

Slow Down !

It's not only good advice for the road, but also for our lives. Here is a short meditation to reflect on things we often miss because we're in such a hurry.

Take Time

Take time to think: it is the source of power.

Take time to read: it is the foundation of wisdom.

Take time to play: it is the secret of staying young.

Take time to be quiet: it is the opportunity to seek God.

Take time to be aware: it is the opportunity to help others.

Take time to love and be loved: it is God's greatest gift.

Take time to laugh: it is the music of the soul.

Take time to be friendly: it is the road to happiness.

Take time to dream: it is what the future is made of.

Take time to pray: it is the greatest power on earth.

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 11, 2010

St. James the Greater

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns for the Intentions of John & Loretta Olenick on their 40th Wedding Anniversary at the Request of the Ricciardi Family

TUESDAY, July 13

8:00AM – Mary Lombaerde
req. by her daughter-in-law, Carol

SATURDAY, July 17

8:00 AM – Abby Lamoreaux
req. by Carol Lombaerde

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 18

8:00AM – John Cerra
req. by Joan & Harvey McKean

11:30AM – Joan Spoolstra

ST. JAMES THE GREATER

\$1,597.00 – Regular Collection – July 4, 2010

\$ 927.00 - Resurrection

\$2,477.00 – Weekly Budget Need

\$1,664.00 – Regular Collection – July 5, 2009

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

\$2,139.00 – Regular Collection – July 4, 2010

\$4,410.00 – Weekly Budget Need

\$2,766.00 – Regular Collection – July 5, 2009

St. Thomas the Apostle

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in Memory of Anthony & Felicia Casciotta at the Request of their daughter, Grace

MONDAY, July 12

9:00AM – Stephen & Leo Pagiusco
req. by Josephine

TUESDAY, July 13

9:00AM – Margaret Mannhaupt
req. by her goddaughter, Mary Flexer

WEDNESDAY, July 14

9:00AM – Barbara K. Kintzler
req. by Charles Kintzler

THURSDAY, July 15

No Mass

FRIDAY, July 16

9:00AM – Bernie Reich
req. by his wife, Grace & Family

SATURDAY, VIGIL, July 17

5:30 PM – William Frank
req. by his wife, Lydia & Family

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 18

9:30AM – Madeline Templeton
req. by Joanne DiMauro

PILGRIM VIRGIN OF FATIMA STATUE

This beautifully adorned statue is a visible reminder of the love God has shown in the Blessed Mother. Placing such a beautiful image in your home turns hearts to prayer and brings grace to those who open their hearts to any image of God's love. If you would like to have the statue of Our Lady of Fatima in your home, please contact Diana, Legion of Mary at 973-948-7601. *Pray the Family Rosary*

TO CHRIST THE DIVINE HEALER WE PRAY FOR:

Bree Andrews, Mary Bell, Vickie Bennett, Joseph Bruno, Eric Cerra, Gail Collis, Jerry Cooper, Jason DeLorenzo, Geri Fawyer, Ronnie Ferriere, Marie Furtado, Nancy Green, Eric Harper, Horace Harper, Catherine Higgins, Sharon Hubbell, Peter Jaycay, Sharon Johnson, Pearle Kohol, Chuck Lombaerde, Florence Majewski, Karen Morgan, Richard Nowicki, Lugi Osso, Flo Puccio, Ruth Rogers, Evelyn Schweer, Deena Slain, Bill Sousa, Lilia Vazquez, Catherine Vecharello, Lisa Vergona, Tarra Wagner and Gabriel Wyzga

Paterson Diocesan Pilgrimage

Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli has designated **Saturday, September 18, 2010** as the day for our Paterson Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Patroness.

He will lead this Pilgrimage of Faith and celebrate the Mass of Thanksgiving; he hopes we will have 4,000 people coming. Price for the 1 – day bus pilgrimage is \$40.00, leaving between 6 and 7 AM and returning around 10 PM. An optional overnight Pilgrimage is outlined on the blue flyers and posters. Please call our Parish Coordinator: St. James, Carol Lombaerde at 973-948-2285 and St. Thomas, Diana Rimshnick at 973-948-7601 for registration or information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registrations for 2010/2011 Catechetical Year

Re-registrations for parishioners in grades 2 through 8 **were to be returned by July 1st to avoid the late fee.** If you have not re-registered your child(ren) by now – **you need to do so immediately.**

Registrations for the Confirmation Preparation Program are to be returned **by July 15th to avoid the late fee.**

Parents of children entering first grade, new children to the parish or children enrolled in Catholic school or home school who will be preparing to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Eucharist or Confirmation must call the Religious Education Office to register. To enroll your child(ren) in the parish program, you must be a registered and participating member of the parish.

Community Service Hours

Are you looking for service hours for our Confirmation Program or for your school? Do you enjoy being outside in the warm summer sun? If so, there is always garden work that needs to be done at the Msgr. James Gacquin Youth and Religious Education Center. Please call Mrs. Flexer if you are interested.

R.C.I.A.: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

- ❖ Are you un-baptized, but recognize a need for spirituality in your life?
- ❖ Are you baptized Catholic, or baptized in another faith tradition and never received any formal religious education?
- ❖ Are you married to a Catholic and go to Mass, but don't know how to become Catholic?
- ❖ Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, the R.C.I.A. is the place for you! R.C.I.A. is the process through which the Catholic Church welcomes [initiates] new members. R.C.I.A. guides present members who wish to complete their initiation through the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist. R.C.I.A. guides those who want to be received into the Catholic Church from another faith tradition. The Catholic Church is continually welcoming new members. R.C.I.A. ---an adult faith sharing process is ongoing and waiting to welcome you. Please call the Religious Education office at 973-948-7004 and your phone call will be promptly returned.

A Family Perspective

All the characters in today's gospel are within us. Like the Levite we can ignore the problem and "cross to the other side." Or we can be like the Samaritan, focus on the person and "approach and care for him." A healthy family looks beyond the problem to the person who is "stripped and beaten." We expect our family to "bind our wounds."

Respect Life Reflections

"I shall accept whatever they will do to me provided they save the child." St. Gianna Molla. Reflection: Saint Gianna Molla died after giving birth to her 4th child. Nothing would have harmed her other children more than if she had aborted their sister and nothing blessed them more than the example of a mother who gave her life for her child. Prayer: Saint Gianna, pray for us, that we may imitate your selfless love.

St. James Feast Day Picnic

Our St. James Picnic will take place on July 24th and is fast approaching. We are in need of volunteers to set up, clean up, make salads, cook and help with children's games. Please call Art Henn at 973-293-3243, Carol Lombaerde at 973-948-2285 or the parish office. Thank you.

Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Blood Drive in the Father Lewis Center on **Sunday, July 25th** from 8:00AM to 1:30PM. Blood supplies are low during the summer and donations are greatly appreciated. Please sign up to donate and help save lives!

Thank You

Thanks to all those who contributed to making our St. Thomas Feast Day Picnic and 50/50 a great success. Special thanks to Grace Reich, Marion Cosman, Joanne, our cooks, Bob Collis and Dave Cosman, all those who set up and broke down (Mike Kealy, Tom Costello and Father Wayne), all those who provided food, especially Don Hall and Ed Campbell. Thank you to Vic & Co for the music and to all those who attended and bought and sold 50/50 tickets. The winning tickets are as follows:

\$990.00 – St. Thomas

1st prize – 30% \$594.00 Father Wayne #69

2nd prize – 10% \$198.00 John Burgos #012

3rd prize – 5% \$99.00 Fran Whitesell #22

4th prize – 5% \$99.00 Robert Hale #002

St. James and St. Thomas Food Pantry

The following items are needed to stock our pantry. Please consider making a donation in order to help those in need – boxed cereal, oatmeal packets, peanut butter and jelly, pancake mix, syrup, granola bars, canned tuna and chicken, mayonnaise, jar or canned pasta sauce, pasta, canned pasta, canned soup, canned potatoes, boxed macaroni and cheese, boxed instant mashed potatoes, boxed stuffing, boxed rice, cake mixes, muffin mixes, coffee, tea, sugar, juice (bottles and boxes), crackers, cookies and toiletries (deodorant, soap and toothpaste). Gift cards to Shop Rite in \$10.00 increments would also be helpful for perishable items.

Please make sure food is in original packaging with current dates. Donations can be left at St. James or St. Thomas for your convenience. Thank you for your support.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES

STC -- St. Thomas Ch. or Fr. Lewis Center

SJC -- St. James Ch. or Church Hall

REC -- Fr. Gacquin Religious Ed. Center

Sunday, July 11, 2010

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, July 12

10:00 a.m. Manna House Meals, Newton

Tuesday, July 13

Wednesday, July 14

9 a.m. – 5 p.m. STC U.S. Census Training Day

3:00 p.m. REC Parish Staff Meeting

Thursday, July 15

Friday, July 16

6:30 p.m. Altar Servers' Trip to Skyhawk's Stadium

Saturday, July 17

9:30 a.m. REC Legion of Mary Mtg.

Sunday, July 18, 2010

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Future Events

Sat. July 24 St. James Parish Picnic

In August: Family Day at Camp Linwood-McDonald

Trip to the Holy Land. Many people refer to the Holy Land as the Fifth Gospel because so much can be learned about the life of Jesus in visiting the sacred places that were prominent in His life. So many spiritual concepts can be unfolded as one journeys through this land where Jesus was born, lived, died, and rose to new life. Our neighboring parish, Good Shepherd Church in Andover is sponsoring a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Sept. 25 – Oct. 3, 2010. It promises to be an enriching and deeply rewarding faith experience that will touch your life in a very real way. Cana, Nazareth, the Mount of the Beatitudes, the Mount of Olives, Via Dolorosa, and the Holy Sepulchre are some of the places that will be visited. Mass will be celebrated each day at one of the shrines. For more information, call the parish office of Good Shepherd, 973-786-6631.

Thanks to all who made the **St. Thomas Parish Picnic** last Saturday such a nice event. It was just the latest of so many events since the parish was founded in 1941 as a mission of St. Bartholomew's Church in Lafayette. It became elevated to parish status in 1987. St. Thomas has been serving Catholics of our area for 69 years. (St. Bartholomew's closed in the late '40's.)

Summer Food Pantry Drive. Our Food Pantry is low on supplies at the same time that we are experiencing increased calls for help. To answer this problem, high school student Gina Barbagallo will be conducting an emergency Food Drive on the **next two weekends** at both our parishes. Boxes are placed in the Gathering Space for dropping off items. **Please check notice on page four for items especially needed at this time.**

St. James "Set of Chairs" Raffle. Raffle tickets are on sale for a **Set of Two Casual Chairs.** They have been donated by a parishioner in the furniture business, as part of our effort to raise money for the *St. James Resurrection Fund.* The chairs will fit nicely into any living room, sun room or rec room. **Cost of tickets is \$ 5.00 for the set.** The Fund has been established to cover the cost of needed repairs. We hope that you will take tickets and also sell them to friends and neighbors. The raffle will be drawn during the **St. James Parish Picnic on Sat. July 24th**

St. James Christmas Bazaar Committee is holding a planning meeting on **Thurs. July 29.** All volunteers interested in helping with this year's Bazaar are invited to attend this planning meeting, beginning at **7:00 p.m. at St. James Church Hall.**

Now, More Than Ever. *"We readily realize that we live in a world that is becoming exceedingly estranged from Christian values. In order to remain a Christian, one must take a resolute stand against many commonly accepted axioms of this world. ... We must continually equip ourselves to profess the full faith of the Church in an increasingly secularized society. We must develop a sense of solidarity, cemented by relationships with mature and exemplary Christians who represent Christ and His way of life."* U.S. Conference of Bishops, 1984