

A Glorious Anniversary



by Ray Walker

The year 2006 marks the 50th anniversary of Christ the King School (CTKS) and an event was held Friday, September 29th that was most memorable. A Mass was celebrated at 8:00 a.m. followed by a brunch to honor all our retired school teachers and past pastors. Father Michael Pendergraft and Father D. Terrence Morgan, both graduates of Christ the King School, celebrated the Mass with Father Robert Mc Dermott, our former pastor, Father Thanh Nguyen, and Father Joseph McDonnell. In the sanctuary with them was our resident seminarian, Bernard Fussell.



and successful graduates express, better than anything else, the real value of any school.

During the Mass, the scripture readings were done by the children. John Michael Babay delivered the first reading, and Hailey Gwinn and Matthew Lynch did the petitions. We hear much of the great number of students entering high school who cannot read even on a third grade level. Yet here were three



little children who read before all those people as well as many of our accomplished adult lectors. A third boy, Peter House, sang the responsorial psalms and prayers like a professional. What moving moments these all were.

At the end of Mass the former teachers who sat together in the front seats, were asked to step up to be introduced, whereupon each was presented with a beautiful flower amidst loud applause.

Those attending were Mary Ward, Sister Enda Egan, JoAnne Wnuk, Yolanda Cerqueira, Anne Kelly, Dennis



Stoddard, Anne Smith, Polly Lotze, Betty Wheeler, Melanie Blajain, Beverly Haddican, Evelyn Guilfoyle, Dodie Monaco, Eleanor Rungo, Anita Rimmer and Mrs. Hawkins.

Mary Ward, former CTK principal, was one of the first to teach at Christ the King School. I moved out of the Arlington area in 1972 and had not seen her since then. It was so wonderful to see her again. What a contribution she and others like her have made to the success of our school and church.

Following Mass, a brunch was held in the Shirley David Hall where many of us met and exchanged memories. When we were finished, Father McDermott and I drove back to where he was staying with some friends from St. Patrick's parish.

A day that none of us will ever forget came to a quiet conclusion.

Father Thanh's Message

We have so much to be thankful for this year. We have a vibrant and thriving church, child care, and school. We have so many blessings that God has given us. This year we celebrated 50-years of Christ the King School. Fifty years of teaching our children, not only reading, writing, and arithmetic but also we taught them to love and respect God and their fellow man.

We celebrated our legacy throughout this year. Through the hard work of the 50th Anniversary committee we had several celebrations where all were invited to join. On September 29, Father Michael Pendegraft (CTKS graduate) was our main celebrant. Several of our past priests were able to join Father Joe and myself, Father Robert McDermott (past CTK pastor), and CTKS graduate, Father Terry Morgan (30-year ordination anniversary) for a beautiful Mass and reception afterward. Many retired teachers from CTKS were able to join us – what a blessing to see the faces of those responsible for beginning and keeping our school alive. Many of our parishioners are products of CTKS and the legacy continues because their children and their grandchildren are still supporting CTKS. *(for more on our celebration see the front cover story, and pages 8, & 28)*

Then on October 14, we celebrated all day and all night. We had an outdoor lunch provided by the Knights of Columbus. At 5 p.m. that evening we celebrated Mass. Father Terry Morgan, a graduate of CTKS was our homilist and our altar had eight priests there to celebrate: our present pastor, Father Thanh Nguyen, one of our CTK pastors from the past, Monsignor Mortimer Danaher, two more graduates from CTKS, Father Michael Pendergraft, and Father Paul Stewart, two past CTK parochial vicars, Father James Bodie and Father Guy Noonan and our present parochial vicar, Father Joe McDonnell. *(for more on our celebration see pages 5, 16 & 17)*

I personally thank the anniversary committee who did a wonderful job organizing the festivities. Without their wonderful talent at organizing the 50th School Anniversary events and those who pitched in to help them, it would not have been as successful or as beautiful.

I also thank all of our parishioners who have supported CTKC and CTKS throughout the years. The seeds that were planted and the sacrifices made by Bishop Larkin and our pioneer parishioners over 50-years ago and those who continued to keep it growing has produced a very beautiful garden of love and compassion with a multitude of blooms. This is our heritage. May we be truly thankful.

As we recount God's blessings upon our parish and school, we rejoice in our utter dependence upon Him. We praise and thank the Lord for giving to us so generously. We are also reminded of our Christian Stewardship which calls us to put God first in our lives.

The Israelites thanked God for the promised land, the land flowing with milk and honey. They thanked God in a very concrete way. They brought to God their first fruits, their best product:

When you come to the land which the Lord is giving you as a heritage ... You shall take some first fruits of the various products of the soil which you harvest from the land ... and putting them in a basket ... You shall go to the priest in office at that time and say to him, "Today I acknowledge to the Lord, my God, that I have indeed come into the land which He swore to our fathers, He would give us." The priest shall then receive the basket from you and shall set it in front of the altar of the Lord, your God..

(Deuteronomy 26: 1-4).

We thank God for our country, the United States of America, the land in which we live. This too is our heritage. Just as God led the Israelites to the promised land, so too did God lead our ancestors to the land we call our home. God bless the men and women who have sacrificed their lives in the past to preserve and keep our home safe for us and for our children. God bless those who are fighting to keep us safe today. May we always remember that our freedom doesn't come free.

Let us take a moment to pray for peace. Let us take advantage of our heritage at CTK by going to Mass as often as we can, by going to Daily Adoration and Nocturnal Adoration to pray for God to keep us a free and loving nation. Let us thank God for all His blessings by showing Him our respect and devotion while at Mass. By your support of "Sacred Silence," you support a time that we can all pray to God and become closer to Him. *(for more on Sacred Silence see articles on pages 3 and 11)*

May we show God our love too by giving back to Him what He has given to us. This month of November is known at Christ the King as "Stewardship Month". We have spent the month reflecting on our own talents and gifts and how they can best serve God. On the second Sunday of this month we asked for volunteers to help us keep our church and school thriving by volunteering their time and talent so others can come to know God, to know us and become a part of our family. During the last two weekends we asked for you to consider your pledge commitment to God ... the giving of your first fruits in thanksgiving for His blessings to us by pledging those first fruits to help others. With the treasure you so generously give, we can continue to help provide for Catholic education, visit the sick, and give to the less fortunate so that they may be fed, sheltered and clothed.

May God continue to bless us all during the Advent and Christmas Season. See you at Mass!



Penance Service for Religious Education for Children

Wednesday, December 6 at 7 p.m. in the Church

Advent Penance Service

Monday, December 18 at 7 p.m. in the Church

Holy Day of Obligation Schedule

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Vigil Mass, Thursday, December 7 at 5:30 p.m.

Friday, December 8 at 6:30, 8:15 a.m., 12:10, and 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 24 Masses: 7 a.m., 9 a.m., and 11 a.m.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24 Masses:
5p.m., 7 p.m., 9 p.m. and midnight

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25, Masses:
7 a.m. and 10 a.m.

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As the official publication of our parish family, *Christ the King Courier* sees the reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians as exemplifying the content and character of this publication.

"As the chosen of God, then, the holy people whom He loves, you are to be clothed in heartfelt compassion, in generosity and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other if one of you has a complaint against another. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, put on love, the perfect bond. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together in one body." Colossians 3:12-15.

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Elements of Liturgical Etiquette

Over the past several weeks the Presiders at Mass have presented a series of reflections regarding the reverential practices and appropriate conduct for the celebration of the Holy Mass, as prescribed by the Papal Magisterium, and found in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM). This is a summary of the series of those reflections on what is referred to as: Liturgical Etiquette.

As we enter the Church, we should notice the signs: "Sacred Silence ~ Please~" on the doors. These signs remind us of the sacred silence that we should observe while in the House of the Lord, **A Sacred Place**. The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ (the Paschal Mystery) we celebrate in the church makes the church a holy place ~ our sacred silence will help keep our church holy.

It is important to come to Mass on time

One way to promote sacred silence is to be in the church and seated in the pew when the Mass begins. Those arriving after the celebrant has made the sign of the cross will be asked to remain out in the narthex by one of our ushers, until one of the following opportunities to be seated without disrupting the sacred liturgy:

- ♦Immediately following the Opening Prayer and BEFORE the 1st reading has begun; or,
- ♦After the 2nd reading and during the Alleluia; or
- ♦After the Gospel is proclaimed and before the homily.

Our collective observance of these guidelines will help us all fully experience the presence of our Divine Savior in His Sacred House.

Gestures and Symbolisms

First, as we enter the church we are to bless ourselves with holy water, "in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit." This blessing gesture reminds us of our own Baptism, which calls us to follow Christ faithfully. To follow Him faithfully means to obey His teaching.

As you move to a pew, pause momentarily at the end of the pew, face the tabernacle and genuflect, before entering the pew. While doing the genuflection, remember to thank Him for His enduring presence: "Lo, I am with you always until the end of time." Be mindful of the real presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Take this opportune time to focus in Christ. This helps you to grow in your loving and intimate relationship with Him and to prepare yourself to celebrate the sacred mystery in the sacrifice of the Mass. If you are unable to genuflect you should nevertheless acknowledge the real presence of Christ in the tabernacle with a respectful bow before entering the pew.

Noises and Distractions

We focus on trying to keep extraneous noises and distractions to a minimum during the Mass, and to take advantage of prescribed periods of silence within the Mass. Two areas requiring our immediate attention are the inappropriate handling of the pew kneelers and of our use of the hymnals. The kneelers should be positioned and repositioned quietly and the hymnals should be returned to the holders in a manner that is respectful of the hymnal and of the Holy Mass in which it is being used. By minimizing or eliminating these irreverent and inconsiderate actions, we allow our fellow parishioners and ourselves the opportunity to use the established periods of silence within the Mass for personal reflection: the period of silence during the Penitential Rite which allows us to reflect on our sinfulness and to humbly ask for God's forgiveness, the period of silence following the readings, which allows us to reflect on the proclaimed word of God, and the period of silence following Communion, which allows us to reflect and to fully appreciate our intimate union with Christ. By eliminating unnecessary distractions we are all enabled the privilege of being able to glorify our God through our praise and thanksgiving. Without distractions we are allowed to listen attentively, to respond enthusiastically, and to sing joyfully.

Exiting the Church

We are in the House of the Lord – A SACRED PLACE. We are called upon in our traditional and richly historical celebration to glorify our God through our praise and thanksgiving, as we fully participate in the Mass by listening attentively, responding enthusiastically, and singing joyfully. As the Mass is ended and after the joyful singing of the recessional hymn, we should exit the Church in Sacred Silence to the gathering area, outdoors, or to our parish hall to share the Good News, fellowship and hospitality. (Coffee and Donuts are served in the Parish Halls following the 7 and 9 a.m. Masses.)

It is my hope that the information we reviewed the last few weeks has been the source of your family discussions and that it has helped to enhance your spirituality and to help you to encounter God more fully in your worship.

What's Happening



We would like to welcome the following individuals and families to Christ the King Community

Ms. Frances Dooley
Mr. & Mrs. Dan Clower
Ms. Victoria Powers
Mr. Raul Rodriguez
Mr. & Mrs. Dante Ferarez
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Gau
Mrs. Ramona Barnes
Mr. George Someillan
Mr. & Mrs. Pierre Saliba
Mrs. Denise Guenter
Mr. & Mrs. Dominador Bagay
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Moreau
Mr. Eric Kennedy, Sr.
Mr. Julian Pearson
Ms. Nanette Alvarez

Mr. & Mrs. Kelly Repper
Ms. Ivy Perryman
Mr. William Shade
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Powell
Phuc H. Vu
Thuy T. Tran
Phung Nguyen
Mr. & Mrs. Mack Whiteley
Ms. Michele Kroom
Mr. Michael Fontana
Mr. & Mrs. Boanerge Barahona
Mr. Francois Koundouno
Ms. Sylma Pagan
Nhu Nguyen

Marriages:



We would like to acknowledge the following parishioners who were recently united into the Sacrament of Marriage.

Thang Hau Lian and Hat Nuan Mang
Adam Nathaniel Snider and Hoai Linh Thi Nguyen



Baptisms:

We Would like to announce the following people who were recently baptized into the Catholic Church

Erick Thinh Nguyen
Felix Renato Altami Rano
Steven Christian Olivo-Alvarez
Magdalena Olivo-Alvarez
Adonis Elijah Pearson-Alvarez
Presleigh Flores Bayot
Alvie Rae Hopely

James Allen Singley
Briana Marie Singley
Dillon Warren Bradshaw
Isabelle Gutierrez Dionisio
Isabelle Lilly Thomas
Carlos Edward Bowser
Brauly Guenter Dominguez

Deaths:

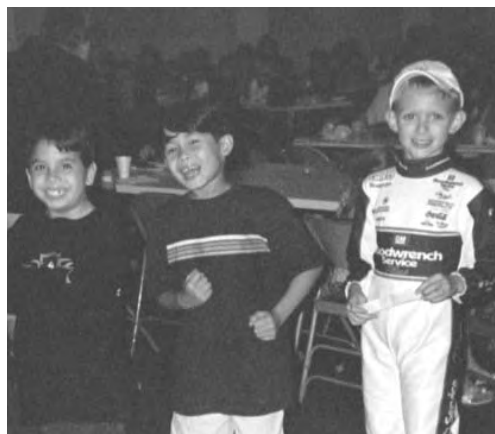


The following people are recently deceased members of our parish for whom we offer our special prayers.

Eliz Egloff
Raymond Fowler
Robert Knutson
Thomas Clemens

Anne Randolph Wilkins
Jean Ephren
Eugene Debs

Religious Education Has First Covered Dish Dinner/Question & Answer Session



50th Anniversary Continues ...

by Olin Middleton and Ray Walker

Years roll by one after the other. When we stop and look at the number we say, "That can't be right, it only happened yesterday." But 50 years has passed, and we gathered to celebrate. The day arrived bright and sunny—a perfect October day. It was Saturday the 14th and wonderful aromas permeated the air as a cook-out was prepared by the men of the Arlington Council 4727 Knights of Columbus. They had arrived at the school grounds early so that by 11 a.m. everything was in full swing. Delicious hamburgers and hot dogs were being served up to the gathering crowd of mothers, fathers and children. Many alumni renewed friendships and caught up on the years. One could not help but imagine how happy Father Jack Sheppard was while looking down from Heaven and seeing all those happy families enjoying the day in

the well-shaded picnic area between the church and the school named in his honor—Sheppard Square. And the celebration continues...

Fast forward to 5:00 p.m. The regular Saturday Vigil Mass began and we offered thanks for our wonderful school. Father Thanh was the celebrant with seven other priests assisting him. They were Fathers Terrence Morgan, Michael Pendergraft, James Boddie, Joseph McDonnell, Paul Stewart, Guy Noonan, and Monsignor Mortimer Danaher. Seminarian Bernard Fussell was also with them in the sanctuary. Dr. Bernard Sans presented a beautiful musical program including one number titled "Trumpet March" which was spine tingling. The children's choir joined the adult choir to give an outstanding performance. The homily was delivered by Father Morgan, who recalled his own days at Christ the King School. He paid

a special tribute to teacher and principal, Mary Ward. It was a joy to see two former students, Morgan and Pendergraft, celebrating Mass in the church in which they were raised.

After this memorable Mass, we strolled down to The Blessed Mother Kingdome for a fabulous reception. There were tables with crockpots of chicken wings and meatballs in gravy. There were tables holding bowls of potato salad, cheese trays, and assorted meat trays with rolls for sandwiches. For dessert there was a chocolate fountain with strawberries, pineapple, and cake for dipping in the delicious chocolate. Tables in the front and back of the hall dispensed a choice of beverages.

Replete with the wonderful array of hors d'oeuvres, the entertainment part of "Dancing Through the Decades" began. Paul Ghiotto, Frank Japour and Helene

Danaher opened the door to the past and shared some of their fondest memories of CTKS. Helene and her daughter, Beth Meyer, led us in cheers from the past and the present. Then Helene, Theresa Little and Kelly Stephens performed to a popular song from the The Supremes which had us all laughing. Soon after, we danced to the music from the 50's to the present provided by a very fine DJ.

This story would not be complete without thanking the committee that put together this grand party. Stephanie Chinault, Janet Morton, Polly Lotze, Linda Dutton, Theresa Little, Kelly Stephens, Paula Kryceski, Suzie Bryant, Patti Sloan, Bill Coppedge and Nancy Buchanan certainly earned our congratulations.

It was a fitting celebration of fifty years of excellent education provided by Christ the King School. May it continue *ad infinitum*.



St. Vincent de Paul Feast Day



by Mickey Kenny

The Feast Day for St. Vincent de Paul is September 27, and in the Diocese of St. Augustine all the Conferences in each parish come together for an annual St. Vincent de Paul Feast Day Mass. This year – the Third annual event – was here at Christ the King, and it was a particularly beautiful Mass with Bishop Galeone officiating. There were an additional six priests and two deacons concelebrating the Mass, among them Father Edward

McQuillan, CM, who ministers to those in St. Vincent's Hospital and is the only Vincentian priest left in our diocese. Also celebrating were Father Thanh and Father McDonnell, Christ the King; Father Anthony Sebra, Pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus; Father John



Guarnizo, Assumption; Father Thomas Sullivan, Pastor of St. Paul's Riverside; Deacon John Bretz, also from Assumption; and Deacon David Yazdiya, Principal, Bishop Snyder High School.

