders	Church
Sat/Sun, Aug 14-15	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Church
Sat/Sun, Aug 14-15, after masses	Sister Parish Coffee Sales	Church
Sun, Aug 22, 11:00 am	Sunday School Teachers Meeting	Rectory
Mon, Aug 23, 7:00 pm	Liturgy Committee Meeting	Rectory
Sun, Aug 29, 11:00 am	Sunday School Parent's Meeting	Rectory
Mon, Aug 30, 7:00 pm	Pastoral Council Exec. Committee Meeting	Rectory

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

Congratulations to Alex Olson and Nicolette Bruner, married this Saturday at Corpus Christi!

CORPUS CHRISTI NEWS

Hello to All!

It has been three weeks since I arrived at Corpus Christi Church. They have certainly been unique and most interesting weeks. I am slowly getting myself settled into my office and my living quarters. Once again, I remind you to please remind me of your names as you leave church so that I might begin to put names and faces together. I would ask that you do this for the rest of the summer. I thoroughly enjoyed Artscape and our church certainly played an important role in the weekend. How blessed we are to have such a beautiful, prayerful sacred work of art! Take care and try to stay cool in this heat.

Peace, Fr. Marty

Artscape 2010

Corpus Christi's participation as a classical music venue was very well received and attended. The performers were exceptional in their presentations. We celebrate our wonderful partnership with Artscape!

Message from Principal of Fr. Charles Hall School

As her last act of ministry on the closing of Fr. Charles Hall School, Kathleen Filippelli, principal, sent us a letter thanking the parishioners of Corpus Christi "for our gifts that have been life-giving; our investments in the FCH children that have paid a multitude of dividends." She stated: "Your partnership with us gave life to our commitment, and for that I am very grateful." She asked to be kept in prayer as she assumes her role as principal at the new Holy Angels Catholic School. For more information on HACS visit www.hacschool.org.

Food Allergies? Gluten Intolerance?

Corpus Christi has low-gluten (<0.01% gluten) altar bread for individuals with celiac disease or wheat intolerance, as well as hosts prepared in dedicated kitchens without risk of peanut contamination. If dietary restrictions require you to receive these hosts at communion, please see Fr. Marty.

BEYOND CORPUS CHRISTI

16TH Annual Ignatian Day Lecture

As part of the celebration of the Feast of Saint Ignatius, Georgetown University Professor Rev. John O'Malley, S.J., will be presenting the 16th Annual Ignatian Day Lecture at St. Ignatius Church, Calvert & Madison Sts, on Friday, July 30, at 7:30 p.m. His talk will be entitled: "Saint Ignatius Loyola: Innovating without Fanfare?" An award-winning author, Fr. O'Malley's widely acclaimed books and articles have for years illuminated many people's understanding of the history of the Jesuits, Vatican II, the Popes, St. Ignatius Loyola, and early modern Catholicism. There is no charge to attend and all are welcome. A reception in Ignatian Hall will follow the presentation. For further information, call 410-727-3848 or email parish@st-ignatius.net.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Open your hearts wide and let the Holy Spirit fill your marriage/Holy Orders with life and love. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are August 13-15, 2010 and November 5-7, 2010 at Priestfield, WV Retreat Center. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information or to register call toll free 1-877-558-LOVE (5683) or visit our Web site at <http://wwme.net>.

CCHD Awards Luncheon

CCHD Awards Luncheon will take place on Thursday, August 18th, from 11:30 am. to 2 pm in St. Francis of Assisi Hall, Baltimore. Seven self-help poverty-level income groups will share in a total of \$250,000 in national grants from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Bishop Denis Madden, parish representatives, and members of the CCHD local committee will welcome and share lunch with folks from these groups as well as those from groups receiving local grants from the CCHD collection. In this 40th anniversary year, celebrate with us the unique work of the Catholic Church in the United States, providing not a hand out, but a way out of poverty. If you wish to attend, call Msgr. William F. Burke at 410-235-5136.

Affordable Legal Advice from U MD School of Law

The University of Maryland School of Law is participating in a new initiative, JustAdvice, that seeks to provide affordable legal advice to the Baltimore community. For only \$10, Baltimore residents can meet with an attorney for a half-hour to discuss any number of legal issues. For a schedule of available locations and times or for more information, visit 410-290-4809 or justadvice@law.umaryland.edu.

Compassion in the Carmelite Tradition

Compassion is the desire to share the sufferings of another; not merely to suffer ourselves but to lift the other out of suffering and into knowledge of the greater good that alleviates suffering. This practical, human drive is what compassion in the Carmelite tradition is all about. As practical as their founder, Carmelites follow St. Teresa of Avila's approach that prayer, care and compassion are the basis and the outpouring of a life of practical love and humility. Come and learn the gift of Carmelite compassion, returning in practical ways the love God first shows and shares with us. Sat., Aug 21st - 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM. \$55.00. Guided By: Sr. Patricia Parachini, SNJM. Bon Secours Spiritual Center, 1525 Marriottsville Rd, Marriottsville Md. 21104. To register, please call (410) 442- 1320 or visit www.BonSecoursSpiritualCenter.org.

Lifelong learning at College of Notre Dame

Adults 50 and better! The Renaissance Institute — an active group of men and women who have reached the age of 50 and are interested in pursuing lifelong learning and intellectual growth — is hosting an Open House on Tuesday, August 31, from 9:30 am to 11:30 am at Fourier Hall, College of Notre Dame, 4701 North Charles Street. Study topics include public affairs, literature, writing, history, philosophy, music, art, languages, t'ai chi, film, science, computers, water aerobics, dance, acting and more! Classes are held on Tuesdays or Thursdays from Sept. 9 through Dec. 9th, and members can take as many as they like for one annual fee. For information and to view the fall 2020 Schedule visit ndm.edu/renaissance or call Becky Straub at 410-532-5351.

Are You a Nurse Who is Interested in Health Ministry?

In the fall 2010 semester, the Ecumenical Institute of Theology at St. Mary's Seminary & University in Baltimore will offer the first of its two-course sequence in basic Faith Community/Parish Nursing. This course is open to registered nurses who want to integrate faith and spirituality with nursing practice. The first course in the sequence meets one Saturday per month in the fall semester, while the second course meets one Saturday per month in the spring semester. At the end of the spring semester, 6 graduate credits and a basic certificate are awarded; CEUs are also available. If interested, please contact Dr. Pat Fosarelli at pfosarelli@stmarys.edu or 410/864-4204 for more information