

## **CATHOLIC CHAPEL OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY BULLETIN SEPTEMBER 13-14 2003**

**Numbers 21: 4b-9, Philippians 2: 6-11, John 3: 13-17**

***FOCUS: We have the Holy Cross as our sign of victory.***

*In 1913, a minister by the name of George Bennard in the town of Albion, Michigan, wrote the words and music to a hymn he entitled The Old Rugged Cross. It is poor poetry, and the melody is sentimental; but it ranks high among favorite Protestant hymns. Catholics rarely sign it in Church nor do Lutherans or Episcopalians or those Protestants who worship liturgically. Undoubtedly many of us have heard The Old Rugged Cross on radio or television.*

*Liturgical worship is communal. That is to say we sing God's praises and ask God's blessings as a community, not as individuals. The key to this is found in the pronouns used. Individualistic hymns like The Old Rugged Cross have the pronouns I, my, me, while the hymns of the liturgy are in the plural, We, our, us.*

*Pastor Bennard in his meditations saw the old rugged cross as "the emblem of suffering and shame." He was not wrong in this, inasmuch as crucifixion was a particularly harsh way of executing criminals in the days of the Roman Empire. The wooden cross was akin to the electric chair of our times.*

*The Scriptures, written after Jesus was put to death on the Cross, took a different view of this instrument of death and defeat, as did Jesus himself. After all, he told his followers "take up your cross and follow me." The cross was a first-century emblem of suffering and shame, but since Jesus used his Cross to redeem us and to overcome death for us, the Cross is seen by Catholic Christians as a triumphant sign of victory.*

*The three readings of today's liturgy are a powerful testimony to the meaning and the power of the Cross. The Book of Numbers relates how God used a bronze serpent mounted on a wooden pole to cure people afflicted by snakebite. All they had to do was look upon it and they were healed of danger.*

*In the Gospel, Jesus told Nicodemus, in answer to his questions about being born again, that just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up on the cross. Then follows the verse which is one of the most noted, remembered and quoted passages in the entire New Testament: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life: (Jn 3:16)*

*Today's lesson from the Letter to the Philippians is one of the most forceful of all. It tells us that because of the death of Jesus on the Cross every knee must bend to him and every tongue proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord.*

Ours is a religion of signs. These signs include water, oil, wine, bread, ashes, palms, and in a superior way, the Cross. It towers above us on the steeples of our churches, it looks down upon us in our sanctuaries, it hangs on the walls of our homes, we wear it around our necks or on the lapels or our coats, and we trace it over ourselves when we pray the Sign of the Cross.

What is common can easily become common place. We should be aware of this triumphant sacred sign, and we should live, speak, think, and act under it knowing that when crossing ourselves we are confessing that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father in union with the Holy Spirit.

**MILITARY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN**

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Dates to remember

***17 th Sep—MCCW Program “Religious and Lay Panel Discussion —  
Vocations, MHT @ 1900***

***21 Sep—Baptismal Class, MHT Rectory 1230, POC Kay Heppes @ x8761***

***22 Sep— Ministry Training -1900 MHT /Rectory  
Catechist Orientation Mtg. / Cloister Room 1800***

***Tues Nights—RCIA , 1930 Rm 5326 Washington Hall, POC: Kay Heppes, x8761***

**SCRIPTURE FOR WEEK OF Sep 14, 2003**

Mon – 1 Timothy 2: 1-8, John 19: 25-27 or Luke 2: 33-35

Our Lady of Sorrows

Tue – 1 Timothy 3: 1-13, Luke 7: 11-17

Saint Cornelius

Wed – 1 Timothy 3: 14-16, Luke 7: 31-35

Saint Robert Bellarmine

Thurs – 1 Timothy 4: 12-16, Luke 7: 36-50

Fri – 1 Timothy 6: 2c-12, Luke 8: 1-3

Saint Januarius

Sat – 1 Timothy 1: 15-17, Luke 6: 43-49

Saint John Chrysostom

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

Sat 13 Sep 1715 Vincent Theysohn

Sun 14 Sep 0900 Kevin Norman '96

Sun 14 Sep 1100 Parishioners of MHT

Mon 15 Sep 1205 Harry Giffith

Tue 16 Sep 1205

Wed 17 Sep 1205 Alice & Charles Biasotti-50th Wedding Anniversary

Thurs 18 Sep 1205 James Mascola

Fri 19 Sep 1205 Theresa Ragno

**Attendance and Offering Last Weekend:**

Attendance 504 Offering \$1,834.46

**The Next Designated Offering : Sep 23/24 will be for  
"Sacred Heart"**

**LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS Sep 20-21**

1715 D. Rutkowski, D. Wolfe, Cadet

0900 B. Wilson, T. Hayden, Cadet

1100 W. Lennox, A. Lennox, M. Torres, L. Wigger, Cadet, Cadet, Volunteer

**USHERS FOR Sep 20-21**

1715 Volunteer

0900 Volunteer

1100 Volunteer

**ALTAR SERVERS Sep 20-21**

1715 Volunteer

0900 Volunteer

1100 Volunteer

**PROCLAIMERS FOR Sep 20-21**

1715 Deb Dalton / Lisa Glen

0900 Bret & Bridget Wilson

1100 Matt Vetter / Samantha Rossi

***I have a question. Whom do I call?***  
**Pastoral Coordinator**...Kate Hayden 938-8760

**Chaplain's Assistant**... SPC Alexander 938-3721

**Director Rel-Ed**... Kay Heppes... 938-8761  
Faith Formation, Rel. Education of Children & Adults, RCIA.

**Wedding Coordinator**...Lorraine Finn...932-2784  
Wedding information, scheduling, paperwork,  
Pre-Cana/Engaged Encounter information.

