

From Your Pastor



FOURTH SEASON ✦ ARISE SIGN-UP – THIS SUNDAY ✦ FEBRUARY 6-7

The Fourth Season of the *ARISE Together in Christ* process will begin at St. Columbkille's during the week of February 14. The heart of the *ARISE* process is the gathering of small groups of people in homes to read and pray with the Scriptures. *ARISE* is a parish-centered process of spiritual renewal and evangelization that enables people to deepen their faith, develop a closer relationship with Christ, grow in community and reach out in service to others.

We are hoping as many people in the parish as possible will see the formation of these small group communities as a moment of grace and will participate. The commitment to this fourth Season of *ARISE* involves only six weekly gatherings from mid-February through the end of March.

The focus in prayer for the fourth Season of *ARISE*, which takes place during Lent is "*New Heart, New Spirit.*" The themes for the individual sessions are very rich indeed and focus on the central themes of forgiveness and reconciliation.

The First Session reflects on Jesus' desert experience as a model for shaping our life choices, and measuring them against the values of the Gospel.

The Second Session explores the transforming power of forgiveness.

Session Three faces up to the challenge of ever raising up, always building anew, and in particular how we are called to do this both as individuals and as Church.

The Lenten theme of light is central to Session Four, with the invitation to shine the light of Christ onto, into, and through our lives.

Our reflection in Session Five is on the great sign of Lazarus being called back into life.

The Sixth and Final Session invites us to reflect on the great gift of new and renewed life that God offers us in Christ: we are a new creation.

The principle sign-up for this new season of *ARISE* will take place at the conclusion of each of the Masses this weekend. Why should you consider signing up for *ARISE*?

- *To know God better.*
- *To grow spiritually.*
- *To meet new people.*
- *To talk about God.*
- *To improve ourselves.*
- *To put faith into action.*
- *To change the way we see the world.*
- *To improve relationships.*
- *To experience different prayer styles.*
- *To be rejuvenated.*

Can a program like *ARISE* really do all that? Here is a comment made by a parishioner who participated in the Second Season during Lent 2009: "It has really made this Lent special for me. I feel like a better person through this season, and the *ARISE* program was a large part of the reason for this."

As we begin a new Season of *ARISE* with our Sign-up this weekend, please pray the *ARISE* prayer for the success of the *ARISE* process this Lent in our parish. You can always find it in the bulletin. Moreover, please give considered thought and prayer to joining one of our small group communities. It is sure to be a blessing – for you and for the parish.



God bless each of you.

Mrs. Fay

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; and for the repose of the souls of Nicholas Haughey and the deceased members of our parish, our families and our benefactors.

Welcome Bishop John D'Arcy! It is a delight to welcome Bishop John D'Arcy as celebrant our 11:15 AM Mass this weekend. Bishop D'Arcy, as many of you know, is a local Brighton boy having grown up here in Brighton in Our Lady of the Presentation Parish. He was ordained a priest on February 2, 1957 and consecrated a bishop on February 11, 1975. Bishop D'Arcy recently retired as the Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Indiana, where he served with great distinction for 25 years.



World Day for Consecrated Life

Today we rejoice and celebrate *World Day for Consecrated Life*. We thank the women and men, members of religious congregations and secular institutes, who have professed the evangelical counsels of

poverty chastity and obedience. May God bless their witness and ministry. Let us pray that others will hear the call to consecrated life and follow it with God's grace and with courage.



Today is *ARISE TOGETHER IN CHRIST* Sign-Up Sunday.

Representatives of the *ARISE* leadership team will be at the doors of the church to receive your registration forms for small community groups if you would like to join a group for this fourth Season of the *ARISE* process. You may also leave your registration in the collection basket or return it to the rectory. The representatives of the leadership team or any of the priests and staff will be happy to answer any questions you have. *ARISE* is a wonderful opportunity for strengthening our relationship with the Lord Jesus and for our growth as individuals and as a parish community in the spiritual life. The theme for this Season is "*New Heart, New Spirit.*" Please join us.

Our Increased Weekly Giving Program is now underway. Please share with the St. Columbkille Parish a weekly offering that reflects a sacrifice according to your current means. We need every family to prayerfully consider a reasonable increase from their current level of weekly support. Please respond by using the burgundy response envelope enclosed with the letter you received from Msgr. Fay. If you increased your weekly offering but did not use the special envelope, please do so next weekend so we can acknowledge your response properly. Thank you for your commitment to the parish.

