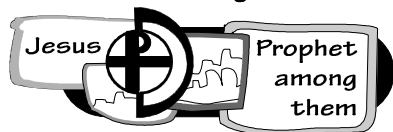


14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 5, 2009



From the Pastor's Desk...

Sometimes our narrow thinking and tunnel vision can get us into trouble and lessen our opportunities for growth.

In the gospel today Jesus begins to preach back home. Well, the people had trouble accepting His message because He was one of the neighborhood kids. Where does he get off teaching us?

Because the townsfolk were not open to Jesus, they missed the wonderful opportunity of believing in His message and growing in their faith.

Often we become set in our ways. Especially as we grow older we have difficulty accepting change, any kind of change. That happens with our faith also. Most of us have packaged our faith very neatly and we want nothing to disturb it, or our view of it.

Today the Lord challenges us as he did with his hometown folks to be open to new possibilities for growth in ourselves, especially in our faith life.

Fr. Capitani

***We are a Tithing Parish
Following God's Plan for Giving***

Collection figures will be available next week.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SAT.	5:00 PM	Thomas E. Fuller, Jr. <i>(His Loving Family)</i>
SUN.	7:30 AM	Parishioner's Intentions
	9:00 AM	Pamela Stankiewicz <i>(Religious Education Staff)</i>
	11:00 AM	Michael E. Hicks <i>(Lisa Lehr)</i>
MON.	9:00 AM	George Ramming <i>(John & Dottie Hofstetter)</i>
TUES.	9:00 AM	Donald Zang <i>(Carolyn & Bill Dougherty)</i>
WED.	9:00 AM	Carl Goetzinger <i>(Jim & Sue Munsey)</i>
THUR.	9:00 AM	Florine Simpson <i>(St. John's Youth Ministry)</i>
FRI.	9:00 AM	Genevieve Carnaggio <i>(Jim & Sue Munsey)</i>
SAT.	9:00 AM	Lula Petr <i>(Tom & Jane Traynor)</i>
	5:00 PM	Julianna Somerville <i>(Larry Somerville)</i>
SUN.	7:30 AM	Parishioners Intentions
	9:00 AM	Dec'd Members of the Frank Bisker Family
	11:00 AM	Bernie Reisig <i>(Rosemary Reisig)</i>

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Am 7: 12-15 Eph 1: 3-14 Mk 6: 7-13



Please call the parish office to make arrangements.



ALTAR FLOWERS FOR THE GLORY OF GOD (\$50 for one large bouquet, \$40 for two small) In Loving Memory of Bob Schaeffer (From Wife and Family)

CORPUS CHRISTI CHAPEL (2 Arrangements \$40)

MARY and JESUS STATUE (Cost \$20)

ST. JOHN NEUMANN STATUE (Cost \$20)

JESUS and CHILDREN STATUE (Atrium) (Cost \$20)

BLESSED MOTHER BOUQUET (Cost \$20)

VOTIVE CANDLES Special Intention 6/23



VISITATION OF THE SICK: Please notify the parish office when a parishioner is in the hospital or is unable to attend mass, and wishes to receive Holy Communion.

NEXT WEEKEND'S ALTAR SERVERS

JUL 11	5:00 PM	Adam Taylor, Josh Bruce Jenni Ferg, Caitlyn Cook
JUL 12	7:30 AM	Josh Wolf, Grace Schott Maggie Kaliszak, Cara McLain
	9:00 AM	Nate & Josh Elsen Hannah Fletcher, Julia Peters
	11:00 AM	Morgan & Alex Williams, Sara Tyer Rachel Martin

In Memoriam

We remember in sympathy the following parishioners who passed away: **Mary Ann Page 6/17/09;** **Joseph Hoerr 6/21/09**



Going on Vacation? Please don't forget your weekly offering when you are out of town over the summer months. You may drop off your collection envelopes in the parish office either before or after the time that you will be away. **Thank You!**

BANNS for Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion are announced for: **Margaret (Peggy) Keller; Patrick (Duffy) Thorn; Mark Tauzin**

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Each Sunday this page will contain reflections on the first and second readings of the mass.

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 1st Reading

Ezekiel 2:2-5

Speaking When No One Listens

Whenever you have something to say, not everyone is going to listen. Some people will roll their eyes. Others will wait until you're done and then change the subject. You don't always get the admiring audience you want.

For some reason, this never stops God from putting passion into the human heart. Our faith becomes a part of us. We link our identity to it. When we see someone challenging something we believe in, we cannot keep quiet. We have to speak up.

It feels good to say what we think. It feels good to let the strongest beliefs inside us have voice and air. It feels good to have other people know what matters the most to us.

