

**Pastoral Reflections: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"When you pray, say....." (see Luke 11:1-13) This was Jesus' response to the desire of the disciples to be taught how to pray. Jesus' response, which we call "The Lord's Prayer" or "The Our Father" was not about "saying" certain words but about developing a relationship with God our Father. The disciples saw that Jesus had a very intimate and personal relationship with the Father and they wanted to know how to go about developing the same closeness with Him. Jesus' prayer is not merely about words but is very much about attitude, about ones disposition before the Father.

We call to mind the Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane the night before Jesus' death, when He prayed that "this cup---[suffering]---be taken away" from Him but the next statement of Jesus is the significant one: ".....not My will be done but YOURS!" The Lord's Prayer leads us into such a relationship whereby we too can utter from the very depth of our heart and soul, the same sentiments in which we conform ourselves to the will of God.

The danger of "saying" or "reciting" prayers that we know by memory is that we can be merely "saying" words. Though there are a number of prayers of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass that I know by memory, I consciously make a decision each time to "read" them so as to enter more fully into the meaning of the words. It's as though I am looking at a picture of a loved one, someone whom I know very, very well and would be able to describe to someone else what that person looks like. Though the image of that loved one is etched very deeply into my memory bank, I still do not hesitate to "look" at a picture of that person with a desire to be thankful for all that has been in the past and for continued goodness in the present moment and the future. Many of us have pictures of such people that we carry with us or have displayed in our homes. They are a constant reminder of the love we share. So also, the Lord's Prayer is a constant reminder of the love we want to share with God our Father and of the love that we know the Father has for each and every one of us.

The Lord's Prayer offers a wealth of spiritual "food for thought" that probably could never be exhausted. One line that pierces my soul frequently is the one about forgiveness. Forgive US, we say, as we forgive others. How DO I forgive? How deeply do I forgive others? We're asking God to forgive US to the same level as we forgive others. WOW! That can be scary at times and certainly can give me my share of homework---forgive work---to keep me busy for a long time. I wonder if the disciples were sorry they asked Jesus to teach them to pray. They probably got more than they bargained for. So also, me.

***Praised be Jesus Christ.....  
for teaching us how to pray by HIS life.....  
now and forever. AMEN!***

Fr. Samuel Houser



***Mass Intentions of the Week!***



**SUNDAY, July 25 ~ 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 a.m. † Patricia Hubley  
9:00 a.m. People of the Parish  
11:00 a.m. † Thomas P Pendergast

**MONDAY, July 26 ~ St Joachim and St Anne**

**Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

4:30-5:00 p.m. Confessions  
5:15 p.m. † Mary Lucille Snyder

**TUESDAY, July 27**

**NO MASS**

**WEDNESDAY, July 28**

**NO MASS**

**THURSDAY, July 29 ~ St Martha**

4:30-5:00 p.m. Confessions  
5:15 p.m. † Patricia Forjan

**FRIDAY, July 30 ~ St Peter Chrysologus**

9:00 a.m. † Jodie Shearer

**SATURDAY, July 31 ~ Vigil of Sunday**

5:30 p.m. People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, August 1 ~ 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 a.m. † Vernon Arentz  
9:00 a.m. † Barbara Popson  
11:00 a.m. † Ann Skehan

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***Pray for Them***

**Votive Candles at the Altar of the Blessed Mother:** Two, each for a Special Intention and Two, each for the intention of John and Deb Daniels

**Votive Candles at the Altar of St. Joseph:** Two, each for a Special Intention

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**INCOME THRU WEEK OF 7/18/10**

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
WEEK	\$13,910.33	\$14,600.00	(\$ 690.00)
YTD	\$46,033.00	\$43,800.00	\$2,233.00

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**GREETINGS FROM FR. BILL CAWLEY AND HIS**

**MOTHER IN MONTANA:** Fr. Bill Cawley wishes to express his gratefulness to you for your many kindnesses to his mother during her recent surgery. She is now resting comfortably at her home. Cards may be sent to her at: **1707 26th Street S, Apt. 4, Great Falls, MT 59405**

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***Rest in Peace***

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD...

Those recently deceased:

**Thomas Althoff**, brother of Catherin Randle

**Gerard Melato**, a parishioner

...AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM.

