

FROM THE PASTOR

Remembering Your PP

In the past I have been envious of religious order priests that have initials after their name. The Dominicans have O.P. (the Order of Preachers), the Jesuits have S.J. (the Society of Jesus), and the Franciscans have O.F.M. (the Order of Fat Men, I mean, the Order of Friars Minor). We diocesan priests have no extra signage behind our signatures. On my first visits to the Holy Land, I was taken aback when a few people thought I was a bishop, because my card has "pastor" on it. A priest in Beit Jala who has my job is called a "parish priest." Two weeks ago I noticed in Ireland that the pastor at Booterstown parish, where I attended Sunday Mass, was Mgr. Seamus Conway PP. My curiosity was piqued (or was it peaked?) and then satisfied when I found that PP stood for "parish priest." On Tuesday the church celebrated the feast of St. John Vianney, the Cure of Ars, patron saint of parish priests. I prayed for Seamus. I asked the people attending the Mass to pray for any parish priest who came to mind, hoping that they would pray not only for the priest who baptized them or gave them their first holy communion, but also for me. During the Year for Priests please pray for your PP. He needs your prayers as much as you need his.

Opening the Doors and Sitting on the Bench

Back in May when I visited the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington, D.C., my body and mind was sluggish until I heard that the "bench" behind which the justices sit was crafted from Honduras mahogany. Look at the front doors of our church and you see that very kind of mahogany. We do well to ponder and reflect on whatever thought or feeling comes to mind when we hear of that connection between that court and our church. We do well to whisper or shout a prayer for those who open (or will open) our doors and for those who walk (or will walk) through them, and for those sit (or will sit) on the highest court of our country and for those who make (or will make) pleas and appeals before them.

Deciding on the Event

Others and myself are quite convinced, although without complete and absolute certainty, that the "old-new" stained glass windows now encased and back-lighted and hanging on the back walls of our church were once in our original church building down on Water Street, crafted at the turn of the century between the late 1800s or early 1900s. The one on the left, as one faces them to look at them, is obviously the Nativity. The one on the right has received different interpretations from among us. It has been suggested that the scene/event depicted is (in alphabetical order) the ascension, the transfiguration and the walking by the sea. At the moment that the lights behind them went on for the first time at the end of Sunday Mass, one little fellow exclaimed to his mom and dad, "The first and the last!" His vote was obviously for the Ascension, thinking that the windows depicted Jesus' coming and going, his arrival and departure. Whatever your vote, enjoy the windows.

Father Rob Waller

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 10, St. Lawrence

7:00 p.m. Woodie Kammer (Don & Mary Phillips)

Tuesday, August 11, St. Clare

7:30 a.m. Isabelle Waller (Pat & Larry Conover)

Wednesday, August 12, St. Jane Frances de Chantal

7:30 a.m. Betty Edwards (Sylvia & Robert Opp)

Thursday, August 13, Sts. Pontian & Hippolytus, martyrs

7:30 a.m. "Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion"

Friday, August 14, St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe

7:30 a.m. August Reale (Mike & Robin Reale)

Saturday, August 15, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 a.m. Susan Wenstrup (Carol Fahrnbach)

5:15 p.m. Judy Saalfeld (George & Barbara Baer)

Sunday, August 16, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. People of St. Andrew Parish

9:30 a.m. Robert Martin (Mike & Robin Reale)

11:00 a.m. Ty Butler (Rose Curless)

SEM Villa

10:00 a.m. Special Intention for David Wenstrup (Mary Wenstrup)

SEM Terrace

11:00 a.m. Mahlon Smith (Kim Smith)

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year

Mass on Saturday, August 15 will be at 7:30 am

Vocation View

Jesus continues to draw those who believe. Our world is hungry and thirsty for the Bread of Life. Consider sharing your faith. Consider ministry in the Church. (John 6:41-51)



