

Carpenter's Connection

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

4011 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring, KY 41076

January, 2008

A WORD FROM FATHER REINERSMAN.....

Dear St. Joe Parishioners:

HAPPY NEW YEAR ???

Political Correctness Gone Hay-wire

From my family to yours, please accept with no obligation implied or implicit, our best wishes for an environmentally conscious, socially responsible, low stress, non-addictive, gender neutral, celebration of the winter solstice holiday, practiced within the most enjoyable traditions of the religious persuasion of your choice, or secular practices of your choice, with respect for the religious/secular persuasions and/or traditions of others, or their choice not to practice religious or secular traditions at all and a fiscally successful, personally fulfilling, and medically uncomplicated recognition of the onset of the generally accepted calendar year 2008, but not without due respect for the calendars of choice of other cultures whose contributions to society have helped make America great, and without regard to the race, creed, color, age, physical ability, religious faith, or choice of computer platform of the wishee.

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By accepting this greeting, you are accepting these terms. This greeting is subject to clarification or withdrawal. It is freely transferable with no alteration to the original greeting. It implies no promise by the

wisher to actually implement any of the wishes for her/himself or others, and is void where prohibited by law, and is revocable at the sole discretion of the wisher. This wish is warranted to perform as expected within the usual application of good tidings for a period of one year, or until the issuance of a subsequent holiday greeting, whichever comes first, and warranty is limited to replacement of this wish or issuance of a new wish at the sole discretion of the wisher.

HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!

Our way

The staff of Saint Joseph Parish wishes you and yours many blessings in the 2008th year of our Lord; no strings attached, no disclaimer, only the irrevocable promise of prayer.

Fr. Gerry Reinersman

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From Our Associate Pastor

I Still See St. Peter's

Fr. Ray Enzweiler

People still ask me if I miss Rome and if I enjoy being here. “Yes” answers both questions. At the same time, every day, every mass, I am reminded of Rome when I see the image of St. Peter’s Basilica in the window over the choir loft in our church.

St. Peter’s is a symbol of Rome in many ways, but it most reminds me of our Church. One uniquely experiences this one, holy, universal, apostolic Church in Rome. I experienced it through the seminarians and religious in my classes from all over the world and the multitude of pilgrims who come from all over the world because of their faith. Seeing the people gathered at St. Peter’s Square for mass and to see the Pope drove home the power of faith and the universality of the Church, especially when we all prayed in one voice. It is evident that the blessings of God are continually being poured out on the Church.

In our own Church window, the presence of St. Peter’s is there to symbolize St. Joseph as Protector of the Church. It also reminds us that we are more than just St. Joseph’s Church. We are part of the Diocese of Covington, part of the worldwide Roman Rite Church. We are connected with every other parish and diocese in the world. We are connected with all the other rites, e.g., there are 22 Eastern Rite Churches in union with the Pope. As St. Joseph’s, we are a small speck on the map, a small gathering of people. But, because of a small image in our window, we are daily reminded that we are much more. We are part of the universal Church established by Christ.

Of course, church windows and symbols have long had the role of teaching our faith. Look at the windows and other symbols in our Church. Study them. The window over the choir loft is filled with symbols of St. Joseph, our patron. Going up the aisle, the windows on the right depict the season of Pentecost and the seven sacraments. The windows on the left depict the seasons of Easter, Lent, Christmas, and Advent. The large side window on the left depicts 15 mysteries of the Rosary. Can you recognize these windows and their symbols? Why were certain symbols chosen? How do the symbols teach and remind us of our faith?

I offer this challenge: look at the symbolism in our Church to see how they speak to you. Use them as a means to grow in faith from the various depictions of the saints to the Stations of the Cross and the Seven Sorrows of Mary underneath them to the windows to the tabernacle to the shape of our church, etc. Even if you have done this before, do it again to see in what new way God may speak to you. And, as incentive to look closely at them all, count how many angels you see depicted in Church during your studies. I have found 2 depictions of angels and continue to search the artwork. What do you find?

More “Words” from Fr. Reinersman

Interpretation Is Everything

Last November Fr. Reinersman received Thanksgiving Day cards from students in one of our Parish School of Religion classes preparing for confessions. One card read:

Dear Father Reinersman,
Thank you for helping us with our sins,
and happy thanksgiving.

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

– Political Responsibility for Catholics –

Recently the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops overwhelmingly approved a statement called *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility*. They also prepared a summary document, entitled “*The Challenge of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*.” The statement urges Catholics to be involved in public life and to use the values of their faith to shape their political choices.

You might find this interesting and provocative reading. Both these documents, are available on the Catholic Conference of Kentucky web page at www.cck.org.

My First Saint Joe Christmas

Some parishioners have asked about my impressions of my first Christmas at St. Joe.