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK 8/1/2010**  
**5:30 p.m.    7:30 a.m.    9:00 a.m.    11:00 a.m.**

A SER	E Hernandez	G Hill	E St Onge	M Thomas
A SER	S Hernandez	A Kimes	L St Onge	N Thomas
A SER	Z Hernandez	M Kimes	A Tucci	T Czaus
LECT	J Luciani	E Mecier	P Jenkins	B Strock
EMHC	P Rohall	A Hartnett	J Ruby	JP Capresecco
EMHC	M Freed	P Kelley	J Bering	D Crerand
EMHC	K Jelonek	D Cosgrove	G Bissoli	P DeFelice
EMHC	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	E Bissoli	P Hoffnagle
EMHC	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	H Cosgrove	Sr Monica
EMHC	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	R Cosgrove	J Wills
EMHC	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	S Dietrich	J Nealon
SACR	P Rohall	XXXXXXXX	J Ruby	B Strock

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Recitation of the Rosary is held Tuesday at 9:45 a.m., Wednesday at 5:15 p.m., and Sunday at 7:00 a.m. in the church and the first Wednesday of the month in the room next to the Adoration chapel at 7:00 p.m.  
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**IT'S PICNIC TIME AGAIN!**



Volunteers are needed to assist in planning this year's Parish Picnic which will be held on Sunday, August 29. Won't you help? A meeting will be held on Tuesday July 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish conference room in the convent. Volunteers should contact Anita Banks at 855-7410 or Lorraine Hickman at 846-9413 if you are available to help. Everyone is welcome.

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Mission Trip to Jamaica The second St. Patrick Mission trip to Jamaica will depart on February 22 and return on February 28, 2011. Mark your calendar and plan to participate as a missionary to a very needy part of the Diocese of Mandeville in Jamaica. Take some of your vacation time and spend it on this wonderful Christian service opportunity. For more information please call Jim Haldeman (741-4530).  
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ALTAR FLOWERS may be placed on the altar in honor of a special occasion or in memory of a loved one. Suggested donation for the main altar is \$50.00 and for the side altar is \$25.00. Arrangements may be made by calling JoellenDodson at 747-3969 (If no answer, leave a message) or email [mjdmusic1@comcast.net](mailto:mjdmusic1@comcast.net). Thank you.  
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NEW FOR 2010-2011: SPARKS Catholic Kids' Club  
 For students in grades 5-6. Fr. Houser has agreed to expand the collaboration between St. Patrick and St. Joseph to offer this new and exciting youth ministry opportunity for these young people of St. Patrick Parish. SPARKS meets on the 3rd Friday of each month from October to May. More information will be coming in September. Stay tuned!!!  
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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23; Colossians 3:1-5,9-11; Luke 12:13-21  
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**Get it, Get Found, Get God's Love, Get Praying, Get Going**

We had a wonderful week at the St Patrick Son Quest Rainforest Vacation Bible School June 28 through July 2 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. There were 20 adults and 14 teen volunteers who participated so that 78 children ( crocodiles, macaws, butterflies, jaguars, howlers, frogs, and pythons) aged 4 years through 6th grade could enjoy a week of fun, craft, games, music, snack, and religious studies. One of the highlights was the live theater performance each morning by 5 of the St Patrick Parish (a few teens and a few school kids). The skit highlighted the theme and portrayed the religious message of the day while being humorous and applicable to kids. I would like to thank all the children for their cooperation and enthusiasm, the teen helpers for their awesome work ethic and flexibility, all the adult helpers for the prep work, creativity, and for modeling Catholic values. A special thank you to Sister Monica for checking in on us each day offering her encouragement and praise, to Sister Mary Elizabeth for her overseeing of the group and help with special needs, and to Father Houser for his leadership and support. Time, Talent, and Treasure were utilized well to make 2010 Vacation Bible School a safe, enjoyable, learning experience.  
 Alex Thomas

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**IGNITE YOUTH GROUP**



Today: Powerhouse Nite July 25 from 6-9 p.m. in the youth room. Topic: Theology of the Body for Teens, Chapter 11: Dating with Purpose and Purity. Includes: small group discussion, DVD presentation, activities, praise and worship, prayer ministry and free time for snacks, games and socializing.

Next Week: Powerhouse Nite on Sunday, August 1 from 6-9 p.m. Meet in the youth room. *Special guest speaker and former youth group member Brian Olkowski will share his vocation story and how God led him to the seminary.* Includes: icebreaker, small group discussion, presentation, prayer ministry and free time for snacks, games and socializing.

OXYGEN YOUTH GROUP (Grades 7-8) The next OXYGEN meeting will be held in October 2010. Stay tuned for more information next Fall.  
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**EVENT IN OUR NEIGHBORING PARISH**

You're invited to a **BARN DANCE** sponsored by the Iris Dramatic Society of St. Mary Church to be held on **Saturday, August 14** from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall, 323 S. George St. York. Tickets are \$3 each or \$5 per couple. Tickets are for admission only, but food will be available to purchase at the dance. The evening should be a lot of fun so we hope you will join us. There will be prizes for those who come in the best Country Western outfit. Tickets can be purchased by calling the parish office at 845-7629.  
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**St Patrick Catholic School**

**Back to School:** Back to school supply lists and the August/September Menus are now available on the website: [www.stpatrickyork.org](http://www.stpatrickyork.org).

