

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 5, 2009

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon	7AM	Lorenzo Alessandria
	9AM	Thomas Rettig, <i>living</i>
Tue	7AM	Msgr. Cornelius Burns
	9AM	Chris, Eliz, Esther, & Kim, <i>living</i>
Wed	7AM	Zelda Maffei
	9AM	Special Intention
Thu	7AM	Tom & Serge Cincotta
	9AM	Special Intention, <i>living</i>
Fri	7AM	Sue Marie Jones, <i>living</i>
	9AM	Ken Anderson, <i>living</i>
Sat	7AM	Christina Piatti
	9AM	Gayle Harrington, <i>living</i>

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lorenzo Acciai, Ken Anderson, Marco Balistreri, MaryAnn Bellia, Bertha, Beverly, Joseph Calleja, Patricia Cane, Charles, Yondellan Coleman, Elizabeth Crowley, Bill & Vladia Cutler, Dick Degan, Doris Doty, Doug, Msgr. Bruce Dreier, Nanette Duffy, Ed, Luke Duval, Faith Gillis, Philip Hansen, Taro Hart, Rosemarie Hayes, Michelle Hufford, Joseph, Germaine Khohayting, Karla Kincade, Jan Lamphere, Frank Lucas, Manda Masse, Warren McGuire, Richard Mogas, M. Maroevich, Tony, Valerie Milroy, Marie Palleschi, Mark Piatti, Joe Popovich, Dr. August T. Rossano, Stephanie, Steve Schlesselmann, Paul Smith, Rose Tannlund, Tim, Elizabeth Ward, Sibeal Whitty, & Camilla Wolfe.

STEWARDSHIP – A WAY OF LIFE

Last weekend's collection	\$ 4158.
Weekly goal	\$ 5200.
Weekly average	\$ 4570.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

Assessed Goal:	\$65,200.
Received:	\$53,609.

Donor(s) *this week*: Mr. & Mrs. Nate Di Santi

131 Families have given, out of 496 registered.

We are counting on you!

Please do your fair share
for our parish and the archdiocese.

Please respond to this annual appeal.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon "Life in Christ" – Parish Hall – 9:30am
Tues Scripture Class – Parish Hall – 9:30am

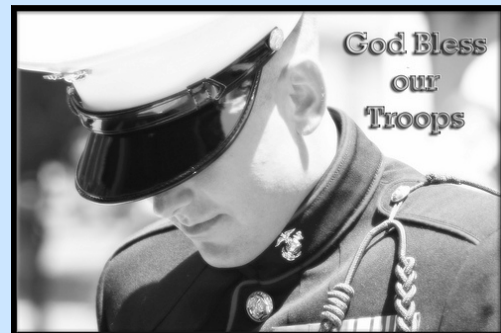
SUNDAY HOSPITALITY

Last Sunday, we revived the custom of having coffee, juice, and something to eat down in the Parish Hall after our morning Masses.

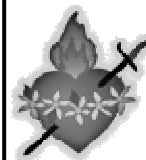
We are grateful to those parishioners who volunteered to share their hospitality by shopping and preparing the coffee and muffins. Those who stopped in after Mass seemed to enjoy each other's company, which is exactly what was hoped for.

We will offer our hospitality again next month, and we extend the invitation to you to meet your brothers and sisters in Christ, and enjoy a simple treat after celebrating the Holy Mass!

**PRAYER FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN
IN MILITARY SERVICE**



O Prince of Peace, we humbly ask Your protection for all our men and women in military service. Give them unflinching courage to defend with honor, dignity and devotion the rights of all who are imperiled by injustice and evil. Guard our churches, our homes, our schools, our hospitals, our factories, our buildings and all those within from harm and peril. Protect our land and its peoples from enemies within and without. Grant an early peace with victory founded upon justice. Instill in the hearts and minds of men and women everywhere a firm purpose to live forever in peace and good will toward all. Amen.



