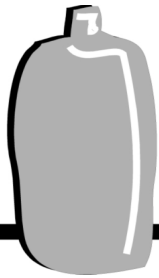


November 8, 2009 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER MAURICE



the jar
shall not go empty

“As the Lord, your God lives,” she answered, ‘I have nothing baked; there is only a handful of flour in my jar and little oil in my jug’... Do not be afraid... for the Lord, the God of Israel says, ‘The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, until the day when the Lord sends rain upon the earth.’ ...but one poor widow came and put in two small copper coins worth about a cent... ‘I want you to observe that this poor widow contributed more than all the others... she gave from her want, all that she had to live on.’”

Elijah was told of the lack of flour and scarcity of oil. At his insistence, the woman provided for his needs and God provided for her and her son. My jar and jug have different contents. I pause for a moment to see what I have, not how much, but what and how I can use these gifts for the good of others. Who would think twice about flour or oil, but they offered the sustenance needed for a year. My gift of a listening ear, a lending hand, or loving heart might not seem like much, but it might be exactly what someone else needs. My gifts, material, spiritual and emotional are precisely that, gifts given for my use and the needs of others.

Jesus, the Teacher, used His surroundings to teach His followers. His observation about the gift of the woman reminds me of self giving as opposed to selfishness, generosity, rather than self satisfaction, simplicity rather than show. The image in the saying ‘do not be like a dog guarding his bone but a sower scattering the seed.’ is quite appropriate. The prayer of The Saint of Assisi said it well ‘it is in giving that we receive...’

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday/Sunday, November 7/8

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5 p.m., Sat.	† Thomas Donohue & † Loretta Bernardo
8 a.m.	People of the Parish
9:30 a.m.	† Mary Chesar
11 a.m.	† Elinor Flynn

Monday, November 9

9 a.m.	(L) Betty Methfessel
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Tuesday, November 10

9 a.m.	† Wladyslawa Gromadadzki
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Wednesday, November 11

7 p.m.	† Joseph Cucinotta
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Thursday, November 12

9 a.m.	† Joseph Barton
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Saturday/Sunday, November 14/15

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5 p.m., Sat.	† Thomas & Elonda Falcinelli
8 a.m.	† Michael Plesa & † May Wohlleb
9:30 a.m.	† Lorraine Buczek
11 a.m.	† Anita Miliski

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES


Monday, November 9

-  Living Faith Prayer Group (8:15 p.m.) Chapel



Tuesday, November 10

-  Adult Choir (7:30 p.m.) Church
-  Men's Cornerstone (7 p.m.) Church Hall
-  Respect Life Committee (7:30 p.m.) Rectory

Wednesday, November 11

-  Scripture Class (7:45 p.m.) Church Hall




Thursday, November 12

-  Adult Choir (7:30 p.m.) Church
-  Knights of Columbus (7:30 p.m.) Upper Room

Friday, November 13

-  Men's Cornerstone Retreat begins - Church Hall

Saturday, November 14

-  Blue Army (9 a.m.) Chapel
-  Men's Cornerstone Retreat
-  Monthly Food Pantry Collection

Sunday, November 15

-  Recitation of the Rosary (7:30 a.m.) Church
-  Monthly Food Pantry Collection

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: I Kings 17:10-16

Elijah asked a widow for a cup of water and a piece of bread. She told him she was almost out of flour, and that she and her son would soon starve. Elijah told her not to be afraid, as God had told him the jar of flour would not go empty. So she did as he had asked and prepared bread from the last of her flour. As God had said, her jar did not go empty, and she and her son had plenty to eat.

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

The high priests entered the sanctuary each year and offered a sacrifice, but not a sacrifice of their own blood. Just as people die once and are judged, Christ was offered up once for the sins of many.

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

Jesus expressed disgust over the hypocrisy of some of the scribes for wanting special treatment from the people. He watched the wealthy put large contributions into the collection box, but explained that what they gave was surplus wealth, and not a real sacrifice. He told them the biggest donation was a small amount from a widow, because she had given up the only money that she had to live on.

Readings on the Web: You can also find the above readings, as well as upcoming Sunday and daily readings on the web at <http://www.usccb.org/nab/>.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Tuesday: Wis 2:23—3:9; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1; Lk 17: 20-25
Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17: 26-37
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16, 19:6-9; Lk 18:1-8

PARISH & DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

MASS will be celebrated every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. in the Church.

SCRIPTURE CLASS will meet this Wednesday at 7:45 p.m. in the Church Hall.

PARISH & DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mark Your Calendar

November 21st 4th Grade "Take your Parents to Church Day" - 5pm Mass
November 21st Faith Enrichment "Family Advent."
November 29th No classes. Thanksgiving Blessings ☺

K-Club

The winner of the K-Club for the week of 11/1/09 is Tom Corrado.

Men of the Parish

Join us for a Spiritual Retreat
November 13 and 14

Enjoy some time in reflection, prayer, fellowship.

For information and to reserve your place
call Lou Monaco 908-638-0500
Men's Cornerstone

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS would like to thank the parishioners who supported the Parish Blood Drive last weekend. There were 23 donors who were willing to give this gift of life. Mark your calendars for the next parish blood drive which will be February 28, 2010. Please plan to donate.

2009 Bishop's Annual Appeal Because We Are Church

Many people are feeling the impact of these trying economic times. Yet, Christian stewardship invites us to trust...to take a risk...to share what we have with others in the confidence that our heavenly Father will provide us with all that we truly need. It is in this spirit that you are invited to make a sacrificial gift to help our Church meet the many pastoral, educational and charitable needs in our communities – needs that are even greater in these challenging times. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

THE GIFT OF OUR TREASURE

Offertory Collection of 11/1/09: \$6,048.