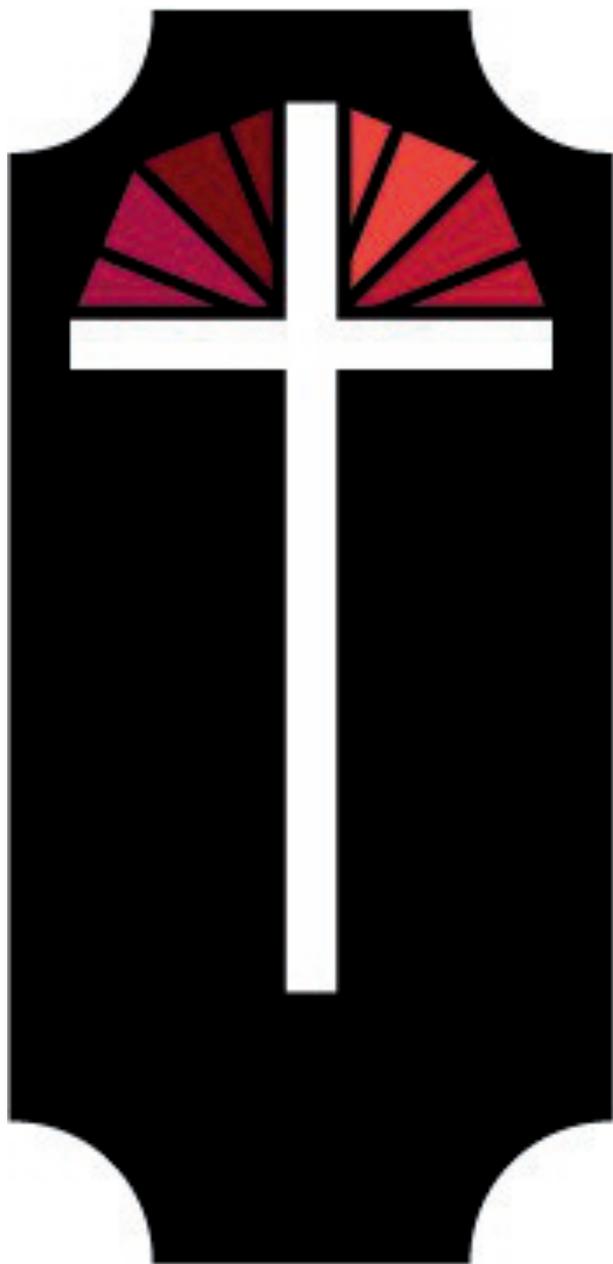


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*"There is no longer a privileged people and a marginalized people.*

*All of us are co-heirs in the mystery of Christ."*

St. Archbishop Oscar Romero

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8:30AM Fred Maloof

Wednesday, October 14

8:30AM Duy Tran

Thursday, October 15

8:30AM John Centofanti

Friday, October 16

8:30AM Jane Kinley

Saturday, October 17

5:00PM Vera Staley

Sunday, October 18

9:00AM Lou Fancelli

11:00AM People of Our Parish

**Mass Times**

Tues-Fri 8:30 AM

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM

11:00 AM

1:30 PM (Haitian)\*

3:00 PM (Nigerian)\*\*

7:15 PM (Brazilian)

\* Every Sunday except the first Sunday of the month

\*\* Third Sunday of the month only

**Reconciliation**Every first Saturday of the month from  
3:45—4:45 pm in the church confessional

# PASTORAL POST

## *The Death Penalty Series: Towards a New Understanding*

*by Fr. Tony Davis*

To bring this series on the death penalty to a close, it is important to reconsider our notion of justice. For those who advocate for use of the death penalty, they often say that it is a matter of justice to the victim's family and friends. Is this really justice? While it might bring about a short-term feeling of law and order, what is the long-term message? The long-term message is that some people are irredeemable. This is not justice, for as Sr. Helen Prejean puts it, "every human being is worth more than the worst act of his or her life" (Death of Innocents, 192) True justice is much more holistic and seeks to restore that which has been broken.

The term 'restorative justice' is now being used by many organizations and churches as a corrective to other definitions of justice. As the Catholic Mobilizing Network defines it, "restorative justice is a way of understanding crime in terms of the people and relationships that were harmed, rather than the law that was broken. Restorative justice values human dignity, healing, accountability and the hope of redemption for all involved." ([www.catholicmobilizing.org](http://www.catholicmobilizing.org)) In other words, restorative justice seeks to bring healing on a deeper level than what law, lawsuits, and punishment can provide. Starting with the pain of the victim or victim's family, restorative justice holds the perpetrators accountable for their actions. Then, it opens up a dialogue in which both parties have an opportunity for change and growth. In the case of those on death row, a restorative justice approach may uncover some background information about the perpetrator that would better help society understand the situation with greater compassion. For instance, many people on death row are poor, some have low IQs, and others were victims of abuse themselves. If society understood these factors, we could do more to help prevent these types of crimes in the first place as well as help those who have committed these crimes repent and recover. Thus, the victim/victim's family, perpetrator, and society as a whole benefit from this restorative notion of justice.

