

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 20, 2009 ~ Cycle B

From the Pastor, Msgr. Rick Cramblitt...

H1N1 Flu

By now everyone is aware of the H1N1 flu threat. The medical authorities have made it clear that this flu is going to infect millions and that some in our population will be at great risk if they do contract it. The good news is that this virus will not be like the 1917 pandemic. However we should all do what we can to stop its spread.

Last week I was at a briefing session at which the common sense steps for preventing the spread of the flu were emphasized:

- When you sneeze or cough, cough into your sleeve — NOT onto your hands.
- Wash your hands frequently.
- Use Purell or another hand sanitizer.
- If you are ill, STAY HOME. You are excused from Mass that weekend.
- Stay home for 24 hours after the fever has passed.
- Get a regular flu shot. If you are young or elderly try to get the H1N1 flu shot.

Common sense and attention to hygiene of the hands seems to be the key to the national strategy in fighting the spread of the flu. The Archdiocese has no plans at this time to curtail the practice of communion under both forms and at The Shrine we will continue to offer both the Body and Blood of Christ. The evidence does not indicate that the flu is spread by sharing the cup. I will be sending a memo to our extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist about some steps they should be taking. The archdiocese also has no plans to curtail the handshake at the sign of peace. You are asked to use both courtesy and common sense in this regard.

A good website to find information about the H1N1 flu is the Center For Disease control, www.cdc.gov/H1N1flu. The information you will find here is reliable.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter!

Join Us In Worship

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY: *This Sunday, September 20, is Catechetical Sunday. Join us as we give thanks to God for the generous service of the people who share their faith by word and action.*

Whole Community Catechesis for Faith Sharing

Question for Adults

Is the role of being a servant for others easy or difficult for you to embrace?

Question for Youth

Sometimes, when we strive to be first or be the one that wins, we hurt others. When has striving to be first hurt others? What can you do differently in the future to help others to succeed?

Question for Children

What are some specific ways in which you can serve your friends or family members?

PRESIDER SCHEDULE ~ SEPTEMBER 26 - 27

5:00 PM Msgr. Richard Cramblitt
7:30 AM Msgr. Richard Cramblitt
9:00 AM Msgr. Richard Cramblitt
11:30 AM Msgr. Richard Cramblitt

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, Sept 19 5:00 p.m. +Bob Hagan
Sun, Sept 20 7:30 a.m. For the People of SSH
11:30 a.m. +David White
Mon, Sept 21 7:00 a.m. +Carl Uchytel

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 21 ~ Matthew, apostle & evangelist

Eph 4:1-7,11-13; Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday, September 22 ~ Weekday

Ezr 6:7-8,12b,14-20; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday, September 23 ~ Pio of Pietrelcina, priest

Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday, September 24 ~ Weekday

Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9

Friday, September 25 ~ Weekday

Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday, September 26

Cosmas & Saint Damian, martyrs;

BVM on Saturday

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday, September 27 ~ 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nm 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43,45,47-48

ADULTS

The Catholic Faith for Adults...do you have questions about:

- h** Becoming a Catholic? Joining this parish faith community?
- h** Inviting, sponsoring, guiding others into the Faith?
- h** Baptism, Holy Communion, Confirmation for yourself or another?
- h** Deepening your prayer, devotion, spirituality, or knowledge?
- h** Bible study for fuller participation at Mass and the Sacraments?
- h** Concerns about divorce, annulment, remarriage?
- h** Returning to the Church and Sacraments after a long absence?

Jesus asked: "What are you looking for?" [John 1:38] In the spirit of Jesus, the Church offers you an opportunity to "Come and see" by providing responses to the above questions.

Please contact Sister Carol, Pastoral Associate, at 410-466-6884 X15 for further information.

COMMUNION AND LIBERATION: *Can anyone live without faith? In our everyday life, we constantly put our faith in the words of others. Without this faith, culture would shrivel, and science would become paralyzed; our friendships would end, and we would starve for lack of trust in those who prepared our food. Faith is a form of knowledge--a knowledge that comes through the mediation of a witness. In this method of knowledge one has to be fully engaged in order to trust the witness. Would you like to learn more about faith? If so, then come to the discussions held by Communion and Liberation at the Shrine on Tuesday evenings at 7:30PM in the undercroft. For more information, you can call Tim Coll at 717-683-6086 or Leo White at 410-828-6118.*

BANNS OF MARRIAGE: First time: Courtney Bourne and Christopher Fox

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE MID-EAST is offered by the faith communities of Maryland every 22nd of the month at 7:30PM. Please join this interfaith effort of prayer! For further information contact: Charles Cloughen, Jr., frcharles@verizon.net. We hope you will join us to pray for Peace, 7:30PM on Tuesday, September 22, at Maryland Presbyterian Church, 1105 Providence Road, Towson (exit 28 on the Beltway)

Join Us In Learning

SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL BOOK FAIR: The school will sponsor a Scholastic Book Fair. Mrs. Cianferano, Librarian, will open the Book Fair to parishioners on Sunday, October 4, 2009, from 8AM - 1:30PM. Proceeds from the Book Fair assist in purchasing additional books for students to enjoy!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! School Open House on Tuesday, November 17, from 8:30 to 11:30AM.

CALLING ALL SOCCER-FANATICS AGES 5 TO 10!!!! If you like watching soccer, playing soccer or just want to learn more about soccer, The Shrine of the Sacred Heart Cougars are looking for you! The Cougars are accepting applications for children ages 5 to 10 who are interested in playing soccer this fall. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!! Parents-this is an opportunity for your child to learn a sport, make lasting friendships and have fun. Anyone interested should contact Pam Carrington-Randall @ 410-448-0053, or 443-286-5362. GO COUGARS!!!

Join Us In Service

CALLED TO MINISTRY

Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord: A Statement of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops....*All of the baptized are called to work toward the transformation of the world. Some do this by working in the Church ...a path of Christian discipleship to be encouraged by the hierarchy.* (See Lumen Gentium, nos. 30, 33, 37)

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH ESPECIALLY: Larry Preller, Gloria Marble, Dorothy Jewell, Debby Gerber and Donald White.



***GIVING THE GIFT OF TREASURE** is an invitation to us as Catholics. Every year we are so incredibly blessed by and grateful for God's abundance of gifts in our lives. During this next week you will receive a very important letter from our parish. I ask you to give thanks for our successes and pray upon our parish's areas of need. During the next few weeks, we will be inviting you to participate in Giving the Gift of Treasure.*

INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN ALTAR SERVER? We need girls and boys (adults too!) to be altar servers, helping at weekend and holiday Masses. Please consider serving, it is a wonderful ministry where young folks not only serve God and the gathered community, but also participate more fully in the Sacred Liturgy. All girls and boys who are in the 4th grade or higher, and who have received first communion are eligible to serve. The next training sessions for new servers are Saturday, October 10th & 17th @ 10AM in the Church. If there are questions feel free to call Deacon Mark (410-466-6884 x 13).

SEPTEMBER POOR BOX: FRANCISCAN YOUTH CENTER: *The Franciscan Youth Center's daily after-school program serves approximately 70-120 children and youth, grades 1-8, from the East Baltimore neighborhood of Barclay-Midway/Waverly. The children who attend the Franciscan Youth Center live in one of the most blighted areas of Baltimore City. The Franciscan Youth Center has responded by creating a multi-faceted program aimed at providing supervised cultural enrichment activities, academic tutoring, and recreation in a fun, safe environment.*

Join Us In Community

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

"CALLED TO SOAR HIGH": High School Youth Ministry is having a brain-storming meeting on Sunday, September 27, at 6:30PM in GRI. Bring your ideas and let your thoughts be heard.

ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS! Join us for a Wine and Cheese Party! The Shrine Young Adults (21 - ??) will be having a Wine and Cheese Party on Thursday, September 24th @ 7:30PM in the undercroft. Please come and join us. It's a great opportunity to meet and make new friends, see old ones and to talk about our summer. Contact Deacon Mark (mski@jhmi.edu or 41066-6884 x13) for more info.

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).*

THIS WEEK AT THE SHRINE

Meeting Rooms: Gathering Rooms I, II, III (GRI, GRII, GRIII) and the Choir Room (CR) are located in the Undercroft of the Church. Taylor Conference Room (TCR) and Mullen Library (ML) are located in the Rectory. School Library (SL), Taylor Hall (TH) are in the school.

Monday, September 21

7PM RCIA (GRIII)
7PM Finance Cte Mtg (ML)

Tuesday, September 22

7:30PM Communion & Liberation (GRIII)

Thursday, September 24

9AM Staff Mtg (TCR)
6PM Order of Malta/Right to Life Mass
7PM Choir (CR)
7:30 Young Adults (GRIII)

Friday, September 25

1:30PM Mercy Day Prayer Service

Saturday, September 26

6PM Couples for Christ (GRI, II, III)

Sunday, September 27

10:15 Elementary Faith Formation
6PM Confirmation Class (GRII)
6:30 "Called to Soar" High School Youth Ministry (GRI)
Return Our Daily Bread Casseroles

ATTENTION ENGAGED COUPLES: *Catholic Engaged Encounter is an international program committed to preparing couples for the sacrament of marriage. Engaged couples attend a weekend retreat that fosters openness and communication through a series of presentations, private reflection and dialogue time. Catholic Engaged Encounter is an approved marriage preparation program within the Baltimore Archdiocese. The following is a list of upcoming retreat dates: November 6-8, 2009, January 22-24, February 26-28, March 12-14, March 26-28, 2010. For more information or to register for a weekend, please visit our website at www.mdcee.org or call 410-439-4217.*

BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE ON SCHOOLS INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

In February 2009, Archbishop Edwin O'Brien appointed a Blue Ribbon Committee on Schools to develop a strategic plan for the long-term sustainability of Catholic education in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. The Committee is comprised of some of the most well known and highly respected area leaders — Catholic and non-Catholic alike — in education, business, government, and philanthropy. The Committee meets monthly and is expected to present a report to the

Archbishop in June 2010. The Blue Ribbon Committee on Schools is interested in hearing from all those who care about the future of Catholic schools in the Archdiocese. A special page on the Archdiocese website has been established to receive comments. The Committee invites comments from the public – including students, parents, teachers, principals, pastors, and others. To submit a comment online, please go to the Blue Ribbon Committee on Schools – Public Comment web page at: www.archbalt.org/blueribboncommittee/

BELIZE VISIT 2010

In July, Fr. Dick Perl, SJ, came to Baltimore to welcome the Shrine's parishioners to visit his mission. Several past visitors spoke at Masses that July weekend and joined Fr. Perl at a reception held in his honor in the Undercroft. Now, you have an opportunity to consider a trip to Belize.

Information for Future Visitors

Accommodations: retreat house room & board cost about \$28 US a day

Visitors are met at Belize City Int. Airport, 5 hrs away from Punta Gorda, Toledo District

US money may be used in Belize: \$1US = \$2 Belize

No malaria shots necessary

Week-long stay at the mission includes service projects

Date of travel to be determined per availability of retreat house and St. Peter's parish schedule

If you would like to travel to our sister parish, St. Peter Claver, Punta Gorda, Belize, Central America, to help with mission needs for one week, please complete the information below:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE(S): _____

E-MAIL [PLEASE PRINT LARGE & LEGIBLY]: _____

**Return the above form to Sister Carol at Mass or e-mail carol@theshrine.org or mail to:
Sister Carol Czyzewski, fssj, 1701 Regent Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21209.**