

FROM FR. JOHN

Little Flowers

Seventy years ago the great French writer Georges Bernanos published a little essay called "Sermon of an Agnostic on the Feast of St. Thérèse." Bernanos had a deep distrust for politics and an equally deep love for the Catholic Church. He could be brutally candid. He disliked both the right and the left. He also had a piercing sense of irony about the comfortable, the self-satisfied and the lukewarm who postured themselves as Catholic -- whether they were laypeople or clergy.

In his essay he imagined "what any decent agnostic of average intelligence might say, if by some impossible chance the [pastor] were to let him stand awhile in the pulpit [on] the day consecrated to St. Thérèse of Lisieux."

"Dear brothers," says the agnostic from the pulpit, "many unbelievers are not as hardened as you imagine. ... [But when] we seek [Christ] now, in this world, it is you we find, and only you. ... It is you Christians who participate in divinity, as your liturgy proclaims; it is you 'divine men' who ever since [Christ's] ascension have been his representatives on earth. ... You are the salt of the earth. [So if] the world loses its flavor, who is it I should blame? ... The New Testament is eternally young. It is you who are so old. ... Because you do not live your faith, your faith has ceased to be a living thing."

Bernanos had little use for the learned, the proud or the superficially religious. He believed instead in the little flowers -- the Thérèse of Lisieux -- that sustain the Church and convert the world by the purity, simplicity, innocence and zeal of their faith. That kind of faith is a gift. But it's a gift each of us can ask for, and each of us will receive, if we just have the courage to choose it and then act on it. The only people who ever really change the world are saints. Each of us can be one of them. But we need to want it, and then follow the path that comes with it.



Where has Fr. John Gone? That is a good question! I have been blessed to be asked to speak at 4 youth conferences this summer. I will be in Florida (I know, it is sunny there!) June 12-14, Ohio- July 10-12, California- July 24-26, and Gonzaga July 31- Aug. 2.

Celebrating Our Graduates



Fr John will honor all graduates at the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, June 7th. All graduates from college, high school & 8th grade are invited to attend and be honored. Please call Carolyn at the Parish Center so a list of those to be recognized can be compiled.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 1, 2009

Communion Service

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

+Ed Kahn

(Kathi Nordlund)

Wednesday, June 3, 2009

+Kathryn Bresch

(The Bests)

Thursday, June 4, 2009

Pearl Greger

(Cherill & Jake Mary)

Friday, June 5, 2009

+Gloria Lux

(Rosemary Linhart)

Saturday, June 6, 2009

5:00 PM-People of the Parish

Sunday, June 7, 2009

8:30 AM-+ Kyle Linhart, Jr.

(Rosemary Linhart)

10:30 AM-+Miguel Torres

(The Rathbone Family)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 31, 2009

8:30 AM-KOC Pancake Breakfast

Monday, June 1, 2009

7:00 PM-Social Justice mtg-SR

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

7:00 PM-Family Rosary Night

7:30 PM-Choir Practice

7:30 PM-LOOP mtg-SR

Thursday, June 4, 2009

7:00 PM-Bible Study-Rm. 4

Friday, June 5, 2009

8:30 AM-Fatima Prayer Cell

Saturday, June 6, 2009

4:30 PM-Yth Grp Car Wash/Bake Sale



Prayer Group Announcement

We would like everyone to know that the group has voted to end meetings for the summer. We will start our meetings back up on Thursday, September 3rd, 2009 at 7:00 PM. God Bless and hope to see you in September!

Care Ministry

Summer Memorial Mass: We invite everyone who has suffered the loss of a family member or friend to join us in our Summer Memorial Mass especially dedicated to their memory. This Mass will be on Thursday, June 11th at 10:00AM. There will be a sign up sheet as you come in the door to write the names of those for whom you wish the Mass said. You are invited to continue this community commemoration and join together for fellowship and refreshments following the Mass. **NOTE: No 8:00AM Mass on that day.**



Pictorial Directory:

Our church will be producing a new pictorial directory through Olan Mills.

The last directory that we did was in 2004. Reserve your appointment time today at one of the sign-up locations. Each family/household that comes for photography and portrait viewing at the church will receive a complimentary directory and 8x10 Custom Color Portrait. You will be able to view and select your portraits electronically from a variety of poses. Additional Olan Mills portraits will be available for purchase. Your entire appointment will normally take less than one hour. Sign ups are being taken at the tables in the Narthex.

Back To Prayer Night: All of us would like to thank all of those who came and participated in April's Back To Prayer Nite and making it a success! We really had a lovely evening. We will be taking an extra month off this year beginning this month. There will be none in May, June, July or August but we will return in September, with Sharon Standley as our guest speaker. See you in September!

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Weekly Contributions

Amount Needed: \$ 7,032.00

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Calling All Campers! July 14th is the deadline to sign up for this year's camp out! So if you've been considering it, now is the time to sign up! There are still a few good sites left for you to choose from. You can reserve your site online or you can call or email: Patti at 503-895-4045
pattiurlvd@stjosephtheworkerpx.org
Dianne & Duane at 503-998-5683 or 503-998-5688
duane-dianne@comcast.net
There will be a camp out meeting in July. Watch bulletins for date & time.

Altar Guild's annual Ladies Night Out is June 9th. It will start at 6:00 PM with a cocktail hour. It will be at the Old Country Kitchen, located at 10519 SE Stark. The choices for dinner are:

4oz. Tenderloin steak \$20.35

6oz Prime Rib \$22.75

Chicken dinner \$18.75

(all white meat)

Prawns \$21.55

(deep friend or sautéed in garlic)

Fish and Chips \$16.75

The dinner prices include an 18% gratuity. Please purchase your dinner with the exact change. We will be selling tickets after all the Masses on May 30th and May 31st. Also, they will be sold at the weekend Masses on June 6th and June 7th. It is a wonderful time to meet new friends and visit with old friends. Every woman in the parish is invited!!!!

From the Altar Guild: Christmas may be 7 months away, but it is truly time to start thinking about what crafts you will be making to bring to the craft sale. We are just certain there are many of you women in the parish who are very crafty. So, please get busy and make some items to bring to the Craft/Bake Sale. The sale will take place on Saturday, November 14th. Only with your help can this event be the success we hope it to be.