

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 25, 2010

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My dear sisters and brothers of CHA,

He prayed...so we pray...

Understanding the Word

The version of the Lord's Prayer that most often pray is the one found in the Gospel of Matthew (Mt 6:9-13).

Today's gospel reading is Luke's version of the Lord's Prayer and the two passages that immediately follow it. Luke provides rich advice on the prayer in the succeeding passages.

The first is about a man who guest arrives in the middle of the night. He has no bread to offer him, so he goes to his friend's house and asks to borrow some bread. The friend protests that it is too late and he is already in bed. But Jesus assures the man that if he persists the neighbor will give him what he wants (Lk 11:5-8).

The next passage moves from a man requesting a gift from a friend to a child requesting the basic necessities of life from his father. This passage ends by contrasting the human fathers with "how much more" can be expected when making a request of "the Father in heaven" (Lk 11:13).

There are movements in these passages from the outside to the inside with consequent greater expectations for have a request granted. The man asks bread of a friend who responds that his gate is already locked and his children are with him in bed. The man who made the request is characterized as an outsider by these words. The children are insiders: members of the same household. When the next passage first takes us to children making a request of their father and then with exaggeration to make a point about how good God is, contrasts earthly fathers to the heavenly Father, we can see how close we are to God.

For Luke, trust in prayer is supported by realizing how close we are to God, how we are children on the inside of God's household.

Reflecting on the Word

Prayer has always been part of the Christian heritage. The Book of Psalms long ago became the prayer book of the church, along with some hymns and canticles from other books of the Bible, both the Hebrew Scriptures and the Christian testament. Among the most beautiful prayers we have are the *Magnificat* of Mary, the *Benedictus* of Zechariah, and the *Nunc Dimittis* of Simeon, all in the Gospel of Luke (Lk 1:46-55, 1: 68-79, 2:29-32).

More importantly, Jesus prayed. Think about for a moment. Jesus, the Son of God, the Word made flesh, the only begotten Son, prayed. We know that he went off by himself to pray. He did this before some of the most important moments in his ministry, like before he chose those who would be with him. But it is safe to assume that he did it as a habit.

So when one of his disciples asked him to teach them to pray, Jesus responded with the Our Father. It deserves our attention. This prayer reveals the heart of Jesus and tells us how we should speak to the Father. This prayer has two parts: blessing the Father and calling for God's presence in the world, then turning to God for our basic needs of food, forgiveness, and fidelity.

The parables that follow call us to persevere and persist in prayer because God is Father who will give us his life-blood, in this case, the Holy Spirit, to all who ask. Continue to knock, continue to ask. God will respond.

Peace,

Consider/Discuss:

Do you think of the Our Father as a prayer that Jesus has given to you?

Do you relate more to God as friend you have to wake up or a father who gives his children good gifts or both?

Responding to the Word

Pray Luke's version of the Our Father, then pray Matthew's version (Mt 6:9-13). Linger over each phrase as you say them. Take one of these phrases with you throughout the day and repeat it when you have a chance, like a mantra. Let the Word dwell in your heart.

Council for Stewardship and Development

Weekly Sacrificial Giving for: July 18, 2010

Electronic Giving (July 15)	\$ 9,304.50
Envelopes	\$ 2,735.00
Loose	404.00
Second Collection	
(Community Development)	293.50
Bread & Wine Memorial	50.00
CLoW	2.00
Total	<u>\$12,789.00</u>

Mass Attendance

9:00 a.m.	222
10:45 a.m.	296

Second/Special Collection Cycle

July 25	Tuition Assistance
August 1	Outreach

Children's Stewardship

I showed my love of God and neighbor this week when I: Didn't complain about picking my brother up from camp every day.

Franciscan Center

Next Sunday we will be collecting donations for the Franciscan Center Food Pantry. Please bring hot/cold cereal, canned soup, canned chicken, toilet paper, salt, pepper, spices and Jell-O and place them in the bins marked "**Franciscan Center Food Pantry**". Thank you for your generosity.

Council for Liturgy and Worship

Scripture Readings for August 1

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Ecc1 1:2, 2:21-23
Ps 90:3-6,12-14,17
Col 3:1-5,9-11
Lk 12:13-21

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism

Families who seek to present a child for baptism are encouraged to arrange for baptism preparation prior to the birth of their baby. Please call Annette Mulry at the Parish Office.

