

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 5, 2010

How interesting as we commemorate the tragedy of 9/11 this week, that the gospel speaks of the cross and discipleship. In various places we find bell towers and commemorative crosses constructed from steel taken from one of the twin towers.

The crosses we are asked to bear come in many forms, not unlike the variety of religious crosses we see. Artists portray the cross of Christ in different ways, like Dali's Crucifixion of John of the Cross. Historically the Jerusalem recalls the nations from crusade times. The gospel today speaks of another cross, the cross of discipleship.

My personal cross is the standard I use to portray my loyalty to Jesus Christ. It does not have to be a burden, or painful. It unites me with the victory of Jesus Christ over death and allows me to share in the triumph of the resurrection. What is key is my willingness to embrace it. What is even more important is that as a disciple I assist others in bearing the weight of their cross. It might be the only way someone else may move on, and finding a fellow disciple may enable them to grow. The many persons Jesus touched in His ministry through cures, encouragement, compassion and pity, allowed them to know the victory of the cross even before the passion. The gospel today precedes the great paschal mystery.

Today I drop some of the things or possessions which hold me back as a true disciple and reach out to bear the cross designated for me. This is the one possession I wish to hold on to, or as the great hymn says: 'I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it someday for a crown.'

Stewardship Reflection

Title: Steward Discipleship

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, *Stewardship* is about renouncing the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

First Collection 8/29/10\$2248.50
 New HVAC 8/29/10\$ 370.00

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

Next week we will have a collection for the **Peter's Pence Collection**, which provides the Holy Father with the assistance he needs to carry out his most important charitable works. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please give generously.



MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	September 4:
4:00 PM	Franklinville Joseph Hoffman, Sr. r/b Don, Mary Ellen & Matt Healy
Sunday	September 5:
8:00 AM	Clayton Mahria Elizabeth Reynolds r/b The Christian & Ricciuti Family
10:30 AM	Franklinville Frank Myers r/b The Myers Family
Monday	September 6:
7:00 PM	Clayton Joan Brewer r/b Mary & Kevin Laughlin
Tuesday	September 7:
9:00 AM	Franklinville Joseph Hoffman, Sr. r/b Leon & Debbie Whilden
Wednesday	September 8:
9:00 AM	Franklinville Robert Bennett r/b Deacon John & Pat Luko
Thursday	September 9:
7:00 PM	Clayton J. Wilson Hughes r/b The Visalli Family
Friday	September 10:
9:00 AM	Franklinville Frances Cesanek r/b Husband, Jim
Saturday	September 11:
4:00 PM	Franklinville Doris Underwood r/b Joe & Wanda Hoffman
Sunday	September 12:
8:00 AM	Franklinville Michael & Sophie Lachowicz r/b The Lachowicz Family
10:30 AM	Franklinville Kelly Ann Corcoran r/b Kevin & Luanne Corcoran & Family



PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE ON OUR SICK LIST –

AND THEIR CARE GIVERS:

Peg Bass, Rose Cassabria, Kathy Cerino, Rob Christian, Troy Clancy, Nicole Corcoran, Mark Cudd, Anna Mae Farley, Crystal Fitzpatrick, Carmela Genovese, Jeanie Gettz, Linda Gomeringer, Adrianna Gulli, Milton Samuel Haffelfinger, Jr., Carl Hamill, Courtney Heard, Heather Hirst, Sr. Marie Immaculee, IHM, Jeanette Inverso, Al Johnson, Lisa Juliff, James Keeney, Alan Kellerman, Steve Kozachyn, Sr., Lorraine Kreiner, Andrew Kreiner, Marge Landis, Joann Lavery, Madeline Layos, Alfred LoCicero, John Maher, Ame Lynn Matthews, Michael Miller, Dan Napoli, Amy Otten, Joan Piazza, Mark Pulilo, Linda Sauer, Isabella Schneeman, Mary Swords, Rosanna Tucker, Bob Wescott, Leo Wickham, and Mary Wilt

CALLING ALL INTERESTED TEACHERS!!!

We are in need of more Catechists for our PREP Program. If you think you may enjoy educating Jr. High School (grades 6-8) age children, helping them grow in God's love in a new and innovative program, please contact Kevin Laughlin at kevinl@eticomm.net or call the rectory and speak with Meryl. Get in at the beginning of this exciting new way to teach our youth.