**Summer Mailing:** The "summer mailing" with all of the back to school information will be in the mail during the first week of August. Any questions may be directed to the school office 854-8263. School will open on Wednesday, August 25 for 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades. Kindergarten and Pre-K students will receive an orientation schedule in the summer mailing.

**Used Uniform Room:** Used uniforms are available. Mrs. Short will have the Used Uniform Room open on Wednesday, August 4 & Tuesday August 17 from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. If you are unable to make either of these times but are looking for items, contact the school office at 854-8263.

**SCRIP** will not be available after the Masses today. The SCRIP office **will** be open on Tuesday, July 27 from 8-11 a.m. and after all the Masses next weekend.



**EVENTS IN THE DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG**



**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat:** August 6 - 8 at Philip Bongiorno Conference Center in Carlisle. This is a chance to get away from all the daily pressures of work and family and focus on this painful time in your life through supportive and non-judgmental process. The time away provides an opportunity to deeply enter the grieving process and identify all the ways your abortion may have affected you. Please Call Joy: 717-788-4959 or email: [RVpamd@gmail.com](mailto:RVpamd@gmail.com) or visit [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org) (Totally confidential).

**Job Openings – Communications** The Office of Communications of the Diocese of Harrisburg is accepting applications for 2 part time positions. A Web Content Specialist with responsibility for the development, creation and maintenance of the content for our website. They should be comfortable working with website design, graphic design, content management systems, multimedia, flash technologies, social media and e-newsletters. A Media Specialist with responsibility for producing creative audio and video materials including a weekly radio program and monthly TV program. They should be competent with audio and video technologies, current professional media production software and equipment with skills in writing for media, shooting and editing video and audio. For more information visit [www.hbgdiocese.org/employment](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/employment) or email [Employment@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:Employment@hbgdiocese.org).

**SUMMER CAMP FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS WITH MENTAL DISABILITIES**

The Diocese of Harrisburg will sponsor its annual summer camp for youth and adults with mental disabilities on August 15-20 at Camp Kirchenwald, near Hershey. The camp is designed for youth and adults, aged 15 and up, with mild to moderate mental retardation and no significant behavioral problems. Tuition for camp is \$425, but camperships are available. For further information, visit the diocesan website at [www.hbgdiocese.org](http://www.hbgdiocese.org) (click disabilities ministry and then summer camp); or contact the Diocesan Family Ministries Office at 717-657-4804 or [kenders@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:kenders@hbgdiocese.org).

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES, MT. ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY AND SEMINARY, EMMITSBURG, MARYLAND**

The 23rd Annual Diocesan-Wide Pilgrimage for World Peace through Conversion of Heart will take place on **Thursday, August 5, at the Shrine of our Lady of Lourdes.** The day will begin promptly at 10:30 a.m. and conclude at 3:30 p.m. Pilgrims will be able to receive the Sacrament of Penance, offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, pray the Holy Rosary, spend time in private prayer, enjoy the beauty and peace of this Marian Shrine, and end the day with a Holy Hour of Exposition to honor our Lord in the Most Holy Eucharist. This is a day of prayer for world peace through conversion of heart. **"Pray, pray much, and offer many sacrifices for the cause of peace,"** our Holy Mother has repeatedly requested. And Jesus told St. Faustina that the world will NOT know peace until it turns with trust to His Divine Mercy. **Please come, trusting in the mercy of Jesus, to offer the prayer and sacrifices of this day for peace in our world, in our families, and in our hearts.** Pilgrims must make their own provisions for travel to and from the shrine and for lunch and supper. Meals are not available at the Mount. Most of those attending bring a box lunch and many make reservations in nearby restaurants for supper. **Please bring family members, fellow parishioners, and other friends with you.** For general information, contact Deacon Michael Grella at 717-939-6431 (home) or at 657-4804, ext 266 (diocesan office) or email at [dmgrella@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:dmgrella@hbgdiocese.org).

**Retreat for Couples Experiencing Difficulty: September 10-12**

Is Your Marriage Tearing You Apart? Rediscover the Joy in Your Marriage. RETROUVAILLE (Ret-tro-vy) is a French word meaning rediscovery. Retrouvaille is a program, which helps to restore communication and trust in a marriage. If you feel helpless or trapped by frequent conflicts, please know that hundreds of couples have been helped. Call us and give yourselves another chance. The next program will be held September 10-12, at the Hampton Inn in Mechanicsburg, PA. Let us reserve a place for you. For information call Tom or Patty at (717) 938-8229 or 1-800-470-2230.

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**LOST AND FOUND:** A small gold cross was found with the inscription "Phoebe and Jack—August 1949". Please call the parish office at 848-2007 if this is yours.