Walk in My Shoes, sponsored by the Women's Table of the Sisters of St. Joseph, is an experiential workshop designed to give participants a concrete idea of what many experience when they seek medical assistance and don't have health care. To register, please contact Mary Rita Weschler, by Feb. 8, 2010 at 617-746-2056 or maryrita.weschler@csjbboston.org.

Peter's Pence Collection This Weekend: This collection enables the Holy Father to respond with financial assistance to our brothers and sisters in need throughout the world. Please be as generous as your means will allow.

Please remember the St. Vincent de Paul boxes as you leave Mass today. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 9 at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

The Knights Of Columbus will meet on Thursday, February 11 at 7:00 pm in the K of C Hall. All members are encouraged to attend. If you are interested in joining please speak to a Knight before the meeting.

PARISH GIVING

Parish Offertory (Jan. 30 – Jan. 31): \$5,233

Grand Annual (to date): \$56,930
361 donors

St. Vincent de Paul (Jan. 30 – Jan. 31): \$115.38

Thank You for Your Generosity

FEBRUARY 7, 2010

**From a Homily by Pope Benedict XVI
on World Day for Consecrated Life
(February 2, 2006)**

Today's Feast of Jesus' Presentation at the temple 40 days after his birth places before our eyes a special moment in the life of the Holy Family: Mary and Joseph, in accordance with Mosaic law, took the tiny Jesus to the temple of Jerusalem to offer him to the Lord (cf. Lk 2: 22). Simeon and Anna, inspired by God, recognized that Child as the long-awaited Messiah and prophesied about him. We are in the presence of a mystery, both simple and solemn, in which Holy Church celebrates Christ, the Anointed One of the Father, the firstborn of the new humanity...

Dear brothers and sisters, on this Feast of the Presentation of the Lord the Church is celebrating the Day of Consecrated Life. This is an appropriate occasion to praise the Lord and thank him for the precious gift represented by the consecrated life in its different forms; at the same time it is an incentive to encourage in all the People of God knowledge and esteem for those who are totally consecrated to God.

Indeed, just as Jesus' life in his obedience and dedication to the Father is a living parable of the "God-with-us", so the concrete dedication of consecrated persons to God and to their brethren becomes an eloquent sign for today's world of the presence of God's Kingdom.

Your way of living and working can vividly express full belonging to the one Lord; placing yourselves without reserve in the hands of Christ and of the Church is a strong and clear proclamation of God's presence in a language understandable to our contemporaries. This is the first service that the consecrated life offers to the Church and to the world. Consecrated persons are like watchmen among the People of God who perceive and proclaim the new life already present in our history.

I now address you in a special way, dear brothers and sisters who have embraced the vocation of special consecration, to greet you with affection and thank you warmly...

May the Lord renew in you and in all consecrated people each day the joyful response to his freely given and faithful love. Dear brothers and sisters, like lighted candles, always and everywhere shine with the love of Christ, Light of the world. May Mary Most Holy, the consecrated Woman, help you to live to the full your special vocation and mission in the Church for the world's salvation.

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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, Feb. 7 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- (Sat.)** 4:00 pm John Bane, 10th Ann.
7:30 am Mary & John Mahoney, Mem.
9:30 am Filippo Mansueto, 12th Ann.
11:15 am Mary Connell, 10th Ann.
12:45 pm *Missa pro Populo*
5:00 pm Domenico, Lucia &
Maria Cirigliano, Mem.

Mon. 7:00 am Leonora Diodato, 12th Ann.

Tue. 7:00 am Anthony Janukonis, 10th Ann.

Wed. 7:00 am Francis Edward Palkey, 9th Ann.

Thu. 7:00 am Anne Ridge, Mem.

Fri. 7:00 am Kathleen Quirke, Mem.

Sat. 7:00 am Alan Temple, Mem.

Sunday, Feb. 14 – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- (Sat.)** 4:00 pm Joseph & Helen Iannelle, 7th Ann.
7:30 am *Missa pro Populo*
9:30 am Michael & Margaret Reilly, Mem.
11:15 am Mary Stanton Powers, 53rd Ann.
12:45 pm Amparo Guerra, Mem.
5:00 pm Paddy, Bridget &
Breda Flaherty, Mem.

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