Middle School Ministry

The **EDGE** Middle School Ministry program is inviting parishioners to participate as **EDGE** Core Team members. **EDGE** Core Team members will meet with small groups of students during **EDGE** nights, alternate Thursday evenings. We need a few more people to fill out the Team.

If you think you could help in this ministry, please call the rectory at 694-2349. Get in on this new and innovative program!!!



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

If you or someone (adult) you know would like to find out more about the Catholic Religion or have decided to complete the sacraments of Initiation through the reception of Baptism, Confirmation or Holy Eucharist, call Anne at 694-055 or (day) – 881-9155 to get more information

Lectors, Ministers of the Eucharist and Servers
Saturday, September 11th ~ 4:00 PM
Lector: D. Healy
Eucharist Ministers: Acolte Kevin, R. Bonner, B. Fugaro, A. Spellacy, L. Spellacy
Servers: A. Seniff, V. Seniff
Sunday, September 12th ~ 8:00 AM Clayton
Lector: E. Szybiak
Eucharist Ministers: Deacon Matt, B. Drebes, D. Ellena
Servers: J. McCarty, K. McCarty, K. Roberts
Sunday, September 12th ~ 10:30 AM
Lector: K. Slusarz
Eucharist Ministers: Deacon John, B. Clarey, L. Dippner, J. Fitzpatrick, R. Sibley
Servers: A. Metz, O. Wright, S. Wright



READINGS

Sunday

Wis 9:13-18b; Phlm 9, 10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

Monday

1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday

1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Thursday

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38

Friday

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday

1 Cor 10:14-22; Lk 6:43-49

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

All administrative operations are now conducted at the St. Catherine's rectory. The Nativity rectory will be utilized as a parish conference center and offices for the Deacons. Calls to Nativity have been forwarded to the St. Catherine's office which will handle the information for all parishioners. Anne and Meryl are there to serve your parish needs.



Saint Michael the Archangel Regional School would like to Thank Triple Oaks Nursery for their generous donation of beautiful flowers and plants. We do have seating available in our Kindergarten class, limited seating so please stop in for a tour or call our advancement director, Monica Dempster at 856-881-0067 for information. Go Warriors!

Basket Bingo

**Saturday, September 25, 2010
@ 6:30 pm**

St. Michael the Archangel Regional School

Tickets are now available for St. Michael's Famous Baskets Bingo. Admission is \$25.00 and includes 20 games of bingo, desserts and coffee. Most Longaberger® Baskets come with liners, protectors & surprises. There will be a special drawing to win (3) spectacular Longaberger® basket combos, as well as a 50/50 drawing and door prizes. The doors open at 5:00 pm sharp and our kitchen will be open for food and beverage sales. Contact Kelly Cudd at (856) 728-2787 or cuddster1@aol.com to order tickets, as seats fill quickly!

**Ladies night out
Vendor proposal**

Saturday, October 16, 2010

Where: St. Michael's Social Hall

51 W. North St., Clayton, NJ 1 pm to 7 pm

Cost: \$20 for table & donated basket with items valued up to \$30

If you would like to reserve a table for our event, please fill out the bottom of this form and return it to me at the address provided along with your \$20.00. Please note, for party sales companies it will be on a first come first served basis so we don't have multiple party sales companies present.

If you have any questions or need a form, please feel free to call Mary Ellen at 856-582-2095 or Email medragone@yahoo.com Benefits St. Michael's PTA - Checks made payable to SMARS.



Church of the Nativity will be holding a **50/50 Raffle** beginning on **August 21st** and ending with the drawing of the winner on **Sunday, September 26th at Noon**. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and will be on sale after masses and at the rectory office. Proceeds will benefit our parish's operating expenses. Buy as many as you like; you never have too many chances to win!! **The winner in June won \$787.00!! This time it could be you!!**



"P.R.E.P. Corner"

Important PREP Parent meeting Tuesday, September 7th at 6:30 PM at Nativity Church

For any parent that missed the August 4th meeting. This is your opportunity to find out about the exciting changes in the Parish Religious Ed Program.

Registrations are due in the parish office now. Please include a \$30 late fee with the registration payment.

K - 5th classes will meet Sunday, 9:00 - 10:15 AM.

