Aug. 7, 2016, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASSES
Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday:  8:00 AM, 10:30 AM
         1:00 PM (Spanish)
Weekdays: 8:00 AM
Saturday:  9:00 AM
Holy Days: As Announced

Rectory
Mon – Fri 10:15 AM – 4:00 PM
Sat  10 AM – 12 Noon (Spanish)
Dear Parish Family,

On one of his early visits as a young volunteer to the Mother Theresa’s home in Kolkatta, John Kavanaugh SJ asked Mother to pray for him so that he would have clarity about his future. Mother Theresa answered him that she would pray for him but not for clarity. When asked why, she announced that clarity was the last thing he was clinging to and had to let go of. When John commented that she herself had always seemed to have the clarity he longed for, she laughed: “I have never had clarity; what I’ve always had is trust. So I will pray that you trust.”

Today’s passage from the book of Wisdom features the Israelites beside the Red Sea, the pharaoh’s charioteers on the horizon, waiting confidently for the divine rescue to come. They knew their trust in God was not in vain because Yahweh’s ten signs and wonders had already facilitated their exodus out of slavery.

The eleventh chapter of the letter to the Hebrews is sometimes called “the roll call of the heroes of faith.” The Bible knows no heroes, for heroes are witnesses to their own achievements, whereas in Hebrews 11 the great figures of salvation history are brought forth, not for their heroism, but for their “faith,” which, in the author’s thought, is closely linked with hope and God’s kindness.

Faith is taking God at his word when he makes promises for the future. Thus, the Old Testament figures become examples for the new Israel, the new wandering people of God. The new people has also in each succeeding generation had to imitate Abraham who “went out, not knowing where he was to go,” and his family, who lived in tents because they had no abiding city here, but “looked forward to the city which has foundations.”

In the Culture Wars we now face the secularists have managed to present people of faith as foolish and even dangerous. Religion, they claim, is divisive, and is harmful to human progress. The Letter to the Hebrews presents a profound definition of faith: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things not seen. Faith is taking a step into the unknown and trusting in God. Faith demands a way of thinking that is completely opposite the expectations of people of the computer age. Faith says that we cannot find the answers ourselves. We have to trust in God. When we people of faith become ill, we go to the doctor. We do as we are told. We take the medication, treatments, etc. Still we realize that in the long run, our lives are in God’s hands, not the doctor’s. Live or die, we have faith that God will provide. Faith is present when we listen to that voice within us that is our consciences. We follow this voice, trusting that as God found a way for Abraham to be the Father of Many Nations, He will find a way for us to confront and conquer the challenges of life. We do that which is moral, and we trust in God. In this way we become harbingers of peace and harmony - the human progress that the Creator wants all of us to achieve. We need to trust Him!

Fr. Tom Kunnel C.O.

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Please remember in your prayers the Sick and/or Homebound of our Parish Family. Isabelle Fenton, Tom Lynch, Antoinette Naglieri, Catherine Wright, Tebby DeMaio, Maureen O’Connor, Ralph Pilla, Anna Hickey, Ann Ely, Ella Beckerich, Tommy McGuire, Nicholas Brunni, brother of Marge Olson

As a Parish Family, let us remember in our prayers all our beloved departed members of our Parish Community, John Brown father of Tom Brown, Camille Petriyak, mother of Gerald O’Rouke, Mark Cheramie, Ronnie Olson, John Casey, Ray Sheehan.

PLEASE ADVISE THE RECTORY (359-0078) WHENEVER A PARISHIONER BECOMES HOMEBOUND, ILL, OR HOSPITALIZED SO ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR A PRIEST, DEACON OR EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TO VISIT AND BRING COMMUNION TO THEM.
### Liturgy Schedule August 13/14

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### Religious Education

**THE GOOD NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL OF RELIGION**

Please hurry to register for fall classes before our late fee goes into effect!

We are still in need of teachers for Pre-K/Ktgn. and Grade 2 for Sunday mornings as well as Grades 6 & 7 for Monday evenings. Please consider helping us as our children deserve the best. Training is available and free.

