

Welcome the Word

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 6, 2009

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom?— *James 2:5*



Dear Parishioners,

Education is part of the mission of our parish. What is a 'good Catholic education' is a question that is occupying my mind this week. On Thursday morning we had the first mass of the year for the school. On Thursday night we had a 'back-to-school-night' for the parents. The focus is on our goal to provide a 'good catholic education'. CCD for children not in our parish school will be starting on September 15th. I am not too sure what we provide for our High School youth. Most parishes hope to offer an educational forum for Young Adults. Our RCIA (Rite for the Christian Initiation of Adults) program will be starting shortly – providing for adults who want to connect or reconnect with an adult faith. One of the great 'catholic' words of course is the word 'good'. A bad education is not a 'catholic' education. If at the end of eight years of education – you cannot read, you cannot write, you cannot do math. Surely that is a bad education? Who do you blame for that? Teachers perhaps. Or students themselves may not want to learn or they may have some disabilities. Perhaps the home environment is not disposed to learning or educating. A good catholic education does not come on auto-pilot.


If at the end of eight years of 'catholic' education you do not know what the Bible is all about. You do not know how to pray. You do not know who Jesus was. You do not know what the sacraments are all about. You cannot discern why some things are right, why some things are wrong. You do not know the fundamental rights of every human being. Surely that is a bad education? It certainly is not catholic. But the disease is all about us.

In the Baptism Liturgy tells us that the 'best teachers' are the 'first' teachers, the parents. In fact we are all called to be good teachers, we are called to create a zone of learning around us, around our church, around our parish community. Encouraging a good catholic education is something to pray about.
Fr. Casey

UNBORN BABY GROWING TO THUMB-SIZE

Your spiritually adopted baby is now thousand of times bigger than at conception. His/her heart beating by the 21st day. During this second month his skeleton will change from cartilage to bone and he/she will grow to about the size of a thumb. Baby-teeth buds will form, fingers and toes will be developing and brain waves can be recorded. By eight weeks all body systems will be present, as the new Hall of Saints poster indicates. At this gestational age, however, many abortion are performed. Please keep praying that the mother will continue to give her child the precious gift of life.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

- Monday, September 7** Labor Day; school and rectory closed
- Tuesday, September 8** Novena in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after the 8 am Mass
- Thursday, September 10** Bible Study at 10 am in the Convent
Prayer group meets at Mary mount Green Hills at 7:30 pm
- Friday, September 11**  Remember 9/11
- Monday thru Saturday** Morning Prayer in the church at 7:15 am
- Monday thru Friday** Rosary recited in the church at 7:40 am

St. Dunstan School and rectory will be closed Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor Day. Daily Mass will be at 6:30 and 8 am. There will be no 5:10 pm Mass.

From the Office of Religious Education and Youth Ministry

We are looking for volunteers to join our team in the rewarding ministry of working with the children in our parish. If you have been thinking of becoming more involved in a church ministry--please consider volunteering in our Religious Education Program. **We need catechists, classroom aides and office support.** Our classes are held on Tuesday afternoon's from 3:45-5:00 p.m. and will begin in September. Training is available for all individuals wishing to teach as well as materials that explain the textbooks and lesson plans. The St. Dunstan School of Religious Education is an important part of the St. Dunstan Parish community. We are dedicated in providing our students with a desire to share in the adventure of faith, learning, liturgy and life. Our programs provide faith formation for children to grow in love, knowledge, appreciation and desire to become active members of the Catholic Church. It is our hope that you will give consideration to the idea of becoming one of our volunteers and share with us your time, talent and your prayers. For more information, please contact the Director of Religious Education--Sheree Leone at (650) 697-7451 or stdunstanccd@att.net. **CCD Registration Packages for the 2009-2010 school year are available.** To request a package, please call the Office of Religious Education at (650) 697-7451 or visit our website at saintdunstan-church.org and click on the Religious Education (CCD) link to download registration materials and information about our program.

Greetings Everyone,

After a refreshing summer break, St. Dunstan's Adult Choir will resume singing for the 10:00 Sunday morning mass. We would like to invite all of you singers out there who want to share your gifts & talents to help celebrate our liturgy. All are welcome! We look forward to seeing familiar faces and welcoming new ones. Rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, September 2 at 7 pm in the church choir loft. Please feel free to contact either Cindy or I for any questions or concerns.

Have a blessed week and we'll see you at rehearsal!
-Angelo



Mass on the Feast of St. Pio of Pietrelcina at Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame Mark your calendar on **Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 7:00 P.M.** for a Mass celebrating the Feast Day of Padre Pio at Our Lady of Angels Church, 1721 Hillside Drive, Burlingame. All Parishes are welcome to join us.

Attention all High School Youth. Come and join us to celebrate the beginning of the year. Connect with youth from other parishes and High Schools in the Archdiocese at the Archdiocesan Youth Mass. The Mass will be held Saturday, September 26th at 7 pm at St. Anne of the Sunset Church (850 Judah St SF). Bishop William Justice will preside. For more information or to get involved/participate in the Mass call Perrin Brady @ 415-897-2171 ext 277

MEN'S CLUB MEETING! Mon., Sept 14 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center. Bring a friend, enjoy a delicious dinner. Call Pres. Ray Jackson for more info 873-3942.

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

St. Dunstan's Branch 403 of the Italian Catholic Federation invites parishioners, their families and friends to join them on Sunday, September 20, 2009 for a delicious Ravioli Dinner. No host cocktails at 4pm, dinner of antipasto, salad, ravioli, bread and butter, dessert, coffee or tea and wine at 5 pm. Cost is \$17. For reservations call Kay Lucio at 697-7460.



