

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 5, 2009

"A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." Mark 6: 4

'WE DO NOT ALWAYS see' the people around us, especially if they are well known to us. We have set in cement our ideas about these familiar faces and we tend to filter out any information that contradicts it. The patterns are set. And thus we do not give others a chance to change or to surprise us.

The people in Jesus' town knew him, or at least they thought they did. Jesus was believed to be the son of the carpenter. Mary was his mother; they knew his relatives. Their ideas about him were fixed. Not surprisingly, they were among the ones who had the most difficulty believing in him.

Could we try, this day, to see those familiar faces around us with a mind free of old labels? Could we let go of the mental constraints we place on others? If we are able to do so, maybe those closest to us will surprise us. They may even amaze us. Perhaps Jesus is still among us, present in others, but we fail to recognize him.

Msgr Stephen J. Rossetti
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"Before every human being comes a retinue of angels announcing: Make way for an image of the Holy One. Blessed be God."

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 28:10-22; Mt 9: 18-26
Tuesday: Gn 32: 23-33; Mt 9: 32-38
Wednesday: Gn 41: 55-57; 42: 5-7, 17-24;
Mt: 10:1-7
Thursday: Gn 44: 18-21, 23-29; 45:1-5;
Mt 10: 7-15
Friday: Gn 46: 1-7, 28-30; Mt 10: 16-23
Saturday: Gn 49: 29-32; 50:15-26;
Mt 10: 24-33
Sunday: Am 7: 12-15; Eph 1: 3-14;
Mk 6: 7-13

Yes - We Are Still Recycling!

If you're looking for the recycle bins, they have been moved to the back parking lot. The pavement was being "chewed up" by the pick-up truck which necessitated their being moved. Please do not put cardboard or telephone books in the bins. Thank you for your support to the parish. Think Green!



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, July 5 - Fourteenth Sunday

9:00 AM

11:00 AM Monica Foley

Monday, July 6 - St. Maria Goretti

5:15 PM

Tuesday, July 7 - Weekday

8:00 AM William Craighead

Wednesday, July 8 - Weekday

5:15 PM

Thursday, July 9 - Weekday

8:00 AM

Friday, July 10 - Weekday

5:15 PM

Saturday, July 11 - St. Benedict, Abbot

8:00 AM

5:15 PM

Unexpected changes in the schedule may cause Masses to be cancelled and Mass intentions to be moved to the first available date open. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Pot of Gold Winners

(\$25) Janette Murray,

(\$100) Joe Andrejcek

New Year - (\$25) Amanda

Lutterbaugh, Jack Curtis, Marge

Rocheck, Marian Mescan



Coffee and Donuts

Join the parish family for coffee, donuts, and conversation after all Sunday Masses.

Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness....

inalienable rights afforded to us under the Declaration of Independence which declared our country's freedom from tyranny and oppression. This weekend we celebrate our country's 233rd year of freedom. While we celebrate this specific moment in time we realize that these inalienable rights are being fought for in many countries around the world.

In a civilized world there are yet dictatorships, corrupt power, and ideologies that seek to control or exterminate peoples. Because of this war still permeates throughout God's creation. Wars are not God's creation - they are our creation. At all times we should strive to settle our differences first through diplomatic means. Dennis Kuchinich, in his last presidential bid, stated that "we have a Department of War, why not a Department of Peace?" Yet there are those among us that will always favor the taking up of arms first before we are attacked. Cain against Abel - our mentality has not strayed too far over all these years. Jesus told Peter that if we live by the sword we shall die by the sword. There are peaceful means available to us to try to reconcile most conflicts in this world. When exhausted and the inalienable rights are oppressed then, justly, we can assist through the use of our military forces.

Pray...Pray...and Pray in thanksgiving for our freedom, in support of and for the safety of our military men and women, in the defense of freedom for those peoples and cultures throughout the world, and in the defense of life - born and unborn!

Fr. John

Congratulations...

to Mary Beth Donohoe who was awarded the Allen Waddle Award for her outstanding participation as a member of the Look Up to Cleveland leadership development and diversity awareness program. The program is administered by the Cleveland Leadership Center and participating students must be nominated by a teacher or administrator to attend. Qualities necessary to win the award include outstanding effort, leadership, initiative and commitment to the project.

Centering Space

14812 Lake Avenue, Lakewood

Come to the Quiet

Your own time to be attentive to the presence of God - Wednesday, July 15th, and Saturday, August 16, 1 - 5 PM.

Reflective Prayer every Tuesday & Wednesday, 7 - 8 PM. Registration is required. Call 228-7451. All are welcome.

Finance Corner:

Collection for weekend of June 26 - \$4,822.80

Envelopes used - 168

Collection budgeted to meet June 2009 expenses -
\$7,688.00

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

Did you know.....

The end of the church year is June 30th.

Preliminary Finances are: Total Receipts \$394,000

Total Expenses \$458,000

Loss (\$64,000)

A final accounting will be available and given to the Parishioners in October.

Senior Clementines & Friends

All older adults are invited to join the Senior Clementines and Friends on Thursday, July 9th, from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM in the church hall. Please join us to welcome Dr. Richard Dutro and Joe Klein. They will discuss *The Liberation of the Dachau Concentration Camp*. We will also be holding a 50/50 raffle. All are welcome to come for the presentation, refreshments and good company. If this will be your first gathering, please call Fran Bellomo at 221-1301.

Charismatic Conference

The 27th Cleveland Charismatic Conference sponsored by Catholic Renewal Ministries, will be held July 31st and August 1st at Magnificat High School in Rocky River. Guest speakers include Sister Sarah Burdick and local pastors Fr. Thomas Dunphy and Fr. Pete Colletti. The theme is "Seek First God's Kingdom". Bishop Quinn will celebrate Mass on Saturday. The conference opens on Friday at 7:00 PM. Contact Sue or Joe Palmieri at 440-774-1191 for registration information or visit www.crmweb.org. Advance registration through July 20th is \$20, or \$25 at the door.

Ignatian Volunteer Corps

Retired? Take an urban "splash" with us and find out how the Ignatian Volunteer Corps can change your life! Join us Friday, July 31st, 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM, at St. Patrick's Church at 3902 Bridge Avenue. This is free, but reservations are necessary. Call 216-574-6300 for reservations.

Senior Picnic

The Lakewood Department of Human Services Division of Aging will be holding their annual Senior Picnic on Friday, July 10th from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM, at the Kiwanis Pavilion at Lakewood Park. Enjoy a delicious box lunch while visiting with friends. Cost is \$4. Straight Six Dixie - Dixieland Jazz Sound will be performing. To make your reservation, or for more information, call 521-1515.