But some people don't listen. They do not heed the word we speak. They patronize us with kind looks or light applause.

But God keeps putting the word into the human heart.

When Ezekiel spoke God's word to people who were hard of face and obstinate of heart, God knew the word might not change them. But some good would come. "They shall know that a prophet has been among them."

Even if people do not listen to our words, they know that a prophet was there.

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2nd Reading

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

A Thorn in the Flesh

If you touch a thorn on a rose, you pull your hand right away. But when Saint Paul talked about "a thorn in the flesh," he described something worse. He felt a constant pain, a thorn stuck there "to beat me, to keep me from being too elated."

No one knows what it was. An illness like shingles? Or something more psychological, such as an annoying coworker or threats from an enemy? Paul doesn't say.

But he didn't like it. "Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it might leave me." If such an affliction tormented us, we'd probably not stop after three prayers. We'd pray constantly for relief.

Why only three times? Perhaps because Paul got an answer to his prayers. It brought spiritual relief, but not physical relief. "The Lord said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.'" It wasn't the answer he wanted. But it was the answer he got.

The hardships we endure remind us of our frailty. We'd like to think we can handle any task, overcome any challenge. But sometimes we cannot. And no one can help. We are left with this stark realization: we are weak.

It is then that Christ can help. The grace of Christ sustains us in good times and in bad, but we only realize it when things go wrong. "When I am weak, then I am strong."

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Perpetual Adoration

Open hours that need to be filled:

SUN 1:00 – 2:00 AM Adorer Needed

SUN 9:00 – 10:00 AM Adorer Needed 1st & 3rd Week

MON 5:00 – 6:00 PM Adorer Needed E/O Week

MON 6:00 – 7:00 PM Prayer Partner Needed

MON 11:00 PM – 12 Mid. Prayer Partner Needed

TUES 10:00 – 11:00 AM Prayer Partner Needed

TUES 12 Noon – 1 PM Prayer Partner Needed

WED 3:00 – 4:00 PM On Call Substitute Needed

FRI 6:00 – 7:00 PM Prayer Partner Needed

If interested in helping with this most important ministry, please contact Rick Winkelman 235-7115 or Margaret Bird 235-8329



RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

RCIC Rite of Christian Initiation for Children

Group formation in the Catholic faith, beliefs and way of life for:

1. **Un-baptized** adults (single or married of any age) who wish to join the Catholic Church
2. Baptized adult Catholics who never celebrated the **Sacrament of Confirmation**.
3. Baptized **Protestant** Christians who wish to join the Catholic Church
4. Baptized **children** who have not celebrated First Communion or Confirmation.

The 2009-2010 community gathers on most Monday evenings in the SJC (*lower level of New Church*) from 7:00 to 9:00 PM beginning on Monday, September 21st 2009 until Pentecost Sunday 2010. The children meet from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. If you, your spouse, children, grandchildren, relatives, neighbors are in any of the four groups mentioned above, contact Skip Snell (717-235-2156) or skip67@comcast.net or Father Bob (717-586-9756) or cnew292@aol.com

ATTENTION MEN

Corpus Christi Men's Retreat

The 31st annual Corpus Christi Men's Retreat at Mt. St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, MD is set for the weekend of **July 24-26**. Monsignor George W. Tomichek from St. John Neumann Shrine in Philadelphia will lead the retreat. The retreat is open to men ages 14 and older. Men are encouraged to bring their sons and grandsons. The total cost of the retreat is \$120 with a \$60 deposit due with your reservation. Mark your calendar now and contact Steve Udzenski at 717-993-9601 or smudzinski@verizon.net to place your reservation.

SHARE YOUR LIGHT! VOLUNTEER! Volunteers are needed to staff a very special summer camping program for youth and adults with mental disabilities on August 9-14 at Camp Kirchenwald, near Hershey. We are looking for full-time and part-time staff. No experience is necessary, but those with experience in nursing, fishing, camping, hiking, and arts and crafts are especially welcome. If interested, please call the Diocesan Disabilities Office at 717-657-4804 ext. 317, or email vlaskowski@hbgdiocese.org



Rachel's Vineyard Retreat's tm

Hurting from an ABORTION? You are not alone. Rachel's Vineyard Retreats healing the pain of abortion one weekend at a time. July 17-19, and Dec. 4-6, 2009. Totally Confidential contact 717-788-4959 or Rvpamd@gmail.com ...Come and let the healing begin...

Women's Council Thank You!

