

FROM THE PASTOR

Your Faith Spoke for This Child

Molly Moira would have been born a week before St. Patrick's Day, except that she was miscarried on August 2. My imagination is convinced that she was a girl. In my mind she has an Irish name only because I found the perfect gift in Ireland for her parents, who wanted for so long to be pregnant with their first child. The perfect gift will remain on the nightstand at the side of my bed in her memory, until Molly Moira has a sibling.

At our parish's Memorial Mass in November, as we call the name and light a candle for each one who was buried in our church during the past year, we light an extra one "for those children who were miscarried, and for their mothers who often suffer alone and in silence, without anyone else knowing, and without the memory of a funeral or the comfort of a burial place."

Many a good woman and good mother, because of the panic and trauma of a hospital emergency or the heartbreak and aloneness of the moment at home by herself, has not asked for or did not search for what remained of her child. It is afterwards that parents, both mothers and fathers, might have guilt over what they did or didn't do. They might wish that they had done something more or different. Miscarriage is a terrible moment for which parents are not prepared; it is not a moment for which they plan. Their hope keeps them from even thinking that it is a possibility.

No words can take away the pain of miscarriage, although faith and time can lessen it. Some parents find the words of St. Bernard of Clairveaux helpful. He wrote to a couple who had a miscarriage. In response to their question, "What is going to happen to my child? The child didn't get baptized," St. Bernard said, "Your faith spoke for this child. Baptism for this child was only delayed by time. Your faith suffices. The waters of your womb – were they not the waters of life for this child? Look at your tears. Are they not like the waters of baptism? Do not fear this. God's ability to love is greater than our fears. Surrender everything to God."

A miscarried child, even in the very earliest stages of life, is in the hands of God. For Molly Moira the faith of her parents suffices.

Father Rob in D.C., Kensington and Ashland

Father Rob is away this weekend, his prime reason being he is attending an international conference on Christians in the Holy Land in Washington, D.C. Side trips and benefits include: being with the Little Sisters of the Poor in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at a Mass of thanksgiving for the canonization of their foundress, Jeanne Jugan; having dinner with an old friend in Kensington, Maryland, although Sisters Adria might take umbrage at the adjective used; and returning by a northern route to watch his nephew play football on his Mount Union junior-varsity team in Ashland, Ohio.

Father Rob Waller

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 26

No Mass

Tuesday, October 27

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

Wednesday, October 28, Sts. Simon & Jude

7:30 a.m. Special Wedding Anniversary Intention for Gene & Lola Lamprecht

Thursday, October 29

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

Friday, October 30

7:30 a.m. Betty Edwards (Deacon Tim & Marcy Schutte)

11:45 a.m. Woodie Kammer (Don & Lu Johnson)

Saturday, October 31

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

5:15 p.m. Douglas Gibson (Jack & Ruth Rugh)

Sunday, November 1, All Saints Day

8:00 a.m. Mary Ann Howell (Glenn Howell)

9:30 a.m. People of St. Andrew Parish

11:00 a.m. Russell Farlow, Sr. (Lacey Family)

SEM Villa

10:00 a.m. Mary Jo Newport (Bo & Barbara Hammon)

SEM Terrace

11:00 a.m. Dolores Rumble (Janet & Devin DeWeese)

Altar Flowers

The flowers gracing our altar this weekend were donated by Deacon Tim and Marcy Schutte in celebration of their wedding anniversary. Thank you

Vocation Views

Jesus hears our cry for help. What do you want Jesus to do for you? How will you show your gratitude? (Mark 10:46-52)

Please pray for

the sick, shut-ins, nursing home residents and hospitalized members of our parish:

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

all of our deceased family members, may they 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. If your son, daughter, grandchild, niece, nephew or any family member is serving in the military, please call the Parish Office.

Vespers Service

The Athenaeum Chorale of The Athenaeum of Ohio/Mount St. Mary's Seminary will present Vespers for the Feast of All Saints at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, November 1 in the Chapel of St. Gregory the Great, at the Athenaeum, 6616 Beechmont Ave. The chorale is under the direction of Anthony DiCello, music director of the Athenaeum. The Rev. Timothy P. Schehr will preside. The Athenaeum Chorale, in its 30th season, has continued to inspire and delight listeners and worshippers in performances of great choral masterworks and sacred liturgical repertoire. The event is free and the public is welcome.

Come see how YOU are part of the bigger picture at Mount Notre Dame! Sunday, Nov. 1, Noon – 3:00 p.m. Campus Tours - Tablet PC Program Information - Learn about our 17 AP Classes - Opportunities for Leadership - Championship Athletics. Find out more at www.mndhs.org or Set-up YOUR online profile at www.mndfuturecougars.com.

The LORD has done great things for us; we are filled with JOY!

Discover the "Big Picture" of the Bible

Every Sunday morning (thru November 15) from 10:45 am - 12 noon in the Parish Center Meeting Room join us for "The Great Adventure" Bible Timeline Video Study to get the "big picture" of the Bible story.

