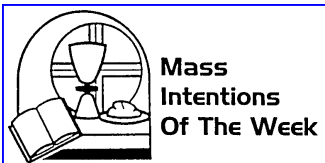


For weeks we have been hearing Gospel messages that invite us to consider behaviors and attitudes that often stand in stark contrast to the behaviors and attitudes often espoused by society. Today is no exception. The Lord Jesus asks us to learn from Him, one who is "**meek and humble of heart**". Humility is a difficult trait to develop in an atmosphere of competition and one-upmanship. As we listen to the Lord's words of comfort and assurance, let us ask for the grace of a humble heart.

Scripture Readings for this week (July 7-12)

Monday: Hosea 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22; Mt. 9:18-26
Tuesday: Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13; Mt. 9:32-38
Wed: Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Mt. 10:1-7
Thursday: Hosea 11:1-4, 8e-9; Mt. 10:7-15
Friday: Hosea 14:2-10; Mt. 10:16-23
Saturday: Isaiah 6:1-8; Mt. 10:24-33



Monday, July 7

8:00 a.m. David Smalley

Tuesday, July 8

8:00 a.m. Spec. Int. for Samuel Wrigley Dye

Wednesday, July 9

12:15 p.m. Carole Fagan Harris

Thursday, July 10

8:00 a.m. Ed Schreiber

Friday, July 11

8:00 a.m. Deacon Harry Hall

Saturday, July 12

8:30 a.m. Parishioners (Spanish Mass)

5:30 p.m. Marilyn, Susan, and Jack Mellett

Sunday, July 13

8:30 a.m. Regina C. Finan

10:30 a.m. Willie Cox

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

(15th Sunday in Ordinary Time—July 13)

Isaiah 55:10-11

God's word accomplishes its intended purpose.

Romans 8:18-23

All creation eagerly awaits the glory of God.

Matthew 13:1-23

Blessed are those who hear the word of God.

Friends, as the word of God is proclaimed next Sunday, we are called to ask ourselves a question: Do we believe that these words, proclaimed and written thousands of years ago, still have the power to save us, right here and right now? The Lord wants us not only to hear these words, He wants us to understand them. Only then will our hearts be drawn into the power of conversion.



To better know "the concrete problems that trouble the Universal Church, especially those of the missions", the Holy Father asks that his monthly intentions be "the object of knowledgeable and responsible prayer on the part of the people of God."

Monthly Papal Intentions (July):

General Intention: That there may be an increase in the number of those who volunteer to serve the Christian community with generous and prompt availability.

Mission Intention: That World Youth Day in Sydney, Australia, may kindle the fire of divine love in numerous young people and render them sowers of hope for a new humanity.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

St. Anne's Friendship Club will meet on Thursday, July 17, 2008 at 12noon at the home of Gina & Gene Rossetti (423-878-7827) for a "**Bag Lunch**". You bring your bag lunch and Rossetti's will provide a drink and dessert. Please call Gina so she can arrange seating for everyone. Your call is very important for proper planning!



ATTENTION ALL ST. ANNE'S NEWCOMERS!

We are planning a get-together for all who have registered in the parish in the past year. This is an opportunity to meet other newcomers and become better acquainted with the staff and learn more about St. Anne's parish and school. A simple dinner will be served. Our get-together will be Wednesday, July 16, at 6 p.m. in the Great Room. If you would like to attend, please contact Judy Smith at 423-652-7780 by Wed., July 9. We hope to see you there!

Mausoleum Phase II—St. Anne's Cemetery

We hope to have the second mausoleum section completed by the end of summer. There is a very good selection of crypts available now and time-payments can be arranged if necessary. Call Greg Chudzik (423-652-7607) for more information and to select your personal space in Phase I or Phase II.

PATHWAYS Training for Catechists of Adults Workgroup is reminded of our work session this Thursday, July 10, at 10 a.m. in the conference room.

WELCOME BACK & GOD BLESS YOU *to the 2009 MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS*

Teens and adult chaperones from our Region participated in the Catholic Heart Work Camp in Lancaster, Pennsylvania June 21-28. Those participating were:

St. Anne's: Ryan Alderman, Michael Balaban, Morgan Combs, Abby Curcio, Annie Hanlon, John Hanlon, Paulette Leonard, Mike Robison

Christ the King/Abingdon: Greg Alder, Chris Alder, Kate Jacob, Joey Rackowski

St. John/Marion: Jackie Miles, Tom Voglewede
Be sure to watch for the Mission Trip Report which will be in the bulletin July 19/20!

Healthy Families-Family Farms

Good News for Area Farmers and Food Bank

Healthy-Families-Family Farms is a local program that helps to feed the hungry while supporting local farmers. Growers from SW Virginia and Northeast TN in the Appalachian Harvest network raise a wide variety of organic produce that is sold to supermarkets such as Food City. Farmers always have "seconds", perfectly good vegetables that do not meet the strict aesthetic standards of supermarket buyers. *Healthy Families* buys those seconds at a discounted price and donates them to the Second Harvest Food Bank in Abingdon which serves 120 food pantries. Folks who rely on these food pantries receive fresh organic produce at no cost. And local farmers are spared a loss on their "seconds". 100% of all contributions to *Healthy Families* are used to purchase produce from local farmers. For more information contact: Marty Huber or Jo Ann Detta at 276-623-5285 or hfff@ntelos.net or send your tax deductible contribution to *Healthy Families* at Appalachian Sustainable Development, P.O. Box 791, Abingdon, VA 24212.



**Give Blood.
Give Life.**

BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, July 30 — 2:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars now to donate blood on July 30 at St. Anne's in the Parish Life Center parking lot. Everyone who donates blood in the month of July will be entered in a drawing for a gas grill. Also, if we collect 25 or more units of blood on the 30th then someone from our blood drive will receive a \$25 gift card! Join us to donate the gift of life and maybe win a prize! Sign up after Masses on the weekends of July 19-20 and July 26-27.

Catechist Notes: *The Eighth Commandment:*

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Catechesis for the eighth commandment teaches that God is the source of all truth and that the fullness of truth is revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. Such catechesis:

- Explains that Christians are to testify to the truth by bearing witness to the Gospel and living in conformity to its obligations
- Recognizes the difficulty in bearing witness to the truth in a society that considers truth to be relative and influenced by the bias of the mass media
- Teaches that one must repair the damage one has caused by lies
- Teaches respect for the truth, respect for the good name and honor of others, and the immorality of rash judgment, calumny, detraction, and any other action that causes unjust injury to the reputation of another.

For more on the catechesis of the eighth commandment, refer to the National Directory for Catechesis, 45H.

Collection Report: June 29, 2008

Regular Collection—\$15,025.70

Building News: (as of June 22, 2008)

Amt. collected pledges/donations	\$2,964,009	98.8%
Uncollected Amount	35,991	1.2%
Parishioners who've given	432	61%
Non-parishioners who have given:	103	

HONOR A VETERAN: Due to an engraving problem, we are unable to offer the American Flag on a niche or crypt as we previously offered. However, we can place the branch of service or "A Veteran" on the niche or crypt of a veteran. Example: US Navy, US Army, etc., or "A Veteran". The fee is \$35.00. Please call Nancy Weisenburger at 276-669-8983 for an order form.

Liturgy & Worship Notes... Pauline Holy Year
"Paul, the Jew"

—Like Jesus, Paul was born a Jew and lived his entire life as a Jew. He was quite proud of his Jewish heritage. In Philippians, he summarizes his background thus: "*circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless*" (Phil. 3:5-6) Despite his call to follow Jesus, which we often characterize as his "*conversion*", he never claims to have abandoned Judaism. Note that he highlights his Pharisaic background. That may surprise many of us. We may think of the Pharisees as the enemies of Jesus, and therefore our enemies. While it is true that some Pharisees and other Jewish leaders strongly opposed Jesus and plotted against him, not all Pharisees acted in this way. They did, however, largely oppose the early Christians. They were zealous for their Jewish religious heritage. Paul admits this of himself and even boasts of it. Once he accepted the risen Jesus as Lord, however, all that changed. As he says in Philippians, "*I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ*". (Phil. 3:8).

—This is Paul's way of asserting the supreme importance of his newfound faith. The zeal that so characterized his life as a Pharisee shifted in him when he was called by Jesus Christ to be the apostle to the Gentiles. His zeal transferred to his faith in Christ. Nothing else mattered. But nowhere in his letters does he use the term "*Christian*" to refer to himself or to any members of his communities. Rather, he uses the term "*the saints*" to describe the followers of Jesus — those who are called to holiness in communion with Christ (see, for example, Romans 1:7). The root idea of the word *saint* is actually someone called and set apart for a special mission. That is the way Paul envisioned this new community of faith.

Catholic Update July 2008

Introducing St. Paul the Apostle: His Life and Mission

FOOD FOR THE POOR

This weekend we welcome Fr. Norman Simoneau who is here to celebrate our Masses while Fr. Tim is away and also to tell us of the good work done by Food for the Poor. They seek out the poorest of the poor in 16 different countries, aiding some of the most destitute. In each face they see the living Christ — who is hungry, thirsty, a stranger and naked. Donations for Food for the Poor can be made by using the brochure/envelope provided at this weekend's Masses (others are available in the commons and the parish office) or you can contact Food for the Poor at 6401 Lyons Road, Coconut Creek, FL 33073; 954-427-2222 or go to www.foodforthe poor.org. We encourage you to please be generous.

***"As often as you did it to one of the least of
My brothers and sisters, you did it to Me"***

Mt. 25:40

HAITI IMMERSION TRIPS

The Haitian Health Care Foundation (HHCF) is planning a Haiti Medical Professionals trip Oct. 17-25. This trip will be an immersion experience for medical professionals. The trip may provide limited hands-on care but is designed to expose the participants to current HHCF programs, the medical system in Haiti, and provide an opportunity to support the work of the HHCF. Participants will visit multiple sites including Sanmi Lasante Sociomedical Complex in Cange, Haiti. (www.pih.org). The deadline to register for this trip is August 15, 2008. For more information, contact Susan Pleasants, vabatt@aol.com.

Diocesan Haiti Immersion Retreat Applications are now being taken for the diocesan immersion retreat to Haiti November 29—December 6. The trip is designed for individuals to be immersed into Haiti by giving them the opportunity to learn about its history, culture, economics, politics, and religion and to begin establishing relationships with the people of Haiti. This trip to Haiti is not a tourist visit, but rather it is a pilgrimage and a time to be open to the gifts of Haiti and the transformation of God. For an application and more information, please call or email Patrice at 804-622-5129 or pschwermer@richmonddiocese.org.

Second Collection: Our 2nd collection this weekend is for St. Anne's School. Your generosity and on-going support of our school is greatly appreciated! Thank you!

What's Your Catholic I.Q.?

Answer to last week's question:

(b) When a priest raises his hands to give a blessing, bowing our heads and making the sign of the cross is the appropriate response.

This week's question: Calumny is the sin of

- (a) eating too much
- (b) eyeing another person lustfully
- (c) lying about a person to destroy his or her reputation
- (d) having too high an opinion of oneself.

BULLETIN ADVERTISING: The Advertising Representative from Diocesan Publications will be here at St. Anne's July 21-25. If you are interested in getting information on advertising in our weekly bulletin, please contact Rosie in the parish office and she will have Mr. Cornell contact you when he is in Bristol Thank you!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

***Our Annual St. Anne's Parish Picnic
will be Sunday, July 27, 2008***

Plan to Join Us!

Happy 4th of July



Sponsor of the Week

We would like to thank ***Blevins Funeral and Cremation Services*** this week for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.