

MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, June 27**

4:00 PM Peggy Veto (14<sup>th</sup> anniv. from family)  
 Gerardino Rizzolo (26<sup>th</sup> anniv. from wife & daughter)  
 Tom McManus + (50<sup>th</sup> Wedd. Anniv. from wife)  
 In honor of John & Anne MacKay's 63<sup>rd</sup> Wedd. Anniv.

**Sunday, June 28**

7:00 AM Paul Romani, Sr. (2<sup>nd</sup> anniv. from children)  
 8:30 AM Jim Affenito (10<sup>th</sup> anniv. from Fran)  
 Taddeo Mattia (17<sup>th</sup> anniv. from family)  
 10:00 AM Robert & Theresa Cusack, Sr. + (Wedd. Anniv. Rem)  
 11:30 AM

**Monday, June 29**

8:30 AM Pro Populo ("For the People")

**Tuesday, June 30**

8:30 AM

**Wednesday, July 1**

8:30 AM Teddy Mattia (from sister, Maria Del Guercio)

**Thursday, July 2**

8:30 AM Domenico Marchesi (20<sup>th</sup> anniv. from family)

**Friday, July 3**

8:30 AM Don Gustafson

**Saturday, July 4**

4:00 PM In honor of Robert & Yvonne Lapierre's 50<sup>th</sup>  
 Wedding Anniv. (from family)  
 M/M Ernest F. Hatch (from family)  
 Amanda Thivierge, Dottie & John Brown (from  
 M/M Vincent Paradis)

**Sunday, July 5**

7:00 AM Thomas Andrews (18<sup>th</sup> anniv. from family)  
 8:30 AM Christine Tratiak (4<sup>th</sup> anniv. from family)  
 10:00 AM Mary Ahern + (birth. rem. from daughter)  
 James & Rosemarie Moran (from family)  
 Grace Alexik (from Walter & Genevieve Waryck)  
 11:30 AM In honor of Elizabeth Cartagena's 15<sup>th</sup> birthday  
 (from family)



Flowers on the Altar this week are in memory of:

- ❖ Ralph Tirrell, Sr. 7<sup>th</sup> anniv. from wife & family
- ❖ Peggy Veto 14<sup>th</sup> anniv. from the Costella family
- ❖ Peggy Veto 14<sup>th</sup> anniv. from the Bonavita family
- ❖ Peggy Veto 14<sup>th</sup> anniv. from the Veto family
- ❖ Ted Lane 46<sup>th</sup> Wedd. Anniv. Rem. from Connie
- ❖ Betty Wroblewski 7<sup>th</sup> anniv. from husband & son

*If you would like to contribute towards the beautiful flowers on our altar, there is a notebook in the main entrance of the Church. It is easy to fill out a request and a great way to honor someone who has passed away or celebrate a great event in someone's life.*

**Please remember in your prayers:** Rita Bennett & Walter Emard

**We steward our treasure...** The collection for last week, 6/21, totaled \$13,357 (we aim for \$13,000 per week). This came through 543 adult envelopes, o children's envelopes, with \$783 in loose cash.  
 Thanks to all who do give so generously. It is through your support that we can do all that we do.

This Week at St. Mary's

Mon 6/29 7 PM Picnic meeting – Center  
 Tue 6/30 9 AM Depart for Altar Server Gathering  
 7 PM Circulo de Oracion – Lower Church  
 Wed 7/1 9 AM – 6 PM Adoration & Benediction – Church  
 Thu 7/2 7 PM Cursillo – Center  
**ST. VINCENT SELLING RED SOX RAFFLE TICKETS  
 AFTER MASS ALL MASSES**  
 Sun 7/5 8 AM El Camino – ES  
**COMING: 8/2 Parish Picnic, 8/31 schools re-open**

ST. MARY'S PARISH PICNIC:

Sunday, August 2, 2009; 12-5pm at the Sons of Erin, \$3.00 per person or \$5.00 per family: Tickets will be sold outside of Masses on July 18 & 19th, 2009. Come join us for a day of food, live music and fun for the whole family as you get to know your parish family! Bring along snacks, salads or desserts to share...the rest will be provided for you. If you have any questions or would like to help, please call Liz Devillez at 568-3656. Hope to see you there!



PARISH PICNIC MEETINGS will be June 29th, July 13th, July 20 and July 27th at 7 PM in the Parish Center.



CONFRATERNITY MEMBERS: Westwood was not able to accommodate us for our Communion Breakfast on Sunday, Sept 27<sup>th</sup>. THE RANCH was able to give us the same breakfast for the same price and the same day. We hope everyone is happy. Watch for more information in the bulletin at a later date.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: If you or someone you know needs help paying rent, heat or utility bills or needs food from our food pantry, call us at 568-5619 at anytime. At this time, our food shelves are in need of the following items: canned meats (Spam, canned chicken, etc), jelly, canned fruit, canned or powered milk, canned stew or hash and cereal. Also in demand are toiletries such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes and the like. Your contributions are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off in the baskets in the back of the church at any time. Thank you for your continued support!



FREE MINISTRY TO TRAVELING CATHOLICS: For nationwide Mass Times and locations: Call 1-410-676-6000 or Internet www.Masstimes.org.

SAVE THE DATES: Fr. Brian will be leading a group to Italy next April during school vacation. Details are not finalized, but save the date and keep your eyes peeled for sign-ups. If you want to be put on a mailing list for the trip, contact the rectory (562-5477). The trip will take place from Thursday, April 15 – Saturday, April 24, 2010. We will visit Turin (where the shroud will be on display for the first time in many years), Bologna, Assisi and Rome (we'll be there for the birthday of Rome). These trips are always great.

*Some minds are like concrete,  
 thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.*

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## From the Pastor

I've been trying to clear my desk. Usually it is covered with an assortment of projects, letters and phone messages awaiting a reply. The mail alone is often a stack several inches thick each day. But as the school year ends and my recent brush with an SUV has slowed me way down, now the stacks fill my desk, the radiator behind the desk and the credenza to the side of my desk. It's time to catch back up.

In the midst of all the piles, I have kept three scraps of paper (actually two scraps and the back of an offering envelope ... sorry no donation included). They came from the suggestion box. Many of the suggestions I receive are easily handled and a direct response is possible. But a lot of things come in anonymously (a very bad habit that I would encourage everyone to stop ... put your name to what you think or believe, anonymous notes are pretty sad). Some suggestions make me smile, like a recent one that suggested that I cook for everyone at the parish picnic (I love to cook, but know the task is way too big for me ... thanks for the vote of confidence anyways). Let me try to respond to the three that remain:

"Day care for kids during Church time" – Already we have what is called 'Little Church' each Sunday during the 10 am Mass during the school year. It is an amazing program that many parents use. If a parent wrote this note because they were looking for a little break, we already have one for you. But my worry is that the note was written by someone in the pew who did not like the baby that was crying or the child who would not sit still. I sympathize with that person. But I also want to encourage you to keep in mind three things: 1) That child is the future of our church ... kick them out now or give them a real negative experience and we will only have a church of childless people. 2) Children are children. I've heard people say that when they came to church their kids never acted up. Being one of seven, I find that hard to believe. Children by nature do not have long attention spans, or complete control over their volume, etc. I figure that when I hear a child who is crying it is a call for me to pray for children who have no home, or will be hungry tonight (besides praying for that child right then). When I see a child who is a little more active than I would like, I pray that his curiosity leads him to God and inspires a little exuberance in me. 3) The measure with which we measure will be measured back to us. It is not to our credit that we are kind or compassionate to those who are nice or compassionate in return. God's challenge is to be virtuous to everyone. Be welcoming to the person who gets under our skin, or challenges our beliefs, or does not say thank you in return. [p.s. Parents, please be aware that we specifically designed the main entrance area with windows and speakers so that if your child does need to take a break, you have a space. The same holds true for the person whose cough is very distracting. Use the space to regroup.]

"Parishioner suggested an umbrella rack. It would save wood floor from umbrellas being brought into the pews." – Instead of an umbrella rack, I put in two umbrella stands (complete with spare umbrellas people had left behind). Neither has been used in the 9 Masses I have attended since they were put in (or maybe I just did not see any use). A coat stand was put into the area near the bathroom due to a suggestion, but alas is it not used as well. Still, they are good ideas so I tried to heed them. If I could add an encouragement: recently a very nice person came into the sacristy with a simple basket that she thought would be great for the altar server kneeler cushions. It really is (both cleaning up the area, and providing ease of access). I actually went to the store and bought another for the other side. Instead of a note, how about doing something? I know this may make for too many cooks spoiling the

pot, but I would rather that risk than the irksomeness of anonymous pot shots.