Ladies Sodality News

Our next meeting is THIS Monday, October 26 at 6:30 pm in the Church Hall. Please join us for a pizza social and book exchange followed by our business meeting.

SAVE THE DATE: Candlelight Dinner, December 7 in the Parish Center. Gather your friends and make plans to join us for our annual Candlelight dinner. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend this enchanting evening in celebration of the Christmas season.

SASEAS Booster News

Volleyball Tryouts will be held at the Seton gym THIS Monday, October 26 and Wednesday, October 28 (6th grade 6:00 - 7:00, 7th grade 7:00 - 8:00, and 8th grade 8:00 - 9:00).

High School Volleyball Players Wanted: The SASEAS CYO Volleyball program needs a few energetic High School players to help coach 3rd - 8th grade teams. If you are interested, please contact Barb Zappia, 722-0058.

BINGO Parent Team #8 Workers for October 27

Brownfield, Hartwell, Lacey, Lewis, Masterson, Myers, Pearson, Peterson, Renner, Taylor, Virzi, Wolf

Bingo Caller: Keith Phillips

SMILE YOUTH NEWS

Help keep the feet of someone in need warm as the temperatures drop! The SMILE Chicago Mission trip team learned this summer that many people are in need of new socks and underwear. Often people go without because they must use their money for rent or food.

Scripts Program

Thank you for your continued support of the Gift Card Program. If you are hoping to get a start on your Christmas shopping, please consider purchasing gift cards for retailers such as Aeropostale, Lands End, Macy's, Dillard's and Kohl's through St. Andrew.

Available in the Parish Office

- St. Andrew T-Shirt - \$10.00
St. Andrew Blankets - \$45.00
Sweet Memories Cookbook - \$15.00
Entertainment Books - \$20.00

Winterfest Raffle Tickets - \$5 each or 5 for \$20.00

The St. Andrew Church Christmas porcelain ornament - \$8.00

Bulletin Deadline is Monday at noon in writing.

E-mails may be sent to standy@cinci.rr.com

Eucharistic Adorations

Next Adoration is Wednesday, November 4, 8 am-12 noon. Parishioners and non parishioners may come and adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament at anytime during those hours.

Help Make Sleeping Bags for the Homeless

On Saturday, November 7, from 9 am - 12 noon in the Parish Center. We would like to make as many sleeping bags as possible before the cold weather sets in.

St. Andrew Bereavement Committee

is celebrating their annual Memorial Mass on Sunday, November 8 at the 11 am Mass for all parishioners who have died since October, 2008.

Baptism Program

Sunday, November 8 at 12:30 pm in the Meeting Room of the Parish Center. This program is required for parents of children who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism at St. Andrew.

St. Andrew-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton students

in grades 5-8 will be participating in National Make a Difference Day for the eleventh year on Saturday, November 14. We have about 100 students who are looking to help rake leaves in the yards of parishioners and community members who have trouble doing it themselves.

Sharing God's Gifts: October 18, 2009

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Sunday Envelope Collection (\$9,693.00), Sunday Loose Collection (\$515.25), and Dimes Collection (\$2.90).

Legacy of Loaves - St. Andrew Church would like to recognize parishioners or others who make a special lifetime gift or provide for a gift after death to the parish.

Winterfest - We are still seeking new items for the Silent Auction and Basket Raffle and donations of gently used Christmas ornaments. We are planning more entertainment this year: McGing Irish Dancers; Magician Rusty Ammerman,

and our SASEAS School 3rd and 4th grade Choir. Please make plans to attend now!

*Thank You to the Sponsor of the Week
A.A.G.
Complete Grounds Maint.*

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, October 26

9:30 am SALT Meeting Room,
Parish Center
6:30 pm Franciscans Meeting Room,
Parish Center
6:30 pm Ladies Sodality Meeting
Church Hall
7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
Parish Library

Tuesday, October 27

7:00 pm BINGO (Team #8)
Parish Center
7:00 pm Christ Renews His Parish Women's Team #7
Andrew's House

Wednesday, October 28

9:30 am Wednesday Bible Study Meeting Room,
Parish Center
1:00 pm Staff Meeting
7:00 pm SASEAS School Finance Committee
Parish Library

Thursday, October 29

7:00 pm Choir Practice
Church
7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous
Parish Library
7:00 pm Christ Renews His Parish Men's
Church Hall

Friday, October 30

7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous
Parish Library

The Youth Group will be collecting new socks and underwear this weekend to be donated to St. Vincent de Paul.

Sunday, November 1

9:30 am & 11:00 am PREP Classes
9:30 am RCIA Meeting Room,
Parish Center
10:45 am Discover the "Big Picture" of the Bible MR,
Parish Center
7:00 pm SMILE Youth Meeting
Church Hall



*Parish Library Open
House*

TODAY (Oct 24/25)

after Mass

SEE THE NEWLY RENOVATED LIBRARY - in the Parish Office basement. Enjoy the refreshments and borrow books for your reading enjoyment. Many great books and videos for children, too!

