

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 5-6, 2009

Sunday Lectionary Readings

This Week's Readings: Isaiah 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37
 Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35

Scripture Reflection

In today's second reading from the letter of James, we are urged to show no partiality. James gave the example of a rich person and a poor person coming into the midst of Christ's followers, and he pointed out that if they treated the two strangers differently, they have, in fact, made distinctions and become judges. His words apply to us as well. Even though we might speak politely to others, often the content of our words betray what is going on in our hearts. Even if we say nothing, we judge others by "sizing them up." Certainly, our actions give us away – regardless of what we say – because they reflect the attitudes that are in our hearts. For example, we might see two individuals who have recently come to our neighborhood or building. The one person seems to be more like us, and we are eager to get to know him or her. The other person seems to be nothing like us, and we do not go out of our way to make his or her acquaintance. As bad as this is when it happens in our neighborhoods, how much more tragic it is when it happens at church or at other times when we are gathering in Christ's name!

Let Us Pray For Those in Need of Prayer

Kathleen Jones, Martha Moyer, Sandra Allen, Carmine Volpe, Caylee Crews, Oscar Turner, Sr. Mary Louise Lynch, MMS, James Bunke, Margaret Deuerling, Juanita, Riley Davis, Eleanor Bonderant, Judith Zoellner, Curwood G. Hill, Curt Motton, Virginia Sills, George Steinrock, Sr., Mary Medved, Mrs. Winsom, Paul Cullin, Zak & Lesli DeGross, Joseph Eubanks, Rea Howarth, Nelleke Vonke, Colette Bleistine, Kyla Zeilinger, Carol Tiffit, Barbara Ballard, Colette Danek, Jane Schaberg, Paul Joop, Pat Kane, Natalie Barringer, Marion Jervey, Paula LaSalle, Barbara Cheles, Mary Smith, Ruby Strawberry, Bob Twynham, 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

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| Saturday, Sep 5, G. Joseph Sills, Jr., <i>deceased</i> | Friday, Sep 11, Delores van Arsdale, <i>deceased</i> |
| Sunday, Sep 6, Ada Davis, <i>deceased</i> | Saturday, Sep 12, Joseph Vogelsang, <i>deceased</i> |
| Monday, Sep 7, Thomas O. Wood, <i>deceased</i> | Sunday, Sep 13, Madeline Melgard, <i>spec intent</i> |
| Wednesday, Sep 9, Leonard Allen & Annie Allen McCabe, <i>deceased</i> | |

Collection Update

Last Weekend's Offertory: \$2,327.01
 Last Weekend's 2nd Collection to benefit our Community Center and outreach ministries: \$619.14
 This Weekend's 2nd Collection will benefit Peter's Pence.
 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection will benefit our Community Center and outreach ministries.

This Week at Corpus Christi

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| Mon, Sep 7, 9:30 am | Labor Day Mass | Church |
| Mon, Sep 7 | Parish Offices Closed | |
| Wed, Sep 9, 7:00 pm | Liturgy Committee Meeting | Rectory |
| Wed, Sep 9, 7:00 pm | Church Furnishing Committee Meeting | Rectory |

Coming Up at Corpus Christi

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| Sun, Sep 13, 10:30 am | Mass Returns to Regular Schedule | Church |
| Sun, Sep 13, 10:30 am | Pastoral Council Installation | Church |
| Sun, Sep 13, 11:30 am | Hospitality | Church |
| Sun, Sep 13, 1:30 pm | Confirmation Session | St. Thomas More |
| Mon, Sep 14, 7:00 pm | Pastoral Council Meeting | Community Center |
| Sat, Sep 19, 5:00 pm | Sunday School Picnic | Bolton Hill Swim Club |
| Sat & Sun, Sep 19-20, after mass | Sister Parish Coffee Sales | Church |
| Sun, Sep 20, 9:15 am | Sunday School / Coffee Cafe | Midtown / Rectory |
| Sun, Sep 20, 10:30 am | Catechetical Sunday | Church |
| Sun, Sep 20, 1:30 pm | Confirmation Session | St. Thomas More |

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

Congratulations

Rob Mellor and Melissa McCabe, married this Saturday at Corpus Christi!
Ayla Theresa Le Venkatesan, daughter of Arun and Cindy Le Venkatesan, baptized this Sunday at Corpus Christi

CORPUS CHRISTI NEWS

Labor Day Mass

Mass on Labor Day, September 7, will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. There will be no 12:10 p.m. mass that day. The parish office will be closed.

10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass Returns!

Sunday Mass resumes at 10:30 a.m. *after* Labor Day Weekend. The first 10:30 a.m. Mass will be on Sunday, September 13.

Sandwiches Needed For Lunch Outreach Ministry

We need sandwiches to give out at the rectory door on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please use white bread and put mustard between the deli meat and cheese. Frozen sandwiches can be dropped off at the rectory on weekdays or bring them with you when you come to mass. We serve 12 to 15 people each day. Thank you for your help.