The annual St. Dunstan Men's Retreat is scheduled for Sept. 18-20, 2009, at The Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos. This year's retreat is entitled "Echoes of Vatican II" and will be directed by Fr. Joseph Fice, S.J. The cost is \$225 per person. For more information, contact Dan Capodanno at 650/588-0324 .

Are you interested in learning more about the beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church? Are you baptized but never received First Communion? Never were Confirmed? If you answered yes to any of the above questions, our RCIA process can be of help to you. **RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation Adults. It is a process designed to meet the needs of adults who are considering joining the Church or who wish to receive the sacraments of Initiation** (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation). For more information regarding our Inquiry Sessions, call the rectory at 697-4730. **Classes begin in September at the rectory.**



Last weekend's
Regular Collection:
\$12,348.50

Next weekend's Second Collection will be for the Parish Maintenance & Development Fund

Thank you for all your support!

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: Labor Day
- Tuesday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Wednesday: St. Peter Claver
- Friday: Patriot Day
- Saturday: Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Blessed Virgin Mary

The members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society wish to thank all of you who contributed to last weekend's 5th Sunday Collection. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Many thanks to those who served as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers this weekend:

Sat. September 5

5:00 PM Lector: *L. Clothakis*
Eucharistic Ministers: J Clothakis, F Axiac, J Ryan, C Orfino
Altar Servers: Salem, Salem, Jose Pidlaon

Sun. September 6

7:00 AM Lector: *H. Connolly*
Eucharistic Ministers: B Albright, M Hutchings, S Nussbaum
Altar Servers: Pucci, Doyle, Jackson, Fakatene

8:30 AM Lector: *E. Linak*
Eucharistic Ministers: D Lawson, M Ocafrain, J Lilles, P Lucero
Altar Servers: Bertin, Salameh, Linak, Quilici

10:00 AM Lector: *P. Maloney*
Eucharistic Ministers J&F Sigona, A&D Vogl
Altar Servers: Robles, Peralta, Alvarado, Salinda

11:30 AM Lector: *J. Roensch*
Eucharistic Ministers: M Rogers, B Santos, T Dizon, C Caimotto
Altar Servers: Lum, Chavez, Chavez

5:00 PM Lector: *S. Santana*
Eucharistic Ministers: K Babasa, P Borromeo, H Santana, F Gutierrez
Altar Servers: Chan, Casco, Casco, Abello

Special thanks to all of our ushers for their dedicated service at our weekend Masses.

Mass Intentions for the Week*September 6 - September 12, 2009*

<u>Sunday</u>	7:00 am	For Parish
<u>Monday</u>	6:30 am	Joy Pillaveetil (living)
	8:00 am	Antonio & Chona Borlat (living)
<u>Tuesday</u>	6:30 am	Angelina Catharina Foti
	8:00 am	Mary Lou Spiteri-Cuda
	5:10 pm	Mary Disher
<u>Wednesday</u>	6:30 am	Alexandria Di Grazia
	8:00 am	Franov/Budesa Family (liv/dec)
	5:10 pm	Don Patrick Creighton
<u>Thursday</u>	6:30 am	Gemma Vella
	8:00 am	John Lynch
	5:10pm	The Gardner Family (liv/dec)
<u>Friday</u>	6:30 am	Andy Kellegher
	8:00 am	Ralph & Antonia Silvagni
	5:10 pm	Salvatore Alioto
<u>Saturday</u>	8:00 am	Ryan Kono
	5:00 pm	The John & Lena Mezzetta Family

We pray for the sick members of our parish family and for those who care for them: Madison Kitz, Lisa Kitz, William Dill, Ted & Eileen Damian, Pat Saracini, Bill Barca, Helen & Vicky Noceti, Kyong Cruz, Ciera Whipple, Dorothy Rives, Elsie Noceti, Steve Bacho, Mary Farr, Karen Shirley, Jose Conrado Vasquez, Lucy Garcia, Frances Snyder, Jack & Rene Sagrafena, Mrs. Larry Duggins, Antoinette Ramos, Joe Hamilton, Pauline & Joseph Burgio, Noralee Gelhaar, Martin Hidalgo, Gloria Giannini, Maxine Coutts, Jonathan Cerezo, Nick Cannuli, Kathy Montiel, Susan Silvera-Dunn, George Rodriguez Jr, Nafal Jweinat, Michael Coffaro, Diedra Bradshaw, Irma Sweeny, Charlene Spediacci, Esther Litton, Jan Diamond, Viola Burdick, Ronald Reyes, Josephine Muscat, Patricia O'Neill, Virginia Ryan Rogers, Michael Wisherop, Helen Maternia, Bernice Malloy, Wayne Devora, Beverly Buhs, Rita Gilmore, Judy Marks, Rita Bartolo, Gerda Altherr, Stephen Petinak, Richard Castro, Donald Clancy, Rene Tiamson, Dondon Pasco, Dotty Mandiloff, Robert Weldon, Joseph Conrad Rodriguez, Raymond Reudy, Mona Pasco, Rick Trecartin, Mike Casella, John Costa, Rita & Roberta Berry, Sr. Theresa Antoinette, Rachel Sanchez, Sue Furrer, Emily Marshall, Mrs Nancy Starrh, Kathy Perl, Susan Negueloua, Kevin Maloney, Domenica Rossi, Alma Cozzolino, Erika Kiel, Harry Aubright, Joseph Caruana, Michael Murray & Madeline Burwell

We pray for the deceased members of our parish family: