

The Second Sunday of Ordinary Time
January 18, 2009 ~ Cycle B

From our pastor, Msgr. Richard Cramblitt....

An extraordinary event will happen in our country this week: the peaceful transfer of power from one administration to another. Regardless of where you stand on the political spectrum this moment is a wonder to behold. Many peoples of the world admire the USA because we can achieve as the regular course of events what they only dream. St. Paul instructs the Church to pray for the leaders of government, and that instruction remains valid for us to this day. Pray for the new administration; ask God to grant wisdom to our leaders. They surely will need it!

Two days after the Inauguration will come another day of great significance. January 22 is the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in the USA. In the United States that day is "a day of penance for the violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion." The major event of this day is the annual March For Life in Washington, DC. Every year it draws thousands who march from the National mall to the Supreme Court in respectful protest to this decision which has degraded the value of human life itself. If you cannot go to the March For Life, I urge you to tune into EWTN at 7:30PM on January 21 to watch and join in the Mass offered at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. This Mass is always particularly beautiful and deeply moving. Those who have attended it attest to the tremendous impact this Mass has on their lives.

The week of January 18 – 25 is significant for yet another reason. It is the annual Week of Prayer For Christian Unity. Since the end of the Second Vatican Council this Week of Prayer has become a tradition. Prior to the end of the Council the Catholic Church stood in a kind of splendid isolation, teaching that it alone was the true Church. There was no ecumenical or inter-religious dialogue. The Council changed that and opened to the door to a dialogue that has been extraordinarily fruitful. While our Church still teaches that fullness of Truth is found in the Catholic Church, it also recognizes that we are not the only ones to possess Truth. Our dialogue with other Christian churches has helped to move the entire Christian community closer to the fulfillment of Jesus prayer "that all may be one." However, there is still a very long way to go! Pray for the unity of all the followers of Jesus! May the day come at last when we will all be one at the Eucharistic Table.

The Week of Prayer For Christian Unity climaxes next Sunday, the feast of the conversion of St. Paul. We will observe this feast at all Masses next weekend.

So now: you will be very busy in prayer this week! Pray for the new government. Pray for an end to abortion and for the respect for all human life from conception to death. And pray for Christian unity. Pray without ceasing.

Join Us In Worship

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun, Jan 18	9:00 a.m.	.....	For the People of SSH
Mon, Jan 19	7:00 a.m.	.....	+Rita Reusing
Fri, Jan 23	7:00 a.m.	.....	+Louis Nixdorff

PRESIDER SCHEDULE ~ JANUARY 24 - 25

5:00 PM	.....	Msgr. Richard Cramblitt
7:30 AM	.....	Father Timothy Brown, SJ
9:00 AM	.....	Father Timothy Brown, SJ
11:30 AM	.....	Msgr. Richard Cramblitt

Whole Community Catechesis
Questions for Faith Sharing

Question for Adults

In what ways do you experience being called by Jesus?
What does he want you to do?

Question for Youth

Andrew seemed to know immediately that he should follow Jesus. Do you have that same sense of confidence in your faith in Jesus? What helps? What makes it hard?

Question for Children

What can you do this week to show that you are a follower of Jesus?

THE ARCHBISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL IS NOW THE ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

DO EVERYTHING FOR THE GLORY OF GOD...(1COR. 10:31-11:1)

The Archbishop has approved changing the name of the Archbishop's Lenten Appeal to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. The campaign will now take place prior to Lent each year so that the Appeal does not interfere with Lenten Liturgies.

Many of our parishioners either have or soon will receive a mailing from Archbishop O'Brien. He will ask that you make a pledge to the 2009 Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

The Appeal not only funds the operations of the Archdiocese, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is, "Do everything for the glory of God." Clearly, everything that we do to live out our faith gives glory to God. Our contributions to our parish and our Archdiocese multiply the glory that we give to our God by enabling ministries and services that touch thousands of lives.

Our parish receives 25% of each dollar contributed up to our goal of \$42,156. Then, we receive 50% of the additional funds received. This year, we will commit our parish rebates once again to Belize, Tuition Assistance and Youth Ministry.

Please answer the Archbishop's request and make a generous pledge. All pledges can be billed in ten monthly installments. Thank you in advance for your support.

Join Us In Learning

ADULTS

MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT: Priestfield, WV on the weekends of February 27, March 6, March 13, March 20, March 27 and April 3. For more information call Elaine at 410-252-5355 or www.marriedcouplesretreat.com.

SCHOOL NEWS

We invite you to join us for an Open House at the Shrine School on Tuesday, January 27, from 8:30 - 11:30AM.

Stop in and ask us about our new Pre-K Three Year Old Program which will begin in September 2009! If you have questions, please call Ms. Linda Brass at the school...410-542-7406!

Join Us In Service



"HEARTBEAT: SHRINE HUMAN LIFE MINISTRY"

The annual March For Life will be held on the Mall in Washington, DC on January 22 at noon. This date memorializes the Roe vs. Wade decision on 1973, and proceeds from the Mall to the Supreme Court. If you would like to join in The Shrine's carpool, please email Tim Dolch at thyell@yahoo.com.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF OUR PARISH, ESPECIALLY: Claire Hillary, Josephine Offutt, Gloria Marble, Kyla Zeilinger, Albert Hensley, Marlene Barone, Teddy Morton, Priscilla Bailey and Brittany Perkey.

Join Us In Community

JANUARY 25, 2009 YEAR OF ST. PAUL LECTURE WITH LUNCHEON

To register for this event, to be held after the January 25 11:30 Mass, contact Sister Carol.

Title: CHRISTIAN CONVERSION...CHRISTIAN UNITY...& ST. PAUL'S PASSION

Presenter: Rev. Dr. Anita Baly, ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, her articles have appeared in the various Protestant and Roman Catholic journals and in the book: Mary Is for Everyone. Currently, Dr. Baly is a Chaplain at Norristown State Mental Hospital, in Pennsylvania. Her lecture is slated for the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, concluding the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.



NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME: Our parish family extends a warm welcome to all that are joining us for worship. If you are new to the area we invite you to register and make The Shrine of the Sacred Heart your parish. Call the office to register (410-466-6884, x10).