

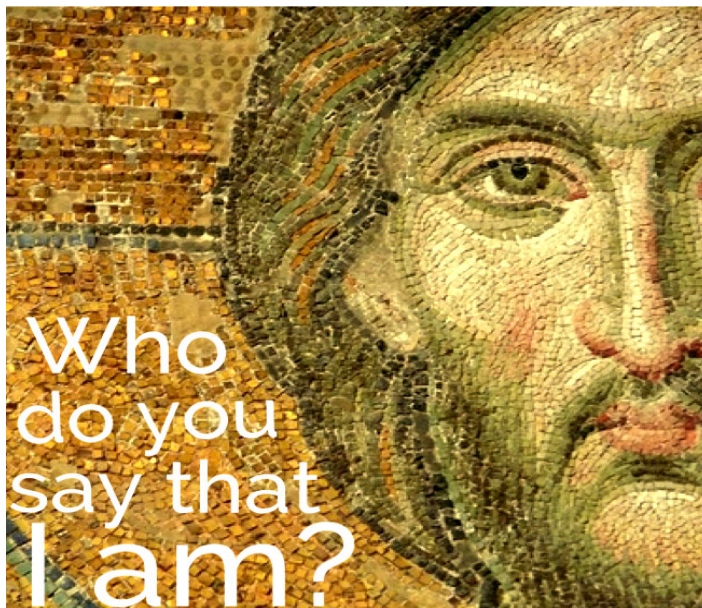
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August 27, 2017
Twenty-First Ordinary Sunday



LABOR DAY PICNIC IS MOVED
SUN, SEPT. 10TH ,
FOLLOWING THE 11:30 MASS

The usual fare of food, games, jumping toy & Bingo will be provided. Prizes are needed for the Parish Picnic Bingo. You can drop off your White Elephant prizes at either the Rectory or church. The more prizes the more fun to be had!



Mass Schedule

WEEKENDS: Saturdays: 5:00pm
Sundays: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:30am

HOLY DAYS: 8:15am & 7:00pm

WEEKDAYS: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
8:15am & Fridays 6:00pm

Wednesday: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:00-7:00pm, w/Confessions at 6:30pm & Mass at 7:00pm.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

Saturdays, 9:30am-10:00am

Wednesdays, 6:30pm

Otherwise by appointment

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS:

Contact the rectory office (630.257.7000).

SICK & HOMEBOUND PASTORAL CARE:

Please notify rectory.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu & Fri: 9:30am to 1:00pm.



FIRST SATURDAYS: Beginning in June until October there will be an 8:30am Mass.

JOIN US FOR A SPIN BACK IN TIME
ALVERNIA MANOR SENIOR LIVING'S
2ND ANNUAL SOXHOP FUNDRAISER

Saturday, Sept. 9, 2017

6:00pm to 10:00pm

at THE SLOVENIAN—CULTURAL CENTER

14252 Main St., Lemont, IL 60439

DINNER & DANCING & (CASH BAR)

\$25.00/per person or \$200.00/table of 10



FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR, FR. THOMAS KOYS, M.A.,S.T.L.

On this weekend after the great American eclipse, I can't think of a better meditation to share with you than a selection from G.K. Chesterton's *Orthodoxy*. In his chapter, *The Ethics of Elfland*, we find a great literary defense of faith in God. It is fitting while contemplating the overwhelming attention a shadow generated in the hearts and minds of people of all kinds. This mediation by G.K. Chesterton must be especially considered by those who on the one hand found the eclipse "awesome" or "fantastic" or even as I heard one couple who found it so "spiritual" that they had to get married during its "totality", but on the other hand find religion, faith and theology boring or even offensive. Such "secular scientists" are exactly the people Chesterton has labeled as those who have forgotten their name.

These people walk about the streets and can see and appreciate everything; only they cannot remember who they are. (Without faith) everyman is this man. Every man has forgotten who he is. One may understand the cosmos (or at least an eclipse) but never the ego; the self, for the strictly scientific man is more distant than the sun. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God; but yourself shall remain a deep mystery. We are all under the same mental calamity; we have all forgotten our names. We have all forgotten *what* we really are. All that we call common sense and scientific and logical only means that we, at certain levels of consciousness, we forget that we have forgotten, or if you like, we forget that we know only so little. All that delights our spirit, like beautiful art, or intense emotional experiences only means that for one awful instant we remember that we forget. (This is especially true of the older agnostic or secular person who has "out grown" Catholicism, if, God be praised, that person was fortunate enough to have been taught as a child that he/she is a child of God).