The choir made the occasion particularly beautiful. St. Vincent

de Paul himself must have been truly pleased during this celebration of the Mass, the lovely music, the inspiring homily, and the very large group of Vincentians who came from all over our very large diocese to celebrate the Eucharist and to honor St. Vincent de Paul whose life so affected the lives of the poor since the early 1600's.

Vincentians gather together in friendship and companionship in order to remember **WHY** we do the



work we do, to draw strength from one another, and to learn more and better ways to do the work we do. Our Conferences each work within our own parishes, but much of the help we give is with the cooperation of our neighboring Conferences.

In addition the Christ the King St. Vincent de Paul Society hosted a reception in the Shirley David Hall following our Mass. The room looked beautiful, and a really good

time was had by all. It could never have been so wonderful without the support of the rectory staff, the encouragement of Father Thanh, the help of all the Vincentian workers, and most of all the contagious enthusiasm of a most dedicated Vincentian, Father Joe McDonnell.



Why not come and join our St. Vincent de Paul Society, we work hard for such truly Catholic principles and get so well rewarded by clients in ways too numerous to mention. Beside that, we have a wonderful time celebrating. Just come and join us Monday nights at 7:30 in the rectory.



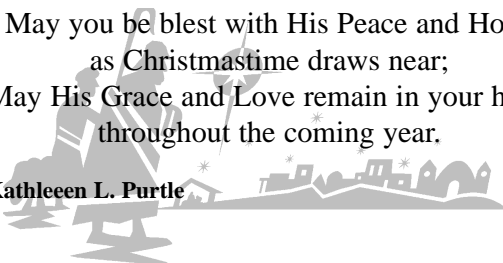
Light of the World

In a lowly stable in Bethlehem,
in the early morning cold,
To Mary was born the Son of God
as prophets had long foretold.

As the Light of the World, the Savior was sent
by the Heavenly Father above,
To redeem the Souls of all who believe
in God's Eternal Love.

May you be blest with His Peace and Hope
as Christmastime draws near;
May His Grace and Love remain in your heart
throughout the coming year.

Kathleen L. Purtle



The Courier
Staff wishes
you a Very Merry
Christmas and a
Happy and Blest
New Year



Domestic Violence, A growing family problem

By Fr. Joe McDonnell

Although domestic violence is not talked about much, it is a growing problem here in Jacksonville and in all of America. Domestic violence occurs when someone inflicts physical, sexual, or emotional harm on another member of the family or extended family unit. Domestic violence occurs between husbands and wives, boyfriends and girl friends, children and parents, parents and children, roommates, stepchildren, etc. The domestic disturbance calls we hear about the police investigating are only a small fraction of the domestic violence that occurs.

Domestic violence is a hidden problem because frequently both the abuser and the person abused tend to keep the abuse as a "family secret."

Domestic abuse can be found in all economic, age, racial, and religious groups. Domestic violence is often learned behavior that is observed and then passed from generation to generation in an evil stream of unhappiness and fear. Excessive use of alcohol and drugs contribute to the incidence of violence between family members. Crises that occur to a person such as impending divorce or loss of employment can also trigger domestic violence situations.

Domestic violence abusers tend to take their anger out on their victim and to exert excessive control over their victims as a means of isolating victims from the help of other family members or friends.

Victims of family abuse feel isolated and powerless for economic, safety, or religious reasons, hence they frequently fail to reach out to obtain the help they need. Abusers inflict violence to build or help their own self-esteem. Victims frequently live a life of hopeless despair and fear.

Our culture is becoming increasingly violent. We see



countless acts of violence on television which make us numb to the harm that domestic violence inflicts on others and allows us to tolerate domestic violence in our midst.

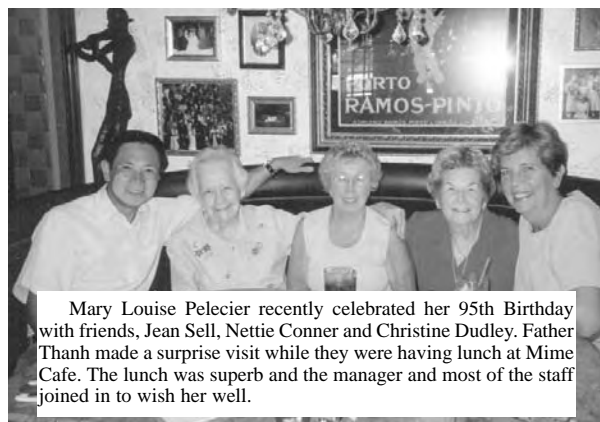
As Catholic Christians we are called to be counter cultural. Our mission by virtue of our baptism, is to make the love and respect Christ has for each of us known to a very dark world. Christ teaches us to love God with our whole heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbor as our self. Our faith in Christ does not require us to live and remain in a situation that is physically or morally harmful to us.

Victims of domestic violence should be urged to reach out to their priest, doctor, or other professional for help. Hubbard House here in Jacksonville (phone 354-3104) is a source of emergency information 24 hours a day.

We as Catholics can pray for the victims of domestic violence and also for the abusers. We can listen to people if they choose to tell us their problems and then tell them that, no matter what, God loves and respects them. Hopefully, we can then direct them to the expert help they need. We can be part of the solution and not part of the problem of apathy toward domestic violence.

Celebrate Good Times ... Come On!

The Parishioners of
Christ the King
join her friends in
wishing
Mary Louise,
"Happy Birthday"



Mary Louise Pelecier recently celebrated her 95th Birthday with friends, Jean Sell, Nettie Conner and Christine Dudley. Father Thanh made a surprise visit while they were having lunch at Mime Cafe. The lunch was superb and the manager and most of the staff joined in to wish her well.

Cecelia Bennett
100 Years Old
November 7, 2006
Happy Birthday!!



Several Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers joined in with Atrium residents to celebrate a centenarian! Happy 100th birthday, Cecelia from Christ the King.

The Advent Trees

By Mary Yarborough

Each year Christ the King sponsors the Advent Tree project supporting various charitable organizations in the area. These organizations send lists of names of people of all ages. Ornaments bearing the names of the individuals and their desired gifts are hung on Christmas trees on the altar in the church for several weeks before Christmas. Sometimes these are the only gifts these people will receive.

This is where your help is needed. Please choose an ornament (or two) from the trees, purchase the item requested on the ornament, and keep the ornament to use as a gift tag. Then wrap the gift, tape the ornament to the gift, and return the package to CTK. Place the package with the others around the manger in the Gathering Area.

The trees will be put up on November 18. The deadline to return the gifts is 6:00 p.m., Sunday, December 17. Please help us support this worthwhile project by choosing ornaments from the trees and buying the desired gifts.

If you would like to help with delivery of gifts on December 18, please call Mary Yarborough at 724-8983.



Christ the King
Advent
Gift Giving
Tree

Select one or more ornaments
from the trees and place with your
wrapped gift in the Gathering Area

Symbols

by Mickey Kenny from the Catholic Encyclopedia on the internet

St. Matthew

Levi, son of Alpheus, was a Roman tax collector – a position equated to collaboration with the enemy – who, when Jesus said, “Come, follow me,” got up and went with him. He gave a feast for Jesus where his friends – tax-gatherers and other sinners – ate with Christ and His disciples. When Jesus was criticized for being with these people he said, “I have come to call, not the self-righteous, but sinners.” Matthew 9:13.



As a disciple and an apostle, Matthew followed Christ, accompanying Him up to the time of His Passion. In Galilee, he was one of the witnesses of Christ's Resurrection. He was with the Apostles at the Ascension, and afterwards withdrew to an upper chamber, in Jerusalem, praying with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and the other disciples (Acts 1:10 and 1:14).

We have only legend regarding his ministry. Matthew preached the Gospel among the Jews for 15 years and Eusebius maintains that, before going into other countries, he gave them his Gospel which he wrote in order to convince Jewish readers that their anticipated Messiah had come in the person of Jesus. It is believed he also preached south of the Caspian Sea, Persia, Macedonia, and Syria. It is not known whether he was burned, stoned, or beheaded.

St. Matthew is the patron saint of accountants, bankers, bookkeepers, customs officers, financial officers, guards, money managers, security forces, security guards, stockbrokers, and tax collectors. The symbol on his shield is three bags of money.

St. Matthias

Matthias was one of the seventy disciples of Jesus who had been with Him from His baptism by John to the Ascension. In the days following the Ascension, Peter proposed they choose one to replace the traitor Judas Iscariot. Since Matthias could bear witness to the Resurrection of Jesus he was one of the two disciples chosen, the other being Joseph called Barsabas. Lots were drawn, and Matthias became the twelfth Apostle. More information concerning the life and death of Matthias is vague and sometimes contradictory.



Matthias preached the Gospel for more than 30 years in Judea, Cappadocia, Egypt, and Ethiopia and is remembered for preaching the need for mortification of the flesh with regard to all its sensual and irregular desires. He is the patron of recovering alcoholics, carpenters, those with smallpox, and tailors. His symbol is a sword and a Bible.

It is the Veteran

It is the VETERAN, not the preacher,
who has given us freedom of religion.
It is the VETERAN, not the reporter,
who has given us freedom of the press.
It is the VETERAN, not the poet,
who has given us freedom of speech.
It is the VETERAN, not the campus organizer,
who has given us freedom to assemble.
It is the VETERAN, not the lawyer,
who has given us the right to a fair trial.
It is the VETERAN, not the politician,
who has given us the right to vote.
It is the VETERAN, who salutes the Flag,
It is the VETERAN, who serves under the Flag,

I don't know if you saw this in the news but it really impressed me.

Funny, our US Senate/House took 2 days off as they couldn't work because of an expected storm. On the ABC evening news, it was reported that because of the dangers from Hurricane Isabelle approaching Washington DC, the military members assigned the duty of guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier were given permission to suspend the assignment. They respectfully declined the offer, “No way, Sir!” Soaked to the skin, marching in the pelting rain of a tropical storm, they said that guarding the Tomb was not just an assignment; it was the highest honor that can be afforded to a serviceperson. The tomb has been patrolled continuously, 24/7, since 1930.

We can be very proud of our men and women in uniform!

God Bless them All!

A Glorious Anniversary ...

Teachers' Celebration Continued



Spotlight on History

A.D. 66-73 Destruction of the Temple

by Robert Murphy

"And as he was going out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Master, look what wonderful stones and buildings!' And Jesus answered and said to him, 'Dost thou see all these great buildings? There will not be left one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.'" (Mark 13:14b)

And the Zealots would play the leading role in bringing this destruction down upon Judea.

It should first be pointed out that in the list of the twelve apostles chosen by Jesus, the apostle Simon is identified as the Cananean in Matthew and Mark, and as "Simon, called the Zealot," in Luke. "Cananean" is an Aramaic word meaning "zealot." The meaning of the identification of Simon as a Zealot in all three Gospels is unclear, because the existence of the Zealots as a distinct group during the lifetime of Jesus is the subject of debate.

However, in the late 50's A.D., the Jewish Zealots, while never a unified party, were united by their commitment to the violent overthrow of the hated Roman rulers of Judea. Radical Zealots, the Sicarii, began assassinating Jews who collaborated with the Romans. In 66 A.D., during the reign of Emperor Nero, a revolt began in Caesarea Maritima (Caesar's city on the sea) when the Jews were provoked by the desecration of the local synagogue by the Hellenists while the Greek speaking Roman garrison stood aside and did not interfere. A delegation of Jews protested to the Roman Procurator Gessius Florus who arrested them, extracted money from the Temple treasury and ordered his troops to raid the markets in Jerusalem in which 3,600 men, women and children were slaughtered. In May of 66 A.D., the Zealots burst into open rebellion attacking Herod's mountain fortress of Masada and wiping out the Roman garrison. Encouraged by this success, Zealots in Jerusalem entered the Temple and coerced priests into abolishing the official sacrifices to Rome and the Emperor. Overcoming resistance of rival factions opposed to war, the Zealots took control of the city and expelled the occupying forces.

Caught off guard by the fanaticism and the size of the rebellion, it fell to Cestius Gallus, the Roman Legate of Syria to mount a hurried response. After initial success throughout Judea, Gallus, surprisingly, withdrew his troops from Jerusalem and was quickly overtaken and defeated by the Jews. He suffered a loss of

6,000 men and all his heavy war equipment.

In A.D. 67 Nero dispatched Vespasian a tough professional veteran of wars in Britain to crush the Judean revolt. In 66 Vespasian's public career nearly came to an untimely end when he fell asleep during one of Nero's poetry recitals. He quickly withdrew to his private estates and kept a very low profile hoping Nero would not seek revenge against him. He had reason to be concerned, Christians will recall the character and persecutions of Nero which included the deaths of Saints Peter and Paul, but Nero was also the one who had his mother Agrippina murdered, as well as his step-brother, Britannicus, his first wife, Octavia, and some reports indicate that he personally kicked his pregnant second wife Poppaea to death. He would sometimes order people who offended or opposed him to commit suicide including leading people like General Corbulo. Now, the outbreak of the Zealots in Judea gave Vespasian another major command from which he would be swept up in the events of A.D. 69.

With an army of sixty-thousand men spearheaded by four veteran legions, including the famous 10th Legion now under the command of his son Titus, Vespasian acted quickly and secured all the Mediterranean ports and began his campaign in the north utterly destroying any town that resisted his advance to Jerusalem. But even with his four legions Vespasian had a tough fight on his hands. Some towns, like Tiberias surrender without a fight. Other towns like Jotapata under Yosef ben Mattityahu, commander of all the Jewish forces in Galilee, put up a fierce fight but facing ultimate defeat, the Jews of Jotapata decided that it was better to die at their own hands than surrender to the Romans. Yosef ben Mattityahu better known to us today as the historian Flavius Josephus, however, does surrender and is hired by Vespasian as a translator and chronicler of the war. The inhabitants of the fortress of Gamla in the Golan Heights believed that the future of Jerusalem rested upon their resistance, and so they fought to the end, losing 4,000 men in battle and the remaining 5,000 inhabitants jumped to their deaths off the cliffs surrounding the city rather than surrender to the Romans. The Romans totally annihilated Gamla.

In the Spring of 70 AD Vespasian is at the gates of Jerusalem.

Then the focus of events changed.

Nero's crimes had become so great and so numerous that the

Roman armies became mutinous and the Senate formally declared him a public enemy. Nero was hunted down by his own Praetorian Guard and committed suicide rather than face capture. An acute crisis followed the death of Nero. There was no heir of the Julio-Claudian line, so the field was wide open for claimants to the imperial throne, but the claim could only be asserted by force.

After some uncertainty, Galba was proclaimed Emperor by his soldiers. Three months later, a rebellion took place in which Otho and his legions killed Galba and Otho succeeded him as Emperor. However, at the same time, the troops of Vitellius' Rhine army proclaimed him as Emperor and they began a march on Rome. When Otho failed to stop Vitellius, he killed himself.

In the East, Vespasian sailed for Rome to seize the throne and left the final siege of Jerusalem in the hands of his son Titus.

On his journey to Rome Vespasian picked up additional support of other legions and as he approached Rome Vitellius' supporters melted away. Vitellius was later found in hiding and murdered. Barely a year had passed since Nero's suicide and Rome had had four Emperors. Vespasian would bring order to the Roman Empire and rule for nine years and be succeeded by his son Titus.

Titus was not a very experienced general, but his assistant, Tiberius Julius Alexander, who had been Governor of Judea in 46-48, was an experienced commander who did know how to fight a war. Titus own quality was that the new Emperor, his father, could trust him.

In April, 70 A.D., during Passover, Titus laid siege to Jerusalem.

In the Upper City, the Zealot Simon bar Giora commanded 15,000 Sicarii warriors; Eleaser ben Simon's Zealots, 2,400 in number, were in the Temple complex. The area west of the Temple complex was occupied by 6,000 men of John of Grischala's militia. Since the siege started at Passover, half a million pilgrims were trapped inside the city.

The Roman Legions built a siege wall around the city and began a systematic destruction of the city's defenses. The Romans breached the Third Wall of the city on May 25th and captured New City. At one point there were signs that the supplies of Jerusalem were giving out. Many Jews who left the city hoping to find food were caught and crucified – some 500 every day. Jerusalem was surrounded by thousands of crucified Jews. One defector told Titus that an estimated 115,000

corpses were piled up in the city. The Romans began setting fires throughout the city and on August the 10th the Temple itself was destroyed by fire¹. On September 2nd the Romans burned the Lower City, south of the Temple Mount. The Roman legionaries sacrificed to their standards in the Holy of Holies. During the next few days the Romans destroyed Herod's palace, the archives and the building where the Sanhedrin convened. Titus spared Herod's fortress where he set up camp for his 10th Legion.



Titus

On September 26, on his daughter's birthday, after a terrible siege of 139 days, Titus was master of a city that had been reduced to rubble. On Titus' return to Rome, the sacred vessels, the Menorah lampstand, the curtain, scrolls and all the other objects that no one except the high priest was allowed to see were carried through the streets of Rome in his triumphal procession. Titus' father, the Emperor Vespasian, used the riches from the Temple treasury to strike coins with the legend "JUDAEA CAPTA."