6th - 8th will meet alternate Thursdays, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. K-5 begins on Sept. 19th; 6-8 begins Sept. 23rd. *All classes are held at St. Michael the Archangel School*

New students to the program may get a registration form in the back of the church or at the rectory office during office hours. Copies of Baptismal records are required with all new registrations.

Faith Festival



Religious Education for All Generations

Our first Faith Festival will be held on Sunday, **September 12th** at 12:00 Noon at St.

Michael the Archangel School.

It will be a time of community faith sharing after all Masses have been celebrated. You will have a great catered lunch and hear more about this wonderful program. Many of your fellow parishioners have worked hard during the summer to organize these events and to make them something special for everyone.

Tickets will be sold at the doors of church each weekend; **\$6.50** per person, **\$20.00** per family or **\$36.00** per person for a season ticket to all six events.

Please purchase your tickets early so planning can be done for the amount of attendance.



The rectory closes at noon on Fridays during the summer season



The combined music ministries of St. Catherine's and Nativity will resume in the middle of September. We invite anyone who was involved in either ministry to join us. *New members are encouraged and welcome.* **The Children's Choir and Adult Choir** will start rehearsals **Wednesday, September 15th at Nativity.** The Children's Choir will start at 6 PM and the Adult Choir at 7:15 PM. **The Contemporary/Folk Ensemble** members are invited back to the first rehearsal on **Monday, September 13th, at Nativity at 7:30 PM.**

*...from 5 loaves and 2 fish,
all ate and were filled.*



Nativity & St. Catherine's Food Pantry

The Food Pantry exists to provide emergency assistance to families in need, who reside in Franklin Twp. Or Clayton. It is completely supported by donations of food and money from parish families. **We are in need of Shop Rite and ACME Gift Cards in \$10 increments.** They are distributed with the groceries to help with fresh food items. Donation can be placed in the shopping cart in the church or call the rectory to arrange for drop-off of larger quantities. Please make whatever donation you can to help the many struggling families in our community.

TAP INTO SOMETHING MORE

Sex in the City of God
Speaker: Dawn Eden

You will hear a journalist and rock music critic who, since her conversion to Catholicism, has spoken to young adult audiences around the world. Theology on Tap is a discussion series for Catholic young adults, married and single, in their late teens (18-19), 20's & 30's. Call 856-583-6121



Our thanks to **Bill Deguenther**, who recently secured both of the hand rails at St. Catherine's rectory. Bill, we appreciate all that you do!!

REUNION

Class of 1970 All South Philly Parish (40 year) 8th grade reunion. The event takes place Friday, **September 17th**, with Jerry Blavat. For ticket/information call Denise Larosa at 215-334-7667.



Altar Servers Needed!

As some of the older, dedicated altar servers are moving on to other avenues of service in our Church, we need new altar servers, both boys and girls ages 9-13, to assist at the Altar of God.

Please consider serving in this special, spiritual way at Mass. Servers are usually scheduled for the Mass their families regularly attend. The current Mass schedule is 4:00 pm Saturdays and 8:00 am and 10:00 am Sundays. If interested, please contact Kevin Laughlin at (856) 466-3256 or Kevinl@eticomm.net Next training session is scheduled for early October, 2010. Please come and join us!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

Bishop Joseph Galante formally announced on August 27th that St. Michael the Archangel Parish will be established through the merger of Nativity Parish, Franklinville, and St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Clayton effective September 29, 2010. The announcement was made in a formal decree which was read at each masses last weekend and was published in the Catholic Star Herald.

The seat of the new parish will be Nativity Church. St. Catherine of Siena Church also will serve the new parish as a worship site. The offices for the parish will be located at 49 W. North Street, Clayton. Father Jaromir Michalak, has been named pastor of the new parish for a term of six years.



FYI - The first Labor Day in the United States was celebrated on September 5, 1882 in New York City. In the aftermath of the deaths of a number of workers at the hands of the US Military and US Marshall's during the 1894 Pullman Strike, President Grover

Cleveland put reconciliation with Labor as a top political priority. Fearing further conflict, legislation making Labor Day a national holiday was rushed through Congress unanimously and signed into law a mere six days after the end of the strike. Cleveland was also concerned that aligning an American labor holiday with existing International May Day celebrations would stir up negative emotions linked to the Haymarket Affair. By the 20th century, all 50 U.S. States had made Labor Day a state holiday.

Have a safe and blessed holiday!