PLEASE PRAY FOR our shut-ins, nursing home residents, recent hospitalized parishioners and hospitalized and for all who are ill in

our parish: Bethesda North: Mary Schutte

Remember in your prayers all of our recently deceased family members, may all of our deceased rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

Serving in the Armed Forces

Let us offer our prayers and our care now, and work to bring all military personnel of all nations back to their families safe and sound and whole. This week we feature Paul & Esther Steman's son-in-law and former parishioner Mark Federle: 1LT Mark Federle, CTroop – 2-107, CAV (DRT), Camp Taji, Iraq APO, AE 09378. If your son, daughter, grandchild, niece, nephew or any family member is serving in the military, please call the Parish Office.



Thank You!

"Many giving hands are needed to host a Christ Renews His Parish weekend. The women of Team 6 from St. Andrew and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parishes would like to thank all the members of both parishes for their support and prayers during our weekend experience. Special thanks also go to our parish staffs and pastors, Women's Teams 2, 3, 4 and 5, as well as Men's Team 7, the Milford Skyline Chili, and the musicians from the Noon Mass at Seton. Each demonstrated God's love by providing, guidance, food, music, and muscles to make the weekend a success. We offer special prayers of thanksgiving for each of you."

*Taste and see the goodness
of the
LORD.*

Holy Name Meeting

All men are invited to attend our meeting THIS Monday, August 10th, at 7:30 pm, which will be held in the Meeting Room of the Parish Center (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION). This meeting will be our planning session for Oktoberfest activities.

New Ministry Schedules

are being created for September, October, November and December. If you are going to be away or not available during these months, please call the Parish Office, 831-3353 or e-mail: standy@cinci.rr.com before Tuesday, August 11th. Thank You.

Bingo Parent Team #6 Workers For August 11

Bentley, Dahling, Forte, Grimsley, Koczwar, Kuethe, Listermann, Redington, Reinhart, Voss, Wilfong & Wuerfel

Bingo Caller: Roger Buening

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's Festival
August 14, 15 & 16**

The major award raffle at this year's Seton festival is \$10,000 in cash. Tickets are \$50, and just like last year, if you buy two tickets at the same time, the total cost is only \$75. Tickets are available in the Parish Office and all weekend during the festival.

**Annual Seniors Summer Gathering
Tuesday, August 18**

12:30 pm in the Parish Center

We will have a cookout with our chefs, The Slushers, cooking your brats, hamburgers, metz and hot dogs. Beverages will be provided. Please, if you can, bring a covered dish or dessert or just yourself. For reservations or transportation, please call Metchy Hance, 831-5383, Bernie Mulligan, 831-7278 or the Parish Office, 831-3353.



Wedding Banns

II. Ashley Cecil & Thomas Liette
Wedding, August 22, 2009 at 1:30 pm

I. Cynthia Moll & Ronald Slage
Wedding, August 29, 2009 at 2:30 pm

A Caregiver's Retreat

The Jesuit Spiritual Center is sponsoring a weekend retreat August 14 -16 especially for caregivers. The weekend is designed not only as a time for respite, but as a time for recharging and recommitting. Fr. Peter O'Brien, SJ will lead the retreat. Fr. O'Brien is an experienced retreat director and has also worked in Hospice and as a hospital chaplain. For more information, or to register, call 248-3500, ext. 10, or visit jesuitspiritualcenter.com.



Reborn in the Waters of Baptism
During July the following children received
the Sacrament of Baptism

Davis Lee **Cannon**
Son of Kris & Jessica

Peyton Kathleen **Wallace**
Daughter of Christopher & Mandy

Naomi Muzyka **Preuett**
Daughter of Allen & Colleen

Emma Noelle **Eaves**
Daughter of David & Julie
Madeline Rose & Aspen Grace



McClughen
Daughters of Neil & Angela
FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

During the summer months

the Parish Office will close at 4 pm on Friday

PREP Registration for 2009-2010

PREP registration forms are available in the Vestibule, on the Parish web site (www.standrew-milford.org) and in the Parish Office. Classes begin Sunday, Aug. 23rd.