Well, it was busy to say the least but also a wonderful and enjoyable experience. Fr. Ray and I kept busy attending each parish group’s Christmas gathering to express appreciation for its part in the parish life. It was a great way to continue meeting parishioners and getting to know people better. The food is usually really good too.

On December 6 I dressed up like St. Nicklaus and visited the school classrooms. Sr. Requette advised me to wear sunglasses so the kids would not recognize me too easily. “The little kids won’t recognize you at all so let’s start with the kindergarten”, she said. I had only one foot in the classroom door when one little girl shouted out, “That’s Fr. Gerry. I’d know you anywhere.” So much for the disguise. I kept the sunglasses on anyway and went on to all the other classes.

I talked about St. Nick and his concern for the poor, all the while presenting myself as St. Nick. I must have forgotten who I was portraying because one really sharp 5th grader asked, “If you really are St. Nick why are you speaking in the third person?”

When I got to the last classroom, the 1st graders were drawing a picture of St. Nick. As I walked around passing out candy canes I saw that one little guy had drawn sunglasses on his picture of St. Nick. I guess he’ll go through life thinking St. Nick wore sunglasses.

Finally, on the last school day before Christmas break, I went to the sock hop for the 7th and 8th grades and the bingo party for the others. Both were wild scenes with the energy and enthusiasm only the very young can rally. It got even noisier when I announced my Christmas gift to them; a no-uniform day to be selected by the Student Council.

Most importantly, each one of the Christmas Masses was beautiful and very well attended. We are truly blessed to have so many volunteers and staff dedicated to enriching the liturgy with their time and talents. The various choirs worked together to present a wonderful concert just before Christmas and then the music for Masses. Many others volunteered to decorate the church. Eucharistic ministers, lectors and servers all took on extra service to assist at our Masses.

The strongest impression of my first Christmas at St. Joe is gratitude for all the many, many individuals and groups who work so hard to help make our parish a dynamic, vibrant and faith-centered community. It is a clear reminder that it is Jesus Christ who brings us together as community, and only as a community, do we find our way to Jesus Christ.

Fr. Gerry Reinersman

From Our Deacon.....

Q. I have two questions about recent observations at mass; 1. Why does it seem we are so concerned about the amount of consecrated hosts reserved in the tabernacle? 2. Why do we now purify the cups (which hold the precious blood) and ciborium (which hold the consecrated body of Christ) during mass?

A. These are good and timely questions! 1. This is a specific question addressed in the "question" section of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (or GIRM for short). It states, "Concern is often raised about the continuing practice of communicating the assembly at Mass from the sacrament reserved in the tabernacle. The Constitution on the Liturgy, art. 55, states: "The more complete form of participation in the Mass by which the faithful, after the priest's communion, receive the Lord's body from the same sacrifice, is strongly endorsed" (emphasis added). This is supported in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, #85, which states that "it is most desirable that the faithful, just as the priest himself is bound to do, receive the Lord's body from hosts consecrated at the same Mass and that, in the instances when it is permitted, they partake of the chalice.(cf. no. 283), so that even by means of the signs Communion will stand out more clearly as a participation in the sacrifice actually being celebrated."

The reason for which the Church reserves the Eucharist outside Mass is, primarily, the administration of viaticum to the dying and, secondarily, communion of the sick, communion outside Mass, and adoration of Christ present in the sacrament (see Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist outside Mass, no. 5). Only under rare circumstances of necessity should the assembly at Mass communicate from the reserved sacrament in the tabernacle".

2. Regarding the purification of the vessels at mass, the appendix of the GIRM (#275) states, "The sacred

vessels are purified by the priest, the deacon, or an instituted acolyte after Communion or after Mass, insofar as possible at the credence table. The purification of the chalice is done with water alone or with wine and water, which is then drunk by whoever does the purification. The paten is usually wiped clean with the purificator. Care must be taken that whatever may remain of the Blood of Christ after the distribution of Communion is consumed immediately and completely at the altar.

#238 adds "The vessels are purified by the priest or else by the deacon or acolyte after the communion or after Mass, if possible at a side table." The directive as to time (whether after communion or after Mass) is completed in no. 229 with one regarding place (at the side of the altar). It is implicit in this regulation that the celebrant never stands at the middle of the altar as he purifies the vessels (see also no. 120). b. Other particulars are found elsewhere in the GIRM: As the priest, no. 120: "After communion the priest returns to the altar and collects any remaining particles. Then, standing at the side of the altar or at a side table, he purifies the paten or ciborium over the chalice, then purifies the chalice, saying quietly: <Lord, may I receive these gifts>, etc., and dries it with a purificator. If this is done at the altar, the vessels are taken to a side table by a minister. It is also permitted, especially if there are several vessels to be purified, to leave them, properly covered and on a corporal, either at the altar or at a side table and to purify them after Mass when the people have left."