Jewish resistance had continued after Titus' return to Rome and in the mopping up operations in A.D. 73, Flavius Silva captured the last Zealot fortress of Masada only to find in the final assault that with the exception of one woman and five children, who had hidden themselves, the 960 other men, women and children had been killed or committed suicide to avoid capture by the Romans.

The War had been catastrophic for the Jews; half the populations of Judea and Samaria perished or were enslaved and the Temple and all the "wonderful stones and buildings" were no more.

¹According to the historian Flavius Josephus, the same month and day on which the first Temple had been burnt down in 587 B.C. by the Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar (2 Kings Chapters 24 and 25)

?Why a Jesse Tree?

By Mickey Kenny

The Jesse Tree is a way to help develop a better understanding of the faith into which Christ was born. Why? Because Jesse was the father of David and in Isaiah 11:1 God promises a discouraged and oppressed nation that the glory they remember from David's time will come again. They will have another king from Jesse's family, in whose reign the whole earth will know God. As Christians, we see that promise fulfilled in Jesus, and so we create a Jesse Tree and decorate it with reminders of how God prepared the world for the coming of Christ. By taking the time and effort to "create" a Jesse Tree we can all turn Advent into a personal waiting time, waiting for the Messiah instead of Santa.

Some representation of a tree is chosen from a tree branch found outside or a poster with a picture of a tree. Be creative, think of something your own family will see as the root from which the story will grow. Just dream of some kind of tree on which you can hang or attach symbols from the Old Testament. These symbols will grow to have special meaning for you as you "learn your way" through Advent becoming ever more familiar with the faith of God's Chosen People.

The symbols can be copied or handmade, and each day of advent a symbol is placed on the tree and the accompanying scripture is read as a family. Some ideas for these symbols can be found on the internet, for example, click on liturgical year and then Advent.

I have used here but you can chose click on liturgical year and then Advent.



Noah's ark is symbolic of God's judgment and His promise of salvation.

Gen. 7:1-4 The Lord said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and your whole family, because I have found you righteous in this generation. Take with you seven of every kind of clean animal, a male and its mate, and two of every kind of unclean animal, a male and its mate, and also seven of every kind of bird, male and female, to keep their kinds alive throughout the earth. Seven days from now I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights and I will wipe from the face of the earth every living creature I have made."

Stone tablets remind us of the Ten Commandments given by God to Moses on Mt. Sinai. They represent the body of God's law, the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Bible, also called the Torah. They are usually pictured with



three commandments on the left – having to do with our relationship with God – and seven on the right – having to do with our relationship to others.

Exodus 31:18 When the Lord finished speaking to Moses on Mount Sinai, he gave him the two tablets of the Testimony, the tablets of stone inscribed by the finger of God.



The thistle is symbolic of the loss of the fruits of the Garden of Eden.

Genesis 3:17 To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you, through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. I will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field."



The tower, is a symbol of God as our refuge.

Psalms 94:22 But the Lord has become my fortress, and my God the rock in whom I take refuge.



The scroll is symbolic of all the writings in the Old Testament, (as a closed book is the symbol of the Bible as a whole and an open book is symbolic of the New Testament).



Trumpets called people to worship, to battle, and were used in solemn processions in the presence of God. The trumpet is also a reminder of the Joshua and the battle of Jericho (found in Joshua chapter 6) and of Gideon against the Midianites (Judges 7).

Joel 2:15 Blow the trumpet in Zion, declare a holy fast, call a sacred assembly.



The yoke has always been a symbol of burden and bondage.

Exodus 6:6 "Therefore, say to the Israelites. 'I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgments.'"



The burning bush is an important Old Testament symbol used when God reveals Himself. It was in the burning bush that Moses was given the most holy name of God. I AM WHO I AM (Yahweh).

Exodus 3:13 Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites

and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

A flaming sword was placed at the entrance to the Garden of Eden after Adam and Eve were expelled from the garden. Therefore it is a symbol of God's judgment.



Genesis 3:24 After he drove the man out he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.



The seven-fold flame represents the seven gifts of the Spirit – wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, fear of the Lord, and delight in the Lord.

Isaiah 11:2 The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him – the spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord – and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.



The harp symbolizes King David. It also represents the Psalms and all music and instruments used to praise and glorify God.

Psalms 71:22 I will praise you with the harp for your faithfulness O my God, I will sing praise to you with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel.



The rainbow was chosen by God as the sign of His covenant with His people and represents His pardon and reconciliation with them. It was His promise never to destroy the earth with flood.

Genesis 9:12-16 and God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come. I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth."



A ram is a symbol of sacrifice and foreshadows the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross.

Genesis 22:13-14 Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide and to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."



Rivers are prominent in the Bible where they represent freedom, cleansing, deliverance, and salvation. While the saying "crossing over Jordan" means death, it is most usual to use crossing as entering the Promised Land, Jacob crossed to meet his brother Esau, and John the Baptist baptized in the Jordan.



A rock reminds us that Moses struck a rock to bring forth water in the desert.

Numbers 20:9-11 So Moses took the staff from the LORD's presence, just as he commanded him. He and Aaron gathered the assembly together in front of the rock and Moses said to them, "Listen, you rebels, must we bring you water out of this rock?" Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with his staff. Water gushed out and the community and their livestock drank.



Oil was used in the Old Testament as a sign of consecration to the Lord symbolic of God's call and empowerment of a person to for specific tasks.

Leviticus 8:10-13 Then Moses took the anointing oil and anointed the tabernacle and everything in it and so consecrated them. He sprinkled some of the oil on the altar seven times, anointing the altar and all its utensils and the basin with its stand, to consecrate them. He poured some of the anointing oil on Aaron's head and anointed him to consecrate him. Then he brought Aaron's sons forward, put tunics on them, tied sashes around them and put headbands on them, as the LORD commanded Moses.

1Samuel 10:1 Then Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on Saul's head and kissed him saying, "Has not the LORD anointed you leader over his inheritance?"

Psalms 89:20 I have found David my servant, with my sacred oil I have anointed him.



As discussed in the beginning a stump with one live branch signifies the promise of the Messiah.

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Sacred Silence and Liturgical Ministers

by Daphne Duewell

This summer our pastor, Father Thanh, went on a pilgrimage to France where he had the opportunity to visit many of the shrines of the saints. Upon his return Father said he was deeply moved by the reverence and tranquility displayed by the people.

Lourdes was one of the shrines. It attracts thousands of people daily and yet the prevailing atmosphere is that of peace and serenity. The same sense of quiet also existed at the church of St. John Vianney and at the chapel of the Miraculous Medal.

It is that very peace that Father experienced that the Diocese is trying to incorporate into our worship and specifically at Christ the King. "Silence keeps the holy places holy and our silence keeps us holy in those places," were our pastor's reflective words.

To give impetus to those thoughts Father Tom Willis, the Chairman of the Liturgical Commission in our Diocese spoke to the Liturgical Ministers on how our interior attitude reflects our outer behavior in regard to Sacred Silence.

Father Tom began by speaking of the Scribes and Pharisees who always appeared as antagonists of Jesus. They questioned whatever He said and were always looking for ways to make him appear foolish. They had been in power for generations and the truth behind the matter is that they were fearful that Jesus somehow would usurp their positions. Jesus exposed them for the hypocrites that they were. They gloried in the spotlight being self-centered and totally lacked any sense of humility.

Today we would call this narcissism. A narcissist is one who routinely overestimates their ability and tends to assume that others see them that way. On top of that a narcissist also underestimates the contributions of others and minimizes their contribution.

He went on to say that all of us needed to be reminded of our humility. We have all heard—"The one who exalts himself shall be humbled." Some of us are too full of ourselves. Humility keeps oneself within one's own boundaries and submits to one's superiors.

Over 40 years have passed since Vatican II and the grace of humility is badly needed within our church today. We need to learn new responses. This is easier said than done. It takes a great deal of eating humble pie to come to this mindset. Yes, you can teach an old dog new tricks if the old dog is willing to learn.

Where do we start? Father Tom said that according to GIRM (General Instructions of the Roman Missal) the first thing our Diocese is working on is Liturgical Silence.

Before Mass—and upon entering the sanctuary — SILENCE should be everywhere and in a "devout and fitting manner." The United States Bishops have been working to put forth this view in a way that is clear to all.

1. The purpose of silence is to allow the Holy Spirit to be heard in the hearts of the people. Silence unites personal prayer and lifts it up as the voice of the church.

2. Liturgical Silence is not a mere absence of words. One needs to take time to reflect on the words being spoken on the altar and then to respond with prayerful reverie. It is the job of the Liturgical Ministers to model this behavior.



We do not come to be seen. We come to be with God and with God's people.

3. Liturgical Silence is a corporate activity shared by all present to support and sustain each other. We support each other in silence. Liturgical Ministers should never be distractions nor should anything destroy that moment of silence.

As Liturgical Ministers we must be accountable to one another and willing to be open to each other, sharing our strengths and weaknesses for the love of Jesus. If we are truly servants of the Lord then we must put others before self and communicate that message in the way we speak and act.

Will it be easy? For some probably so but for others Sacred Silence will be a conscious effort to change behavior and this includes the writer.

Our pastor has remarked that he sees a noticeable difference in the sanctuary. The primary purpose of attending Mass is to worship God. This prepares us to receive the spiritual nourishment needed to carry out our ordinary duties of life.

Actually Sacred Silence is really a great gift all of us give to each other as a true community of worshipers. If there are changes to be made dear Lord, let it begin with me!

?Why a Jesse Tree?

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Isaiah 11:1 A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse, from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.



The bronze serpent on a pole is an Old Testament symbol that Christ Himself referred to when He said, "Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believed in him may have eternal life."

Numbers 21:4-9 They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way, they spoke against God and against Moses and said, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the desert? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We sinned when we spoke against the LORD and against you. Pray that the LORD will take the snakes away from us." So Moses prayed for the people. The Lord said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it up on a pole, anyone who is bitten can look at it and live." So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, he lived.



A serpent circling a fruited tree is symbolic of Satan and the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.

Genesis 2:8 Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden, and there he put the man he had formed. And the Lord God made all

kinds of trees grow out of the ground, trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Genesis 2:15-17 The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden, but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."

Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"



The olive branch is even now recognized as a symbol of peace. Noah knew the land was dry when a dove returned with an olive branch, and oil for consecration comes readily from the olive branch.

Genesis 8:10-11 He waited seven more days and again sent out the dove from the ark. When the dove returned to him in the evening, there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf! Then Noah knew that the water had receded from the earth.

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Have fun with your Jesse Tree and may it bring knowledge and blessing to you and your family. Think how meaningful this Advent can be.

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Don't Look, and You Won't See Me

by Barbara Hanuscin

Don't look and you might not see that disheveled, possibly homeless, person on the street or in the park trying to sleep on the bench. Besides, if you don't see them, then they don't really exist, do they?

Do you not want your children in the schoolyard to see a transient as he passes by the fence? His clothes are in disarray and his gait a bit jerky, probably due to side effects of medication to keep his paranoia or even seizures in check. He lives in one room in an old hotel down the expressway, not in a nice loving home like you have provided for your children.

Are you afraid of the stranger because you don't really know him, are you afraid if you listen to his story, it may touch you. Have you ever sat on a park bench and engaged in a conversation with a homeless vagabond? You might hear something that will surprise you. You might learn that the stranger has a college degree and some talent and was once on the way to being a success until something jerked it away and he could not pull himself up by his bootstraps. You might hear that she was not so lucky to grow up in a warm and loving home such as you are providing for your daughter. She may have been tossed around and abused in foster homes. You might learn that the person wasn't as gifted with intelligence and learned coping mechanisms as you were.

Do you think that by sheltering your child and not letting them know and understand poverty and homelessness that you are doing them a favor? You are not. You should teach them that not all are given the same gifts of love that you are showering on them with their home, education, food, clothing and recreation. Your children will be entering the world where all of this will meet them and if not schooled that this exists, will be met with a true culture shock.

When you drop that dollar in the poor box, are you truly giving from your heart or are you trying to stifle some guilt you might feel for not truly seeing? How generous are you and with what spirit do you give? The founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul once warned his followers to be careful that the poor will not curse you for the bread that you give them. That was intended to mean the true spirit in the giving can often be felt by those on the receiving end. In the church office do you quickly sign a referral form for another agency without looking into the eyes of the person asking for assistance? Do you fill out the form without looking up from the paper and hurriedly hand it out so they will go away? Do you donate

the clothes with broken zippers and needing patches thinking "they can fix them" and "they should be glad to get them." Do you not know the cost of a zipper and not all are able to sew or own sewing machines? If you can't mend them, why do you think "they" can?



Do you get chills up your spine as a greasy haired, inappropriately dressed person, edges in to sit next to you in your pew? Do you sing the words in the song "All are welcome in this place" and truly mean them?

Do you ever wonder what goes through the mind of the transient sitting on the bench in the school yard as he wolfs down the meager lunch distributed by the small St. Vincent de Paul office? What might those thoughts be? "I wish I had grown up in a loving home like these children have and that I had the opportunity of a safe environment and education. I wish I had had a childhood that wasn't stolen from me too soon". Or does she think "I wish that I had had the love of someone worthy of the love I have buried deep inside due to my hurts" or "I wish I had a chance for a beautiful life with a beautiful child such as these I see run and play" "Why wasn't I loved enough to have been given this?" "What do these children think of me?" "What do they see when they look at me?"

I think if you take the time to truly look, you will see the face of God in the poor and you might come to realize that the poor are our blessings. St. Vincent de Paul knew that, and could see the face of God in the poor. They are also the vehicles that God can use to bring us closer to Him when we take the opportunity to really look into His face. The poor give us a chance to redeem ourselves by doing good works in His name.

Did you know that in Jacksonville, there exists less than 1,000 homeless shelter beds and over 4,000 counted as being homeless? However many were missed in the count is unknown. The homeless range from the age of infants on up to elderly folks. They aren't just single people; there are couples and entire families. But remember, if you don't see them, they don't existor do they?

Sacrament of Love

"The church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic adoration. Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration, and in contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation for the great faults and crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease."

**Pope John Paul II
On the Mystery & worship of the Holy Eucharist
April 1980**

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CKCCW NEWS

The Council started the year with our General Meeting on September 28th in the Shirley David Hall. Three ladies visited our General Meeting who were interested in learning more about the Council. In addition, we had the pleasure of having Pam Dewey, the President of the South Jacksonville Deanery as well as Angela Becker, the St. Augustine Diocesan President.

Before the meeting a scrumptious salad supper was enjoyed by all. The members of the Council provided the salads. We have the best cooks in town!

Our annual Mass at the Grotto on October 7th was well attended. The next Mass at the Grotto will be in May.

We were the host affiliation for the Fall South Jacksonville Deanery Meeting and Dinner on October 12th. The evening began with Mass followed by a delicious dinner. Our guest speaker, Stani Bodenbender, spoke on Human Trafficking. The Council Board did an outstanding job in decorating the Parish Hall. There were 80 ladies in attendance. Our next event will be the Living Rosary December 1st.

Don't forget the bake sale December 16th and 17th after all Masses.

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Why Settle for a Good Marriage, Go for GREAT!



By John Morrissey

When Fr. Thanh asked Tina and I to write an article on Marriage Renewal I thought to myself, "no big deal", but as I found out, it has been more difficult than originally anticipated.

Tina and I will have been married for 43 years this coming April. A long time in the estimation of some, but to be honest with you it seems like only yesterday that we were just starting out. Our marriage has grown stronger through many, many good times. But we've grown even closer through some really bad times also. We have had to face the death of parents and of some of our children, moving our household 12 times, long periods of separation due to deployments and surviving the teenage years of four children. We've faced a lot of challenges and somehow we just kept plugging along. Part of it could be traced to having the good luck to marry your best friend, part to a good faith life together and part to the willingness to work on the relationship.

A part of that working on the relationship has been our participation, with other couples, in the Diocesan Marriage Renewal Program. We try to help other couples by presenting these weekends a couple of times per year. We also receive a great deal for ourselves from the weekends. Each time we present the weekend we're also taking the opportunity to work on our own marriage. It's an awesome experience to watch couples growing closer as the weekend progresses. We truly do get to see the miracles that take place when a couple, (and the Spirit), have the chance to work on their marriage for an entire weekend.

Here is a recommendation from a couple on the first Diocesan Marriage Renewal Weekend - DMR 1.

"To the Diocesan Marriage Renewal Ministry:

After 22 years of what we felt has been a great marriage, we were able to discover ways to make it a hundredfold better. It has been a blessing that has opened the door for a lifetime of love and has proven to be a significant event in helping us to build a Christ-centered home. Both our marriage and our faith has been rekindled, rejuvenated, redirected, and energized. We were emotionally and spiritually touched by how the presenting couples and Fr. Bernie opened up their life stories and relived hurts and joys to help us and other couples grow in their marriages while growing closer to

our faith and our Father in Heaven. We only hope that every couple wishing to strengthen their relationship will accept our advice ... take a leap of faith and ... attend a Diocesan Marriage Renewal Weekend at your earliest opportunity. You will be blessed in more ways than you ever dreamed!"