Call or Email Kathleen Dunn at 845.942.2908 or kathleendunn47@gmail.com to discuss the matter even if you are not yet sure. Remember God does not call the qualified, he qualifies the called.

Blessings to you all,

Kathleen
Welcome to
Calima Wini
Garcia

Congratulations to the parents and godparent of Calima Wini. Beloved child of God, may Baptism be the beginning of a life of faith and a heart full of goodness and love.

Parish Giving
7/31 Collection: $3,511

Cardinal’s Appeal Pledged: $37,872

Will be reported next week.

Volunteers Needed for Summer Hospitality

Contact Robmiller124@aol.com or text 596-0459 to sign up or Sign up on the sheet in kitchen

Boulders Baseball Game

A limited number of free tickets are available to St. John’s parishioners for a Boulders baseball game

Tuesday, Aug 9, 7PM

If interested, call Ralph Olsen 845-359-4949

Rest In Peace

Raymond J. Sheehan
Beloved husband, father, grandfather, patriot, servant of the Lord. 1927 – 2016
Funeral Mass at St. John 8/1/2016

UNSCRAMBLE THE WORDS

FIND A MESSAGE using the ‘Letter’ in the “( )”.

SHIER  __ __ ( ) __
SUNCSETLO  __ ( ) __ __ __ __ __
SHATO  __ ( ) __
SHENCO  __ __ ( ) __ __
TRUERN  __ ( ) __ __

Clue: Christ offers hope to those who stay ready with faith and constant __ __ __ __ __.

Answers are words from this week’s readings (See Pg. 7 below the cartoon)
Dear Johan,

Why is it that people sign themselves with the sign of the cross on their foreheads, lips, and hearts before the reading of the gospel?

Gentle Reader,

Christians love to sign themselves and others with the sign of the cross. I remember asking my parents for a blessing every night before going to bed and they would sign my forehead with the sign of the cross. I sort of did it out of habit and yet deep down I realized it was important because I would not have dreamt of omitting this from our evening ritual, except maybe in a fit of rebellion during my teens. I will never forget asking my dad for his blessing during his last visit. It was his last blessing I ever received. This custom of signing ourselves and others with the cross goes back to the early centuries of Christianity. Tertullian (ca. 160–ca. 220), for example, made reference to Christians wearing out their foreheads with the sign of the cross. Every time we sign ourselves with the sign of the cross we place ourselves under the protection of the cross and we commit ourselves to Christ into whom we have been baptized. Specific to your question, there is evidence that people signed themselves on the forehead and breast at the time of the gospel as early as the ninth century. By the eleventh century the signing at the time of the gospel also included the mouth. Today’s rubrics (prescriptions) for the celebration of the Eucharist as they are contained in the Roman Missal indicate that the person proclaiming the gospel is to say, “A reading from the holy Gospel according to . . .” Following that, he is to make the sign of the cross on the book, and then on his forehead, lips, and breast, “which everyone else does as well.” The meaning of this gesture may be summarized as follows: May the word of the Lord guide our thoughts, our speech, and all our actions.
LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — Tus antepasados esperaron con fe y valor el cumplimiento de las promesas de Dios (Sabiduría 18:6-9)

**Salmo** — Dichoso el pueblo escogido por Dios (Salmo 32).

**Segunda lectura** — A causa de la fidelidad al llamado de Dios, los descendientes de Abraham son tan numerosos como las estrellas (Hebreos 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]).

**Evangelio** — Estén alerta y preparados porque no saben ni el día ni la hora en que el Hijo del hombre aparecerá (Lucas 12:32-48 [35-40]).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Sal 148:1-2, 11-14; Mt 17:22-27
Martes: Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Sal 118:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Miércoles: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Sal 111:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
Jueves: Ez 12:1-12; Sal 77:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 — 19:1
Viernes: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 o 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bed-6; Mt 19:3-12
Sábado: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Sal 50:12-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15
Domingo: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Sal 39:2-4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lc 12:49-53

Para los cursos pre-bautismales llamar a: Alex Aguilar 845-480-1502 y Natalia Lemus 845-480-1682. Los cursos se dan previa cita los martes 7pm y domingos 11am.

NUESTRO PADRE EN LA FE

La **Carta a los Hebreos** hoy canta un himno de alabanza a **Abraham** y a su fe, sobre la cual se fundan la religión judía, la cristiana y la mahometana. Abraham es llamado “padre” de la fe por más personas en el mundo que cualquier otro; numerosas como la arena de la playa o las estrellas del cielo. La **Carta a los Hebreos** nos dice que esta fe firme lo impulsó a obedecer el llamado de Dios cuando lo envió a buscar una tierra desconocida y le dijo que sería padre de una raza poderosa, aunque consideraba su matrimonio infecundo. Pero la fe de Abraham, nos dice el autor de la **Carta a los Hebreos**, le permitía poseer lo que esperaba y conocer lo que no podía ver. ¡Cuántas veces nos vemos en simples sucesos cotidianos de nuestra vocación cristiana llamados a un sitio desconocido o enviados a hacer algo que no creemos poder hacer? ¡Qué afortunados somos por tener a nuestro padre Abraham como nuestro guía y ejemplo!

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Hace casi 2000 años, Jesús declaró que “los zorros tienen guaridas, y las aves del cielo sus nidos; pero el Hijo del hombre no tiene donde reclinar la cabeza”. Lamentablemente en las calles y callejones del mundo este dicho se realiza diariamente en tantos abandonados por la sociedad que viven sin techo ni hogar. Por los años de 1940 el santo jesuita, Alberto Hurtado de Chile quiso darle al Hijo del hombre un lugar donde reclinar su cabeza recogiendo a los niños y a los adultos indigentes.

Su ejemplo llamó la atención de otros cristianos que se unieron a sus esfuerzos y así en 1944 fundaron la asociación benéfica “Hogar de Cristo”. Este hogar se dedica aún todavía a acoger, educar y rehabilitar a los necesitados dándoles las herramientas necesarias para poder depender de sí mismos. También vela por sus almas dándoles una formación total de cuerpo, alma y espíritu.

En fin, el Hogar de Cristo se dedica a difundir la realidad de los pobres por medio de nuestro llamado bautismal a la responsabilidad que tenemos en darle al Hijo de hombre un lugar para reclinar su cabeza.
**Our Sacramental Life**

**Baptism:** Please call the Rectory well in advance of the expected day of Baptism to arrange an appointment for an interview. *Pre-baptismal meeting* for parents is required. Godparents must be confirmed, practicing Catholics. Generally Baptisms are celebrated the third Sunday of each month at 12:00 pm.

**Reconciliation:** Confessions are heard from 4:30-5:00 pm on Saturday. You may also make an appointment with Fr. Tom. Spanish confessions is available from 12:30-1:00 PM on Sundays.

**Marriage:** Marriages should be arranged at least six months in advance. Participation in Pre-Cana is essential. Please call the Rectory to schedule an appointment with Fr. Tom.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Before you enter the hospital for elective surgery or other serious treatment, and for those who have need of spiritual healing. In an emergency, please call Fr. Tom’s mobile 845 608 9358.

**Holy Orders:** Any gentleman interested in exploring the question of vocation to the priesthood or the permanent diaconate should contact Fr. Tom Kunnel. We would also be happy to direct anyone interested in living their lives as Religious Sisters or Brothers.

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults:** For instruction for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist for adults and to learn about Catholic Faith. If interested please contact Dcn Robert Pang.

For more details and forms—www.stjohnspiermont.org

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Parish Registration: All adults (over age 21) should register in the parish themselves and should use envelopes or parishpay.com. Tithing is 5% of income. This registration is our only means of certifying anyone as a member of the parish, especially for Baptism and Confirmation sponsorship.

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“Not as bad as last week” was not the kind of compliment for the preacher I had in mind.”

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Catholic Daughters/St. John Members that went to the Marian Shrine and entered through the Holy Doors in Pilgrimage on Saturday, July 30, 2016. They were accompanied by Fr. Tom Kunnel and Dcn Rob Pang.