

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 22, 2010

"Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough."
Luke 13:22-30



The "Narrow Gate"

Discipline and sacrifice are the hinges of the "narrow gate" of which Jesus speaks in today's Gospel. All of the important things of life demand that we struggle through the narrow gate. There are no magic words to loving and being loved, to creating a world of justice and peace, to forgiving and being reconciled with one another. Jesus promises that anyone willing to struggle through the "narrow gate" will come to experience the life of God to the fullest. Our entry into the life of God requires of us an honesty and integrity that we cannot ignore or rationalize in order to justify our passage. The "narrow gate" is what we believe, what we hear God asking of us in the depth of our hearts; the "narrow gate" allows for no acceptable margin of error, no "wiggle room," no path of least resistance. It is the difficult way of limitless love, unconditional forgiveness, sacrificial selflessness - but Jesus promises that anyone willing to struggle through the "narrow gate" will be welcome into the eternal dwelling place of his Father.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, August 23 - St. Rose of Lima

5:15 PM Michael Prusak

Tuesday, August 24 - St. Bartholomew

8:00 AM Ralph & Susan Hesland

Wednesday, August 25 - St. Louis of France

5:15 PM All Souls

Thursday, August 26 - Weekday

8:00 AM William J. Green

Friday, August 27 - St. Monica

5:15 PM Patricia Rowe

Saturday, August 28 - St. Augustine

8:00 AM Robert & Hilda Shumaker

4:00 PM Mary Trayte

Sunday, Aug 29- 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM George Puro

11:00 AM For the People of the Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Th 1:1-5; 11-12; Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday: Rv 21:9-14; John 1:45-51

Wednesday: 2 Th 3:6-10, 16-18; Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Matthew 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Matthew 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24; Luke 14:1, 7-14

Catholicism 101

Many of us Catholics remember going to our catechism classes but, however, over the years we have “forgotten” some of those basic expressions of our faith. It may have been 10, 20, or even 50 years since we have attended a catechism class. This fall, Fr. Workman is offering a four-part series to help us renew our understanding of the Church, Sacred Scripture, the Sacraments and the Mass. This is not a deep theological series, but rather an opportunity to renew and strengthen our basic experiences of faith. Please join Father September 14th, 21st, 28th and October 5th from 7 pm to 9 pm in the church. Cost is \$5 for materials. Please call the rectory at (216) 226-5116 by September 10th to register. This may be also a great opportunity for those of us who are not Catholic to learn about the Church so that you feel more comfortable as you gather with us for prayer.

Save the Date!!

The annual St. Clement Parish Family Picnic will be Sunday, September 19th from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the Lakewood Park Women’s pavilion. That means we will be there rain or shine! We are asking for any new items you may want to donate to our picnic raffle. The raffle helps us to offset the cost of the picnic and the rental of the park so that everyone can attend the picnic free of charge. This might be your opportunity to re-gift those gifts you have been storing in your closet. We are looking for new items only. Please bring them to the rectory before September 10th so that we can list them as a prize. If you have any questions or need to have the items picked up, please call Jackie Ronan at 226-4062.

Volunteers Needed!

Lakewood Meals on Wheels at Lakewood United Methodist Church is in desperate need of drivers and/or hoppers for its charitable delivery of food to the homebound, Monday through Friday, starting at 10:30 am. Most routes take less than an hour. To volunteer, or for more information, please call 226-8644, ext. 28.

Fr. John J. Cregan Retirement

Join Fr. John J. Cregan and his family, parishioners and friends at his final Liturgy as Pastor of Our Lady of Angels Church on Sunday, August 22nd, at 2:00 pm at Our Lady of Angels Church. A reception will immediately follow the Mass in Linus Hall. All are invited and welcome to attend. With heartfelt gratitude we wish Fr. Cregan all the best in his retirement.

Musical Opportunities!

The new St. Clement Children’s Choir begins in September! This is for boys and girls ages 8-12 and will meet once a week for rehearsals from September through May. They will sing for one liturgy per month. The 11 am Adult Choir is accepting new members. The Adult Choir includes those age 13 and up. The Adult Choir is in session from the week of Labor Day to the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ in June. The 9 am Contemporary Group is looking for instrumentalists. Those instruments of particular interest are guitar, bass, violin and flute. Instrumentalists must be able to read well (chord symbols for guitarists). If interested in any of these opportunities, please contact Music Director, James Flood at 216-224-8578.



RCIA

You may know of someone who is interested in joining our 2011 RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program. The program welcomes anyone who is not baptized in the Catholic church, as well as anyone who is baptized Catholic but has not received First Communion. The first session will be held on Wednesday, October 6th, at 7 pm in the church hall. Someone may be waiting for you to lead them to this graced-filled experience - why not give them a call.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word

Children’s Liturgy of the Word will start on Sunday, September 5th, at the 9 am Mass. We are still looking for volunteers and hoping to offer Children’s Liturgy of the Word at both the 9 am and 11 am Masses. If interested, please contact Fr. Workman at the rectory.



Wedding Banns

II Julius Fulton & Carolyn Mandley

Celebrate Oktoberfest with a Night at the Races



Mark your calendars and come celebrate Oktoberfest with a Night at the Races on Saturday, October 23, 2010 at St. Clement. Doors will open at 6:00 pm and races will start at 8:00 pm. Single tickets are \$20 and couple tickets are \$35. Tickets include food, non-alcoholic beverages, 2 beer or wine tickets and a \$2 sideboard ticket. Tickets will be on sale starting September 15th and will be sold at the Parish Picnic. We are looking for horse owners, race sponsors and advertisers. Volunteers are also needed. See the parish web site for more information, or contact Carm Kelly (216) 221-7257.

A Guided Day Pilgrimage of Cleveland's Shrines

Join Fr. Michael Gurnick for *A Guided Day Pilgrimage of Cleveland's Shrines*. This event is organized by the Cleveland Catholic Forum and takes place on Sunday, September 12, 2010, from 9 am to 5 pm. We will meet at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine in Euclid at 9 am and then arrive back at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine at 5 pm. Transportation is provided between shrines via a private deluxe motor coach. Tickets are \$45 per person and include Mass, guided tours & reflections, transportation, late brunch & a hearty snack. Advanced registration is required. Reserve your ticket(s) before this pilgrimage sells out. For more information or to register, call Dr. Bill Bobowicz at (216) 409-8292, or visit www.ClevelandCatholicForum.com.

Pot of Gold Winners

(\$25) Christine Benco, Ed Cahill, Ben Milton, Debbie Westerfield, Barbara Nortz, John Mazzella



Traveling this Summer?

Find a Mass anywhere in the world, anytime!
Go to www.masstimes.org.

Finance Corner:

Collection for weekend of August 15 - \$ 9,569.19
Assumption - \$ 965.00
Envelopes used - 220

Thank you for your continued support and generosity for the parish.

Respect Life

The Saint Ignatius High School Circus Company and committed respect-life supporters will join hands to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary on the Feast of her Nativity. The St. Clement Respect Life Committee invites families of all sizes and ages to the fifteenth annual birthday celebration in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This will be an evening of prayer, refreshments and entertainment for all ages. Join them on Wednesday, September 8th, at St. Clement Church at 7 pm. The event is free and all are welcome. Call (216) 226-6663 for more information.

Attention: Northeast Ohio Single Catholics

St. Ladislav Singles Group is hosting a new member picnic on Sunday, August 29th, at 2 pm at Clague Park (Hilliard Blvd. entrance) in Westlake. They will have all of the usual picnic foods and plenty of outdoor games. There will also be a 50/50 raffle where the proceeds will go to support our military overseas. The only cost is a side dish to share. Please RSVP by Wednesday, August 25th, to Gerri at 440-886-1765. Plan on meeting single Catholics who have your shared interests!

Centering Space

14812 Lake Avenue, Lakewood

Reflective Prayer

every Tuesday & Wednesday, 7-8 PM
also, Wednesday afternoon 1:30-2:30 PM

In silence we listen for God's word and respond from our hearts. Registration is not required. All are welcome.