But though, like the person in our story who doesn't know who he is, we walk the streets with a sort of half-witted admiration of events around him (like an eclipse). Still it is admiration.

This secular admiration is in reality quite similar to the deeply religious person's admiration at all things religious, particularly admiration of miracles. Wonder, no matter where it comes from has a positive element of "praise". The wisdom we should learn from fairytales (which are all based on the greatest stories every told in the bible) is not brought about by the fact that a boy with a wand has to fight huge ogres and dragons, but in the fact that all boys must fight the real dragons that lie within. Therefore, the true test of all happiness is gratitude.

The eclipse should only be marvelous and delightful when it creates a sense of gratitude. Or else it is the silly admiration of a person captivated by a shadow. To sense gratitude creates a new question that only the religious person can ask. Only those who have been taught catechism can ask, "To whom should I be grateful?" Children are grateful when Santa Claus puts in their socks gifts of toys or treats. Could I not be grateful to Santa Claus when he put into my socks the marvelous gift of two feet? We thank people for birthday presents of gadgets and goodies. Can I thank no one for the birthday present of birth? The secularist, who was overtaken by the rarity of an eclipse, is like the child who is overtaken by the fact that his rattle, when thrown down from his crib actually hits the floor. It causes him so much joy, that he laughs and looks at his dad as if to say, look at the marvels of gravity. If you marveled at the eclipse and had no sense of thankfulness to God, you have missed the best thing about the universe.



A special thanks to all who supported the Lemont area Catholic Youth Ministry fund raiser concert with Will Kruger. One of the highlights of the concert was a number of selections sung by the lovely and talented "Wash Sisters". Over 180 people turned out for an evening of good old fashioned sing-a-long fun. Be sure to check out Will Kruger on YouTube.

LABOR DAY
Monday, Sept. 4th
Mass will be at 8:30am.

**You know that
in the Lord
your labor
is not in vain.**

**1 Corinthians 15:58
(NRSV)**



WE ACCOMMODATE. WE COMPROMISE. WE AVOID CONFLICT — EVEN WHEN CONFLICT IS THE ONLY PROPER COURSE,' ARCHBISHOP TARTAGLIA WROTE:

Scottish Catholics have become too “wishy-washy” in standing up for their faith, the Archbishop of Glasgow has warned. In an essay for *Crux*, Archbishop Philip Tartaglia said “too many believers” have submitted to secular values and failed to stress their faith. When challenged by secularism, the archbishop said, many Catholics avoid saying they “really believe in anything supernatural; in anything they can’t see or touch or experience; or in anything beyond modelling and encouraging decent behavior”. Too many believers no longer talk about Jesus winning salvation for the sinful but instead point to him as a moral ideal of what humans should strive for. We accommodate. We compromise. We avoid conflict — even when conflict is the only proper course. We are too wishy-washy, as we would say in Scotland.”

Archbishop Tartaglia was referring to arguments developed by Scottish moral philosopher John Haldane. “Once upon a time, Catholics longed for and worked for the conversion of others, including a nation’s cultural elites,” the archbishop added. “Now many of our Catholic leaders, intellectuals and academic institutions bend over backwards to assure the gatekeepers of culture and prestige that they’re just as right-thinking as they are.” The archbishop, who serves as president of the Scottish Bishops’ Conference, also said American Catholicism favorably to Europe. Addressing an American readership, Archbishop Tartaglia wrote:

“For 15 years in this country, your mass media have hammered away at the Church on the abuse issue, often fairly, but often not. But most of your people haven’t wavered. They support Catholic schools. They support your Catholic charitable ministries. They love their parishes, and they trust and respect their pastors with a high degree of confidence. That doesn’t stop them from complaining, but people complain when they want to belong and believe that it’s worth staying. It’s part of a normal family life.”



HOW TO HAVE A HAPPY MARRIAGE (OR USING CHRIST’S LIKE ACTIONS TOWARDS PERPETUAL UNIONS) by Rose Cuervo

In the visit to the Holy Face Monastery in Clifton, NJ in the Feast of the Transfiguration I was able to meet somebody who still brings a picture of her long deceased spouse and touches it at the call for peace and lightly kisses it. This radiant woman admits that she was blessed to meet a spouse whom they did everything together and had beautiful impassioned discussions from sports to theology, so losing him to illness was like “losing five persons”.

I was touched because my husband and I have similar love of each other and share many topics and interests but we are younger still and could learn from the lessons of those that have walked the vocation of marriage into eternal bliss.

From that meeting and knowing other wonderful widows cherishing their spouses’ memory and couples who are still alive to celebrate more milestone, I give a give run down of what one can do and don’t for the married state.