BAPTISM



Ministry Schedule – August 1

Louise Casamento/Bruce Przygoda
SC: Steve Dustin Team: 4

9:00 - AS: L. Hunt, F. Davis, E. Thibeault
CLoW: K. Miller, R. Densmore, M. Kuk
EM (cup): J. Brozena, K. Howard, G. Howard, K. Hunt, D. Roling, C. Yorkgitis
EM (host): K. Furth, N. Koas, Fr. Jim
CW/GI/RD: A. Caufield, K. McKernan, B. Squicciarini
U: M. Brozena, B. RaVell, J. Rykiel, M. Froehly, J. Gunther, S. Furth, M. Klebasko
MM: Deo Gloria/Tobin Sexton

10:45 - AS: A. Quade, C. Armbrust, S. Dougherty
CLoW: M. Trumbull, L. Riggs, S. Miller
EM (cup): H. Welzant, K. Mahr, A. Quade, J. Ayers, J. Corcoran, J. Rehanek
EM (host): S. Shamblen, D. Filo, Fr. Jim
CW/GI/RD: M. Newell, R. Yenoli, B. Frey
U: B. Glenn, C. Finn, P. Leach, R. Shapard, J. Cullen, D. Kehoe, F. Kehoe
MM: Tasia Schmitz

Mass Intentions

July 25

9:00 a.m. Pastor's Mass for his Parishioners
10:45 a.m. For the repose of Betty Vickers
Requested by The Glenn Family

July 26

8:30 a.m. Father's Day Novena

July 28

8:30 a.m. Father's Day Novena

August 1

9:00 a.m. For the repose of Yvette Tolete
Requested by Mike and Ebbie Derr
10:45 a.m. Pastor's Mass for his Parishioners

August 2

8:30 a.m. Father's Day Novena

Prayer Associates of the Holy Apostles

The following persons have asked to be remembered in your prayers:

John Doody, Truman Miller, Sean Lau, Sam Moschella, Suzi Dixon, Gerry Scallan, Barbara Ann Desmond, Charmain Atkinson, Ron Lawrence, Joseph Marinucci, Ron Kyle, Bonnie Kyle, Patti Speranzella, Tony Schadt, Walter Robuck, Stephanie McCormick, Charlene Miller, Michael DeMaio, Darby Steadman, Shelley Ensore, Ted Madey, Judy Fulton, Marie Ostiguy, Betsy Rekus, Eleanor Squicciarini, Bob Prestel, Marty Atkinson, Gail Schomer, Ken Dwyer, Helen Yorkgitis, Kirk Harness, Jenny Sass, Michael Andres Rivas, Tom Rekus, Marie DeFilippi, Ray Alexander, Maryde Breese, Patti Moyer, Matthew Sheehan, Patricia Jacobs, Wade McCoy, Mary Miller, Baby Mason Ryan Perez, Richard Elias, Judy Heid, Larry Murphy, David Widdoes, Bernie Crummie, Mary Lou Nelson, Ernie Frink, Theresa Kehoe, Justina Forman, Danny Ostiguy, Cameron Harris.



TOGETHER 
LET US PRAY ...

Council for Discipleship

Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation **Registration Deadline Approaching!**



Please return all registration forms for K-8 Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist **by August 1**. Registering by the deadline helps us greatly in planning and preparing for the next year. If you need a registration form, they can be found on the information tables or can be downloaded from the parish website under the Faith Formation page.

K-8 Catechists Needed!

We still need adults to step forward to serve as catechists for Faith Formation for the upcoming school year. Help is needed to teach the following grades:

Kindergarten
Grade 1
Grade 4
Grade 5
Grade 6
Grade 7/8



Please consider sharing your time and talent with the children of our parish. A great team of helpful returning catechists, training sessions and catechist guides are provided to help you lead the sessions. Sessions are Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:45 p.m. from mid-September to the first weeks in May with nights off for holidays. You will be paired with another catechist to help you lead the sessions or give you a night off if needed. If you would like to learn more or to volunteer, please contact Michele Dougherty at mdougherty@holypostlesmd.org or 410-519-2291. All volunteers working with children must comply with the Archdiocese Policy for the Protection of Children and Youth, including the STAND training and background checks.

HORIZONS

High School Ministry

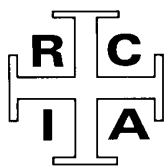
Horizons and Confirmation **Registration Forms**

Registration forms will be coming soon! Forms will be mailed directly to all high school youth in families with active parish registrations. A notice will be posted when the forms will be available on-line.

Save the Date! The Horizons Kick-Off BBQ is Sunday, September 12 at 4 PM.

Adults: Join the Horizons Team **Next Year!**

We are still gathering our team of adults for Horizons for next year. The teens of our parish are bright, funny, full of ideas and questions, energetic and need your help in trying to keep the faith in a very secular and un-Christian world. If you are interested in helping with catechesis/formation, outreach/service opportunities, and/or social activities with our high school teens, please contact Michele Dougherty at 410-674-7925 or mdougherty@holypostlesmd.org.