"Father McGrath: We need more handicap parking spaces close to the street. Currently there are only 2 spaces. I believe we need at last 4 more spaces for handicapped people." Actually we have seven handicapped spots in our parking lots, four of which are very usable for church. There are four in the lot in front of the High School (two set closer to the school's handicapped ramp two set closer to the church). There are two next to the playground in the Elementary School lot (just a few feet further than the closer spots in the HS lot, but with a sidewalk instead of wheeling through the lot). Another space is located behind the church in the Center parking lot (even though our center and rectory are not wheelchair accessible ... a sad reality that I hope to change). When we redid the parking lots I moved the two spaces closer to the High School because we really do run a school, and many of our parish functions take place there. Also it is near to impossible to keep the front two spots closest to the yellow house clear of snow in the winter (we would lose our handicapped parking for several months). The request is very valid. I have never seen either of the front two spots empty (but often the other five are). This is the balancing act of a parish: to try to be all things to all people, recognizing our call to be especially mindful of the weaker ones in our midst. I actually hope to add a few spots in the front lot (I am sure I will get letters from non-handicapped at that point). What holds me back is money (money to reseal the lot ... very much needed; and repaint the lines ... two handicapped spots take up three regular spots). In the meantime, I would encourage the use of the two spots near the elementary school.

These are only three notes amidst the dozens received this year. I will continue to try my best to respond to each. We have a big family here at St. Mary's, let's all try together to make it a better, more welcoming, more charitable home.

pax. Fr. b.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**CCD REGISTRATION TIME:** Please continue to send your Registrations for the 09/10 school year to the ORE. We are closed for the summer but will be checking messages and mail. The cost is \$30 per child, not to exceed \$90 per family.

**CCD TEACHERS NEEDED:** Over the Summer, please consider teaching our many St. Mary's CCD students. Just call the ORE and leave a message, someone will get back to you with information and/or answer any questions. Thank you in advance!

**PICTURES FOR FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:** If you have not picked up your pictures, mark your calendar and pick them up in the Fall when the ORE re-opens.

**FORMAL CLASSES FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** begins in **First Grade**. It is an important year of preparation and allows them to become familiar with their church through the tour and their faith through the classes. If your child will be entering public school in the Fall, now is the time to register. Please call the ORE for more information.



**LOOKING FOR A MEANINGFUL AND AFFORDABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE FOR CHILDREN?**

Kids at "Crocodile Dock" – Vacation Bible Camp will be participating in lively songs, crafts, games, bible stories that come

to life, snacks, Chadder's Bayou Adventure. Crocodile Dock takes place at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, Westfield, and is for children in preschool through grade 5, July 27-31 from 8:45AM – Noon. Grades 6 through adult are needed as **Volunteers**. Call Debbie Lanoue at 568-9358 or the Parish Office at 562-3450 for more information. Fees are \$30 per child. Registration forms are on our website under the Religious Education tab at [www.diospringfield.org/olbs](http://www.diospringfield.org/olbs) or by calling the Parish Office at 562-3450, x3.

**VOCATIONS VIEW:** Priests and religious can be called to heal and comfort in God's name as Jesus did in today's Gospel. If you would like to join God's team of healers, call Fr. Gary Dailey at (413) 452-0816 or write [g.dailey@diospringfield.org](mailto:g.dailey@diospringfield.org)



**Readings for the Week of June 28, 2009**

- Sun: Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24/2 Cor 8; 7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43
- Mon: Acts 12:1-11/Mt 16:13-19
- Tue: Genesis 19:15-29/Mt 8:23-27
- Wed: Genesis 21:5, 8-20a/Mt 8:28-34
- Thu: Genesis 22:1b-19/Mt 9:1-8
- Fri: Ephesians 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29
- Sat: Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29/Mt 9:14-17

Next Sun: Ezekiel 2:2-5/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6



**THREE BISHOPS AND THE APOSTLE PAUL** - An evening of

pastoral reflections for the Pauline Year with Roman Catholic Bishop Timothy A. McDonnell, Lutheran Bishop Margaret Payne and Episcopal Bishop Gordon Scruton on **Monday, June 29 at 7pm** at St. Michael's Cathedral State Street,

Springfield. *Open to all, free of charge.* Registration is requested but not necessary to attend, 413 532-3228 ext 11 or [Sainttheresachurch@comcast.net](mailto:Sainttheresachurch@comcast.net), 413 265-2575 or [shweinA@elms.edu](mailto:shweinA@elms.edu)

