4th Sunday in Ordinary Time C - February 3, 2013

A Note From Father Pat

Thank you to everyone who made the Spaghetti Dinner a great success. We had a great turn out; everyone looked like they had a good time. These events at St. Mary's certainly help us raise funds and allow people the opportunity to serve by working the event. Most importantly, however, they address an issue that St. Paul writes about to the Corinthians in our second reading this weekend — love and how that unifies us. The community of Corinth was a divided community and that concerned St. Paul greatly.

Last week, St. Paul gave a beautiful description of what it means to be the Body of Christ. This weekend, his focus is on love, the great uniter. He tells us what love is and what it isn’t. It is patient and kind. It is not jealous, pompous, inflated, rude, quick tempered, or self-centered. It bears, believes, hopes and endures all things. He then makes the statement, "Love never fails." If God is love itself and we know that God cannot fail, then love cannot fail.

We often become concerned in our parishes about programs, finances, vision, and mission statements. We can have the most organized and financially secure parish with all kinds of sophisticated programs. However, according to St. Paul, if love is not the foundation, it all means nothing, it will inevitably fail. So, love is not transitory like most of the things in this life. It is the perfection of love that we hope to attain in eternal life with Jesus.

When we get together at events here, we get to know each other. When we get to know each other we grow in love of one another. St. Paul was not naïve; he understood that love is not a utopian endeavor. In fact, loving each other in our differences, disagreements, and even dislike is all the more important. Love takes a tremendous amount of trust and can render us vulnerable, but that’s how Jesus lives, and we’ve got to do the same.
liturgical ministers schedule

* Denotes the minister designated to set up for Communion 15 minutes prior to Mass.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 9/10

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<td>Tom Waldinger</td>
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Saturday Confessions: 11am (Fr. Pat); 3:30 pm (Fr. Jan)
Sunday Van Driver: Jeff Briscoe

finances for the week of January 27

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The second collection next weekend is for Utilities.

Thank you for your generosity.

poor box donations this month

Green House Residences at Stadium Place, an innovative long-term care community for low- and moderate-income frail elders.

Please pray for those who are suffering from illness or injury: Enoch, Eckwoshe, Do Family, & Salz families; Catherine Andrews, Darline Ayde, Margy Ayde, Mayfield Bennett, Barbara Bone, Allbones Brown, Cynthia Brown, Frank Canteloupe, Shirley Canteloupe, Paul Coleman, Cathy Dammann, Bob Danne, Martha De Voe, Mary Patricia Doghouse, Susan Dorrance, Doris Fields, Sue Francis, Tyrone Francis, Sue Frits, Diane Gaczecko, Janet Grant, Jack Heying, Lambert Hunt, Margaret Iseaco, Barbara J.B., Phyllis James, Ann R. Jones, Alphonse Kibare, Elaine Kold, Linda Kohler, Stephen Long, Dana Love, Paul Lyen, Hillary Munroe, Sarah McConnell, Mary E., (Whale) McCarron, Felicia Malone, Cathy & Jack Nolan, Adam Ozolsky, Dominic Pacosa, Barbara Pyle, Deborah Randall, Daniel Seynait, Vicky Smith, Emma Steadler, Laura Stewart, Pam Stewart, Phil Towshee, Collette Turner, Deborah Turner, Margaret Walsh, Kyle Zellinger.

News of Interest

First Eucharist
Parent/Student Session 5 & 6 is Saturday, February 9 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Parent/Student Session 7 & 8 is Saturday, February 23 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. All sessions are held at the St. Thomas More Parish Center.

Religious Education
There are no classes on Saturday, February 16 for grades 1-6, or Monday, February 18 for grades 7-12, due to President’s Day Observances.

Confirmation
Parent Meeting is Sunday, February 24 for those students eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in November 2013 (candidates must be in grades 9 through 11 in September). Meeting is at St. Anthony Parish on Frankford Avenue from 1:30 to 3:30 pm.

Religious Education
Family Day is Saturday, March 2 from 10 am to 12 noon. Family Night is Monday, March 4 from 7 to 9 pm. Please register now for the date you will attend as a Family. The registration form can be found on our web site – http://reledym11.tripod.com. You can e-mail the registration form to reledym@yahoo.com or send it in with your student by February 25.

Bible Study Participants
Please pick up your book at the rectory office by noon. Family Night is Monday, March 4 from 7 to 9 pm. Please register now for the date you will attend as a Family. The registration form can be found on our web site – http://reledym11.tripod.com. You can e-mail the registration form to reledym@yahoo.com or send it in with your student by February 25.

Attention All Romantics
You are invited to attend St. Mary’s 2nd Annual event of 2013. A cocktail party in honor of St. Valentine Saturday, February 16, 7-10 p.m. St. Mary Hall $25 per couple; $14 for singles Special treats, lite fare and music Sponsored by Events Committee RSVP by February 12 to 410-409-0968

Bull & Oyster Roast
Sunday, February 24
(Snow date: March 3)
Doors open at 1 pm
Music 1-6 pm
Food served 1-5 pm
Menu: Pit beef, Pit ham, Pit turkey, raw oyster bar, hot & cold buffet, desserts, beer & soda
$30 per person
Knights of Columbus
Notre Dame Council #2901
201 Homeland Avenue
Reservations: Nelson Arnold, 410-426-7967

Healing Service with Mass and Marian Devotion
You are cordially invited to attend a Healing Service with Mass and devotion on Monday, February 11, 7 - 9:15 p.m. at Sacred Heart Glyndon, near Reisterstown located at 65 Sacred Heart Lane Glyndon, MD 21071. Pray for physical, emotional, mental and spiritual healing and growth. Or simply just pray and praise Jesus with us and the Blessed Trinity in the Power of the Holy Spirit. Come and be ready to receive God’s healing touch in the Power of the Holy Spirit. Questions: Call 443-500-9194.

To submit bulletin information email to: bulletinstmary@aol.com