As Christians, hating our enemies is not an option. Neither is calling someone irredeemable. We pray in the Our Father, 'forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.' For as hard as it is, we must forgive. In terms of the death penalty, Martin Luther King Jr. said, "capital punishment is society's final assertion that it will not forgive." (Strength to Love, 34) That is quite the criticism of our supposedly Christian nation.

Overall, true justice calls us to see each other as humans, broken and in need of healing. As David Lawson, who was executed by the state of North Carolina by gas chamber for 13 minutes choked, gasped, kicked, and cried out, "I am human. I am a human being."

**Church News**

**RECENT BAPTISM**

We welcome Maisy Elizabeth Pandora, who was baptized into the Body of Christ on Saturday, October 3.

**NEW PAPAL DOCUMENT**

Last weekend, on the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, Pope Francis released a new encyclical titled ‘*Fratelli Tutti*,’ an address to ‘all brothers and sisters.’ Its main topic is interreligious dialogue, which encourages people of all religions (not just Catholics and Protestants) to transcend barriers and have a greater appreciation for each other, as modeled by St. Francis. After drafting the document early in 2020, it took a spin as the pandemic hit and radically changed our lives. Thus, the document also speaks to our current reality. Over the next months, please look for some ‘Pastoral Posts’ explaining more from this important document from our Holy Father.

**RCIA**

Each Fall, we look forward to beginning our next round of RCIA classes in preparation for the Easter Sacraments. We are blessed with great leaders and a supportive group of volunteers at St. Matthias, who meet Sunday mornings between masses. This upcoming year, due to the pandemic, we plan on skipping RCIA in hopes that those interested in becoming Catholic will have a fuller experience of the process in 2021-22. We invite anyone interested in becoming Catholic to still contact the Parish Office so we can stay in contact with you and/or discuss special arrangements as needed.

**CONFIRMATION MAKE UP**

Our Confirmation scheduled for Sunday, March 15, 2020 had to be canceled at the last minute due to the pandemic. The make up date for our Confirmation is Sunday, November 1, 2020, which is also All Saints Day. Bishop Brennan will not be present, but will delegate the pastor to carry out this sacrament. In order to keep the congregation size manageable, our 5 PSR students will be Confirmed at the 11 am Sunday mass and the school students will be Confirmed at a special mass that same day at 1 pm. Families of those to be Confirmed will be contacted with this information and are asked to RSVP to the Parish Offices.

**COVID-19 6 MONTH UPDATE**

Please refer to the letter issued as an insert in the bulletin a few weeks ago for the latest on how we are handling the covid-19 pandemic. We strive to keep our congregation safe as well as provide opportunities to worship our God as a community. A copy of this letter can be found in a link on our website homepage.

**I Think You’re Wrong (but I’m Listening)**

“Too often we view politicians as villainous caricatures instead of as our fellow citizens. Politicians are human beings worthy of our respect. Seeking out public service (and, yes, the accompanying power and opportunities for personal gain) does not make a person less worthy of being treated with kindness than others. The many individuals serving our local, state, and federal government often do so at great personal risk and expense. Every aspect of their personal lives is scrutinized. Their families suffer ridicule. Their children are bullied. They risk physical harm and endure verbal abuse...” (Holland & Silvers, p.91)

**Weekly Collection**

<b>September 27, 2020</b>	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>FISCAL YEAR TO DATE</u>
Contributions	\$5,308.00	\$76,990.00
Budget	\$8,200.00	\$106,600.00
Difference	(\$2,892.00)	(\$24,302.00)

**Notices**

**ROSARY IN OCTOBER**

In honor of Mary, the Knights of Columbus will be leading the rosary before each weekend parish mass starting 25 minutes prior to mass. Please join us as we entrust our families and parish to the care of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

Next weekend, there will be a special collection. Special collection envelopes can be found in your monthly envelope packet, and extra envelopes will be available in the display rack in the vestibule. Thank you for your generosity.

**SUNDAY OBLIGATION**

The obligation for Catholics to attend Sunday mass has been lifted indefinitely as we continue to excuse people from mass due to the pandemic. Please stay home if you are at higher risk for COVID-19 complications.

**SURVEY UPDATE**

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the survey (the blue sheet) that went out with the census update forms. The information and feedback was very helpful. Please give our Parish and Finance Councils time to discuss the data before we issue a report summary and our parish vision, mission, and core values statement.

**FLOCKNOTE**

St. Matthias is on Flocknote, a communication tool for churches. Please sign up with us to receive text or email updates for the parish as well as specific ministries. To join, text **MAY14** to 84576 or sign up online <https://stmatthiascolumbus.flocknote.com/>

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2021**

Mass intention slots for January through December 2021 are now available. There is a donation of \$10 per mass. To request a mass, please contact the parish office via mail, a note in the collection basket, or email: [office@stmatthiascolumbus.com](mailto:office@stmatthiascolumbus.com)

**NEW BOOKKEEPER**

We welcome Thomas Conigy as our new bookkeeper. Thomas started in mid-August and brings with him experience working in banking. Thomas’ work email address is: [bookkeeper@stmatthiascolumbus.com](mailto:bookkeeper@stmatthiascolumbus.com)

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