RCIA

*Are you interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church?
Were you baptized Catholic, but never received First Communion?
Have you never been Confirmed?*

If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, maybe the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for you! RCIA is a process that leads to full initiation in the Church. If you would like to find out more about the RCIA Process at Church of the Holy Apostles, come to one of our Inquiry sessions today after each Mass; Sunday, August 15th after each Mass; or Monday, August 30th at 7:00 p.m. or contact S. Angela in the Parish Office at 410-519-2291 or by email at acase@holypostlesmd.org.

Are you STAND Ready?

All volunteers working with children must comply with the Archdiocesan Policy for the Protection of Children and Youth, including the on-line STAND training and background checks BEFORE they can begin their ministry. A summary of the requirements and all necessary forms can now be downloaded from the parish website under "Child Protection." Begin completing your requirements now — do not wait until September!



Attention ALL Middle Schoolers

Are you going into 6th, 7th, or 8th grade this year? Are you a registered parishioner of Holy Apostles? Then congratulations! You are automatically part of Blaze, our middle school ministry. It doesn't matter what type of school you attend...public, private, home or anything in between...EVERY middle schooler at CHA is invited to participate.

Blaze offers opportunities to meet other middle schoolers, get involved in outreach and have fun in a safe and spiritually enriched environment.

Sign ups will be every Sunday in August...you can't miss it! By signing up, you will be put on our email list which will keep you updated throughout the school year with important Blaze information.

Contact Nancy Lerch at nlerch@holypostlesmd.org with any questions.

Toiletries for the Homeless

Blaze, your middle school ministry, is collecting travel size toiletries for the homeless. The items most requested are soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors, chapstick and lotion. However, they will take anything we have to offer. All donations may be placed in the purple bin, located just outside the church office. Spread the word to family and friends. Thank you for generosity.

Are You a Nurse Who Is Interested in Health Ministry?

In the Fall 2010 semester, the Ecumenical Institute of Theology at St. Mary's Seminary & University in Baltimore will offer the first of its two-course sequence in basic Faith Community/Parish Nursing. This course is open to registered nurses who want to integrate faith and spirituality with nursing practice, whether in their congregations as part of health ministry or at their places of work. The first course in the sequence meets one Saturday per month in the fall semester, while the second course meets one Saturday per month in the spring semester. At the end of the spring semester, 6 graduate credits and a basic certificate are awarded; CEUs are also available. If interested, please contact Dr. Pat Fosarelli at pfosarelli@stmarys.edu or 410/864-4204 for more information.

Cruise the Bay with the SSJs!

Save the date! Join Sr. Angela and the Sisters of St. Joseph on Sunday, September 26, 2010 from 4:30-8:00 p.m. on the newly remodeled "Spirit of Baltimore." A fun-filled evening of food, music, prizes, cash bar and lots of friendly faces will await you — all for a good cause! For more information, or to reserve tickets, call: The Sisters of St. Joseph at 1-800-482-6510.

Answers for the Aging

Answers for the Aging is a free information and referral service of Catholic Charities for Seniors, Caregivers and/or Family Members. If you would like resources or referrals for options on housing or other senior issues or concerns, please call 410-646-0100 and one of our Specialists will be glad to assist you. We look forward to hearing from you.

Need Help with Paying Heating and Electric Bills?

The Anne Arundel Community Action Agency is your local Office of Home Energy Programs. Community Action also does housing counseling for evictions, mortgage defaults, reverse mortgages and first time home buying. Call 410-761-6125 for more information.

Mass Signed for the Hearing Impaired

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's 4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass is signed for the hearing impaired.

"The Appeal"

"This news could turn Heaven upside-down." Heaven...Angels... The Devil?

"THE APPEAL," a play by Matthew Martelli kicks off spirited productions sixth season of original theatre. **CHA parishioners Caleb and Grace Guenther are in the cast!** Shows will be at St. Mary's High School, Marian Hall, on July 30 and 31, and August 1, 6, 7, and 8. Friday and Saturday shows are at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday shows are at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.spiritedproductions.com or at the door. For more information, log onto www.spiritedproductions.com or call 443-254-5433.

SCHOOL OF THE INCARNATION

Box Tops for Education:

We are now collecting box tops in order to support our parish school, School of the Incarnation.

Mass Times in the USA

Don't take a vacation from Church. When traveling and looking for Mass times in the USA call 1-410-676-6000 or visit www.masstimes.org.



VACATIONING?

Your PARISH BILLS DON'T! Remember your SUNDAY ENVELOPE