**GET CONNECTED TO THE DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD:**

Watch *Real to Reel* on Saturday nights at 7:00 pm on channel 22 out of Springfield. Read the *Catholic Observer* (subscriptions can be obtained by calling 737-4744). Check out the Diocesan website for all sorts of information and updates: [www.diospringfield.org](http://www.diospringfield.org)

**SABES QUE: SAN JUAN BAUTISTA MARÍA VIANNEY** ¿Por

dónde empezamos y por dónde acabamos al querer hablar de San Juan Bautista María Vianney, el Cura de Ars?...Su vida de Párroco la pasa sin moverse durante cuarenta y dos años en un pueblecito francés de 380 habitantes, en Ars. Pero está tan llena de anécdotas, de milagros, de luchas con el demonio, de conversiones, que se necesitan horas para decir algo nada más de lo mucho que habría que contar. Juan Vianney es un campesino de familia pobre. De niño, cuida del burro y de tres ovejas. De mozo, tiene que arar el campo. Lleva consigo una medalla que pone al borde del campo, y al llegar allá con al arado o el azadón, la Virgen se lleva un beso muy fuerte...Es un joven tan bueno, que más de una vez dijeron a su padre: *Pero, ¿por qué no metes a tu hijo en el seminario para que sea cura?*...El caso es que un día fue al seminario. Y lo despidieron al fin porque no había manera de meter el latín en aquella cabeza. Un sacerdote bueno, paciente, abnegado, tomo pur su cuenta el prepararlo. No había manera. El estudio no estaba hecho para joven semejante. No se le quería ordenar de sacerdote por estas sus limitaciones intelectuales. Y se ha hecho célebre el diálogo del Vicario General de la Diócesis de Lyon, que se decidió a admitirlo a la ordenación: *¿Es piadoso? ¿Reza el Rosario? ¿Tiene devoción a la Virgen?* Le contestan convencidos: *Si, es un modelo de piedad en todo.* –Pues, entonces, yo lo recibe: *Dios hará el resto.* Y Dios lo hizo, ¡vaya que si lo hizo! Las catequesis del Cura de Ars se hicieron famosas: hablaba sereno, directo, seguro, con gracias. Y en el confesonario dominaba la moral como un doctor. Cuando llega a la Parroquia de Ars, pubelo que no alcanzaba los 400 habitantes, no se encontró con enemigos, ni descreídos, ni con gentes de mala voluntad. Sencillamente, eran ignorantes y abandonados casi del todo en sus prácticas religiosas. El Cura, se pregunta: *¿Por dónde empiezo?* Y la respuesta se la formuló inmediata. Primero, muchas horas de oración ante el Sagrario, y muchas penitencias. Después, a visitar con amor todas las casas y a conocer una por una todas las ovejas. Luego, a desarraigar los cuatro grandes males del pueblo: la ignorancia religiosa de todos; las cuarto tabernas que dejan a las familias sin dinero por la bebida y el juego de los hombres; el baile que estropea a la juventud; y la profanación del domingo, porque se trabaja y no se va a Misa.

**NOVENA A SAN JUAN MARÍA BAUTISTA VIANNEY EL CURA DE ARS:**

Empieza el día 31 de julio su fiesta es el 4 de agosto.

**FUTUROS CURSILLISTA:** Si quieres comprometerte a servir a tu Iglesia y compartir con ellas tus mejores dones te invitamos a Participar de un Cursillo de Cristiandad en el mes de Julio (Hombres) y Agosto (Mujeres). Solicitar orientaciones y ayuda con Tina Franco.

**COMUNIDAD DEL CAMINO:** Invita a participar de un campamento de padre el día 3-5 de Julio póngase en contacto con algún miembro de la Comunidad del Camino.

**Oración por los sacerdotes TE AMO, OH MI DIOS** Autor: *San Juan María Vianney* Te amo, Oh mi Dios. Mi único deseo es amarte, hasta el último suspiro de mi vida. Te amo, Oh infinitamente amoroso Dios, Y prefiero morir amándote que vivir un instante sin Ti Te amo, oh mi Dios, y mi único temor es ir al infierno Porque ahí nunca tendría la dulce consolación de tu amor, Oh mi Dios, si mi lengua no puede decir cada instante que te amo, por lo menos quiero que mi corazón lo repita cada vez que respiro. Ah, dame la gracia de sufrir mientras que te amo, Y de amarte mientras que sufro, y el día que me muera No solo amarte pero sentir que te amo. Te suplico que mientras más cerca estés de mi hora Final aumentes y perfecciones mi amor por Ti Amén.