In His Love,
Mark & Tina Fader
St. Joseph's Parish
3/10/06

On the Diocesan Marriage Renewal Weekend you will find a relaxing atmosphere to work on renewing and revitalizing your marriage. There are short crisp presentations to give you concepts that will form stepping stones for your marriage and exercises to give you, as a couple, time to experience one another in a new and dynamic way. You will get away from your cares, work, family, long hours, and juggled schedules that get in the way of your time to be a couple.

The weekend experience is held at Marywood approximately six times per year and begins on Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. with check-in. You are asked to come to the conference room by 8:00 p.m. to begin the weekend. The weekend should be over at approximately 4:30 to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday evening.

Marywood is a lovely retreat facility with bedrooms that have their own private baths. The location, right on the banks of the St. John's River, is quiet, serene

and absolutely beautiful. Dress is casual and comfortable. The weekend is Catholic in expression but all faiths are welcome and will feel right at home, because we are about renewing and revitalizing marriages.

There is a "Pot-Luck" gathering one to two weeks after the weekend. For those that want to continue gathering, there is a once a month get together with other couples with the same values. These are "Stepping Stones" to continued living of the weekend concepts and promises you made one another.

We all need the ongoing connection with others dedicated to living out the values of a growing relationship with our God-given partner in marriage and our families. For encouragement on our journey, we have community events that consist of "Stepping Stones" - renewal groups, large community gatherings, family activities and day experiences. The community consists of and is open to all couples that want to renew and revitalize their marriage on an ongoing basis. The one thing we all have in common is our desire to work on our marriages and give them the attention needed to live out the oneness God called us to on our wedding day.

Interested? Need more information? It's just a phone call away. Call: Tina & John Morrissey, Diocesan Marriage Renewal Registration Couple at 744-6843 or see the DMR Website at diocesanmarriagerenewal.org

Cool Catholic WEB sites

Submitted by: Nick Klepac



Here are some more good Catholic Websites that were reviewed by Catholic Culture and found to be excellent in Fidelity, Resources, and Usability. Catholic Culture is a non-profit corporation devoted to advancing the Catholic faith through publishing and educational services.)

Apostles of Divine Mercy: provides information about the Divine Mercy devotion in an organized and concise manner, including Divine Mercy Sunday. Though all of the material is of interest to the general public, there is a particular focus on information for priests.

<http://www.divinemercysunday.com/index.htm>

Catholic Citizenship: new effort launched by Raymond Flynn, the former Boston mayor and former ambassador to the Vatican. It is an effort to help all American Catholics to become politically

involved and informed citizens. This site is full of resources for Catholics to learn about the issues, and offers opportunities to become more involved in the political process.

<http://www.catholicvote.org/>

Knights of Columbus: This is the official Knights of Columbus web site, developed and promoted by the Supreme Council. The Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882 and is now the largest lay organization in the Catholic Church. The site includes some excellent resources of general Catholic interest, but it is oriented primarily towards the specific needs of members and prospective members of the Knights of Columbus.

<http://www.kofc.org>

Mother of all Peoples: Mother of All Peoples is a weekly Marian e-zine. Each Saturday at least five new articles are posted proclaiming the truths about Mary, Our Mother. The e-zine features an excellent list of contributors, including Ambassador Howard Dee, Scott Hahn, Ph.D., Fr. Robert Fox, Fr. Stefano Manelli, F.I., Msgr. Charles

Mangan and more. The site has a beautiful design and provides many excellent articles, with the promise of many more.

<http://www.motherofallpeoples.com/>

Here are some that you should stay away from. They look "Catholic" but they aren't. They were rated "DANGER" for Fidelity to Church teachings.

8th Day Center for Justice: The 8th Day Center claims to be an organization of religious communities working to rid the world of oppression and social injustice. However, there is nothing Catholic about the way the Center works toward this goal. Rather than follow in the footsteps of the Church's great religious communities and their untiring work with the poor and oppressed, 8th Day has fallen into the modern trap of liberation theology. Unfortunately, its agenda is focused entirely on politically correct issues and is most often in conflict with the authentic social teachings of the Church.

<http://www.8thdaycenter.org>

Catholic Network for Women's Equality: The Catholic Network for Women's Equality (CNWE) originated "in 1981 as Canadian Catholics for Women's Ordination (CCWO). . . when four women theology students sent a letter to other Canadian women sharing their plan to start a Canadian organization to work for the ordination of women in the Catholic Church." As is evident from their own description, this organization clearly and directly rejects the Church's teaching regarding the priesthood. Not only is this "debate for the ordination of women" an offense against the Church, it is a terrible affront to women and distorts their role in the Church. This organization epitomizes the failure of women in today's society to reclaim their true femininity; rather, they have sacrificed it upon the altar of equality.

<http://www.cnwe.org>

Until next time, enjoy the internet, but be careful!

Atrium Dwellers

By Frank Becht

This is one of a series of articles about people living at the ATRIUM AT REGENCY who have been members of Christ the King or who are being served by Eucharistic Ministers of the parish.

POLLY MORRIS

Pauline (Polly) Piper Morris was born in Stryker, Ohio, to Edmond and Anna Piper on April 12, 1918, back in the horse and buggy days when there were hitching posts throughout the town. A generation earlier, her mother, Anna, was born onboard ship while traveling from Poland to America. Her father had come from Germany to live in Madison, Wisconsin, then moved to Stryker, Ohio, where he took up plumbing as a vocation, and started his own business. Then one day, he saw her mother and said to someone, "Who isht dat lady?" It wasn't long before they were married. They lived in a one-room house and added to it until it had a kitchen, five upstairs bedrooms, two parlors, a living room and a full basement, and then they proceeded to fill it with six children, four girls and two boys, Polly being the fifth child. Polly attended the Stryker public schools, grades one through twelve, where, at that time religion classes were not only allowed, but also encouraged. Each denomination was represented and assigned a classroom and every Thursday, the students attended the religion class of their choice. Polly, of course, attended the Catholic classes at school during the week and the Saturday religion classes taught by the Nuns of Mercy at her Catholic church.

In 1936, Pauline entered nurse's training at St. Vincent's Hospital in Toledo, Ohio, where she became known as "Polly". St. Vincent Hospital, incidentally, was founded by the Grey Nuns of Montreal, Canada. Notwithstanding what the nuns intended as part of the training, Polly and her friends managed a few training exercises outside the established rules. Take, for instance, the night they tied their white hose together with a bag of cash on the end, lowered it down three stories to a waiting friend who replaced their money with White Castle hamburgers, which they promptly (and quietly) hauled back up to the third floor. Since it was way after "Lights Out", the nurses enjoyed their clandestine midnight snack in the dark. Hers was the generation of "waste not, want not", so nothing was ever thrown away. On Sunday, the nurses patched rubber gloves used for various unpleasant jobs to be re-used for same. The process for this was to blow up the gloves like balloons, then glue a small patch

over the hole. What an exciting way to spend a Sunday afternoon! They carried their own syringes with them and boiled their one allocated needle to be re-used as needed on the next patient. After three years of nurses training, she received her RN, then on to Columbus, Ohio, to take the State Boards. Her first job was in a small hospital in Wauseon, Ohio, where she did general and private duty as well as public health nursing in the schools.

While visiting her mother back in Stryker, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt declared war with Japan on December 7, 1941. Shortly afterwards, Pauline decided to join the Navy as a nurse. She was sent to Great Lakes Naval Station in Illinois for her physical, and then ordered to proceed by train directly to San Diego, CA, the very same day. Upon arrival, the nurses were shown to their quarters in a repurposed museum ballroom-turned-barracks, and Polly began life in the big world, experiencing many things she had never seen or heard of back in Stryker.

During her 16 months in San Diego, Polly met a Marine pilot named Warren Thomas Morris who was born in Columbus, Ohio. His family had moved to Winter Haven, Florida, where he spent his early life. He joined the Navy and became a pilot stationed at Jacksonville Naval Air Station, then volunteered as a Marine pilot and was sent to Camp Pendleton, near San Diego. Tom and Polly met at a dance and had only a brief courtship before Thomas was sent out to the South Pacific as a torpedo bomber on Guadalcanal and Rabaul. Polly was transferred to Oahu and their courtship had to continue via air mail letters, remember, the kind you wrote on the inside of the envelope, then folded up, sealed and mailed.

On Oahu, Polly cared for the injured sailors and Marines at a Navy hospital at Aiea Heights overlooking Pearl Harbor. She recalls several incidents that are fresh in her memory. She cared for a sailor who had an emergency appendectomy performed by a Navy Corpsman aboard a submarine in the Pacific. Since there was no doctor on board, one of the sailors read instructions from a book as the corpsman operated. She remembers caring for the sick and wounded and helping to pin Purple Heart Awards on the injured with Marine General Smith. Another memory was preparing the wards for the visit of President Roosevelt in his wheelchair. For security purposes, all patients' hands had to be on top of the sheets, palms down. The President was all smiles that day, but not long after, Polly recalls, he was dead. In the Psychiatric ward, Polly witnessed the traumatic effect of battle. Sometimes, the patients



Back: Jimmy, John, Terry, Tommy, Kathy, Marsha
Front: Tom and Polly

would dive under their beds when a plane flew overhead. She recalls one occasion that a delirious patient attacked a nurse on her ward. Another painful memory was when medical field personnel, including Polly Morris, were allowed to visit the Leper colony on Molokai. The nurses climbed down the 1600-foot cliff that led to the isolated colony on the Makenalua Peninsula, but were given donkeys to ride back up. They could see the lepers picking fruit along the way. There were 365 men and women there at the time, each with their own little cabins. This colony had been receiving Hansen's disease patients since 1866 and at that time they were left alone in isolation to make out as best they could. In 1873, Father Damien came to care for them until he died of the disease in 1889. At the time of Polly's visit, they were cared for by a Dr. Fisher and his wife with the help of an order of nuns.... Such are her memories of WWII.

Polly was in the nurse's quarters when V-J Day was announced on August 15, 1945, and the place went wild!

After V-J Day, Polly received orders to return to the Great Lakes Naval Station for four months. Tom received his discharge and they were married in a small Catholic chapel on the base on February 9, 1946. Then, Polly too was discharged because the Navy did not allow their nurses to be married. They honeymooned out west and nine months later, on December 4, 1946, along came Tommy Lee. Tom was hired as a pilot by National Airlines and flew for them for the next 30 years. Since National was based in Florida, Tom and Polly moved to Jacksonville, living on the North side until Tom was reactivated into the Navy as a result of the Korean War which caused a move to Cherry Point, N.C. Two years later they moved back to Jacksonville, and he rejoined National. This time they moved into the Clifton area in Arlington where they became

charter members of Christ the King Church and continued growing their family. In Arlington, Tom became very active in Boy Scout Troop 5 instigated by Bob Coyle. Two of the Morris boys became Eagle Scouts and one a Life Scout. Polly continued as a homemaker with 6 children to care for while Tom was flying and Scouting. She too was busy with Christ The King activities, such as the bazaars and being a charter member of Circle 5 where she also served two terms as President.

Polly and Tom have a beautiful family: Thomas, married, living in Gainesville, with three children; Terry, married, living in Atlanta with two children; James, not married, lives in Gainesville; John, married, living in Jacksonville with three children; Martha, married, living in Jacksonville with two children; and Kathleen, married, living in Gainesville with three children. In addition, they have three great grandchildren.

After Tom's death, Polly continued living in their Clifton home until she fell and broke her pelvis. Due to this fall, she has lived at The Atrium since April 2002. She has enjoyed visits from Monsignor Danaher and Father Thanh as well as weekly visits from Eucharistic Ministers Helen Mead, Walter Henderson and Lloyd O'Brien. Polly sends her greetings to all her church family: "Aloha you all, Polly."

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Join us for this fabulous
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Endtimes

by Lucille Guzzone

The year was 1999. A faction of television evangelists were preaching doom and gloom. They were admonishing all people to seek shelter and to hoard medicine, food and water. The New Millennium was approaching and, according to them, the end of the world was imminent. It is true that these ministers had read the warnings in the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew wrote that in the end there will be terrible destruction, false prophets, many claiming to be the Messiah and the real Son of Man finally coming in Glory with a mighty trumpet blast. The good people will be separated from the evil, "who will be left behind." This is the apocalyptic time when the Son of Man will come to judge all humanity. But the year 2000 arrived with no sign of the demise of all that we know. What happened to God's promise to end the world? That same fear that was instilled in the followers of this belief permeated the masses during the medieval age when the year 999 turned to 1000. But Matthew says in 24:42, "For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."

It is important to visit the time when Matthew actually wrote these words. Many events influenced this theme; the passion and death of Christ Himself; the political and social unrest of his time; the destruction of the Temple; the martyrdom of the disciples; the chaos between Christians and Jews over the synagogues. All these events caused unease and intimidation in the communities. Matthew also recalled the Old Testament apocalyptic writer Daniel who wrote of the false gods in the Temple, one of which was the Roman Emperor Caligula attempting to place a statue of himself inside the Jewish Temple. This, according to Daniel, was an abomination, which would accompany the endtime.

But will there be an end of the world? According to Scripture, the answer is yes. However, although the time is not known, the Bible teaches us to be ready, to be diligent, for God will come to judge the living and the dead. The theme of vigilance is played out in two familiar parables taken from the Gospels of Matthew—the ten virgins (25:13) and the talents (25:14-30).

In the parable of the ten virgins the groom shows no mercy to the five who were not prepared. These women had as much opportunity as the

others who were diligent and ready. The parable reminds me of a time when my sister and I were returning from Las Vegas. We were scheduled to fly from Vegas to Atlanta together and then separate there—she going onto Boston, and I to Jacksonville. We were at the airport terminal. The bags were checked in; the plane was on time. But—we were talking and laughing over the fun parts of our trip—and we missed the boarding process. The doors closed and the plane was about to taxi away when we realized what we had done. We asked the lady at the desk if she could make the plane turn back. She said sternly, "No, too late." And so while our luggage made its way to Atlanta, we spent the night on uncomfortable, hard, upright seats in a cold unfriendly airport. Indeed, we had failed to be ready and aware.

In the parable of the ten talents, a man gives his servants multiple talents, which they are to invest and multiply. When the master returns, the servants must give an accounting of the money. Two servants have doubled their talents. The third, who did not invest his talents, but instead buried the money, returned the original amount. With the two the master is pleased; with the third, he is angry, and calls him wicked and lazy. This is comparable to wasting our own spiritual potential; doing nothing with our attributes, and turning our backs on the free gift of God's Grace.

These are two of the five parables in Matthew's sermon about the endtimes. These stories urge us to moral awareness and readiness. Matthew says, "He will send out his angels in a trumpet blast, and they will gather his elect from the four winds...the others will go off to eternal punishment—but the righteous to eternal life." Although these words seem foreboding to most, many biblical scholars look at this with optimism and hope. They compare the end of one era to another to a mother going through the discomfort and agony of labor pains just before giving birth. Her turmoil comes to an end as she delivers a precious new life into the world. In all probability, we shall come to our own personal end long before the great tribulation and the Coming in Glory of our Lord. But while we are here in this life, we must be at all times ready and prepared, so that we shall find ourselves in the company of his elect.

*Join us this year for
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from the desk of Frank Japour

that is this wonderful parish, we who are currently its stewards must be no less dedicated and determined to coalesce our diverse talents and skills to build into the future.

The recent parish survey was developed to meet an objective of the Parish Council to measure and assess our successes and failures as a faith community and to assist the parish leadership in meeting our current and future needs. It was sent to the 1500 registered parish families and met with nearly 300 responses. The results are being tabulated at this writing and will be published in the coming weeks. Not surprisingly, some do not see eye-to-eye regarding many of the issues evaluated. To the casual observer, the disparate perspectives could serve to give the impression that our parish is polarized – seniors/youth; school/non-school; cultural distinctions, and the like. Yet, even among the more 'spirited responses' is an underlying common thread – a passion for our parish to thrive. It is that very passion that has driven our forbearers to enable us to enjoy the fruits of their collective stewardship and it is that very passion that will define us in the years to come.

In coming weeks we will celebrate groundbreaking for two marvelous projects here on our campus – The Mortimer Danaher Celebration of Life Garden and the Vietnamese Cultural Center. The Garden will be situated between the main church and the parish halls and will be an extraordinary compliment to our beautiful campus facilities. The Garden will enable our parish families, past, present and future, to commemorate and celebrate people and notable events. It will also facilitate our communal opportunity to maintain a competitive edge for future growth through the ultimate construction of a new child care center. The Vietnamese Cultural Center will be the culmination of the community's passion to become a permanent partner in our faith journey. Funded exclusively by the Vietnamese Community the Center will serve as a marvelous reflection of their unique place within our parish and provide all of us an extraordinary opportunity to share in the rich cultural heritage that they have so generously contributed.

Not unlike the first 50 years, these are very exciting times to be a member of Christ the King Parish. Notwithstanding our divergent views on what to do and how it should be done, working together through consensus and constructive assessment we too can build a legacy worthy of a celebration.

CHRIST THE KING MINISTRIES

LITURGY

Altar Servers

Interested youth 5th grade or older and who have received First Holy Communion. Once trained, they are entered into a rotating schedule for the Masses. Contact Diane Longenecker, 642-5168.