Do aspire for holiness for it is the basis of every happy fruit. Make daily prayer life, especially Masses and rosaries, embedded in families and marriages. With it comes joy and thanksgiving which will radiate to your spouse foremost of all people, because those are the trademarks of knowing God’s love, and what better way to know it than through the sacraments.

Make sacrificial gestures common place. Do not be afraid of that action which totally obliterates your preference in favor of the other’s. Marriage is a training ground for martyrdom. Giving up attachments should be easy. As a friend said, women should work to contribute to the marriage, and this includes contributing whether financially or physically but always in love, hospitality, and morality because the woman is the “light of the family” and if the light is dark, it is dark indeed. So men, look to a woman with honor in her heart and yours.

Do not think or act anything that will cause division (jealousy, hatred of the inlays, stinginess towards one’s partner). Jesus was so full of love for the Father and approached His life to being united with Him in all things. The wife should submit to the husband as is proper (1 Peter) for even in what seems to be off-putting ultimately will work for the good of those who love Him. Arguments should be obliterated in favor of peace (really the only reason for arguments is to defend the faith, and some saints like Servant of God Elizabeth Leseur who maintained a happily married life and diary despite tied to a church-defiant husband shows that this can be done with great tact and grace instead of nagging). An easy mnemonic would be to see Jesus crucified in the faces of the people, especially spouses when they are difficult. As Jesus loved them, so must we. This was how a couple in our church saved their marriage and they are married so long they always beat other couples in the who’s-longest-married-dance game. One of them saw Christ in the other in a vision and resolved never to aggrieve him again. Another friend of mine suggested total silence for the woman when it comes to an argument-in-the-offing. Because women can get started whether they being in the thought or the tongue level, we must stick to praising God and giving men encouragement and prayers, the real catalysts of sanctity.

Our
Weekly Offering

Our *Weekly Offertory* collection from the weekend of August 20, 2017 was \$4,340.00.

The number of envelopes used was 107.

OUR MANY THANKS TO OUR REGISTERED
FAMILIES USING ENVELOPES & THE
CASH-AND-CARRY FOLKS.

Our **CHURCH CLEANERS FOR FRIDAY 9/01/17**

Are Diane, Sandy, Bronislawa & volunteer. If you are
*interested in volunteering, please contact
the rectory office at 630.257.7000.*



VOTIVE OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 8/27/17

St. James Altar & Rosary Society
For the Deceased Members of the Kubalanza
& Sipp Families
In memory of †Lillian Simanavicius
Health & Healing of Donald Wilkinson



Our beautiful bouquets of
flowers surrounding our altar
were made available by
the generosity of
ROBERT POULIOT

22ND ORDINARY SUNDAY 9/2 & 9/3/17	Celebrant	Altar Servers	Lectors
5:00 PM	Fr. Tom Koys	Ramirez Ramirez Ramirez	B. Granat
8:00 AM	Fr. Tom Koys	J. Beecher J. Beecher S. Carver	C. Slowik
9:30 AM	Fr. Tom Koys	N. Akroush F. Casiple B. Zabilka	Witter
11:30 AM	Fr. Tom Koys	G. & D. Estrada J. Jacobek S. Imbarrato	G. Imbarrato



Monday August 28th-St. Augustine
8:15 AM *Birthday blessings for Joseph Walsh*

Tuesday August 29th-The Passion of St. John the Baptist
8:15 AM †Charles & Genevieve Howard
In loving memory of †Rev. Edwin Bohula, Capt. CHC, USN Ret.

Wednesday August 30th
7:00 PM *In thanksgiving--Joyce McNamara--Coughlin*

Thursday August 31st
8:15 AM †Jim Gilboy & †Joseph F. Aiello

Friday September 1st
6:00 PM *Blessing & thanksgiving – the Raj Family*

TWENTY-SECOND ORDINARY SUNDAY

Saturday September 2nd- First Saturday
8:30 AM *For the Homebound & Sick in Our Parish*

5:00 PM †Olympia & †Vicente Nuevaorlanda

Sunday September 3rd
8:00 AM *Favorable decision on the Asphalt Plant*

9:30 AM *In loving memory of our son, James Sendziak (2nd Anniv.)*

11:30 AM †Walter Zembal

Monday September 4th-Labor Day
8:30 AM †Jim Gilboy

LABOR DAY Monday 9/4/17	Celebrant	Altar Servers	Lectors
8:30 AM	Fr. Tom Koys	N. Akroush S. Carver S. Imbarrato	T. Gorski