Poor Clares' Prayer Line

Do you need prayer today? Are your loved ones, co-workers or neighbors in need of God's loving guidance? Call the Poor Clares' Prayer Line at 216-361-0783.

Pray for the Deceased

Brendan Rotsaert, nephew of
Bev Kelly

Lakewood Catholic Academy News

Sixth Annual "Run for Excellence" is Approaching!

For the sixth consecutive year, Lakewood Catholic Academy will launch its school year with a "Run for Excellence." The 5K Race and Michalko Mile Fun Run are set for Sunday, August 29th, starting on the LCA campus. Both races are open to runners of all ages. Registration information is available on the following link: www.hermescleveland.com/roadracing/events/lakewoodcatholicacademy.asp. Discounted group registration is available for "teams" or "families" when they register by mail. Please forward checks payable to "Lakewood Catholic Academy" in an envelope marked "Run for Excellence" to the school at 14808 Lake Ave., Lakewood, OH 44107. See you Sunday, August 29th!



First Annual LCA GOLF OPEN is September 25th!


The great golfer, Ben Hogan, once noted that "as you walk down the fairway of life, you must smell the roses, for you only get to play one round." In that spirit LCA Athletic Boosters organization proudly announces the 1st Annual LCA Golf Open scheduled for Saturday, September 25th, at the Bob-O-Link Golf Course in Avon. The tourney is seeking both players and sponsors. The event will include lunch, dinner, 18 holes of golf with cart in a four-person scramble format, prizes, and more! For a brochure and registration form, along with more information, click: www.lakewoodcatholicacademy.com/2010golfouting.pdf. Not a golfer? Dinner only tickets are available too! All proceeds will benefit Lakewood Catholic Academy's CYO sports program.



Retrouvaille

Thousands of couples have restored their marriages through this award-winning program. The next Retrouvaille ("hope for troubled marriages") weekend will be held at the Hilton Cleveland East in Beachwood on September 10th to the 12th. Call (216) 556-2351 to register, or go to their web site at www.helpourmarriage.com.

Coffee & Donuts

Join us for coffee, donuts and  conversation after the 9am and 11 am Masses in the church hall.

New Light Switch for Hall

The light switches for the hall were moved from the backroom under the steps to the main pillar as you enter the hall for your convenience and safety!

Faith and Values Appeal this Weekend

In our changing economy here in northeast Ohio, there are families who truly need financial assistance to send their children to our Catholic schools, and the need continues to grow. Last year, there was an increase of 2,000 applications for tuition assistance, up nearly 20% from the previous year. This need spreads across all eight counties of the Diocese. Families receive help from a special parish appeal taking place this weekend - the ***Faith and Values Appeal for Education***. All donor contributions are used for tuition assistance for families with documented financial need. Please be generous in your support of our young people whose Catholic education provides them with a strong academic education surrounded by faith and values. To learn more about the Office of Catholic Education go to www.oce-ocs.org. On behalf of the children, thank you for your gift. To donate online, go to donate.cdcf.org. On behalf of the children supported, thank you for your gift.

Pancake Breakfast at Jesuit Retreat House

All are invited to come to a hearty breakfast of pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee at the Jesuit Retreat House (5629 State Road, Parma) on September 12th from 8 am to 12 pm. Enjoy breakfast and enjoy a stroll on their beautiful forested grounds. Cost is \$6 adult, \$4 child aged 3-8 years. For more information you may call 440-884-9300.

40 Days For Life

This fall, cities from across the country will unite in 40 days of prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil for an end of abortion. Since 2006, over 2,990 babies have been saved by the peaceful and prayerful witness of 40 Days for Life. Individuals and groups are invited to commit to sincere praying and fasting and to take part in peaceful public vigil at area abortion clinics during these 40 days. Vigil sites in Bedford, Rocky River, Cleveland and Painesville are in need of vigil volunteers from the hours of 8:00 am to 7:00 pm. Contact Mike Campanelli at (216) 533-6106 to sign up. Visit us online for more information at www.40daysforlife.com. With God all things are possible. Mark your calendars. See you this Fall!