St. John's Women's Council would like to thank everyone that attended the recent Scholarship Brunch. This was a very enjoyable event and hopefully we can attract more participants next year. Special thanks go out to Chuck Carey and the Knights of Columbus for preparing and serving the delicious meal.



Christmas Bazaar 2009! The Bazaar committee is in need of NEW ITEMS ONLY for the Magic Tree, and cookbooks for gift baskets. If you are able to help out with donated items, please drop off in the parish office marked "Christmas Bazaar". Thank You!

Also Note... The bazaar committee has meetings scheduled for the following dates: Tues. 8/4, Tues. 9/1, Wed. 10/14. These meetings will be held at 7:00 PM in SJNC. All chairpersons should attend these meetings, and newcomers interested in helping are always welcome.



DIAL A MASS has a few openings for homebound or ill parishioners who would enjoy hearing the weekend Mass in the privacy of their home via speaker telephone. Please call the parish office at 235-2156 if interested.



LIBRARY NEWS

An invitation is extended to all parish members to explore and use the library. It contains an excellent collection of religious books and materials. The circulation system is very simple to use and the library contains a catalog listing all books by title and where they are located on the shelves. The library door is never locked. Some titles just recently added to the collection are **The Rite, the Making of a Modern Exorcist**, found in the Spiritual section and **Exploring Scripture, How the Bible Came to Be** and **The Gospel According to St. Paul** both found in the Bible section.



Bless Our Troops

*Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior.
Amen.*

Please Note: If you have a family member serving in the military that you would like included in our prayers for the military list, please contact the parish office.



Welcome

PARISH REGISTRATION

Are you NEW to the Parish, or perhaps have not formally registered??

Please help us keep our parish records up to date. Contact Kathy in the Parish Office 235-2156 or log onto the parish website and print a registration form to be returned to the parish office.

Parish Website: www.stjncath.org

21 CLUB WINNERS!

TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!

21 Club Winners/Sellers for June 27, 2009: \$200 Tkt.144 Judi Hooper / \$20 Larry Somerville; \$150 Tkt.951 No Winner / \$15 N/A; \$50 Tkt.1424 No Winner / \$5 N/A

Congratulations to all the ticket winners and sellers!

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP meets every Tuesday, from 7:30 to 9:00 PM in the Library of the New Church. For more information call Victoria Wharton, LCSW at (410) 357-5289 or E-mail vwharton@verizon.net.

GIFT/SHOPPING CARDS!



Don't forget about this ongoing fundraiser that benefits our parish. Order forms with the list of retailers and information are available in the racks outside the parish office and in the Pre-School and Rel. Ed. Offices. Contact **Sally Beck** at 235-2156 Ext. 214 or sbeck@stjncath.org

to place an order or pick up in stock cards for immediate purchase. **GIANT FOOD** cards are kept in stock and also available in the parish office after Sunday masses. Please Note: Hallmark Stores has recently been added to the list of available retailers. *Don't forget using gift cards for your upcoming gift giving events.*



Religious Gift Store St. John's **Mini Abbey** Religious Store is located next to Our Lady's Chapel in the New Church and is open after all weekend Masses. Stop in and browse

our assortment of religious items. For questions after store hours, you may contact Theresa Tate at 235-5733. Volunteers are always needed to assist with manning the store after masses. This is a minimal time commitment. If interested in helping, please contact Theresa, or leave your name in the parish office.

CAREER WORKSHOP SCHEDULED St. John's will continue to offer a Career Workshop for out placed parishioners and their families and friends, throughout the summer months. A parishioner with 10 years experience in Career Coaching and Counseling will be offering FREE workshop sessions, Wednesdays from 7:00 – 9:00 PM in SJNC on the following dates: 7/15, 8/5, 8/19, 9/9 & 9/23. Interested persons are asked to sign up in the parish office. Additional information is available in the racks outside the parish office.



Gardeners Needed...

No Experience Necessary!

The parish is looking for volunteers to help out over the summer months weeding the flower beds around the areas of the church. This would greatly reduce the need to contract this maintenance work out to a landscaper. This is a minimal time commitment, and can be done on your own schedule! If you are interested in helping out in this way, please contact Bill Nine 235-2156 Ext. 212.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NOTES...



Calendar

This Week in Our Parish

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

235-2439

Summer Office Hours 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Monday thru Thursday

Registration forms for the 2009 – 2010 year have been mailed. If you are registering your child for the first time, or have not received a form, please contact the Religious Education Office at 235-2439 or log onto the parish website www.stjncath.org and go to the Religious Education link to print a registration form.

PLEASE NOTE: All Tuition and Fees are due at the time of registration.