**Director of Music**.... Meredith Baker...938-3544  
Adult, Children's and Cadet Choir, Wedding Music, Liturgical Music.

**Pastor**.... Fr. Joseph Deponai...938-3721  
Reconciliation, Baptism, Anointing of the Sick, Pastoral and Sacramental Concerns.

**Cadet Issues**....Fr. Edson Wood....938-2784

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***RECONCILIATION, ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND BENEDICTION:***  
*Wednesday 1820 –1930 at*  
*MHT Chapel*

## **OUTREACH**

**Food for the Needy-Anyone interested in making items for the St. Patrick's soup kitchen may contact Jeanne at 446-0503. The meal for September is breakfast/breads/muffins and can be delivered to 1004 B Bartlett Loop Tuesday September 23 between 4-8pm.**

**You can just change the menu and date each month. Information for the fall semester is:  
October 21-lunch/sandwiches November 18-dinner/chili December 16 holiday/cookies and treats**  
**MARYCREST CONVENT**

A homemaker's aide is needed for the following days and times:  
Saturday: 2:00 p.m.— 10:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 2:00 p.m. —10:00 p.m.  
Please contact: Sister Maria Catherine at  
(845) 783-2251

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS:**

### ***PRESCHOOL***

(4 year old) program begins on Sunday, 14 September in the Cloister Room of the Chapel.

**IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED OR  
RE-REGISTERED FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**PLEASE DO SO ASAP!**

### **RCIA:**

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process by which people who are considering membership in the Catholic Church come together to experience Christian community and share a journey of faith. FOR WHOM IS IT INTENDED?

1. Unbaptized adults who wish to learn more about the faith and Christian life, with the possibility of being a Catholic Christian.
2. Baptized Christians from other denominations who would like to know, to learn more about, and to possibly join, the Catholic Church.
3. Baptized Catholics who have not received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist.

Please call 'Ms. Kay' at 938-8761 for further information. Regularly scheduled sessions for the RCIA process are held on Tuesday evenings at 1930 Hrs. in Rm 5326 of Washington Hall.

## **GOD'S TYM (Total Youth Ministries)**

**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:**

**POC Michelle Kelley @ 424-3609**

*God's TYM begins September 21 from 7-9pm in Sacred Heart Gym. We have a guest speaker Tony Belizzi returning by popular demand. Tony is the Confirmation leader at Bethany House.*

*We warmly welcome our new youth minister, Michelle Kelley. She is a '98 Graduate of James I. O'Neill HS and a recent graduate of SUNY New Paltz. She was an active member of God's TYM during her high school years.*

***WELCOME MICHELLE!!!!***

## *Musings from the Pastor's Corner*

“I am the Resurrection and the Life! Whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.” (Jesus to Martha from the Gospel of John.)

We mourn the death of 2LT Richard Joyce '02- son of Mr. & Mrs. Martin H Joyce and brother of CDT Christy Joyce '05. He was killed in a hiking accident in the German Alps. Please keep the Joyce family in your prayers.

We thank God for the gift of Richard to our world. He was an active member of the Most Holy Trinity Parish participating in a number of programs throughout his four years.

Come and sit with Jesus! Wednesdays @ 1820-1925 in Most Holy Trinity Chapel.  
Exposition, Confessions, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at MHT!  
Come with the family- rest with Jesus!

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A big “THANKS” to all who made the Parish Mass and Picnic at Camp Buckner a wonderful success. We had so many people who worked so hard to make this happen. Kate Hayden, SPC Alexander & Bridget Wilson did a great amount of prep work to secure Camp Buckner, the food and equipment. Andy Glen, Doug Wolfe, Debbie & Ken McDonald, Tom & Patti Strunck, Todd Brick, Mike Bradley, John & Ruza Blanc, Blair and Carolyn Tiger & Joe (Clean-up), CDT Sam Fitzpatrick, Meredith Baker/CDT John Cody & the Choir, CDT Jennifer Barrow and the other liturgical ministers, and so many parishioners helped make this a wonderful parish event! We thank God for the glorious weather!

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Another big “Thanks” to all who volunteered for the Religious Education Program. This list is just too big to put in the bulletin. As I participated in the Opening Ceremony, the energy level was palpable! How blessed are we with so many great parishioners!

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Saturday Daily Mass at 0900 hours at MHT. Come and join us!

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With Prayer and Gratitude,

Fr. Jerry