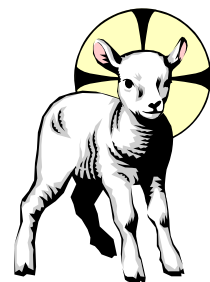
As to the deacon, no. 138: "After communion, the deacon returns to the altar with the priest and collects any remaining fragments. He then takes the chalice and other vessels to the side table, where he purifies them and arranges them in the usual way; the priest returns to the chair. But it is permissible to leave the vessels to be purified, properly covered and on a

corporal, at a side table and to purify them after Mass, when the people have left."

I would be remiss without noting that for a prescribed amount of time, the U.S. Churches did have an indult from the Rome to allow Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to do some of the functions we have been discussing, however, that indult was lifted (I believe in January of '07?). So for a time, the Extraordinary Ministers were able to do these functions, but at present no longer are allowed to do so. (I believe the "lift" was based on perceived abuses and some loss of reverence to the Eucharist in dioceses across the country – of course, that certainly did not apply to our diocese or parish!)

So finally, to recap "why we do this" is – because it is prescribed by the Church; we are only doing what is correct. The priest and deacon, having been ordained by the Church to their offices, are the prescribed persons to approach the tabernacle, purify the vessels, and so on. An "acolyte" is someone who is given permission by the Bishop to do these and other duties that applies to the altar by a "rite". Typically, these rites are only given to those in their formation to becoming priest or deacon, however, there are exceptions. I hope this helpful and NOT, "as clear as mud"!

Questions about your Faith???
Call Deacon Tim Schabell @ 441-5110 x53 or email tschabell@stjoeschool.net



Our Awesome Students

The following high school students who are members of St. Joe received honors:

Newport Central Catholic:

First Honors

Kellen Arlinghaus
Kimberly Bihl
Daniel Bowman
Allison Buchanan
Andrew Buchanan
Michael Enzweiler
Ross Goetz
Olivia Hagedorn
Danielle Hausfeld
Brandon Johnson
Nolan Johnson
Abbie Kinnett
Brian Kirst
Corryn Muench
Sean Murphy
Rebecca Schilling
Alyxandra Schulte
Sara Steffen
Gregory Willett
Jessica Wimsatt
Desiree Zink

Newport Central Catholic:

Second Honors

Clayton Bhola
Michelle Borman
Michelle Bowman
Christopher Calhoun
Zack Cooney
Mariah Cutter
Chris Flaherty
Kaela Freppon
Brittany Fryer
Robert Gardner
Taylor Infante
Samuel Kremer
Hilary Leyland
Kiersten Leyland
Michael Lipscomb
Kate Marschman
Evan Neises
Jacob Ollberding
Alex Pangallo
Kevon Reis
Ashley Ryan
Ethan Trauth
Kristie Wescott
Emily Wiseman

Saint Ursula:

Second Honors

Anna Luber



**CONGRATULATIONS!!!!
TO OUR STUDENTS**

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OUR PARISH MISSION

The people of St. Joseph's Parish strive to be a dynamic, Catholic faith community, following the example of Jesus Christ through liturgical, communal and personal prayer. We value education, especially education in the faith. Through parish ministries and organizations, we serve others by offering our gifts of time, talents and treasures. We seek to fulfill this mission with the help of Christ, Who leads us to oneness with God.

MEN'S RETREAT

One way to get more spiritually centered is to attend a Men's Retreat at Marydale. There you will be able to relax & reflect on your relationship with God and rejuvenate your soul. The next Men's Retreat is scheduled for January 25th-27th, 2008 and the cost should not be a concern but reservations are a must. If you have any questions, please call Bob Lauer at 781-7939 or send an email to sjholyname@yahoo

Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:

6:30 & 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday:

6:30 & 9:00 a.m.

Saturdays:

8:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Sundays:

8:00, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.

Holydays:

8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Welcome New Parishioners.....

Pamela Siemer
Wilder

Robert Dierig
Cold Spring

Shirley Duve
Highland Heights

Jason Schneider and Amy Danzo
Highland Heights

Jim and Donna Ruschman and Family
Alexandria

Tim and Amy Dunn and Family
Cold Spring

Robert and Roberta Laux
Cold Spring

A.J. Schwab
Highland Heights

Robert and Kimberly Neltner and Family
Alexandria

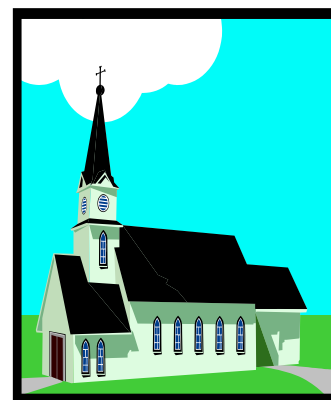
Chris and Megan Rider and Family
Alexandria

Robert and Andrea Pitts and Family
Alexandria

David and Gina Appel
Cold Spring

Richard and Jennifer Wolf and Family
Crestview

Nelson and Rosemary Harrison
Alexandria



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