"Extraordinary" Eucharistic Ministers

As an "Extraordinary" minister of the Eucharist during the Mass you would be asked to join the priest at the altar, partake in communion and help the priest distribute communion to the congregation. Candidates are chosen by the Pastor as recommended by the priests and staff members of the parish. Nancy Chapman, coordinator, 731-5724.

Gift Bearers

Families, Individuals or Parish Ministries who want to bring the gifts to the altar during Mass. Audrey Dodd - 724-2491.

Music Ministry

Any individual who has a talent with music or can play an instrument or just interested in the Singing Choir, Handbell Choir, Funeral Choir, or being a Cantor for Mass, call Bernie, 724-0080.

Readers

A Reader does the readings and the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass. If you would like to be a reader, call Lucille Guzzone, 724-9617.

Sacristans

We help prepare for the celebration of Mass. For more information on how you can be a Sacristan, call Nick Debs, 744-8749.

Visitation of the Sick

"Extraordinary" ministers bring the Eucharist to the homebound or hospitalized. John Porter, 721-0489.

HOSPITALITY

Coffee & Donuts

Call Al Martin at 744-4302 to help greet and serve after 7 and 9 AM

Masses. Great way to meet newcomers and parishioners.

Mass Greeters

Welcome all who come to Mass. This team may offer the only contact many parishioners have in our faith community. Great opportunity for adults and families. Contact the chief usher at the Mass you are attending for more information.

Ushers

Men and women who commit to attend the same Mass every week. They are requested to wear a navy blue jacket and to assist the celebrant as needed. Howard Sell, 642-5079.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Altar Society

Individuals who care for the vessels, vestments and linens used in the Liturgies. Debbie Scobie, 723-3977.

Art & Environment Planning Committee

Decorating the church and Gathering Area, during different seasons of the Church. Contact Terri Vogelsang, 744-6310, on how you can help.

Beautification Grounds Committee

Individuals and families who want to beautify the church grounds. Meet the third Saturday of every month, 9 a.m.-noon, in the church parking lot by the fountain. Come join us in beautifying His yard. Pam Jones, 722-3638.

Religious Articles Gift Shop

Volunteers staff the gift shop before and after Sunday Masses. Maureen McCook, 642-2725.

Sunday Childcare

For 9:00 a.m. Mass

Christ the King Childcare for your 1-4-year-old child in the Child Care Center. Free of charge. Care is provided by parents and those students (13+) who wish to obtain service hours. Must be willing to be fingerprinted. Call Deborah Ehridge, 696-9726 to help.

PRAYER MINISTRIES

Daily Eucharistic Adoration

We need people who are willing to sign up for one hour a week so that someone is praying all during the day. Adoration is in the Sacred Heart Chapel, Monday-Friday, from 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Call Claretta Lamusga, 743-9998.

Nocturnal Eucharistic Adoration

Held on the first Friday of each month from 10 p.m.-6 a.m. There are eight groups who rotate their hour each month. If you would like to join us in this prayer ministry, call Paul Ghiotto, 727-5040.

Prayer Network

One of our most rewarding ministries - praying for others in need - spiritual, health related, and other. Call Peggy Mills, 646-9417.

GENERAL

Advent Tree

A program that puts smiles on faces of people at Christmas. Those who share time and talent in this ministry help put up the Advent Tree with special paper ornaments. Parishioners choose ornaments to take home, purchase the gift, and return the ornament with the gift attached to it. Volunteers are needed to help distribute the gifts to nursing homes, orphanages, etc., call Mary Yarborough, 724-8983.

Blood Drive

Twice a year Christ the King Church, along with the Florida Georgia Blood Alliance, holds a blood drive, call Karlene Simmons, 642-8319.

Christ the King Council of Catholic Women (CKCCW)

Our board meets monthly, September-June, to guide our eight circles who meet at various times during the month. Our General meeting is the last Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. We welcome new members. Betty Kuehl, 641-7970.

Christ the King Clinic

Staffed by doctors, registered nurses, and ancillary support people. They

donate their services the fourth Saturday of each month, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., call Willie Blaquiere, 744-6792.

Christ the King Courier

Interested in publishing a newspaper? We need desktop publishers, typists, proof-readers, reporters, photographers, etc. We meet on Wednesdays in the rectory at 7 p.m. Judy, 724-0080.

Elizabeth Ministry

This ministry deals with the joys, sorrows and challenges of life during the childbearing years and beyond. It includes pregnancy/pregnancy complications, birth, infant/child crisis, special needs, miscarriage, stillbirth and infant or child death. Call Wendi, 724-5579.

Christ the King Fil-Am Ministry

In the spirit of establishing a church with no "walls" the Fil-Am Ministry is inspired to be one of many bridges that will reach across to promote friendship and appreciation among it parishioners without regard to race and language.

We believe that as a ministry we have a great opportunity to share with the community the vast treasure of Filipino values embedded in our traditions, culture and customs.

The Fil-Am Ministry is open to everyone. Our meetings are held every third Saturday of each month. For more information please contact the Imogene Praxedes, 737-4034 or e-mail us at CTKFILAM@comcast.net.

Finance Committee

Committee members selected by the pastor. Their work on the council should be considered a ministry with a commitment to stewardship. Contact Father Thanh Thai Nguyen.

Habitax - Habitat for Humanity

Forms partnerships between those in need and those who are willing to put their faith into action by donating their time, talent, and treasure to construct new homes, call Bill Damato, 998-1417.

Ministry of Hope

If you have lost a loved one you know the anguish and suffering that goes with that loss. Others have been through this same trauma. The Ministry of Hope brings those who have suffered and those who are suffering together. Call Sue, 221-7143.

M.O.M.S.

Ministry of Mothers Sharing, is designed to encourage prayer, discussions, and friendships among women of all ages. Carol Ann Black, 221-2642

Parish Council

The Parish Council is a consultative body that the pastor can pray and reflect with, and ask for assistance to guide in the overall care/ministry of the Parish and the enhancement of its mission. Meetings are the first Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Rectory. Call John Klinkenberg, 724-5579. It is made up of representatives (President, Chairperson or Facilitator) from each ministry in the Parish, as well as representatives from the Finance Council, Christ the King School, Christ the King Daycare, Athletic Association, Scouts, Knights of Columbus, Marriage Encounter, Sponsor Couples, and Wedding Coordinator. Elections are held every two years to elect a President, vice-president, secretary-recording, and secretary-clerical from the body of representatives.

Parish Nurse

Nurses who belong to Christ the King Parish willing to volunteer their time and talent to support the ministry of health within the parish, call Barbara, 724-1776.

Queens and Kings (age 50+)

Our lively senior citizens socialize on the second Sunday of each month from 1:30-4 p.m., September through June. Do come to enjoy! Call William Campbell, 724-3777.

History of the Catholic Church in the United States

Part 4 - Catholic Education System

By Nick Klepac

This is the fourth and final part of a series outlining the formation of the Catholic Church in the New World. Since the appointment of the first American Cardinal, John McClosky Archbishop of New York, by Pope Pius IX (1846-1878) soon after the first Vatican Council, the world turned its eyes to the Church in the West and marveled at how fast it grew.

The first part of this series of articles followed the Church from the first mission in the United States (St. Augustine, Florida) through the missions in New Mexico (Courier: Volume 8, Issue 4). Part two took us through California (Courier: Volume 9, Issue 1) and Part three, the English Colonies took us up to the Revolutionary War (Courier: Volume 9, Issue 2). The majority of the information contained here comes from "Church History" by Father John Laux, M. A.; Copyrights 1930 - 1932, 1945 by

Benziger Brothers, New York, republished in 1989 by TAN Books and Publishers, Inc. All other references will be noted as they occur.

Aftermath of the Revolutionary War

The war brought religious freedom into the colonies, although there was some "anti-Catholic" discrimination until the 19th century. Father Carroll was appointed by the Holy See as Prefect-Apostolic for the Catholics of the former English Colonies. In 1789 Father Carroll was appointed Bishop of Baltimore and given charge of all Catholics in the United States.

There were up to this point practically no opportunities for the Catholic education of our young. Four priests of the Sulpician Congregation, disrupted by the French Revolution, founded the first seminary in 1791 in Baltimore, bringing with them the first five seminarians. In 1796, the number grew to ten. A roadhouse on the outskirts of the city, called "The

One Mile Tavern", became the first seminary. The four priests desired to return to France due to all the obstacles they faced, but the Holy Father Pius VI saved the day by ordering Father Emery, the Superior-General of the Society, "My son, let that seminary stand; it will bear fruit in its own time." And it did, as the glorious history of St. Mary's Seminary testifies. From 1850 - 1861, 112 priests were ordained. Georgetown College on the Potomac was founded by Bishop Carroll in 1789 and became a university in 1815. St. Thomas' Seminary in Kentucky was formed as a theological seminary. The first institution of higher learning west of the Mississippi, St. Mary's of the Barrens in Missouri was the creation of the saintly Felix de Andreis, founder of the Congregation of the Mission (Lazarists). Soon followed the present Mount St. Mary's Seminary of the West, Cincinnati, Ohio in 1829.

Father Sorin and six Brothers of the Congregation of the Holy Cross erected the first buildings in 1843

which would become the famous Notre Dame University, South Bend, Indiana (I was fortunate to have spent my first two years of high school at Notre Dame in the Holy Cross preparatory seminary - 1966-1967). All of these pioneers of our Catholic colleges and universities were from Religious Orders.

The teaching sisterhoods were also on the move. Starting with the Ursulines to Quebec and then New Orleans. The Carmelites founded the first religious house for women in the Thirteen Colonies on a farm at Port Tobacco, Maryland, in 1790. In 1792, some Poor Clares from France opened a monastery in Frederick, Md., and in 1801 an academy at Georgetown. Elizabeth Ann Seton founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul in the United States. The teaching sisters were soon followed by the teaching Brotherhoods, which came from France, Germany, Ireland, Holland, Belgium and Italy.

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CHRIST THE KING MINISTRIES

Rectory Office Volunteers

Adults willing to volunteer a morning/afternoon/all day Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.. Different positions available: receptionist, clerical, computer operator. Call the Rectory at 724-0080.

Respect Life

We are a ministry wishing to make a difference in people's lives by supporting the Saint Gerard House, Project Rachel, Respect Life Pilgrimage and the Diocesan Respect Life Program. Sign up at the Time and Talent Fair in November, or contact Jim Middleton, 743-3953.

St Vincent de Paul Emergency Assistance

We need volunteers to work in the St. Vincent de Paul office in the rectory, providing referrals, and assisting people who need immediate help. Hours are from 10 a.m.- noon, Monday through Friday, call 724-8442.

Sponsor Couples

Married couples needed to help engaged couples discern if marriage is for them. Jim and Mary Ann Middleton, 743-3953.

Stewardship Committee

A committee appointed by the pastor, oversees the Time, Talent and Treasure (TTT) program. Call Laurie Plotz, 725-9015.

Vacation Bible School

A week long summer program (usually in July) for children ages 4-11 years to help deepen their faith and involvement in the Christian community. Fun for everyone. Call Jennifer McAnally, 220-9832.

Vincentians

We were founded by people who care about the problems of those around them. We care and would like you to share the care with us. For information on how to become a Vincentian, call 807-7233, ext #1, and leave a message.

Widow/Widowers Support

For those who have lost loved ones. For information contact Isabelle Fusco, 724-5186 or read your bulletin for the next meeting date, place, and time.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Adult Education Committee

Committee to develop and implement an Adult Education program for the parish. Program sessions are held twice a year before Faith Sharing Small Groups begin and are meant to enhance faith sharing. Call Betty Wheeler, 724-9662.

Emmaus - Young Adults

Young adults (18-39) coming together in fellowship and to learn more about their faith. Call Jennifer Schmitz, 824-5656.

Faith Sharing Small Groups

Small groups of people meeting in private homes to discuss the Sunday readings, Scripture and current events that effect our Catholic faith contact Alick Hardie, 745-5971.

R.C.I.A.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Preparing people to enter the Catholic Church through an inquiry and catechetical process. Call James Scott, 642-0059.

Religious Education for Students

Opportunity for students grades 1-8 to learn/experience the Catholic faith with others in their age group. Sessions held August-May in the school on Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m. Sunday Mass attendance required. Certified teachers are always welcome to apply, and volunteers are needed on a regular basis. Call Lucille Guzzone, 724-9617.

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

Boy Scouts

Troop 5 sponsored by Christ the King Church. Boys 6-12th grade. Meet Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m., in the Scout Hut, call Fred Gardner, 720-0297

Catholic Scouting Committee

Adult individuals interested in providing youth ministry through the scouting program. Meets four times a year; organizes and implements "Catholic Camporee" for all Scouts once a year; attend spring awards ceremony. Training provided, call Donna, 641-0698/John 744-6573.

Christ the King

Athletic Association (CKAA)

Serves children (ages 5-12, boys; 5-15, girls) who believe that youth athletics provide valuable lessons in citizenship/teamwork. Also, if you would like to contribute toward the cost associated with registering a child for a CKAA sport, call Tim Johnson, 727-7487.

Scout Cubs

Pack 5 sponsored by Christ the King Church. Boys in grades 1 - 5. Dens meet weekly in the Scout Hut, call Scott Steele, 725-8929.

Cursillo

A Renewal movement of individuals in the Church who want to deepen their faith and enhance their walk with Christ, call Micah Ethridge, 210-5277.

Girl Scouts

Girls of different age levels that meet weekly or bi-weekly in one of the church halls after school or in the evenings, call Becky Schroeder, 805-0204.

I. M. Sulzbacher

Individuals who give two hours of their time to 400-500 men, women and children the third Tuesday of each month by saying grace, serving dinner, and cleaning up the kitchen, call Ann and Steve Franklin, 745-0627.

K' Cees

Organization of Catholic Women, an auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus Council 4727. They help/support the Knights. Meetings are in the Knights of Columbus Hall on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 8:00 p.m. Call Shirley Mosley, 744-9522.

Knights of Columbus

Organization of Catholic men and their families dedicated to promoting concepts of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. If you are a practicing Catholic man, at least 18 yrs. old, and interested in fellowship with people who share the same beliefs, call Dennis Scobie, 723-3977.

L' Arche Harbor House

Mutual ministry with members and assistants, building community support and awareness to the needs and gifts of the disabled members of the L' Arche Harbor House family, call Patrick Mayhew, 721-5992.

CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL

Child Care Center

Adults wanting to share their talents in three different subcommittees: educational, plant facilities, and fund raising, contact Theresa Little, 724-7239.

Christ the King Catholic School

Grades Pre-K thru 8th grade. The principal is Stephanie Chinalt. The school has many needs for volunteers on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis. The school seeks assistance in the office, cafeteria, library, and clinic. Volunteers are needed as board members and business partners, room mothers, and speakers. Help with the yearly golf tournament is also needed, call 724-2954.

TEEN PROGRAM

LIFE TEEN PROGRAMS, 425-4215

Director: Christina Davis

THE EDGE - Pre-Teen

This youth program is designed to minister to boys and girls 6-8 grades of all faiths from uniquely Catholic base. Call Christina, 425-4215.

LIFE TEEN

Youth ministry program with a strong focus on the Eucharist. Meet Sunday for 5:00 p.m. Mass. LIFE Night (fellowship) afterwards. Call Christina, 425-4215.

LIFE TEEN - CORE TEAM & LIFE GOES ON

Over 18, have a love for teens, and are not currently a parent of a teen? Call Christina, 425-4215, for more information on meeting times.

LIFE Support

Any adults, parents, relatives, neighbors, etc. interested in supporting the LIFE TEEN program. Membership is open to all. Activities are creative, fun, exciting, and diverse, call Angela Christian, 374-3622.

Music for LIFE

Any adult with advanced musical skills who is willing to help put teens' faith, feeling and thoughts about God into words through song and praise. Call Phil, 398-1961.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Marriage Renewal

A program designed to teach married couples how to better communicate, to strengthen and support Christian marriage. Contact Emilo and Theresa Gonzalez-Chavez, 721-0012

Pre Cana/ Engaged Encounter

For information on upcoming workshops and weekends, call 308-7474

Wedding Coordinator

Terri is the one to call to answer questions regarding decorating the church for your wedding. She also assists the priests in wedding rehearsals. Please call Terri Vogelsang, 744-6310 as soon as you have your date approved by the priest.

**Share your
Time &
Talents -
Volunteer**

Making a Difference

by Frank Becht, PGK

Bruce Pastorini is a member of Knights of Columbus Arlington Council 4727. Ever since being part of the World Trade Center search effort, he's wanted to contribute to the effort against the war on terror. He originally volunteered in 2003 but was delayed because of health conditions in the family.



Bruce was raised in Fairlawn, New Jersey where he attended local schools and graduated from Montclair Academy and Lafayette College in 1975. Upon graduation, he joined the United States Army, receiving an ROTC commission as an infantry officer. He was sent to 1st Armored Division in West Germany from October 1975 to December 1978.

Susan Miller Pastorini was born in Norwood, Massachusetts and she was raised in the small town of Hopedale, Massachusetts. She became an intensive care nurse at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center and later an emergency room nurse at Milford Whitinsville Regional Hospital in Milford, Massachusetts.