RCIA Inquiry Sundays

Interested becoming Catholic? Then you (or someone you know) might want to look into the RCIA (Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults) program here at Corpus Christi. Through the RCIA, adult men and women learn about Catholicism, what Catholics do, and how they experience their faith. There will be two RCIA Inquiry Sundays-- September 13 and 20. These meetings will follow the Sunday 10:30 liturgy and will be held in the rectory. Come and find out what the RCIA is about.

Food Allergies? Gluten Intolerance?

Corpus Christi has low-gluten (<0.01% gluten) altar bread for individuals with celiac disease or other wheat intolerances, 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. Rich for more information.

BEYOND CORPUS CHRISTI

Peace Path

The Eighth Annual Peace Path-is scheduled for Friday, September 11th, from 4-6 PM along Charles Street from Fort Avenue north to the Beltway. Women In Black Baltimore (WIBB) hopes YOU will join the Peace Path for as much of that two-hour period as you can. It is easy. Make a sign promoting peace, pick a spot along the path, and be a witness for peace!

Living Our Best Life

Life is not easy, friends and loved ones die, relationships end, jobs change or are lost. Youth gives way to the questioning of old age. Life is its own meaning, yet we are all equally important, all called into existence by God to show God's glory in this time and space. Join popular radio host Fr. Joe Breighner to explore how we can live our best life and give glory to God "just by being who we are, where we are, as we are". Wed., Sept. 23 – 10 am to 3 pm at Bon Secours Spiritual Center, 1525 Marriottsville Rd, Marriottsville Md. 21104. \$50.00 (includes lunch). Guided by: Rev. Joseph Breighner. To register, call 410-442-1320 or go to www.BonSecoursSpiritualCenter.org.

The Dan Meyer Choir

The Dan Meyer Choir, directed by our Music Coordinator, Dan Meyer, will be performing "Songs of Baltimore on Thursday, September 10 at 7:00pm at the Light Street Branch of the Enoch Pratt Library, 1251 Light Street, Baltimore, MD 21230. This is a free concert and will last a little under an hour. Come support the arts in our community! For more information, log on to www.danmeyerchoir.com.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

A Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held in Faulkner, Md. September 4-6, 2009 and Sparks, Md. October 30-November 1, 2009. The retreat is a confidential and emotionally safe environment for those struggling after abortion. Contact Project Rachel at 1-800-286-4224 or email projectrachel@archbalt.org.

Morning of Recollection

How and Why to Keep Our Focus on Jesus. On Saturday, September 12, from 9 am to 12 noon, at the parish center of the Cathedral of Mary our Queen, Dr. Jack Buchner, director of evangelization at the Cathedral will offer a day of prayer, fellowship, short input sessions, refreshments, and ministry resources. There is no registration fee. Please contact Dr. Buchner at 410-464-4000 by September 6 to register.

The Psalms: Jesus' Prayer Book

The Psalms: Jesus' Prayer Book. A study of the Psalms will be offered on the Tuesdays of Sept. 22, 29, Oct. 6 and 13, at the Cathedral. There will be morning sessions and evening sessions each week. The morning session will be 9 – 10 am, and the evening session will be 7- 8 pm. The facilitator will be Dr. Jack Buchner, the director of evangelization. All are welcome. Bring your bible, and come to the Parish Center.

Retrovaille

Are you thinking about ending your marriage? Before you call a lawyer, call Retrovaille, a Catholic program created to help couples whose marriage has slipped into despair, disillusionment, and misery. The next weekend is September 11-13. All calls and inquires are confidential. For more information call 410.647.0350 or visit their website at www.helpourmarriage.com.

St. Ann's Elementary and Business School Reunion

All students, teachers and staff who attended St. Ann's Elementary and Business School are invited to attend an all class school reunion on Sunday, October 11, 2009. The day begins with 10 am Mass at St. Ann's, 2201 Greenmount Avenue, followed by a tour of the newly renovated school building and refreshments in the courtyard. RSVP: St. Ann Church at 410-235-8169 or stannchurch1@verizon.net.

Awakening to the Light Within

Drawing from John O'Donohue's (1956-2008) rich Celtic imagination, we will explore some of the spiritual themes of this visionary poet and writer. Through story telling, solitude, guided imagery, and Celtic rituals, we will awaken to the quiet light that shines within our own hearts, leading us to break through our imprisoning notions of self. John O'Donohue reminds us that this "shy little light" illumines our minds to see beauty, to live a sacred life of delightful wonder and to use our presence in the world to bless others and be blessed. Sat., Sept. 26th at 9:30 am to Sun., Sept. 27 at 11 am at Bon Secours Spiritual Center, 1525 Marriottsville Rd, Marriottsville Md. 21104. \$125.00 (\$50.00 deposit). Guided by: Eileen Quinn, OSF. To register, please call (410) 442-1320 or visit www.BonSecoursSpiritualCenter.org.