Religious Education Schedule 2009 – 2010 year

Sunday	8:45-10:15 AM	Grades P3, P4, K, 1
Sunday	10:45 AM-12:15 PM	Grades P3, P4, K, 1
Tuesday	9:00-10:30 AM	Grades P3, P4
Wednesday	4:45-6:00 PM	Grades K, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6
Wednesday	6:30 – 8:00 PM	Grades, 5, 6, 7, 8, HS
Thursday	4:45-6:15 PM	Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2009

Come hang out at the Bayou!

Volunteers and donations are needed for this year's Vacation Bible School.

"Crocodile Dock"

Sunday July 12 – Thursday July 16 6:30 – 9:00 PM

At St. John's Lutheran Church, New Freedom

Please take a VBS flyer that is outside the church office for details. Call the Religious Education office at 235-2439 if you would like to help.

HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS

Knit One, Pray Too! A group of parishioners has begun a shawl ministry to make lap coverings for shut-ins. This is a prayerful group that can also help others improve their skills in crocheting and knitting these coverings. Please contact Margie Manning if you would like to help, or leave your name in the parish office. **ALSO**, donations of 4 ply acrylic yarn is needed for this project.

SPECIAL NOTICE: A webinar and discussion on **including persons with disabilities in liturgical ministries** will occur on Wednesday, July 15, 2009 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisburg facilitated by the National Catholic Partnership on Disability. A discussion will follow by the local participants on ways to make liturgical ministries more accessible to those with disabilities. There is no registration fee; however, registration is required by July 10. To register, contact the Office of Worship at 717-657-4804 x353. For questions or to carpool, call Judy in the parish office 235-2156 Ext. 233.

U.S. CENSUS 2010

The U.S. Census Bureau is now recruiting for various positions to assist with the 2010 Census. Local Census Office Manager, Asst. Manager for Field Operations, Asst. Manager for Recruiting, Asst. Manager for Quality Assurance, Asst. Manager for Administration, Asst. Manager for Technology. Call TOLL FREE for additional information: **1-866-564-5420**

SUNDAY – 7/5

Second Collection *Capital Campaign*

MONDAY – 7/6 *St. Maria Goretti*

Rosary 8:30 AM (OLC)

TUESDAY – 7/7 Rosary 8:30 AM (OLC)

Bereavement Support 7:30 – 9:00 PM (L)

WEDNESDAY – 7/8

Rosary 8:30 AM (OLC)

Prayer Group 9:45 -11:45 AM (L)

Bazaar Meeting 6:30 Pm (SJNC)

THURSDAY – 7/9 *St. Augustine Zhao Rong*

Rosary 8:30 AM (OLC) & 7:00 PM (OC)

FRIDAY – 7/10

Rosary 8:30 AM (OLC)

SATURDAY – 7/11 *St. Benedict*

Rosary 8:30 AM (OLC)

SUNDAY – 7/12

Little Flowers 10:00 – 11:00 AM (SJNC)

Baptism Class 7:00 – 9:00 PM (SJNC)

Vacation Bible School Begins: 6:30 – 9:00 PM

Held at St. John's Lutheran Church



Annual Golf Outing



The 19th Annual St. John's Charity Golf Outing will be held at Hickory Heights Golf Course in Spring Grove, PA on **Friday September 11, 2009**. Lunch is provided at 11:30 AM followed by a shotgun start at 12:30PM. Four Hole-in-One prizes

consisting of; \$10,000 cash; roundtrip airline tickets or cruise for 2; premium electronics package; and a Callaway Big Bertha 460 driver or X-20 irons are available. Numerous other prizes based on final scores, closest to the pin, and random draw will be awarded. A steak dinner and awards ceremony will follow completion of play. Cost is \$300/ foursome or \$75/pp. Please come join us for a great day of golf, food, and fun. For additional information and registration please call Bill Allman at 235-7746 or email at bill.allman@comcast.net or call Tom Bailey at 227-9793 or email at otbailey@msn.com.

Golf Outing Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for friendly people to help with registration, prize display setup, and monitoring of Hole-in-One holes for the 19th Annual St. John's Charity Golf Outing. Knowledge of golf is not required but smiles are most appreciated. Volunteers are asked to be at Hickory Heights Golf Course in Spring Grove, PA by 11:00 AM on September 11, 2009. Lunch and a steak dinner will be provided. Transportation is available from the Parish Center to the golf course and return. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet many of your parishioners, have a lot of fun, enjoy great food, and serve at a worthy fund-raiser for our parish. If you can assist us please contact the church office, Bill Allman at 235-7746 email bill.allman@comcast.net, or Tom Bailey 227-9793 email otbailey@msn.com.