

From Your Pastor

“...forgive your brother from the heart” (Mt 18:35)

Pope Benedict XVI is overseeing a Synod for Africa, which is taking place this month in the Vatican. Several hundred bishops, priests, religious and laity, from Africa – and beyond, have gathered to reflect prayerfully on “The Church in Africa at the Service of Reconciliation, Justice and Peace.” One of the most poignant interventions of the synod was given by a woman religious from Rwanda, Sister Genevieve Uwamariya, a Sister of Saint Mary of Namur. Her witness is a profound reminder that forgiveness comes from God and is at the heart of our reconciliation with God and one another.

“I am a survivor of the Tutsi genocide in Rwanda 1994.

“A large part of my family was killed while in our parish church. The sight of this building used to fill me with horror and turned my stomach, just like the encounter with the prisoners filled me with disgust and rage.

“It is in this mental state that something happened that would change my life and my relationships.

“On August 27th 1997 at 1 p.m., a group from the Catholic association of the “Ladies of Divine Mercy” led me to two prisons in the region of Kibuye, my birthplace. They went to prepare the prisoners for the Jubilee of 2000. They said: “If you have killed, you commit yourself to ask for forgiveness from the surviving victim, that way you can help him free himself of the burden/weight of vengeance, hatred and rancor. If you are a victim, you commit yourself to offer forgiveness to those who harmed you and thus you free them from the weight of their crime and the evil that is in them.”

“This message had an unexpected effect for me and in me....

“After that, one of the prisoners rose in tears, fell to his knees before me, loudly begging: “Mercy.” I was petrified in recognizing a family friend who had grown and shared everything with us.

“He admitted having killed my father and told me the details of the death of my family. A feeling of pity and compassion invaded me: I picked him up, embraced him and told him in a tearful voice: “You are and always will be my brother.”

“Then I felt a huge weight lift away from me... I had found internal peace and I thanked the person I was holding in my arms.

“To my great surprise, I heard him cry out: “Justice can do its work and condemn me to death, now I am free!”

“I also wanted to cry out to who wanted to hear: “Come see what freed me, you too can find internal peace.”

“From that moment on, my mission was to travel kilometers to bring mail to the prisoners asking for forgiveness from the survivors. Thus 500 letters were distributed; and I brought back mail with the answers of the survivors to the prisoners who had become my friends and my brothers... This allowed for meetings between the executioners and the victims....

“From this experience, I deduce that reconciliation is not so much wanting to bring together two persons or two groups in conflict. It is rather the re-establishment of each in love and allowing internal healing which leads to mutual liberation.

“And here is where the importance of the Church lies in our countries, since her mission is to offer the Word: a word that heals, liberates and reconciles.”



God bless each of you.

Mrs. Fay

TWENTY-NINTH 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 Jean Cahill, Elizabeth Doyle and the deceased members of our parish, our families and our benefactors.

A MASS FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be celebrated next Sunday, October 25, at 11:15 AM. Members of the Knights of Columbus and their families are encouraged to attend.



The **ARISE Together in Christ** process continues through mid-November. You are able to join a group at any time during the Season. As always, please pray regularly the *ARISE* Prayer (from the card in the pew or the back flap of the bulletin) for the success of this spiritual work.

World Mission Sunday is this Sunday. The second collection this week will be for the Catholic World Missions. By Baptism we are all called to be missionaries of our faith. This collection supports more than 1,150 mission dioceses throughout the world. All funds gathered are distributed in the Pope's name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Please be as generous as your means will allow.

St. Columbkille School Open House will be on Sunday, November 1 from 12-3 pm. St. Columbkille School educates students in grades Pre-K through 8, while promoting educational opportunities and academic excellence for all. For more information visit www.stcolumbkilleschool.net or call 617-254-3110.

Donations Were Made toward the hosts for the month of October in loving memory of Antonio Cedrone by his wife Marian; toward the wine in loving memory of Jacob & Hortencia Sequeira & Philip & Maria Pinto by Clement & Monica Pinto; and toward the candles in loving memory of Leo & Louise Earls by their daughter Mary.

Do you like to sing? The St. Columbkille parish choir is seeking new members to sing for the 11:15 am Mass on Sundays. The only requirements are a pleasant singing voice and the ability to sing on Sunday mornings and on a few holydays during the year. Some music reading ability is helpful but not completely necessary. If you or a family member, relative or friend would be interested in singing with us please contact Joe Policelli at the Parish Office (617-782-5774) or by email at jrpolicelli@charter.net for more information.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! The first annual St. Vincent de Paul Yard Sale was a huge success. We raised \$757.00 for the works of our conference here in Brighton. Special thanks go to Trish Lydon and Kathy Moore who organized the yard sale, to Girl Scout Troops 9220 & 9006 who made signs and posters, and for all those who helped including Frank Gallagher, Jerry Humphreys, Patricia McShane, Janet Tambascio-Fraher, Dick Marques, Kevin Montague, Frank Burke, Brenda Tankard, Fran Sullivan, Inga Ball, Charlie Lydon and Megan Lydon.

Open Houses: Mount St. Joseph; Girls, Grades 9-12 this Sunday, October 18 from 12-2:30 and Thursday, November 5 from 5:30-7:30. Call 617-254-8383 or check www.mountsaintjosephacademy.org. Trinity Catholic Co-educational, Grades 9-12 on Wednesday, October 21 from 6-8pm and Sunday November 8 from 2-4pm. Call 617-244-1841 or check www.trinitycatholic.com

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

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 (Oct. 10 – Oct. 11): \$6,110

Catholic Appeal (to date): \$38,271

St. Vincent de Paul (Oct. 10 – Oct. 11): \$189.00

Thank You for Your Generosity

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**From the Instructions of
St. Columbanus (d. 615)**

How happy, how lucky are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes! How blessed it is to be wakeful and watching for God, who created all things, who fills them with being and exceeds all of them in greatness!

I am a lowly creature but I am still his servant, and I hope that he will choose to wake me from slumber. I hope that he will set me on fire with the flame of his divine love, the flame that burns above the stars, so that I am filled with desire for his love and his fire burns always within me!

I hope that I may deserve this, that my little lamp should burn all night in the temple of the Lord and shine on all who enter the house of God! Lord, I beg you in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son and my God, give me a love that cannot stumble so that my lamp can be lit but can never go out: let it burn in me and give light to others.

And you, Christ, our gentle savior, in your kindness light our lamps so that they shine forever in your temple and lighten our darkness and dispel the shadows of the world.

I beg you, my Jesus, fill my lamp with your light. By its light let me see the holiest of holy places, your own temple where you enter as the eternal High Priest of the eternal mysteries. Let me see you, watch you, desire you. Let me love you as I see you, and before you let my lamp always shine, always burn.

Beloved Savior, show yourself to us who beg a glimpse of you. Let us know you, let us love you, let us love only you, let us desire you alone, let us spend our days and nights meditating on you alone, let us always be thinking of you. Fill us with love of you, let us love you with all the love that is your right as our God. Let that love fill us and possess us, let it overwhelm our senses until we can love nothing but you, for you are eternal. Give us that love that all the waters of the sea, the earth, the sky cannot extinguish: as it is written, love that no flood can quench, no torrents drown. What is said in the Song of Songs can become true in us (at least in part) if you, our Lord Jesus Christ, give us that grace. To you be glory forever and forever. Amen.

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Masses for the Week

Sunday, Oct. 18 – 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

- (Sat.)** 4:00 pm Leo & Louise Earls, Mem.
7:30 am Richard D. Gavin, 13th Ann.
9:30 am *Missa pro Populo*
11:15 am Allan, Armand & Dennis DiCicco, Mem.
12:45 pm Fidel A. Medina, Mem.
5:00 pm James & Mary McCarthy, Mem.

Mon. 7:00 am Bernadette Canney, Mem.

Tue. 7:00 am Anthony Cho, Mem.

Wed. 7:00 am Antonio & Arcangela Soave, Mem.

Thu. 7:00 am Eleanor J. Kean, 32nd Ann.

Fri. 7:00 am Mass of Thanksgiving

Sat. 7:00 am Julia & Angelo DiMattia &
Vincent Gasbarro, Mem.

Sunday, Oct. 25 – 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

- (Sat.)** 4:00 pm Thomas F. Clougher, 14th Ann.
7:30 am Joaquin Gutierrez, Mem.
9:30 am Patricia Feeley O'Brien, 11th Ann.
11:15 am Deceased Members of the
Knights of Columbus
12:45 pm *Missa pro Populo*
5:00 pm The Rufo Family, Mem.

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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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