

## From Your Pastor

June 19, 2009 – June 19, 2010 ~ *The Year of the Priest* ~ *Church Teaching on Priesthood I*

*Pope Benedict XVI has designated this year “The Year of the Priest” and named St. John Vianney the universal patron of all priests. The most important modern statement on the nature of the ministerial priesthood is found in paragraph 28 of the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (1964) from the Second Vatican Council.*

“Christ, whom the Father has sanctified and sent into the world, has through His apostles, made their successors, the bishops, partakers of His consecration and His mission. They have legitimately handed on to different individuals in the Church various degrees of participation in this ministry. Thus the divinely established ecclesiastical ministry is exercised on different levels by those who from antiquity have been called bishops, priests and deacons. Priests, although they do not possess the highest degree of the priesthood, and although they are dependent on the bishops in the exercise of their power, nevertheless they are united with the bishops in sacerdotal dignity. By the power of the sacrament of Orders, in the image of Christ the eternal high Priest, they are consecrated to preach the Gospel and shepherd the faithful and to celebrate divine worship, so that they are true priests of the New Testament. Partakers of the function of Christ the sole Mediator, on their level of ministry, they announce the divine word to all. They exercise their sacred function especially in the Eucharistic worship or the celebration of the Mass by which acting in the person of Christ and proclaiming His Mystery they unite the prayers of the faithful with the sacrifice of their Head and renew and apply in the sacrifice of the Mass until the coming of the Lord the only sacrifice of the New Testament namely that of Christ offering Himself once for all a spotless Victim to the Father. For the sick and the sinners among the faithful, they exercise the ministry of alleviation and reconciliation and they present the needs and the prayers of the faithful to God the Father. Exercising within the limits of their authority the function of Christ as Shepherd and Head, they gather together God's family as a brotherhood all of one mind, and lead them in the Spirit, through Christ, to God the Father. In the midst of the flock they adore Him in spirit and in truth. Finally, they labor in word and doctrine,

believing what they have read and meditated upon in the law of God, teaching what they have believed, and putting in practice in their own lives what they have taught.

“Priests, prudent cooperators with the Episcopal order, its aid and instrument, called to serve the people of God, constitute one priesthood with their bishop although bound by a diversity of duties. Associated with their bishop in a spirit of trust and generosity, they make him present in a certain sense in the individual local congregations, and take upon themselves, as far as they are able, his duties and the burden of his care, and discharge them with a daily interest. And as they sanctify and govern under the bishop's authority, that part of the Lord's flock entrusted to them they make the universal Church visible in their own locality and bring an efficacious assistance to the building up of the whole body of Christ. intent always upon the welfare of God's children, they must strive to lend their effort to the pastoral work of the whole diocese, and even of the entire Church. On account of this sharing in their priesthood and mission, let priests sincerely look upon the bishop as their father and reverently obey him. And let the bishop regard his priests as his co-workers and as sons and friends, just as Christ called His disciples now not servants but friends. All priests, both diocesan and religious, by reason of Orders and ministry, fit into this body of bishops and priests, and serve the good of the whole Church according to their vocation and the grace given to them.

“In virtue of their common sacred ordination and mission, all priests are bound together in intimate brotherhood, which naturally and freely manifests itself in mutual aid, spiritual as well as material, pastoral as well as personal, in their meetings and in communion of life, of labor and charity.

“Let them, as fathers in Christ, take care of the faithful whom they have begotten by baptism and their teaching...and as good shepherds go after those also, who though baptized in the Catholic Church have fallen away from the use of the sacraments, or even from the faith...”

God bless each of you.



*Mrs. Fay*

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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**Prayers Are Requested** for those who are ill, for vocations to the Priesthood and to the Consecrated Life; for married couples and for families; for the safe return home of the men and women in our military services; for the prayers listed in our book of intentions; and for the repose of the souls of Anthony Cavaliere and the deceased members of our parish, our families and our benefactors.

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**Congratulations Father Muvimbwa** – This month Father Paul Muvimbwa will receive his well-earned Masters Degree in Church Administration from Boston College. We congratulate him and wish him well as he leaves for another assignment in the Archdiocese to strengthen what he has learned. If you are present with us at the 4:00 PM Mass this weekend, please join us following Mass at the rectory to celebrate this milestone in Father Paul's life and to thank him for his service at St. Columbkille for the past two years.

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**2009 Catholic Appeal Reminder** – *Responding to God's Grace, Renewing Our Church.* If you have not yet contributed to the Catholic Appeal, it is never too late to make a pledge. Every gift matters. Pick up information packets with pledge forms in the back of the Church. Thank you!

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**Second Collection:** This weekend the second collection will be for the Catholic Relief Services. This organization gives immediate aid to victims of disasters as well as every day aid to those in need. Please be as generous as you can to this collection.

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**We Welcome** into our community of faith Brooke Marie Garcia, Brian Murphy, Erin Theresa O'Rourke, Javier Xavier Vega, Jr., and Kelvin Jordan Vega who were baptized in our church. We extend congratulations to their families.

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**Please Remember the St. Vincent de Paul Boxes** as you leave Mass today. Thank you! We now have a collection bin behind the school for clothing donations. Next meeting will be Tuesday August 11 at 7:00pm in the rectory.

**Candlelight Procession at Fatima Shrine** will be Thursday, August 13 at 8:00 pm. Come and pray for peace.

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**St. Columbkille School** has seats available in Grades K1 through 8. For more information call the school at 617-254-3110.

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**Theology on Tap** will meet on Thursday, August 20 at 7:00 pm in the Greenbriar. The guest speaker will be Keeley Wray. She will speak on the topic "Christian Community". Please come and join us.

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**Project Rachel** is the post-abortion ministry of the Catholic Church to help those dealing with the pain of abortion. Call Project Rachel at 508-651-3100 for a confidential referral to a priest or counselor. *Trust in the tender mercy of God's love.*

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**The Monday Night Prayer Group** will meet this week at 7:15 pm in the lower church.

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**The Knights of Columbus** will meet on Thursday, August 13 at 7:00 pm in the K of C Hall in Brighton Center. All members are encouraged to attend.

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### **UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

**Monday, August 10, 7:00-8:30 pm** – Catechism Classes for adults in the rectory

**Monday, August 17, 7:00-8:00 pm** - Choir rehearsal for the 9:30 Mass

**Sundays, August 16 & 30, 9:30 am** - Family Masses

**Thursday, August 20, 7:00 pm** – Theology on Tap

### ***PARISH GIVING***

**Parish Offertory (Aug. 1 – Aug. 2):** \$5,155

**Catholic Appeal (to date):** \$37,893

**St. Vincent de Paul (Aug. 1 – Aug. 2):** \$82.00

*Thank You for Your Generosity*

*AUGUST 9, 2009*

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**From the *Catechism on the Priesthood*  
by St. John Vianney (d. 1859)**

My children, we have come to the Sacrament of Orders. It is a Sacrament which seems to relate to no one among you, and which yet relates to everyone. This Sacrament raises man up to God. What is a priest! A man who holds the place of God -- a man who is invested with all the powers of God. "Go," said Our Lord to the priest; "as My Father sent Me, I send you. All power has been given Me in Heaven and on earth. Go then, teach all nations. . . . He who listens to you, listens to Me; he who despises you despises Me." When the priest remits sins, he does not say, "God pardons you"; he says, "I absolve you." At the Consecration, he does not say, "This is the Body of Our Lord;" he says, "This is My Body." □ □

Saint Bernard tells us that everything has come to us through Mary; and we may also say that everything has come to us through the priest; yes, all happiness, all graces, all heavenly gifts. If we had not the Sacrament of Orders, we should not have Our Lord. Who placed Him there, in that tabernacle? It was the priest. Who was it that received your soul, on its entrance into life? The priest. Who nourishes it, to give it strength to make its pilgrimage? The priest. Who will prepare it to appear before God, by washing that soul, for the last time, in the blood of Jesus Christ? The priest -- always the priest. And if that soul comes to the point of death, who will raise it up, who will restore it to calmness and peace? Again the priest. You cannot recall one single blessing from God without finding, side by side with this recollection, the image of the priest. □

Go to confession to the Blessed Virgin, or to an angel; will they absolve you? No. Will they give you the Body and Blood of Our Lord? No. The Holy Virgin cannot make her Divine Son descend into the Host. You might have two hundred angels there, but they could not absolve you. A priest, however simple he may be, can do it; he can say to you, "Go in peace; I pardon you..." The priest is not a priest for himself; he does not give himself absolution; he does not administer the Sacraments to himself. He is not for himself, he is for you.

*AUGUST 9, 2009*

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**A PRAYER FOR OUR PRIESTS**

We thank you, God our Father,  
for those who have responded  
to your call to priestly ministry.  
Accept this prayer we offer on their behalf:

Fill your priests  
with the sure knowledge of your love.  
Open their hearts to the power  
and consolation of the Holy Spirit.  
Lead them to new depths of union with your Son.  
Increase in them profound faith  
in the Sacraments they celebrate  
as they nourish, strengthen and heal us.

Lord Jesus Christ, grant that these, your priests,  
may inspire us to strive for holiness  
by the power of their example,  
as men of prayer who ponder your word  
and follow your will.

O Mary, Mother of Christ and our mother,  
guard with your maternal care these chosen ones,  
so dear to the Heart of your Son.  
Intercede for our priests that,  
offering the Sacrifice of your Son,  
they may be conformed more each day  
to the image of your Son,  
our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Celebrant:** *St. John Vianney, universal patron of priests.*

**R.:** *Pray for us and our priests.*

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**ORACIÓN POR NUESTROS SACERDOTES**

Te damos gracias, Dios nuestro Padre,  
por aquellos que han respondido  
a tu llamado para el ministerio sacerdotal.  
Acepta esta oración que ofrecemos en su nombre.

Llena a tus sacerdotes  
con la seguridad de conocer tu amor.  
Abre sus corazones al poder  
y consuelo del Espíritu Santo,  
condúcelos a nuevas profundidades  
de unión con tu Hijo.

Llénalos de profunda fe  
en los sacramentos que ellos celebran,  
que nos alientan, nos fortalecen y nos sanan.

Señor Jesucristo, haz que estos tus sacerdotes,  
puedan inspirarnos a luchar por la santidad  
con el poder de su ejemplo,  
como hombres de oración que escuchan tu palabra  
y siguen tu voluntad.

O María, Madre de Cristo y madre nuestra,  
protege con tu cuidado maternal a estos llamados  
tan queridos al Corazón de tu Hijo.

Intercede para que nuestros sacerdotes,  
que al ofrecer el sacrificio de tu Hijo,  
puedan parecerse cada día más a tu Hijo,  
nuestro Señor y Salvador Jesucristo. Amén

**Celebr.:** *San Juan Vianney, patrón universal de los sacerdotes.*

**R.:** *Ora por nosotros y por nuestros sacerdotes*

**Masses for the Week**

**Sunday, August 9 – 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

- (Sat.)** 4:00 pm The Kunerth & Doucette Families, Mem.  
7:30 am *Missa pro Populo*  
9:30 am Special Intention in Honor of San Donato  
11:15 am Kathleen M. Newman, 25<sup>th</sup> Ann.  
5:00 pm Edward & Nancy Ip, Mem.

**Mon.** 7:00 am Anne Ridge, Mem.

**Tue.** 7:00 am Patrick J. Freeley, 53<sup>rd</sup> Ann.

**Wed.** 7:00 am Leone & Maria Alfano & Maria &  
Vincenzo Cirigliano, Mem.

**Thu.** 7:00 am Santa Cedrone, 5<sup>th</sup> Ann.

**Fri.** 7:00 am Lemuel & Catherine Kenny, Mem.

**Sat.** 7:00 am James Grinham, 23<sup>rd</sup> Ann.

**Sunday, August 16 – 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

- (Sat.)** 4:00 pm Margaret Gasper, 16<sup>th</sup> Ann.  
7:30 am *Missa pro Populo*  
9:30 am Josephine Cedrone, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann.  
11:15 am Joseph Connell, 17<sup>th</sup> Ann.  
12:45 pm Justina Cadena Brabo, 41<sup>st</sup> Ann.  
5:00 pm Bernard J. Kennedy, 21<sup>st</sup> Ann.

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