

CATHOLIC CHAPEL OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY BULLETIN

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1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23, 1 Corinthians 15:45-49, Luke 6:27-38

FOCUS: Return good for evil and you will be blessed.

The message which stands out most from the Gospel reading today is that the follower of Jesus is always giving good things to all people, even when one is treated poorly! Luke tells us if someone takes our cloak, give them our coat as well. If someone forces us into service to walk one mile, we go two instead. This may seem to be a radical teaching of Jesus, but giving is the essence of who we are as believers.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus ends this same teaching with the directive: “Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect” (Mt 5:48). God, we know, blesses both good and evil persons with rain and sun and all the good things of creation. Wouldn't it be strange to look out and see it raining on the lawns of our good neighbors, while our neighbors who are struggling in their spirituality had dead lawns? This simply is not God's way. Our heavenly Father is always giving a blessing to all. So then, to be perfect means that we are always giving a blessing to all. The outcome of imitating God in this way is that we grow more fully as children of our heavenly Father.

Perhaps you are aware that many of the people who receive help through our various Catholic charities are not Catholic. Still, they are God's people, and we are called to serve all God's people. We do not give because the people in need are Catholic or even Christian, we give because we are Catholic. It is who we are.

God's way brings peace and happiness. God's way is to give good gifts. If you remember, Jesus did not begin to show us this truth on the cross, rather, the Son of God began to give when he emptied himself of all glory and became a

man like us in all things. Over and over Scripture teaches that it is more blessed to give than to receive, and Jesus gave that we might receive.

The challenge for us today is the same as it is every day: to change the way we think. Paul encourages us to be transformed by the renewing of our mind, to change our thoughts from the earthly realm to the heavenly one. When we are people who are givers of blessings and every good thing in our world, we open our hearts to God's way. God then can change our hearts to God's way. God then can change our hearts to be more like that of Jesus, and our world will be able to see Jesus in each one of us.

There is a limit to giving though, and it is not who we give to, but what we give. We are limited to giving all good things. Jesus cautions us never to judge or condemn another person. If we judge, we will be judged, and if we condemn, we will be condemned. On the other hand, if we show mercy, we will be shown mercy, and if we forgive, we will be forgiven. This certainly sounds like the Golden Rule: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Another way of understanding this is: Do unto others as you would have God do unto you.

Now, nothing is ever one-sided. God does not command us to do impossible things to fulfill our religious duty. That would be the opposite of the God we hear of in today's Gospel. Jesus presents this radical teaching and others, including the Sermon on the Mount, in order that we may experience the peace and happiness of God's kingdom. Who does not want to be happy? One wonders if the fact that so few people report being truly happy today is related to the fact that many consider the teaching of Jesus to be so radical.

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OUTREACH

Food for the Needy- Anyone interested in making items for the St. Patrick's soup kitchen may contact Carole Morris at 446-2154 or Mary Arredondo at 446-6891. Meals can be delivered to 21B Wilson Road, between 4 and 8 p.m. The menu for the next two months is: March - lunch/sandwiches and April dinner/chili

I have a question. Whom do I call?

Pastoral Coordinator...Kate Hayden 938-8760

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Faith Formation, Rel. Education of Children & Adults, RCIA.

Wedding Coordinator....Lorraine Finn...932-2784

*Wedding information, scheduling, paperwork,
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Director of Music.... Meredith Baker...938-3544

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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

GOD'S TYM (Total Youth Ministries)

POC: Michelle Kelley @ 424-3609

February 22– Core meeting 1800, pack for run **February 29**– NET 1700-2100

Midnight Run in March - Items needed are as follows: men's briefs, undershirts (medium and large); used and new men's gloves.

Confirmation Class Service Project

Please support one of the service projects of the MHT 2004 Confirmation Class. This project is in support of the Newburgh ministry. Please donate personal hygiene items (toothpaste, shaving cream, etc.) that will be collected in a box in the back of the church. Point of contact for this project is Marie Naessens at 446-4973.

Natural Family Planning -NFP

Safe, healthy, effective, marriage-enhancing Classes to learn NFP will be begin 22 Feb at 1400 in the rectory of MHT Chapel. To pre-register or to get more information, please call Tom & Patty Strunck 446-6789 or email struncktfs@yahoo.com

Dates to Remember

Religious Education Highlights:

February 22– Confirmation Catechetical Session VII, 1600-1930, 30 Thayer Rd.

February 28-Confirmation Retreat, MHT, 0900-1500, Virginia Brown, facilitator. Please pray for all the Candidates during their continued preparation for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

February 29– Rite of Election, 1100 Mass, Celebrant, Bishop Kaising from the Military Archdiocese. Continue to pray for the members of the RCIA process as they journey towards full initiation into the Church.

POC: “Ms. Kay” Heppes @ 938-8761, yc3921@usma.edu

Save the Date and Call for tickets!

Sacred Heart School's Annual St. Patrick's Dinner Dance will be held on Friday March 12, 2004 7 PM-Midnight at Nicole's.

Jerry Vaughan will be honored as Irishman of the year. Entertainment will be by "Better Days" band & performances by the Sheahan Gormley school of Dance. Tickets are 30 dollars per person.

Call Margaret Buckley 446-6639, Corina Ender 446-2177 or Lynne Kelly 446-5182 for tickets and info. *Saints For Youth*

“Living as Young Men and Women for Others” Retreat for high school students grade 9-12. Friday, Mar 5 thru Sun., Mar 7, 2004. Fee &80.00 includes lodging, meals & materials. Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries, Route 9D, Garrison. For applications and information see Kate Hayden, MHT or call 845 424-3609 or visit us at www.cyfm.org.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST— Training Date 24 Feb 04
MHT Rectory at 1900

All Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (EMEs), or those interested in becoming EMEs (to include cadets,) should attend this training session. This training will help to deepen our understanding of the theology of this important ministry. Please contact Brian & Betty Moretti @ 446-2240 with any questions

February 25th



ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

With the distribution of Ashes

0615 – Washington Hall, Geography Lector Hall (5th floor)

1205— Most Holy Trinity Chapel

1700— Most Holy Trinity Chapel

1900 — Most Holy Trinity Chapel

There will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Ash Wednesday

Come join us for daily Mass @ MHT: Monday –Friday @1205/ (Catholic Cadet Office (WH) @0630 except training holidays); Saturday at 0900 (MHT); Training Holidays @0900 (MHT).

School Registration & Open House

Open Registration begins for Sacred Heart School on March 1st from 9:00am-2:00pm for Pre-K through 8th grades. Register early to secure your spot!

Sacred Heart School will conduct an Open House for Pre-K - 8th grades on Thursday, March 4th from 4:30pm—6:30pm. A special program for Pre-K through Kindergarten begins at 9:00am. School tours will be ongoing and refreshments will be served. For information call 446-2674.

Snow date is March 11th)