While Bruce was in Germany, Sue visited her uncle and aunt in Frankfurt, Germany. Sue and Bruce met on a bus tour to Rome and fell in "love at first sight." They kept in touch by mail and phone calls for the next two years. After his tour in Germany, Bruce was stationed at Fort Eustis, Virginia where he had a better opportunity to pursue his relationship with Sue. In March 1979, Bruce asked Sue to marry him and they were married on September 29, 1979 in Hopedale, Massachusetts. The newlyweds moved to Fort Bragg, North Carolina where Bruce had assignments with 1st Corps Support Command and 5th Special Forces Group.

In 1982, after a six-month Military Advisor assignment in Tunisia, North Africa, he was released from active service and enrolled to study Civil Engineering at the University of Massachusetts at Lowell. He continued his military career in the National Guard and Army Reserve.

Upon graduation in 1987, he became a Department of Defense civilian with New England Division - Corps of Engineers in Waltham, Massachusetts. Bruce

and Sue moved to Jacksonville, Florida in July, 1995. His jobs with Corps of Engineers included structural designer, specifications writer and currently a construction engineer. Bruce and Sue live in the Kensington subdivision in East Arlington. They have both become very active members; Sue, as ministry leader of the Ministry of Hope and Bruce in the Knights of Columbus. They both serve as

Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers and have been very active at promoting Worldwide Marriage Encounter's (WWME) weekend for couples.

Bruce joined Arlington Council in 1997, being sponsored by Jim Bonitatibus. He became the Financial Secretary in October 2004 when Grand Knight Al Martin asked him to succeed Don Thompson. Bruce resigned the position upon his notice of assignment to Afghanistan.

Bruce and Sue are proud parents of four natural children and one foster child: Tina, 26 and engaged; Lisa, 25, single; Brian, 23, single; Daniel, 20, single; Jennifer (foster), 26, single with one child (Tegan.) They all live in Jacksonville.

Bruce left for pre-deployment training in Winchester, Virginia on October 1, 2006, two days after their 27th wedding anniversary on September 29. He expects to arrive in Kabul on October 10, where he will join the US Army Corp of Engineers (USAEC), Afghanistan Engineer District (AED.) There he will serve a six month tour as a civilian advisor to a Provincial Reconstruction Team made up of a task of force of NATO military engineer and Afghan contractors. They will concentrate on rebuilding infrastructure (bridges, roads, water treatment, electrical generation).



Bruce finally hopes to have a "chance to make a difference," in the lives of the people in Afghanistan. He and Sue have worked hard in Arlington Council to make a difference in the lives of women and children in supporting the Inn Ministry and the Children's Home Society.

Bruce, Arlington Council wishes you much success and we look forward to your return to Jacksonville and Arlington Council.

K of C Wives Appreciation Dinner



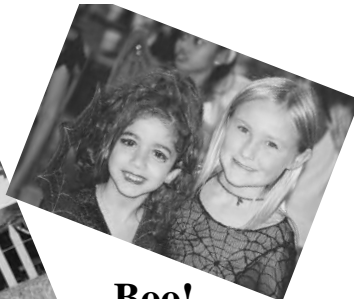
Great food, good music and a nice hat - A fun time at the Luau at Mayport



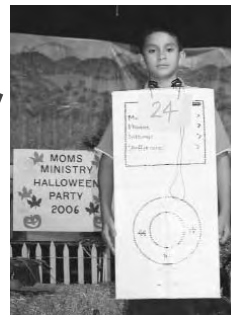
Knights make sandwiches for the homeless at the St. Francis Soup Kitchen



MOMS Halloween Party 2006



Boo!



Trick or Treat



Whoooo?



Thank You MOMS!



Fun!



Wow!



The Coyle Family

by Frank Becht

The Bob and Mary Coyle family is well known for many reasons - one being their involvement in making Scouting and Troop 5 renowned in Christ the King.

Robert W. Coyle was born in Atlanta to George Patrick Coyle and Mary Dineen Coyle who was from Covington, Kentucky.

Bob's father, George, decided to come to Jacksonville to set up his own business. In 1927 as a salesman, he sold oil burners for a living. Shortly after that he established the George P. Coyle Company, a fence business that exists today as George P. Coyle and Sons, Inc., on Dennis Street in west Jacksonville. Upon joining the firm as a Civil Engineer, Bob helped expand the fence business. Bob had one brother, Jack, who was also in the business. Both retired from the company after working there most of their lives. Bob's son, Vincent, and Jack's son, Gary, currently run the business.

In 1927 the family lived in the Murray Hill area where they attended St. Paul's Riverside. Bob graduated from St. Paul's and from Bolles Military School. He then went to Notre Dame University where he received his degree in Civil Engineering. After college, he joined the U. S. Navy with the rank of LTJG and was assigned to a Marine Corps base at Quantico, Virginia where he served as a Civil Engineer until 1947 when he was released from the service.

As a student at Notre Dame, Bob attended a student trip football game between Notre Dame and Navy in Cleveland. Mary Louise Brown also attended and threw a party afterward to which Bob was invited. They met at the party and continued a close relationship during his stay in the Navy and his return to Jacksonville. They were married on Thanksgiving weekend in Cleveland in 1951. Mary had graduated from college with a degree in Home Economics but never had a chance to teach since they started their family almost immediately.



In 1952, Bob and Mary moved to Arlington where they built a home overlooking the St. Johns River and where they lived until 1991. Bob worked in the family business until his retirement in 2002. For health reasons, they then lived with their kids until it became necessary to move to The Atrium. Mary passed away on July 11, 2006 at Nan's house; she is buried at Arlington Memorial Park. Bob still lives in assisted living at the Atrium.

As a youngster at St. Paul's Riverside, Bob became involved in Boys Scout Troop 41 at St. Paul's. He became an Eagle Scout and continued to be actively involved as an Assistant Scout Master. When Christ the King Parish was

scouts would be an excellent boys' activity for a growing parish. Troop 5 was moved to Christ the King in 1954 and remains an active organization. In the early years Father Terry Morgan and Father Mike Pendergast were members of Troop 5. Father Terry also became an Eagle Scout at Christ the King. While a teacher at Bishop Kenny, Father Terry was very involved in promoting the Eagle Scout program. All six Coyle sons became Eagle Scouts as well. Sons, Terry and Robert, Jr., also served as Scoutmasters for Troop 5.

In addition to being involved in various fund raising programs for the parish, Bob was the first president of the Holy Name Society; he was a member of the



established, Father Larkin encouraged Bob to move Troop 5 from Immaculate Conception in downtown Jacksonville to Christ the King because he knew the



Dads' Club. Bob joined the Knights of Columbus in 1947 and transferred his membership to Arlington Council in 1959. He is

currently a Lifetime member of the Arlington Council and a member of the 50 Year Club. He is a member of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting, having served on the Board for several years. He initiated the Religious Emblem program for scouts at Christ the King. Bob received the St. George award, a Catholic Scouting award, from the Diocese of St. Augustine. In addition he was awarded the Silver Beaver award from the North Florida Council of Scouting and the Silver Antelope award from the Southeast States Council of Scouting.

Bob and Mary were active members of several civic and social organizations.

Mary was equally involved in activities at Christ the King, being the mother of a large, growing family. She was a Circle member from the beginning and became Guild President for the years of 1989-1991. As a mother of nine children, she was involved in many school activities and church functions.

Bob and Mary are very proud of their family: George, married with two girls lives in Birmingham, Alabama; Robert, married with two sons lives in Jacksonville; Terrence, married with two boys lives in Jacksonville; Nellie, married with one son and one daughter lives in Keystone Heights, Florida; Roy, married with two girls lives in Jacksonville; Nan, single, lives in Jacksonville; Joe, married with three girls and two boys lives in Jacksonville; Ginny, married with one girl lives in Jacksonville and Vincent, married with two girls lives in Jacksonville. That's a total of 19 grandchildren.

The Coyle family members are exemplary members of Christ the King, having done much in the promotion and development of the Parish over the past 50 years. Bob Coyle has earned the title "Mr. Boy Scout of Christ the King."

Bob, we the members of Christ the King, thank you and your family for the tremendous effort extended to Christ the King families and members.

Tiny Newcomer is a Blessing at L'Arche Harbor House

by Shannon Henderson

The newest member of the L'Arche Harbor House community—and the youngest on record—is Isabelle Lilly, who was born to House Assistants, Agnes and Santosh Thomas at Memorial Hospital on August 19. Isabelle was welcomed with open arms at Prayer House, a supported living home where she now lives with her parents, her big sister Esther (22

months), and Core Members Sharon and Mary.

Raising Isabelle and Esther is a group activity, her mother reports. "I have Mary and Sharon both helping me. Sharon will come and sing to the baby. She says, 'I'm the grandmother,'" laughs Agnes. Esther gets her share of attention, too. "Mary reads books to her, and they watch Annie together, over and over."

Esther and Isabelle will be sorely missed by Prayer House and

the whole community when the young family departs next month for Toronto. "It's too bad," remarks Agnes, who explains that Santosh will be able to look for a job in his field (marketing and finance) in Canada, where as skilled immigrants, the couple from Kerala, India, qualify for permanent residency. Next fall, she plans to return to school to complete her master's degree in social work.

Also new at L'Arche Harbor House...

Contact Mimi Adams at 721-5992 or developmnt@bellsouth.net to reserve your copy of the brand new L'Arche Harbor House 2007 A Year of Celebrations calendar. Designed by L'Arche Rainbow Workshop artists, the calendar is also a fund-raiser sponsored by 12 of Jacksonville's most beloved restaurants. It includes more than \$185 in coupons. Ideal for Christmas gifts!

My Future

Ginny Hilton #21

The Ginny Hilton Award is a writing competition for eighth grade students. Students describe what they want to accomplish in their lives over the next thirty years. The award was established in 2000 at Christ the King School and is named after a Texas journalist whose life was cut short by cancer at the age of 44. Students are assigned numbers when submitted their writing, rather than using their names.

God has a plan for everything and everyone in the world. He knows when everyone will be born and when they will die. Not to mention all the days in between. He is the only one who knows my future. Although I don't know, I have an idea of who I would like to be and I can only hope that I live my life the way I should; the way He would want me to. In 30 years I will be 44 years old. By that time in my life, I hope to have accomplished many things. I will have gotten an impressive college education. With that, I would like to have a job that I really love. I wouldn't wake up in the morning and dread the fact that I have to go to work that day. No way! That's not going to be me. Don't get me wrong, all of us have days when we just don't want to get up but besides that I will definitely enjoy what I do for a living. Otherwise I would have wasted time at college learning about something that I'm not even passionate about.

However, my whole life will not revolve around my job. I have to have time for the most important

people in my life; my family. After I complete college, I hope to get married. My husband will be someone like no one else I've ever met before because he will be perfect. Well, not truly perfect because no human could ever be perfect but it will seem like it in my eyes. We will have a beautiful wedding ceremony and all the people that are important to us will attend. After we are married, I hope to have children. I will probably have at least three. Although parents have to have rules in order for their children to respect them and behave, for the most part I think I will be easygoing. I want my children to have a great life. I also want to have a close bond with them. I would love it if my children could talk to me about things going on in their lives. Maybe, think of me as more than just a mother but as their friend too.

Aside from being a good mother I hope to be a good daughter as well. My parents have done everything in the world to make me happy and to raise me to be the best person that I can be. They have given up so much for me to send me to catholic school and to make sure that I have a satisfactory education. When I am grown and no longer live with my parents I plan on visiting them as often as my schedule allows. And if things get too busy I will make time to go and see them because I would be absolutely nothing without my parents. I hope that we can set up a special time to go and visit so that the children can also have a special bond with their grandparents

because it is very important. I hope that I am a good daughter and can always make my parents proud. I hate to disappoint them. I wouldn't be the person I am without my mother and father.



At the age of 44 my brothers won't be that much younger than me seeing that there are only five years between all four of us. So I'm guessing that they will also be married and have children. With luck, our children will form friendships with one another. But no matter what their lives are like I never want to lose contact with my siblings or let some silly argument come between us. I believe that when you lose your relationship with your siblings that is a sad thing and I would never forgive myself if I let something come between us. No bond will ever compare to that of your family

members and I know that I will always keep that in mind.

When it comes to the absolute most important figure in my life it would have to be God because without Him nothing would be possible at all. I hope to send my kids to Catholic school and to be active in the church. I will make sure that my family and I attend church every Sunday. I know that it is important to go to Mass because God gives us everything and only asks that we go to visit Him one hour a week. This does not seem like a lot to ask from people that He gave everything to.

When I am older I hope that I will have gained some knowledge over the years. I don't necessarily mean school work or anything like that. I am referring to true knowledge in other words, wisdom. Throughout the experiences of my life and everything that I go through I hope to come out of it all with wisdom that I can share with others to make life better. I know that I will make mistakes and wrong decisions but I hope to learn from life and everything it brings me.

I know that my expectations in life are not truly magnificent but it's rare that people live the fantasy life. However, to be completely honest I don't really care about extraordinary things happening to me as long as I am happy and I'm a good person that is all that truly matters in this life. The true reward will be afterward. No one really knows what will happen to them in the future and that is what's so great about life. It's unpredictable.

Christ the King School Honor Roll First Quarter 2006-2007

4a

Gabby Alqueeza**
Colin Boyd
Ricky Boyette
Jennifer Essick**
Maurice Flores
Jenny Green
Ashlinne Hickox
Donna Mahfouz
Cody Mcelveen
Janel Palomo **
Bayley Perez
Camille Rodriguez
Danny Sanford**
Michael Urbizu
Dylan Vestal
Kelly Wolfe

4b

George Assi
Stephen Azar
John Ashley
Ronnie Burke
J.r. Callanta**
Yasmeen Chan**
Jeff Dela Cruz**
Julia Eason
Hailey Guinn
Cassidy Lewis

David Longenecker
Mathew Lynch
Paola Ramos
Megan Schroder
Erica Stanfill

5a

Rachel Belen
Rhett Butler
William Morgan
Quinton Pooler
Jonathan Rhodes
Alexandra Richer
Kelsey Smith
David Yarborough**

5b

Nate Caron
Brandon Diaz
Matthew Dinh **
Joey Dioso
Rebecca Jones
Michael Martin
Yanni Palatsidis
Brandon Parker
Kathleen Patti
Greg Shannahan
Katie Smith

6a

Meaghanne Austin**
Darby Clower
Amanda Cruz
Palmer Frye
John Luke Vega
Katie Tackett

6b

Christian Chan**
Erica Christenson
Stephanie Grochmal
Peter House
Kyle Kadlub
Kevin Klima
Mallorie Leshner
Lauren Reynolds

7a

Brandon Chin
Andrew Dinh**
Stephanie Joost
Paul Longenecker

7b

Jonarmon Antolin**
Maverick Claxton

Jan Dela Cruz**
Jazelle Ferarez**
Miranda Mccown**
Ashlea Mccrone
Victoria Salud**

8a

Alex Deloach**
Matt Jones
Jonathan Koch**
Clay Ludwig**
Mandy Niesen
Kenny Stephens
Bobby Yarborough**

8b

Parker Flye
Jason Infante
Mackenzie Nichols
Trenton Raesemann
Kenneth Stephens
Tyler Williamson

** Denotes All A's

Thank you for the new
playground equipment.

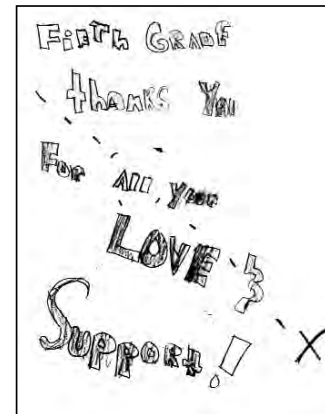


*An act of kindness is long remembered.
Thank You.
Mrs. Cooney & 8B*



Dear Fr. Thanh,
Thank you for the new
playground equipment.
Bless you,
Pre-K 4A, 4B, & 4C

Thank you for the
playground it is
beautiful and fun.
You rock!



With Special Thanks
Some people have such special ways -
A kind of magic touch -
They always do the nicest things
That means so very much.
Thank you very much for supporting our school.
God Bless and much love, 7B & Mrs. Longenecker



Thank you so much for the
wicked awesome playground,
it rules



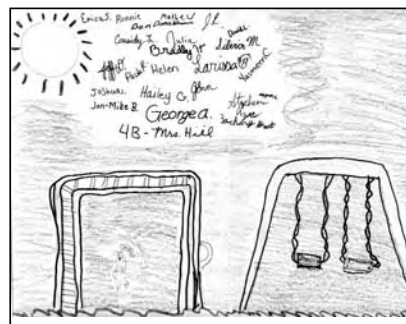
*You rock my world!
See you in the after life*



Wicked Playground

To Father Thanh and Mr. Japour
3B is enjoying the playground!!
Thank You!
Mrs. Thurson and Class

*God Bless You
Each and every kindness is a beautiful
reminder of God's great love.
Thank you and Bless you for being so nice.
Our new playground is a special treat for
all of us at CTK. Many Many thanks!
Mrs. Cass and Home Room 8A*



Dear Father Thanh
and Mr. Japour,
3-A loves the new
playground! It is so much
fun. Thank you for all that
you do for us.
Love, Mrs. Fowler & 3-A

Thank u so much for
making the school better!!



