

Pastoral Reflections: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today is Monday, January 25, 2010. I asked someone earlier, "Do you know what today marks?" My answer: It's only 11 months to Christmas! Unfortunately for too many, Christmas comes and goes with all it's beautiful decorations and special activities but it would be worth our "spiritual" time to consider all that we have just recently observed, celebrated, commemorated.

In today's gospel, Luke 4:21-30, Jesus reflects on the events in the days of Elijah and Elisha (eh-LEE-sha) centuries before when God worked powerful miracles in order to get people's attention redirected back to God's ways and laws. Jesus' listeners were infuriated and wanted to "hurl Him down headlong" from the top of the hill of their town. They realized that He was speaking about "their" resistance to the ways and laws of God.

Last Sunday evening, our Confirmation Candidates and those of St. Mary Parish and their parents, gathered for a presentation about "Vocations". As one of the presenters, I was impressed by the EXCELLENT attendance on a chilly, rainy Sunday evening after the many other activities that many of those Candidates and their families participated in earlier in the day. Not only were they present in good number, but attentive and responsive to the presentations. That kind of an experience says to me that the "spirit" of Christmas lives on well after the trees, ornaments and lights are stored away. Another powerful example of the Christmas "spirit" occurred last weekend with the special collection taken to aid the suffering people of Haiti. Over **Eleven Thousand Dollars** was given in that collection. That's phenomenal at any time let alone during a time of economic struggle.

AND.....there are many other examples of the Christmas "spirit" that unfold each day in our parish and in our schools, homes, neighborhoods and places of work and commerce. Look for them and be inspired by them that the "spirit", that is, the HOLY SPIRIT may direct our lives more and more each day. Pray for the people of Haiti and for the people going there to aid in their recovery. Pray for our Confirmation Candidates that they may be more and more aware of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in their lives, calling them to even greater holiness of life and service to the Mystical Body of Christ. Pray that a new bishop be named to shepherd our diocese and for Bishop Rhoades during this time of transition for him. Offer Holy Hours before the Blessed Sacrament in the Good Shepherd Adoration Chapel; offer the Holy Masses that you attend the Holy Communion that you receive and the Rosaries and other devotions that you pray---all for the many intentions that each of us carry in our hearts and minds. And when possible, let the people for whom you are praying, know that you are praying for them.

Praised be Jesus Christ.....now and forever. AMEN!
Fr. Samuel Houser



SUNDAY, January 31 ~ 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 9:00 a.m. † Mary and Henry Smyser
- 11:00 a.m. † Ann Moyer

MONDAY, February 1

- 4:30-5:00 p.m. Confessions
- 5:15 p.m. † Donald Merritt

TUESDAY, February 2 ~ Presentation of the Lord

- 9:00 a.m. Benefactors of St Patrick Catholic School

WEDNESDAY, February 3 ~ St Blaise, St Ansgar

- 6:30 a.m. † Marcel Parenteau

THURSDAY, February 4

- 4:30-5:00 p.m. Confessions
- 5:15 p.m. † Gerard Jay Harris

FRIDAY, February 5 ~ St Agatha

- 9:00 a.m. Faculty & Staff of St Patrick Catholic School

SATURDAY, February 6 ~ Vigil of Sunday

- 5:30 p.m. † Fred Laumaster

SUNDAY, February 7 ~ 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 9:00 a.m. † Mary Conn
- 11:00 a.m. Intentions of Mary Lou Wolf (91st Birthday)

If you are planning to attend the 9:00 a.m. Friday Mass and the weather is snowy, icy or threatening, please check the TV or radio. If St. Patrick Catholic School has a 1 hour delay, then Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. instead of 9:00 a.m. If there is a 2 hour delay or school is cancelled, then Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m.



Pray for Them

Votive Candles at the Altar of the Blessed Mother: Two, each for a Special Intention and one for the intentions of Darlene Polens for her health and recovery.

Votive Candle at the Altar of St. Joseph: One, for a Special Intention



Rest in Peace

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD...

We remember the first anniversary of the death of:

Mary Sciortino, February 1

And those recently deceased:

Edward Wagman, a parishioner

Virginia Pandolfino, a parishioner

...AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM.



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Isaiah 6:1-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK 2/7/2010

	5:30 pm	7:30 am	9:00 am	11:00 am
A SER	N Shellenberger	G Hill	C Parks	J Starceski
A SER	D Shellenberger	A Kimes	N Thomas	T Starceski
A SER	P Brenneman	M Kimes	V Devlin	A Matarrita
LECT	A Figge	C Witczak	Scouts	J&D Gangloff
EMHC	J Figge	T Shanko	G Pandolfino	J Nealon
EMHC	XXXXX	XXXXX	J Ruby	D Thompson
EMHC	XXXXX	XXXXX	T Ruby	W Walsh
EMHC	XXXXX	XXXXX	B Schell	XXXXX
SACR	B Strock	XXXXX	J&T Ruby	J&D Gangloff

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK BEGINS TODAY/NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES THIS WEEK ♦♦♦♦

Recitation of the Rosary is held Tuesday at 9:45 am, Wednesday at 5:15 pm, Sunday at 7:00 am in the church and the 1st Wednesday of the month in the room next to the Adoration chapel at 7:00 pm.



BAPTISM CLASS WILL BE OFFERED BY SISTER MONICA on Sunday, January 31 at 3:00 p.m. in the Adult Education Room (to the left of the Adoration Chapel). Both parents are required to attend this class prior to the Baptism of their child. Please do not bring any children to class. Contact

Sr. Monica at 845-6521 with any questions.

PATRICIAN MEETING - Monday, February 1 at 1 pm in Brenner Hall. A speaker from Wellspan will present the topic "LOVING YOURSELF TO GOOD HEALTH" Everyone is welcome to attend.



Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Assembly #920 Annual Car Wash: Purchase coupons for Cloister or Lots-A-Bubbles by sending an order form (placed in the back of the church) to Jim Boyle. For more information call 757-7160.



INCOME THRU WEEK OF 1/17/10

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
WEEK	\$ 12,897.25	\$ 14,900.00	(\$ 2,003.00)
YTD	\$397,600.00	\$417,200.00	(\$19,600.00)

INCOME THRU WEEK OF 1/24/10

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
WEEK	\$ 14,386.25	\$ 14,900.00	(\$ 514.00)
YTD	\$411,986.00	\$432,100.00	(\$20,114.00)

Collection for Haiti: \$11,105.00

The second collection today is for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith Membership Appeal. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

THANKS TO ALL MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE ACTIVELY SERVING OUR COUNTRY IN THE U.S.

MILITARY: Lt. Com. Andrew Avillo, Airman 1st Class Nicholas Borsa, 1st Lt Elena Darr, Captain Timothy J. Goodwillie, Col. Dona Iversen, Col. Mark P. Jelonek, Pvt. 1st Class Jacob Kadilak, SPC Nichole Leighty, Staff Sgt. William Leuenberger, Lt. Zachary Merritt, Lance Cpl. Michael Payne, SP4 Jesse A. Slusser, 1st Lt. Amy Staub, Lt. Patrick Staub, Petty Officer Zachary A. Wisman, Staff Sergeant Arley Lawson III, 1st Lt Thomas J. Vallely and PFC Shane Warner. Please remember them in prayer. (Please inform the parish office of those members of your families serving in the military

The Annual Women Afire Retreat will be held on February 19-21 at Malvern Retreat House in the Main retreat house. "**Untie Him and Let Him Go**" is the theme for this powerful retreat directed by Anna Iatesta, Kathleen McCarthy, Anne McGlone and Fr. Stephen DeLacy. Music will be provided by nationally recognized Grammy nominee, Marty Rotella. It's a weekend of inspirational teaching, private healing prayer, uplifting music, Reconciliation and Eucharistic adoration. This is a call for all women seeking to be freed from the wounds and hurts of the past; desiring to be 'set free' for the future. Call 610-644-0400 to register or visit the website at www.malvernretreat.com



Pastoral Music: Have your circumstances changed in the second half of this school year and you now find yourself able to be part of one of our choirs? This is a good time to add new members. Please call Libby if you would like to be part of any aspect of our music ministry. Details on all groups are posted on the Saint Patrick Church website. (2) Cherub Choir (ages 3 - K) resumes February 9, 6:00 to 6:30 PM in the convent building. New members most welcome.



St. Patrick Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 14 from 8:30 a.m until 11:00 a.m. The cost is \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children and will include all you can eat pancakes and sausage. Beverages will also be provided. Proceeds will benefit Steve Kelley, parishioner and our Council's sponsored seminarian. Please join the your Parish family for breakfast this Valentine Day while continuing to support Steve!



HERITAGE FESTIVAL Mark your calendar for the 2nd Annual St. Patrick Heritage Festival on Sunday May 23. This is an opportunity to share your heritage and learn about others. Don't let your heritage go unrepresented. Call Rick & Maria Shaffer at 717-792-8864 or email to callric@comcast.net for information on how you can participate.



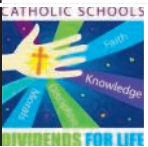
St Patrick Catholic School

Applications and Re-registration for the 2010-2011

School Year: Applications for new students in all grades wishing to attend St. Patrick Catholic School for the 2010-2011 school will be accepted beginning today, January 31 during Open House in the School (10:00 am – 12 noon). If you are unable to complete an application today, please visit the website www.stpatrickyork.org to access an application or call the school office (854-8263) to have one sent to you. Opportunities for tours and “shadowing” are available by appointment.

Re-registration materials will be enclosed in this week’s Home/School mail on Wednesday (February 2) for our current school families. All re-registrations are due by **Friday, February 19**. New registrations will be accepted beginning Monday, February 22.

The recently developed “Class Size Guidelines” will be implemented during this registration period. These guidelines are available on the website: www.stpatrickyork.org and were published in the January 27 Newsletter.



Catholic Schools Week 2010: “Dividends for Life”:

Please take a brochure from the back of church for a listing of the week’s events celebrating the Quality Catholic Education provided at St. Patrick Catholic School. All are welcome to attend any and all events during the week. Faculty, Staff and students will be praying in gratitude for our benefactors during Mass (The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord) on Tuesday, February 2 at 9:00 am. Our parish family will be especially remembered during this Mass as financial and prayerful supporters of our Catholic School.

The following items are **STILL** being collected as fundraisers for St. Patrick’s Catholic School – **Box Tops, Campbells Labels, Moo Money caps, Tyson Labels and Capri Sun pouches**. If everyone takes a few moments to help and collect only a few of these items, we could bring in some free MONEY and supplies to our school.



A reminder to all Boy Scouts...past and present.

The Boy Scout Mass is next Sunday, February 7 at 9:00 a.m. Please come in uniform and join with other scouts in the celebration of this special Mass.



Register Now For the Great Adventure!



Discover God’s plan for your life as you discover His amazing story - God’s glorious plan for leading His people to an intimate relationship with Himself. The Bible Story from Creation through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the establishment of the Catholic Church.

This 8-part Video/Discussion series will help you:

- Discover the major people, places, events and themes;
- How they fit together — how they relate to Jesus Christ;
- Understand the Bible story – Your story;
- Increase appreciation for the Sunday Mass Readings;
- Discover reading the Bible is not only easy, but exciting.

This series is being offered Thursday evenings 7:00 - 8:30 pm in St. Patrick Cafeteria, February 18 - April 22. A fee of \$15 covers the materials. Participants will need a Catholic Bible, Revised Standard or New American Edition.

Any conflicts in attending, please indicate your interest in the Great Adventure series on the Registration Form.

Registration Form is on next page. See parish website: www.stpatrickyork.org or contact Deacon Michael at 347-7350 gospamir@comcast.net for more information.



IGNITE YOUTH GROUP



Today: Powerhouse Nite, Jan. 31 from 6-9pm. Meet in the youth room. *Topic: Tithing.*

Includes: icebreaker, small group discussions, topic presentation, praise and worship with prayer ministry and free time for snacks and drinks, basketball, games, video games and socializing.

Mark Your Calendars: 15th Annual IGNITE Lenten

Retreat on Feb. 26-28 at Summit Grove Camp in New Freedom, PA. Theme: “Troubled But Not Crushed” (2 Cor. 4: 7-18). Cost: \$60. Includes: awesome food, icebreakers, small group discussions, prayer, quiet time, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, Confession, games, activities, talent show, candlelight stations of the cross and MORE!!! All teens in grades 9-12 are invited to attend. To register, contact Scott in the youth office before Feb.21.



Bingo York Catholic High School Athletic Association is hosting **Bingo** Sunday, January 31 at the high school.

Doors open at 12 noon and games begin at 2 pm. Cost is \$30 at the door. No advance tickets will be sold. For more information, call York Catholic High School weekdays from 8 am to 3 pm at 717-846-8871 x15.

Open House York Catholic High School joins other Catholic schools across the nation in celebrating Catholic Schools Week January 31-February 6. The public is invited to attend the Annual Open House and Science Fair on Sunday, February 7 from 12-2 pm. Prospective students and their families are welcome to come tour the school; talk with faculty, staff, and students; view students’ scientific projects; and enjoy refreshments. For more information, contact York Catholic High School at 717-846-8871 x20

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Registration for Great Adventure Program (One form per Participant)
Thursday Evenings 7:00 – 8:30 pm (Feb 18 – Apr 22)

Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Check enclosed for \$15 (Made Payable to St. Patrick Church) \$15 Cash
[Contact Deacon Michael if you need any assistance with payment]

I am interested in attending the Great Adventure, but am unable to attend on Thursdays

Comments: _____

Please put this Form in a plain white envelope addressed to **Deacon Michael DeVivo**
Return in the **Offertory Collection**, or to the **Rectory**, or Mail to
Deacon Michael DeVivo, St. Patrick Church 231 S. Beaver St, York, PA, 17401 by **Feb 8**

Attention All Teens - Introduce yourselves to the most **Important Story of Your Life**. You are invited to participate in the **T3 Teen Timeline**, Sunday mornings 10:30 to 11:30 am. Register below or call Deacon Michael 347-7350 or Charles Rausch 848-4046 crausch462@aol.com and visit www.stpatrickyork.org for more information.

Registration for Teen Timeline Program (One form per Participant)
Sunday Mornings 10:30 – 11:30 am (Feb 14 – Apr 11th)

Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

I am interested in attending the Teen Timeline, but am unable to attend on Sundays.

Comments: _____

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