**St. Andrew First Communion Pictures
SASEAS 8th Grade Graduation Picture Packets**

We still have a few First Communion pictures and Eighth Grade Graduation pictures in the Parish Office. They can be picked up during office hours or call, 831-3353 to make arrangements to obtain your pictures after office hours.

Sharing God's Gifts: August 2, 2009

Sunday Envelope Collection (323).....	\$9,962.00
Sunday Loose Collection.....	\$475.36
Dimes Collection.....	\$5.80
Electronic Fund Transfer.....	\$6,649.00

KROGER GIFT CERTIFICATE MONTHLY WINNER

Congratulations to 345 653 454 who is this month's winner of a \$25 Kroger gift certificate. The last two month's winners still have not been claimed: 345 652 506 and 367 806 527. If you are a winner, please call Shirley in the Parish Office. If you need a Kroger's Reward card, please call the Parish Office. It is easy to use and earns money for the parish.

WANT TO WASH YOUR CAR AND HELP ST. ANDREW?

WaterWorks Car Wash (5872 Wolfpen-Pleasant Hill Rd) will give St. Andrew a \$2 rebate for every car wash when you take our bulletin with you. **ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER - EFT** is easy, convenient and safe. You can make your Sunday offering, offerings to Preservation of the Beauty of the Church, SVDP and SALT through your EFT form. You can obtain a form on our website - www.standrew-milford.org - or call the Parish Office for a form.



The "SALT" Shaker

Catholic Social Teaching and Health Care

In our Catholic tradition, health care is a basic human right. Access to health care should not depend on where a person works, how much a family earns, or where a person lives. Instead, every person, created in the image and likeness of God, has a right to life and to those things necessary to sustain life, including affordable, quality health care. This teaching is rooted in the biblical call to heal the sick and to serve "the least of these," our concern for human life and dignity, and the principle of the common good. Unfortunately, tens of millions of Americans do not have health insurance. According to the Catholic bishops of the United States, the current health care system is in need of fundamental reform. To learn about Catholic teaching on health care read the full statement by the United States Catholic Bishops, A Framework for Comprehensive Health Care Reform, usccb.org/sdwp/national/comphhealth.shtml.

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK (IHN)

"When did we welcome you away from home....." The king will answer them, "I assure you, as often as you did it for one of my

least brothers, you did it for me." Mt 25:38-40. We are doing what this parable of Jesus teaches us when we serve the homeless families through IHN. On Monday, August 10th volunteers from St. Andrew and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parishes will be serving as coordinators, dinner servers/hosts, and activity hosts. Please pray for the volunteers and the families as they come together at First Milford UMC. If you are interested in information or serving for future dates, please contact Monica Cooper, 575-0570.

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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, August 10

7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting Parish Office, Room #1
7:00 pm Christ Renews His Parish/Women's Church Hall
7:30 pm Holy Name Meeting Meeting Room, Parish Center

Tuesday, August 11

10:00 am Staff Meeting
7:00 pm BINGO (Team #6) Parish Center
7:00 pm SASEAS School Advisory Counsel Church Hall

Wednesday, August 12

9:30 am Wednesday Bible Study Meeting Room, Parish Center
6:30 pm Men's Softball SEM Villa Fields

Thursday, August 13

7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Parish Office, Room #1
7:00 pm Christ Renews His Parish Men's Team #7 Andrew's H.
7:00 pm PREP Teacher Meeting Meeting Room, Parish Center

Friday- Sunday, August 14-16 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Festival

Ministries Spotlight

Stewardship Committee

Stewardship is a program for the entire parish, not just another term for "fund raising." At the center of the concept of Christian stewardship is the activity of putting God first. This means that we must be accountable for our use of the gifts God has given us, both as individuals and as a parish community. An ever increasing concern of St. Andrew The Apostle Church, as well as most parishes, is to increase our resources and make better use of the resources we are entrusted with.