The Dentist, Jaguars and Ice Cream?

by Theresa Little

On September 8, 2006, the Duval County Health Department arrived here with their Mobile Dental Unit. The dentist gave all of our children a complimentary cleaning and examination. The children enjoyed the dentist and his office on wheels.

We also invited the school Pre-K 4 class over and they were thrilled that several of their parents had approved their visit to the dentist.

This is a great service and we are blessed to be in a community with resources such as these offered to our children.

... and then ...



On September 13, 2006, the Jaguars Cool Cat Mobile came to visit us and bring ice cream and temporary tattoos (Jaguars, of course) for our children.

The teachers and children enjoyed their ice cream treats. The Jaguars brought us so much ice cream we decided to share it with the school. We were able to have enough ice cream for all the children at Christ the King School. Yea!!! Thanks Jaguars for your support and we are looking forward to seeing you next year for more ice cream.



History of the Catholic Church in the United States

Part 4 - Catholic Education System

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The Catholic Parochial School System

All of these teaching orders, too many to mention in this short article, coupled with the generosity of the Catholic people, made possible the immense and crowning jewel of the Church in America; our parochial school system. When the public elementary school system was developed in the United States in the beginning of the 19th century, it was under complete control of the various Protestant denominations. They forced our children to use the King James Bible to which, of course, Catholics objected and at enormous material sacrifice, the parochial school system, was

nurseries, Catholic Big Brothers and Big Sisters, the Catholic Protective Society, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, etc., all sprang up across the nation. There was a defect in the system however; too much help, and not enough direction. In 1910, Cardinal Gibbons founded the National Conference of Catholic Charities to bring it all together.

Where are we now?

Surprisingly, the Catholic Church in the United States has been free from any noteworthy schisms or heresies. Yes, the news has been full of one controversy after another, mostly about our priests abusing our children. However, this has not slowed the growth of our Church. Here are



developed. It remains distinctive to America. By 1928, over two million pupils attended more than 7,000 Catholic elementary schools. In the same year there were 117 distinct Religious Communities, with a combined membership of over 70,000.

The cap of our Catholic educational system is the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., established by Pope Leo XIII in 1889. It is the only university in America that is endowed with all the privileges of the old pontifical universities of Europe. The Pope wished that all Religious Orders become sharers of the Catholic University. This goal was met from the beginning as the Sulpicians took over administration, followed by the Paulists, Marists, Holy Cross Fathers, Franciscans and Dominicans, Brothers of Mary, the Oblates, the Capuchins, Black Franciscans or Minor Conventuals, Christian Brothers, and Carmelites. In 1897 Trinity College for Catholic Women was founded. In 1914 a Catholic Sisters' College was established.

Catholic Charities

As America grew, the need for Catholic charitable and social work was evident. Again the Religious Orders and laity came through. Maternity hospitals, Catholic day

some statistics from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (www.usccb.org):

69.1 million Catholics in the U.S. (23% of the population) - 2006

18,992 Parishes - 2006

42,271 Priests, 5,252 Brothers,

67,733 Sisters, 14,493 Deacons - 2006

There were 438 new Priests in 2005

573 hospitals that treated 84.7 million patients in 2005

6511 elementary schools, 1354 high schools - 2.5 million students enrolled - 2006

231 colleges and universities - 763,757 students - 2006

73,684 adults converted to the Catholic Faith in 2005

There were 80,817 adults baptized in 2005

There were 943,264 infants baptized in 2005

There are over 1,095,000,000 Catholics worldwide.

As we enter this new age of growth, it is estimated Hispanics will comprise 50% of Catholics in the U.S. and push our numbers beyond 25% of the population.

Find out more about our Church and faith by visiting www.tanbooks.com and www.catholiccompany.com. They have a huge selection of books covering every Catholic topic you can imagine and both are secure web sites for ordering for home delivery.

Celebrate Life

by Maria Cristina Williams

**I want to celebrate life!
I want to lift up my son's life,
and my life and our family's,
and the lives of all of his friends.
I want to celebrate life.**

**My spirit is more transparent,
The heaviness of sadness lighter
And for today, at least,
I feel alive again.
I want to celebrate life.**

**My son lives on in me, in his dad,
In this house, in his brother and
sister,
In all those he touched in life.
There is such joy in this and
I want to celebrate life.**

**Although the darkness of his loss
Has been excruciating,**



**The acceptance of his existence
Has been exhilarating.
I want to celebrate life!**

**He lives on in spirit form,
I know he's not far from us,
He's still entwined in the lives
Of those he loved on earth and
I want to celebrate life.**

**The heaviness of self-pity
Is slowly being lifted,
Tears are being tempered
With joy of faith and how and
I want to celebrate life.**

**In this moment of lightness
I'm grateful for the experience
Of sharing his earthly existence
On this small patch of God's
earth.
I want to celebrate Life!**

My Friend Cristina's Sorrow

By Lucille Guzzone

I met Christina at Sandalwood High School many years ago when we were both teachers. We became close friends right away simply because we had so much in common – both Latin, both Catholic, both mothers. We knew each other's children and followed their progress as they grew. Last Spring when I was in Boston visiting family, I got a call from my son telling me that Cristina's youngest boy had died in a motorcycle accident. Needless to say, I was heartbroken for my friend and was so sorry that I was not there to console her. However, a few days later we met for lunch, and at that time, she gave me a booklet, which she created, consisting of her original poems. In each one, she expressed heartfelt and sincere feelings about her devastating loss. The poetry moved me so much that I knew that the words could probably be used to help others deal with the loss of a loved one. Although most were deeply sad, others expressed a strengthening faith and a presence of hope.

by Darlene O'Neal

It has been exactly one year since Ligeia Damaso was introduced as the new Fertility Care Practitioner (FCP) at Christ the King. As an FCP, she has been trained to instruct women in the use of the Creighton Model System (CrMS), which teaches the monitoring of their health and signs of fertility.

Ligeia has used the CrMS since she was introduced to it while she was a student at the University of Florida. She met her husband, Eugene, at the Catholic Student Center in Gainesville and soon after they became engaged. They were prepared to use the CrMS as a means of family planning by the time they married. They met Father Guy Noonan and Father Tim Lozier at the Student Center and it was Father Lozier who officiated at their wedding. Father Guy was unable to attend the wedding, but he was the coordinator of a pilgrimage which was to be Ligeia and Eugene's honeymoon trip.

Although Ligeia works full time as a pediatric nurse practitioner at Nemours and Eugene is an architect, they lead very active lives. She does weight lifting and cycling exercises five

times a week. She also climbs two flights of outside stairs to her office above Christ the King Daycare, where she meets clients for their private CrMS sessions. Ligeia and



Eugene are active in the Emmaus Young Adult Group and also are Mass representatives at the LIFETEEN. In addition, they participate in the Families

Following Christ ministry. This ministry is devoted to the spiritual growth of the family.

Speaking of family, Ligeia comes from a large family with eight children, four of whom were adopted. She was born in New York and grew up in Orlando, Florida. Her family is originally from Puerto Rico while Eugene's family comes from the Philippines. He was raised in Pensacola, Florida with four other siblings and has always looked forward to the day when he would be a father. Eugene will be getting his wish soon because he and Ligeia are expecting their first baby and they are literally counting the days. They hope All Saints Day will be the birth day. They don't know whether it's a girl or a boy but they will welcome whoever God gives them.

Ligeia and Eugene attended a Young Adult retreat in July where Ligeia participated in the Eucharistic Procession. When she touched the Monstrance veil to her belly, she felt the baby move. This baby is certainly blessed to have loving and caring people like Ligeia and Eugene Damaso for parents and Christ the King parish is blessed to have such active and dedicated young adults.

One Year Later -

Live A Life That Matters

by Author Unknown

Ready or not,
someday it will all come to an end.

There will be no more sunrises,
no minutes, hours or days.

All the things you collected,
whether treasured or forgotten,
will pass to someone else.

Your wealth,
fame and temporal power
will shrivel to irrelevance.

It will not matter what you owned
or what you were owed.

Your grudges, resentments, frustrations,
and jealousies will finally disappear.

So, too, your hopes, ambitions, plans,
and to-do lists will expire.

The wins and losses
that once seemed so important
will fade away.

It won't matter where you came from,
or on what side of the tracks you lived,
at the end.

It won't matter whether you were beautiful or brilliant.

Even your gender and skin color will be irrelevant.

So what will matter?
How will the value of your days be measured?

What will matter is not what you bought
but what you built;
not what you got,
but what you gave?

What will matter is not your success,
but your significance.

What will matter is not what you learned,
but what you taught.

What will matter is every act of integrity,
compassion,
courage or sacrifice that enriched,
empowered or encouraged others
to emulate your example.

What will matter is not your competence,
but your character.

What will matter is not how many people you knew,
but how many will feel a lasting loss when you're gone.

What will matter is not your memories,
but the memories that live in those who loved you.

What will matter is how long you will be remembered,
by whom and for what.

Living a life that matters doesn't happen by accident.
It's not a matter of circumstance but of choice.

Choose to live a life that matters.

Thank You!

Nichole, a young ambassador with the People to People organization and an active parishioner at Christ the King, recently went to England, Ireland, and Wales. The following is a thank you letter to Father Thanh, friends, and those who support her.



Thank you so much for all of your prayers and support. My trip would not have been possible without you. My trip to England, Ireland, and Wales was amazing. It was one of the best experiences in my life. The sights I saw, the people I met, and the friends I made along the way. All those memories will last a lifetime, and it was all thanks to your support.

I went on a People to People trip to England, Ireland, and Wales. In case you haven't heard about People to People, please allow me to share some history with you. President Dwight D. Eisenhower founded the organization in 1956. He believed that, if people from different cultures could come together in peace and friendship, so, eventually, would their countries. Since its founding People to People has launched many international programs including Sister Cities, Project HOPE, and Pen Pals.

I was sent a letter saying that I was recommended for this trip and, after going to a meeting, my parents and I decided this would be a lifetime experience I shouldn't pass up. After the first meeting we were told we needed three teacher recommendations and a recommendation from someone in the community. We also were required to have a high Grade Point Average and be involved in extracurricular activities. After gathering together paperwork I had to be interviewed by the people leading the trip I was going on. Finally, after that was all done and over, I received a letter of acceptance for the trip. I went to

many meetings and finally we were off.

My favorite part of the trip would have to be my stay in Ireland. We met so many different people and saw so many different cultures in the same country. Everyone had Irish pride and everyone was so warm and inviting, and I haven't even told you about the landscape yet! The rolling hills, the forty shades of green, and the magical stories all add to the atmosphere, and it was also very nice to be in a place that was predominantly Catholic.

Since I've been home I've noticed so many differences between our country and theirs. Some of the differences are cultural and some are just different laws and rules. Like, did you know pedestrians in England do not have the right of way when it comes to driving? And there were so many other things to remember to do or not to do while over there. Then I also realized-what if people from England, Ireland, or Wales came over here? They would also have to learn little rules that they don't have to worry about over there.

This trip has been an eye opening experience for me. I think everyone should travel overseas at least once to understand better the world around them, to appreciate our country a little more, and to have a little more pride toward our country and what it does for us. Thank you again for all your kindness and support. You have really changed my outlook on life.

Sincerely,
Nichole Norton



**Wanna know
a secret?**

**I use
SCRIP
from the school
for Christmas
gifts giving**

Children's Mass Honoring Past Teachers

By Stephanie Chinault

Sometimes a special moment occurs that crystallizes what community in a Catholic school means. That moment occurred at Christ the King during the Children's Mass honoring past teachers on September 29th. After Communion, each teacher walked to the altar while the years they taught were announced. The audience, full of parents and parishioners, eagerly waited to hear the names and to see if any of their past teachers had come. And come they did. One of the school's first teachers from 1956, Anna Smith, was there. In fact there were teachers representing each decade the school has been in existence. They all received a small bouquet of flowers and a prayer card to commemorate the school's 50 years.

The last teacher called was Mary Ward who served as teacher, librarian, and finally as principal. Her service dated from the school's inception until the late 1970s. While being brought to the front of the church, she gaily pronounced "no homework for a week" causing a thunderous applause to ensue.

A picture (see front cover) captured 16 retired teachers proudly standing at the front altar and three priests all of whom attended Christ the King as parishioners and students, Father Terry Morgan, Father Michael Pendergraft, and Father Paul Stewart. What the picture could not capture were the many parents who came to honor their past teachers sitting in pews with the second generation of Christ the King students. Our school community is generational. It honors the past 50 years and embraces the future.

Christ The King School Star Student First Quarter 2006 – 2007

1A	Alfred Flores	Art K – 5	Alexa Monrose
2A	Lucia Matos	Art 6 – 8	Jonathan Koch
3A	Deanna Hickox	Computers K-5	Ashlinne Hickox
3B	Christopher Luyando	Computers 6-8	Maverick Claxton
4A	Rachel Leshner	Library K-5	Dylan Vestal
4B	Silvia Montana	Library 6-8	Gabrielle Stoddard
5A	Courtney Wildes	Music K-5	Macayla Harrell
5B	Iggy Juego	Music 6-8	Tyler Williamson
6A	Amber Smith	Liturgical Music	Candace Nagle
6B	Angela Hyse-Orjuela	Pe K-5	Quinton Pooler
7A	Samantha Nagle	Pe 6-8	Christopher Saliba
7B	Yorgo Palatsidis	Spanish K-5	Johnny McCrone
8A	Kallie Longley	Spanish 6-8	Jack Ogin
8B	Ji Lee		

Bishop John J. Snyder High School Academic Honors First Quarter

Students from Christ the King:

Second Honors: Taylor Hull
Jammari Porter
Mary-Katherine Register
Jessica Stamper

Students from Morning Star:

Second Honors: Alan Abrajano
Eryn Coyle

Bishop Kenny Class of 1976 Celebrates 30TH Reunion

by Karen (Huber) Tracy



The weekend of August 25-26 brought together the graduates of Bishop Kenny Class of 1976 for our 30th reunion. Over the course of two nights, 75 classmates compared notes on what has happened over 30 years. Friday night found us reminiscing at Mudville Grille, enjoying good company and laughing at the pictures from long ago, and wondering where the time went. Wonderful memorabilia surfaced, reminding us of our carefree youth at BK. Some of our graduates came in from as far as California, Tennessee and New Jersey – and, of course, many of us are here in Jacksonville and various places in Florida. Mudville treated us right - good tailgate party food and beverages were served while we talked. The festivities continued during the day on Saturday - a choice between golf at Cimarron Golf and Country Club, or a tour of BK as it stands today followed by a Mass.

Ms. Sheila Marovich, BK's Director of Development, served as our tour guide as we once again walked the halls of our alma mater - only this time we didn't need hall passes. About 30 alumni and guests roamed around the campus as we saw the changes the campus has gone through over the course of 30 years. Gone were the grassy areas where we would lunch outside the cafeteria - replaced by patio courtyards with tables and umbrellas. New buildings on campus have been wisely designed to provide the best learning environment while maximizing the building funds available. The tour ended with a Mass in the new Chapel, celebrated by a former Kenny teacher - Fr. Tom Sullivan, who now serves at St. Paul Parish in Riverside.

The Crowne Plaza provided the setting for us to celebrate the "official" event in style. Saturday evening allowed us to continue catching up on old times. A wonderful dinner was served that gave us the chance to sit, relax and chat. Then the band, Puzzle, took the stage and the Bishop Kenny Class of 1976 took to the dance floor - dancing the night away to KC, Deep Purple and Seals & Croft. Thirty years did not slow us down - and we enjoyed watching when some of our classmates (Doug Gorospe, Steve Wheeler and "Tuffy" Larizza) joined Puzzle with their musical talents on harmonicas and the guitar. We acknowledged the accomplishments of our fellow classmates with gift certificates — honoring the longest married, greatest number of children and grandchildren, and who traveled the farthest to join us. We even tested our memories with a trivia quiz from the 70's.



Nightmare Nuptials Held – Til Death Do ‘Em Part?

by Paul Ghiotto

*I'm getting may-reed in the evenin',
Ding Dong the bells are gonna
chyme,
Kick up a stump-us but don't lose
the compass,
And get me to the church, get me to
the church,
For Goddsake get me to the church
on time.
(with apologies to Alan Jay Lerner)*



If you didn't get to the church – er, CTK church hall – on time or at all on Friday night, September 15, then you missed the wedding of the year, Bubba! All it cost was \$10.00 a person and you had a chance to bid at a silent auction, sample finger foods, down a spot of wine – or two and get ready to kiss the bride! (pffffttt!) Then, after the big event – shotgun not needed – there followed a delicious meal consisting of tossed salad, spaghetti with meat sauce, and red velvet cake all prepared and served by the stalwart members of the Christ the King King's Choir. Believe me, if you missed this wedding then shame on you, Bubbette!



"Nightmare Nuptials", an original comedy program performed by members of the Jacksonville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, lampooned many of the more outlandish scenes which its members have been forced – often against their will – to witness over the years while performing at weddings of the "dearly beloved." This completely outrageous and

thoroughly delightful program was but one of the many and varied types of musical programs which the Jacksonville chapter sponsors during the year. Playing to a packed house, guild members finally had the chance to get out from behind the organ and experience life on the wild and crazy side of the world of wacky and outlandish nuptials.

People of all ages were constantly seen roaring with laughter throughout the program. Of course, there were the usual

snide comments overheard regarding the bride's dress, bridesmaids' dresses, floozy bridesmaids, fellow attendees, and the lack of a good razor! The only tears shed during the wedding were ones of happiness and, if memory serves correct, someone at the front table on the right split a gut if not a seam!

To add to the "flavor" of the evening all of the wedding party male roles were played by women and the female parts – extreme facial hair in some instances notwithstanding – were played by men. Sister Flatulentis caused some severe post scholastic stress for

of the Handbell Choir and Little Angels groups, *Susan Grossholtz*.

The other JAX AGO members and their painful roles of a lifetime were:

Minister – *Ray McDonald*, retired director of music, St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Bride – *James Cripps*, retired director of music, First United Methodist Church (downtown).

Groom – *Lisa Moser*, director of music at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Green Cove Springs, and music director at Bishop Snyder High School.

Mother of the Groom – *David Emory*, music director at St. Matthews Catholic Church.

Boyfriend of the Mother of the Groom – *Erin Gillooly*, member, Don Thompson Chorale.

Bridesmaid – *Rodney Cleveland*, music director, Lakewood Presbyterian Church.

Bridesmaid – *David Bowen*, organist/choirmaster, Church of the Good Shepherd.



Best Man – *Sharon Murawski*, substitute organist, Celebration Lutheran Church.

Groomsman – *Rose Trythall*, choir member, Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church.

Flower Girl – *Steve Jannetti*, music director, Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church.



Wedding Coordinator – *Joanna Corbet*, organist, Advent Lutheran Church (Orange Park)

Soloists – *Eileen Gillooly* (Sister Flatulentis), music director, Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church; *Rex Rachel*, Associate for Family Ministry, Advent Lutheran Church.

Organist – *Michael Dell*, music director, First Presbyterian Church (downtown).

Ushers – *Andy McCrimmon*, Duval County Public Schools; *Tony Cruz*, music director, St. John's Chapel, (Fruit Cove).

Reader – *Dr. Mary Holladay*, organist/choirmaster, Riverside Baptist Church.

Following the "wedding" the happy couple were planning a trip to Pedro's South of the Border, Monkey Jungle, and Bubbaland. The couple will live in Infamy.

Funds raised support scholarships for aspiring organists and help underwrite other productions. Productions also give chapter members and supporters a hearty opportunity to socialize and have a great time sharing their love of music – especially the organ. For more information on chapter activities and future events search the internet under www.jaxago.org.

Thank you ladies and gentlemen for a most enjoyable evening!



Armchair Quarterbacks

Opinion

by Nancy M. Powers

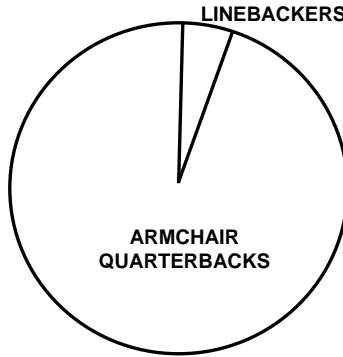
Football season has officially begun. You can feel it in the air as 36 teams battle for the ultimate trophy – the Lombardi Trophy given to the winner of the Super Bowl. That means hard work for 36 Quarterbacks, more than 72 Backup Quarterbacks and...

Millions of Armchair Quarterbacks.

I use football as an example because we all recognize the armchair quarterback in ourselves and others. Without the pressure from the owner, the press and the millions of fans, we sit in our homes often times shouting at the television as we send in our unheard plays and scrutinize those plays called by the on-field coach. He's a hero if his play goes well and a bum if it doesn't. But we...we have all the answers and it's all in good fun.

However, I've noticed this phenomenon carry over to many other aspects of our lives. We have become armchair politicians, armchair marriage counselors, armchair teachers and even armchair parents. And it doesn't stop there – it's even seeped into this sanctuary called Church as we become armchair bishops, armchair pastors, armchair principals, armchair administrators and armchair ministry leaders. We have become a nation of critics – a church of critics! And the further phenomenon is that no matter who is in the leadership role, a new coach or a new president or a new pastor, we still find ourselves critiquing and opining.

I have found myself staunchly hanging onto my armchair as I grab my soapbox and exhort



on any subject. But what I've noticed is when I'm at my armchair best I'm really at my trusting worse.

"And he gave some as apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers, to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ..." Ephesians 4:11-12

As it relates to Church, here are some of the problems with being an armchair "fill-in-the-Church-role". As written in Ephesians, those in leadership in this Church, from the year 33AD through today, are a gift from God, put here among us to equip us for building up the body of Christ. It's often a thankless job and a job often held to judgment. Do we trust God's choices? Do we trust those in His leadership? Also, from the outside looking in, we seldom know all the facts in which to make a decision. We hear bits

and pieces of information, not really knowing if it's accurate or inaccurate. We second-guess others' actions and decisions based on hearsay. Would we really make decisions without all the facts? And, worst of all, we forget that we know each other and we forget the goodness in each of us.

So today, through this little article, I pray that all of us at Christ the King (me included) will turn in our armchairs and instead be a builder of the body of Christ.

"Rather, living the truth in love, we should grow in every way into Him who is the head, Christ, from whom the whole body joined and held together by every supporting ligament, with the proper functioning of each part, brings about the body's growth and builds itself up on love." (Ephesians 4:15-16)

We should join together to be the ligaments that support each part. We should constantly lift up our humble servants who have been put in their roles by God and offer them help and support rather than criticism. Just think how much stronger our Church community will be and how much more we'll all grow in holiness (God willing) if we are happy doing God's work.

If you see someone hanging onto their armchair and grabbing their soapbox, remind them that God gave us our leaders in whom we should trust. And then next time you see our pastor, our administrator, our principal and our ministry leaders say "thank you" and offer to help. Then we'll really be at our trusting best. Amen!

Sam Kouvaris Featured Speaker for September Men's Club Meeting



by Bill Coppedge

As many of you may know Sam Kouvaris is a very colorful sports journalist and commentator for our local television station WJXT Channel 4. Sam has been working there for 26 years covering all manner of sports both local and national. He has met a lot of interesting and well-known people along the way.

Thinking that part of Sam's job is getting up very early, I asked him what time he started in the mornings and he told me that he sleeps until about 8:30 a.m. But of course he doesn't get home until about 2:00 a.m. every night. In hearing him speak, one can only surmise that he has a very busy schedule and not much personal



time. But Sam said that he wouldn't have it any other way, because of all of the famous people that he has met through the years. Many of these people are modern day heroes with unique personalities who had a profound effect on the sport in which they excelled.

Sam started out very young in sports, he played football and baseball. His goal was to be a professional baseball player, but since he didn't make this goal, he chose to be in the profession that he is in now. For those of you who don't know, Sam is a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Mandarin. Although he doesn't have much time, he has been a guest speaker for the St. Joseph's Men's Club as well.

A Knight to Be Remembered

by Butch Ferrizzi

The mark of a truly great man is when people say the same statements about you after your death that were made about you while you were still alive.

If ever a statement could be made about Bob Knutson this would be it.



Bob Knutson was a member of our Council 4727 and also a 4th degree member of Holy Trinity Assembly 2368, and also an officer of American Legion Post 283. Bob left us on September 5th but will always be a part of us. Bob was truly a knight-charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism was his forte and he truly practiced each. Everyone who knew Bob or was around Bob could count on him for his help, participation, support, and advice on the right thing to do.

Even though sometimes he was referred to as Mr. McGovern because of his famous spouse, Betsy McGovern--Christ the King's famous 5th grade teacher, Bob would smile with a twinkle in his eye because of the great loving relationship this couple had.

Bob was so special. A special knight, a special person, a special participant, a special bingo worker, a special brother, a special advisor, a special husband, but more than anything a special-special friend that will always be loved and never will be forgotten.

LIFETEEN Fall Retreat 2006

by Allison Lynch

"I do not like green eggs and ham, I do not like them Sam I am"....*The Seuss Is Loose* was the theme of the LIFETEEN 2006 Fall Retreat. After hearing what our theme would be for the upcoming retreat all of us teens were extremely eager to find out what would be in store for us. As usual the teens vigorously questioned the core members; however we were unsuccessful in finding out any information about the retreat.

After Mrs. Pruitt had taken on the head position of Parents for Life when Jeanette Ghiotto had stepped down after many years of

"What in the world?" was the question that crossed all of our minds. Another church would be attending the retreat! This had definitely never happened at any of our retreats in the past. However, later we were to find out that our own Father Perko was behind this madness and wanted the teens from his own parish to experience what we have here at Christ the King.

We were all excited, but a little hesitant because we never know what to expect for a retreat. Now we were going to have about 20 teens we'd never met before coming to" our retreat." After stepping off our two big yellow busses we got our first look at the

was Starr, our cabin core member. Later, Marissa was put into our cabin as well, making me a little less uneasy.

For me, I think being put in this cabin was one of the best things that could have happened to me on the retreat. All the newbie girls in our cabin were frightened and scared of what was awaiting them. I felt like the big sister of our cabin. I was the only girl in the cabin besides the core, Starr, who had ever attended a Life Teen retreat.

After attending our sessions for the first evening we returned to the cabin and it was bonding time. We were the last of the cabins to turn our lights out for the evening and we still had more bonding to do. The girls began to roll over for bed, but we still had to pray. As a cabin we each took turns of saying a part of a decade of the rosary and of sharing intentions.

I grew close with my cabin over the retreat weekend, as well as growing as a person. This retreat wasn't as intense as ones in the past for we had many newbies and the directors of the retreat didn't want to overwhelm them. I came away, though, with a better knowledge of myself.

The retreat was filled with laughter after hilarious skits put on by the amazing "Thing 1" and "Thing 2." We experienced moments of deep thought and self finding with talks given by the core and discussions within our groups. We found new friends and grew even closer to old ones. The Fall 2006 retreat was astounding as usual. It was a completely different weekend than any of the past retreats. I would recommend this experience to any high school student who wants to grow closer to God and their friends.



love, sweat, and dedication to us teens, I was filled with excitement of what was to come. Mrs. Pruitt is a very committed mother, wife, parishioner, and activist within our parish. She is also a dear friend to my family. Along with knowing a great friend of the family would be attending the retreat, my parents asked my sister and me whether we would mind if they volunteered as well to be part of Parents for Life. (These are the wonderful people who provide all the decorations, food, and much, much more.)

With great enthusiasm I agreed I would love for them to work the retreat. This would be my 4th retreat; I've shared past experiences with them, but I knew they never could understand what really happens unless they were there to experience it for themselves. I decided that it would just make this retreat that much more special. My sister was a little hesitant because she is a senior and this would be one of her last retreats. She really didn't know what to think about my parents' question, but came to the conclusion that it would also make this retreat stand out in her mind as an even better event.

The retreat day came and us teens arrived at Christ The King awaiting the upcoming excursion. A two hour bus ride lay ahead of us, but this was just more time to talk and catch up with our friends. As we were on the bus we were told that our parish would not be the only one attending the retreat.

"newbies", along with all the wacky and crazy decorations provided by the Parents for Life, as well as Myrna and Moya, the directors for this retreat.



The newbies all seemed very quiet and were just sitting on the benches waiting for what was to come. The core members were all running around in outrageous costumes imitating fictitious characters from Dr. Seuss. All of a sudden it hit me; we might have to bunk with some of the newbies. This was definitely not happening! I was bunking with my best friend, Katherine, along with Jordan, Hannah and Susan. I had already decided that was what would be happening. To ensure that I would be bunking with Katherine I put her under my necessity section on the retreat application.

Well, you see very interesting things happen on these retreats. You can never be sure of ANYTHING! To my surprise I was split from all of my friends and put into a cabin filled with newbies aging from 13-15. What was going on? This was not happening! The only person I knew in our cabin

Livin' For Something

by Katherine Ramsey and Christina Davis

On Sunday, October 22, following the LIFETEEN Mass, a very talented singer and songwriter known as Janelle, came and sang a few songs and talked with the teens. She had a lot to share with the group about her past struggles with love and how God was there in her life to help her overcome these.

Janelle currently lives in Canada, but is on her first United States tour, traveling the entire U.S.A. by bus, playing 29 concerts in 60 days! Janelle has traveled all over the world singing to large audiences. In 2002 she sang the theme song for World Youth Day in Toronto, and even came face-to-face with Pope John Paul II.

Janelle shared that she was so inspired by Pope John Paul II that she wrote a song, "Be Not Afraid", reflecting his life of encouraging others in their faith walk. Janelle challenged us asking why there can't be a John Paul II in every city throughout the nation, continent, and world! She has such a beautiful voice, and gave such an inspirational talk she brought tears to some people's eyes.

While we only had Janelle for one evening at Christ the King, the teens were so inspired they traveled to her next concert two nights later at Sacred Heart in Green Cove Springs!

Calling All Girls!

By Tara Crisp

Hey, Hey Girls! It's that time of year to start **Girl's Club** again. Our start up meeting took place on Saturday, October 21 and we carved pumpkins, watched a movie and enjoyed fellowship with each other. This year we have lots planned including a camping trip in November, a service project in December and more fun planned for the New Year. Natalie and I and the rest of the ladies look forward to seeing you girls soon!



Imagine what
YOU can be doing!

Current 6th – 8th graders!
Don't miss out on what could be the year
of a LIFE time!
Call the Youth Office for details!
(904) 425-4215

Our New Seminarian: Bernard Fussell

by Mickey Kenny

Bernard's military family moved to Jacksonville in 1956 and, when he was six years old, enrolled him in St. Pius' elementary school though they were faithful, practicing Baptists. They believed this was the best education they could provide for their children.

Along with the other academic subjects Bernard learned about the faith of St. Pius Catholic School and when Bernard was eight he asked his parents if he could become a Catholic too and they told him they would think it over. He did join the Church, finished at St. Pius, and went on to Bishop Kenny on a basketball scholarship where he graduated in 1973. Seeing Bernard for the first time no one could possibly be surprised that basketball would play a major roll in his life! He is a most imposing figure!

A basketball scholarship gave Bernard the opportunity to go to Florida Junior College (that was FCCJ at that time) and then on to Birmingham Southern College. But these were more than just opportunities for him to play basketball, they were also always opportunities for him to learn ... and learn ... and learn. He majored in sociology and minored in business and worked hard to do well. That has always been the key to Bernard Fussell: first God's gifts, then his use of them to become the best he can be, and then his being realistic enough to know his limitations and his abilities.



seminary August 17th supremely happy. On August 19th Bernard learned his father had just died and he had to return home for the funeral and helping his family. He said the exuberance he had entered with on the 17th was not to be the same this second time he began his studies. Just as committed but different – far away from the family he knew needed him.



He knew he just wasn't going to be a basketball great, and he also recognized that he had worldly dreams not achieved in social work, and so in 1981 he went to work for Florida National Bank – remember them? He worked hard and did very well in the 22 years he worked for them – straight through First National and on to Wachovia. His dreams of a big house and a lovely life were achieved through his hard work. And yet there was something missing in his life.

Through daily Mass attendance at Immaculate Conception downtown and immersing himself in the Liturgy of the Hours, Bernard tried to find the peace he longed for, the only thing missing in his life. And yet he was rather shocked when his priest asked him if perhaps he should become a priest or a monk himself. And, as usual, he worked hard to discern if perhaps that might not really be the avenue for his life. There is an in-



depth process for becoming a priest after living in the world, and he followed each and every step of the way. When the final oral testing came and the interviews were over, Father Tetlow (remember him?) asked to speak with him and when he was told he had been accepted Bernard fell to his knees in gratitude to God.

He left for the Sacred Heart Seminary in Wisconsin (where Andy Blaszkowski, our past seminarian, is at the present time) and entered the



However, when Bernard returns to his studies after this year of pastoral studying here in his home town, he will be at the St. Vincent de Paul Seminary in Boynton Beach for the next three years when he hopes and prays he will be taking his vows of obedience, chastity, and simple living. We are helping him to learn how difficult being a pastor can be (!) and we are hoping and praying for his success as well.

All of Bernard's life he has been gifted, worked hard, and known the feeling of St. Augustine, "My heart is restless until it rests in You." Thank God we have this opportunity to be a part of one seminarian's quest for a restful heart.

E. BERNARD FUSSELL Priest-To-Be Studying for the Diocese of St. Augustine, FL

I'm the first born of six siblings followed by Kevin, Michael, Lewis, Jr., Anthony, and Tiffini from Lewis E. (deceased) and Isabell Fussell. I'm a life long resident of Jacksonville. I was educated at St. Pius V Grade School and Bishop Kenny High School; I continued my education at FCCJ South Campus and finished my undergraduate education at Birmingham Southern College. I began my banking career with First National Bank of Birmingham before transferring back to Jacksonville in '81. After completing 22 years with Wachovia I entered into the seminary in 2003 with one year of pre-Theology at Sacred Heart School of Theology in Hales Corners, Wisconsin, and two years of Major Theology at St Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach, Florida. Here at Christ the King, I'm currently involved in LIFETEEN, Religious Education in both the school and parish and various other ministries and activities. Upon completing my Pastoral Year assignment here at Christ the King Church and School (God willing) should find me with two years of formation remaining.

"AD MAJOREM GLORIAM DEI, PATRIS, FILII, SPIRITUS SANCTI" "Glory be to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit."