

Our Lady of Fatima Bulletin

August 28-29, 2010

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O.L.F. Year For The Eucharist June 20, 2010 - June 19, 2011

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| Mon. 8/30 | <u>victims of Cancer</u> |
| Feast | Weekday |
| 8:00 AM Mass | Liv & Dec of Our Lady of Fatima Parish |
| Tues. 8/31 | <u>victims of Cardiovascular Disease</u> |
| Feast | Weekday |
| 8:00 AM Mass | Frances Kasun, Sue & Mike Perehinec |
| Wed. 9/01 | <u>victims of Arthritis</u> |
| Feast | Weekday |
| 8:00 AM Mass | LaVerne Conway, M/M Carl Frank |
| Thur. 9/02 | <u>victims of Neuromuscular Disorders</u> |
| Feast | Weekday |
| 8:00 AM Mass | Don Shuma, Andrew Shuma Family |
| Fri. 9/03 | <u>victims of Emotional Disorders</u> |
| Feast | Saint Gregory the Great |
| 8:00 AM Mass | Fr. Anthony J. Pollack, Stan J. Krish Family |
| Sat. 9/04 | <u>victims of Diabetes</u> |
| Feast | Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 4:30 PM Mass | Raymond McCall, B-day, Wife, Theresa |
| Sun. 9/05 | <u>victims of Addictions</u> |
| Feast | Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 9:00 AM Mass | Liv & Dec of Our Lady of Fatima Parish |
| 11:00 AM Mass | Sally Colledge, Husband Pete |

A Lingering Voice

Listed below are the names of deceased persons whom our parishioners have requested be remembered in our daily prayers.

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| Frances D. Kasun Husband & Sons | Herbert E. Summers, Sr. Herbert E. Summers Jr. | Theresa M. Bruno Tony, MaryAnn & Anthony | M/M Austin Weakland Bernadette Weakland | Shirley A. Smithmyer Friend |
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- When Ray McCall, a daily Mass attendee, died three years ago he had instructed that in lieu of flowers at his funeral, contributions be made to his parish church - O.L.F. At that time we were in dire need of new Communion Cups. His "instructions" made it possible for us to not only get the cups but also to have the badly tarnished Tabernacle door re-plated. Theresa McCall left the same instructions as her husband, Ray. She died at a time when her parish - O.L.F. - is having a year's worth of renewed emphasis on the Eucharist, an important part of which involves the use of the (really) large Chalice, the interior of which is in dire need of re-plating. As a result of Theresa's "instructions," we are able to have that done. I am confident that this confluence of circumstances is more than mere coincidence.
- Re-sensitizing the community to a deeper appreciation of the importance of the Eucharist involves our moving beyond the parish. Therefore I encourage parishioners to join the Nocturnal Adoration Society when they meet at the Cathedral on September 3 from 8 to 11 PM.
- People who with only a slight effort can alter their habitual morning routines are encouraged to make morning Mass a part of their daily Spiritual Exercises.

MONEY MATTERS

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 22, 2010

229 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$1,621.30 of which \$ 229.50 accounted for visitor contributions.

Envelopes In Circulation 224 # Used 93 # Unused 131
Memorial Contributions to date for Theresa McCall = \$1,055.00

O.L.F. ACA Goal = \$12,830

Pledged to date = \$11,536



CCD/Confirmation Notes:

August 29 (Sunday) at 6:15 ... all 9th Graders have an orientation session for the F.I.R.E. program in the Cathedral's Seton Suite Call Jean Koury 949-2777

Start thinking about our September Fundraisers! September 8 is scheduled for an as yet undefined project or event having to do with flowers. We need some creative input on this and somebody to make "whatever it is" actually happen. Then on September 22 we have scheduled a return to our scrumptious spaghetti take out dinners. Both product sales and peoples' participation took a severe nose dive during the Summer months. Every once in a while we need to be reminded that some organizations or entities have the luxury of using the proceeds derived from fundraisers to finance special projects. Here at O.L.F. we count on successful fundraisers to keep our doors open and our basic parish operation functioning.

Reviving Confession: Curé of Ars and Padre Pio

By Sandro Magister for Catholiconline.com

ROME - In opening the Year for Priests that he personally conceived and orchestrated, Benedict XVI had said that his aim was to demonstrate "how important the holiness of priests is for the life and mission of the Church." And as models of this sanctity, he offered the Curé of Ars and Padre Pio.

These two saints do not present a glamorous profile. Both were born to farming families and were uneducated, the one becoming a parish priest and the other a Franciscan friar, in two isolated villages of nineteenth-century France and twentieth-century Italy. But their holiness was so dazzling that myriads of people, some of them from very far away, came to them to beg for God's forgiveness, forming endless lines in front of their confessionals.

Prayer, the Eucharist, the sacrament of penance: these were the three shining lights of their sanctity. **The third of these is especially striking, in an age like the present when the sacrament of penance is hardly received at all, having fallen into neglect partly through the carelessness of many priests. Benedict XVI had particularly insisted on the necessity of revitalizing this sacrament, in opening the Year for Priests.**

"Priests ought never to be resigned to empty confessionals or the apparent indifference of the faithful to this sacrament. In France, at the time of the Curé of Ars, confession was no more easy or frequent than in our own day, since the upheaval caused by the revolution had long inhibited the practice of religion. Yet he sought in every way, by his preaching and his powers of persuasion, to help his parishioners to rediscover the meaning and beauty of the sacrament of Penance, presenting it as an inherent demand of the Eucharistic presence. He thus created a virtuous circle. By spending long hours in church before the tabernacle, he inspired the faithful to imitate him by coming to visit Jesus with the knowledge that their parish priest would be there, ready to listen and offer forgiveness."

"It was said that Ars had become 'a great hospital of souls'. His first biographer relates that 'the grace he obtained [for the conversion of sinners] was so powerful that it would pursue them, not leaving them a moment of peace!'. The saintly Curé reflected something of the same idea when he said: 'It is not the sinner who returns to God to beg his forgiveness, but God himself who runs after the sinner and makes him return to him'. 'This good Saviour is so filled with love that he seeks us everywhere'.

"We priests should feel that the following words, which he put on the lips of Christ, are meant for each of us personally: 'I will charge my ministers to proclaim to sinners that I am ever ready to welcome them, that my mercy is infinite'. From Saint John Mary Vianney we can learn to put our unfailing trust in the sacrament of Penance, to set it once more at the centre of our pastoral concerns, and to take up the 'dialogue of salvation' which it entails."

In reporting on the Year for Priests, the news coverage barely mentioned the pope's insistence on the sacrament of Penance. But it is clear that the primary objective of the Year for Priests proclaimed by Benedict XVI was none other than renewed attention to the sacrament of Confession. This objective runs exactly counter to the spirit of surrender that so many bishops and priests demonstrate in the face of the desertion of this sacrament.

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