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immaculate heart radio
sharing the heart of the Christian faith

Today's 2nd reading from St. Paul's 2nd letter to the Corinthians, says:

Brothers and sisters: That I, Paul, might not become too elated, because of the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, an angel of Satan, to beat me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it might leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me. Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

We do not know what this "thorn in the flesh" was that St. Paul mentioned, but we know that he persistently begged the Lord to remove the bothersome problem. Paul did not receive the relief for which he'd prayed, but he was left with the understanding that he had been given the grace that he needed to deal with his suffering.

We will experience similar situations in our lives. We will pray and see no visible answer. It is at such times that we can remember the above passage, and ask God for the grace that we need, for "our daily bread", as it were. If we accept that God has a greater plan in mind for us, then he will deepen our faith, and help us to realize how we are becoming more like Jesus, who had prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane for the cup (of suffering and death) to pass him by. "But not my will, but Thy will be done!"

"No one has the right to choose what is wrong."

—Abraham Lincoln



POUR OUT YOUR HEARTS TO THE LORD

The Adoration Chapel, located up behind the Altar in our church, is where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the tabernacle. You are welcome to drop in and pray there in the Lord's presence during the week. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for Adoration during the day after our morning Masses as long as people are present.

The Rosary is prayed for priests three times a week here in our Adoration Chapel. You can always drop in during the day to visit our Lord and pour out your heart to him.

Even if you'd rather pray in the main part of the church, you are still in the presence of the Lord, and are always welcome to make a visit and experience the blessings of basking in His love.

A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

In this Year of the Priest, O God,
we ask Your blessing on those
You have called to priestly ministry.

May they, above all, be faithful and passionate
followers of Your beloved Son, Jesus.

May they be compassionate, as Jesus was,
toward all who seek spiritual comfort
and forgiveness.

May they open wide their hearts
to all in need of Your merciful embrace.

May they be teachers, as Jesus was,
steeped in Your Word and teaching, on fire
with it, and breaking it open for all who are
hungry for Your holy and transforming Word.

May they be prophets, as Jesus was,
speaking courageously for what is right and
true, proclaiming Your kingdom to all in need
of Your grace, and giving voice to all Your
children, especially the poor and marginalized.

May they be prayerful, as Jesus was,
hearts burning within them and set upon You
above all.

From the rising of the sun to its setting,
may they be the voice of praise and thanksgiving,
and of faith, hope, and love to all in their care.

St. John Vianney, beloved priest of God,
pray for us and for all your brother priests. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP IN OUR NATION

This weekend we celebrate the Declaration of Independence of the original 13 colonies of the United States. The fireworks, the family gatherings and all festivities surrounding this historic day have obscured the real significance of July 4, 1776. Independence Day should remind us of the great privilege living in a free country founded on Christian principles. It is a wonderful day to remember our founding fathers who signed this Declaration, for they took courage and risked their lives in the pursuit of freedom. We need not be embarrassed to reaffirm that our country is a God-fearing country. That this is a nation of faith, filled with a desire to practice social justice from all forms of oppression. This is a country where every man and woman has the right to express this truth:

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.”

Our challenge therefore as Christian stewards is to preserve this great heritage of providing future generations a safe passage in their lives—that they will enjoy living in a world filled with love, united under one God. What a tremendous task this is for all of us as our world and nation are constantly under attack. It seems as if the nation for which our founding fathers fought so hard is being defeated by its own people. But our hope is a steadfast faith founded on trust in God and a life of holiness and prayer. We cannot hope in the future if we cannot reaffirm our own personal commitment to be one human family united under our Creator. For our unalienable rights to be recognized as such, our great nation must hold fast to God’s moral teachings, and be guided by the Truth. Martin Luther King, Jr. called us to rise up and live out the true meaning of our creed: “that all men are created equal.” To be truly free, we must have peace of soul. Happy 4th of July!