

From Your Pastor

September News Notes ~ As Fall Arrives

Parish Pastoral Council – Thank You and a Need for New Members

– During the past year, five members of our Parish Pastoral Council completed their service on the Council. On behalf of the parish, I express our heartfelt gratitude to Judy Canty, Janet Tambascio Fraher, Edio Galvez, Caroline McGowan and Kenna Sullivan for the very generous commitment they made to the parish through their work on the Council the past few years. In order to bring the membership of the Council up to its full complement of 15 (excluding ex officio and appointed members), I have established a Search Committee to help us find six new members of the Council. Those qualified for service on the Council are Catholics who participate fully in the sacramental life of the Church. They are also active, registered parishioners who are 18 years or older. If you are interested in being considered for this service, please contact Patricia McShane or Msgr. Fay at the rectory (617-782-5774) as soon as possible. Our abiding gratitude is expressed to Peg Collins, Charlie Lydon, Maureen McGrail, Blanca Ocampo, Mike O'Hara, Clement Pinto, John Reen, Claudia Rufo and Ben Wu who continue to serve on the Council. The work of the Council has been a great blessing to the parish.



The **ARISE Together in Christ** Sign-up for the Third Season took place last weekend. If you have not yet registered and would like to join a group, please contact Patricia McShane at the rectory (617-782-5774) as soon as possible. Please know as well that you are able to join a group at any time during the Season, which runs through mid-November. As always, we ask you to pray regularly the *ARISE* Prayer (from the prayer card in the pew or the back flap of the bulletin) for the success of this process in the parish.

Flu Season Precautions – From all indications, especially with the presence of the H1N1 virus, the flu season this year is likely to be more significant.

While the need for the introduction of widespread liturgical adaptations for the prevention of the flu transmission is not evident or recommended by the bishops at this time, I encourage all to follow these time-honored and practical recommendations:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people. Influenza is thought to spread mainly person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected individuals.
- If you are sick, or suspect yourself to be sick with a contagious illness, the CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.
- Ministers of Holy Communion should wash their hands before Mass begins, or even to use an alcohol based anti-bacterial solution before and after distributing Holy Communion.

Our Thanks to John and Dottie Reen and Their Family

for the beautiful gift of the two granite benches that have been placed before the statue of Our Lady of the Presentation in the new plaza. We hope that you have been enjoying the new spot to rest awhile and pray in the presence of Our Lady.

Our Thanks to Fred and Rosa Salvucci and Their Family

for the wonderful recent mortar work that was done on the front steps of the church. You may have noticed that the steps were in great need of attention.

Dates for Your Calendar –

Sat., Oct. 17, 9:30–12:30 pm – Fall Church Clean-up
Sat., Nov. 7, 2:30-3:30 pm – Pastor Listening Session



God bless each of you.

Msgr. Fay

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 Maria Figueroa, Gladys McDonnell and the deceased members of our parish, our families and our benefactors.

Opening of School Mass Next Sunday at the 9:30 AM Mass – We will celebrate the beginning of a new school year at St. Columbkille School next weekend at the 9:30 AM Mass. The children and their parents will be with us, as well as the teachers and staff of the school. What a long and proud tradition our School has! This year the School opened for its 109th year. We welcome our returning and new students, and our great teachers and staff. In a very special way we welcome Dr. Michael McCarthy, our Head of School. Please join us for the Mass next week.

First Friday and the Eucharist: In order to strengthen the Eucharistic character of First Friday, the First Friday schedule is as follows: Mass at 7:00 and 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM (Latin). Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be from 9:30 AM until 12:00 Noon, for an increase of Vocations to the priesthood and Consecrated Life. Exposition will conclude with Benediction at 12:00 Noon. Sign-up sheets for adoration are available at the doors of the church.

RCIA

Are you...

- * thinking about becoming Catholic?
- * a baptized adult who would like to receive First Communion or the Sacrament of Confirmation?
- * someone who just wants to learn more about the Faith?

If so, please let us know! Call Patricia at the office and ask for Gregory Vozzo or leave a message.

St. Vincent de Paul Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, October 10, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in the church parking lot. Donations of household items, gently used clothes, toys and small furniture are needed. Spaces are also available for \$15.00. Bring your own table. Call rectory for more information.

We Welcome into our community of faith Eoghan David McEnoy, Carolyn Marie Foley, Andrew Richard Chandler, Kiera Mary Lally, Jackson Anthony Melo, Marcos Armando Renderos, Emely Victoria Montoya, and Leyda Elyza Ruiz who were baptized in our church. We extend congratulations to their families.

Respect Life Sunday is October 4. Mass will be 11:30 am at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. The Walk to aid Mothers and children will begin at 1:30 at the Boston Common bandstand. Registration forms for the walk are available at the doors of the church. For more information contact the Pro-Life Office at 508-651-1900 or ProLifeOffice@rcab.org.

The BAHS is sponsoring a viewing of the exhibit *Light from the Mysterious East A Photo-Archival Retrospective* presented by Fr. Carney Gavin on **Sunday, October 4 from 3:30 – 5:00 pm** at the Carney Gallery, Fine Arts Center, Regis College in Weston. All are welcome. For further information contact the Brighton-Allston Historical Museum at 617-635-1436.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Thursday, October 15, 7:00 pm - Theology on Tap at the Greenbriar; Speaker will be Andy Rennie.

Saturday, October 17, 9:30-12:30 – Fall Church Clean-up

Thursday, October 22, - Sodality meeting; Rosary 6:45 pm followed by Mass at 7:00 pm

Thursday, October 29, 7:00 pm – Healing Mass

Saturday, November 7, 2:30-3:30 – Pastor Listening Session

PARISH GIVING

Parish Offertory (Sept. 19 – Sept. 20): \$4,523

Society of St. James (Sept. 19 – Sept. 20): \$2,545

Catholic Appeal (to date): \$37,993

St. Vincent de Paul (Sept. 19 – Sept. 20): \$52.10

Thank You for Your Generosity

From a Sermon by St. Bede (d. 735)

Jesus saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax office, and he said to him: Follow me. Jesus saw Matthew, not merely in the usual sense, but more significantly with his merciful understanding of men.

He saw the tax collector and, because he saw him through the eyes of mercy and chose him, he said to him: *Follow me.* This following meant imitating the pattern of his life – not just walking after him. St. John tells us: *Whoever says he abides in Christ ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.*

And he rose and followed him. There is no reason for surprise that the tax collector abandoned earthly wealth as soon as the Lord commanded him. Nor should one be amazed that neglecting his wealth, he joined a band of men whose leader had, on Matthew's assessment, no riches at all. Our Lord summoned Matthew by speaking to him in words. By an invisible, interior impulse flooding his mind with the light of grace, he instructed him to walk in his footsteps. In this way Matthew could understand that Christ, who was summoning him away from earthly possessions, had incorruptible treasures of heaven in his gift.

As he sat at table in the house, behold many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Jesus and his disciples. This conversion of one tax collector gave many men, those from his own profession and other sinners, an example of repentance and pardon. Notice also the happy and true anticipation of his future status as apostle and teacher of the nations. No sooner was he converted than Matthew drew after him a whole crowd of sinners along the same road to salvation. He took up his appointed duties while still taking his first steps in the faith, and from that hour he fulfilled his obligation and thus grew in merit. To see a deeper understanding of the great celebration Matthew held at his house, we must realize that he not only gave a banquet for the Lord at his earthly residence, but far more pleasing was the banquet set in his own heart which he provided through faith and love. Our Savior attests to this: *Behold I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.*

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ARISE Together in Christ

Gracious God and Father,
we enter into your presence
realizing you know us better than we know ourselves.
You know the cares and sufferings
we carry in our hearts.
You call us to holiness
and we trust you to lead us together
on our journey to be a renewed Church,
for with you all things are possible.
Create us anew in Jesus Christ your Son.
Liberate us from all that keeps us from you.
Heal us from every form of sin and violence.
Transform us to live your Word more profoundly.
Awaken us to the sacred; rebuild trust among us.
Enliven our parishes; reunite our families.
May your Holy Spirit empower us
to live as a community of love,
freed to share in your work
of recreating our world and restoring justice.
We believe you are doing something new,
calling us to arise together in Christ
to celebrate the fullness of life. Amen.

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LEVÁNTATE Unámonos en Cristo

Dios y Padre de infinita bondad,
acudimos a Ti sabiendo que nos conoces
mejor que nosotros mismos nos conocemos,
y sabes el peso que llevamos
en nuestro corazón.
Nos llamas a la santidad
y, porque para Ti todo es posible,
confiamos que nos guiarás unidos
por la senda que nos lleve
a ser una Iglesia renovada.
Créanos de nuevo en Jesucristo tu hijo.
Libéranos de todo lo que nos aleja de Ti.
Sánanos de toda forma
de pecado y violencia.
Transfórmanos para vivir
tu Palabra más profundamente.
Despierta en nosotros
la sed de lo sagrado.
Restaura entre nosotros la confianza.
Vivifica nuestras parroquias;
y reunifica a nuestras familias.
Que tu Espíritu Santo nos fortalezca
y nos congregue en una comunidad de amor,
liberados para servirte y continuar tu misión
de recrear el mundo y restaurar la justicia.
Creemos que haces algo nuevo,
con tu llamado a levantarnos en Cristo
para celebrar la plenitud de la vida. Amén.

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Masses for the Week

Sunday, Sept. 27 – 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

- (Sat.)** 4:00 pm Michael MacIntyre, 7th Ann.
7:30 am Joaquin Gutierrez, Mem.
9:30 am *Missa pro Populo*
11:15 am Albert J. Maregni, 9th Ann.
12:45 pm Our Lady of Charity
5:00 pm Lucy Bolotte, 3rd Ann.

Mon. 7:00 am Johanna Cecilia Murphy, Mem.

Tue. 7:00 am Anne Ridge, 2nd Ann.

Wed. 7:00 am Loreta Pellegrini, 70th Ann.

Thu. 7:00 am Andrew & Eileen Doyle, Mem.

Fri. 7:00 am Bernard J. Kennedy, Mem.

Sat. 7:00 am Ardeth & Clifford Moyer, Mem.

Sunday, Oct. 4 – 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

- (Sat.)** 4:00 pm John Pacitto & Elizabeth Allison &
The DiMambro Family, Mem.
7:30 am Mildred F. Conroy, 1st Ann.
9:30 am Rose & Angelo Di Fruscia, Mem.
11:15 am John Hazell, Mem.
12:45 pm *Missa pro Populo*
5:00 pm James Snow, USMC, 64th Ann.

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