

*The Twenty-sixth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
September 25, 2011*

## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Please bring your beloved pets after the 11:00 Mass in the Grotto behind church next Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> for a blessing of the animals.

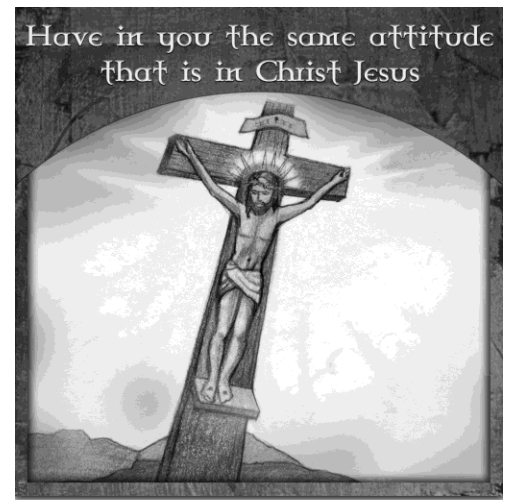
### ON CHANGING A TIRE

Years ago, a television commercial showed a man driving his car on a rainy night. The man, who looks as though he's had a rough day and just wants to get home, comes across an elderly couple with a flat tire on the side of the road. The man drives past the disabled car, then stops. He can do the right thing—change the flat tire for the couple—and get drenched in the process, or he can keep on going. The expression on his face sums up his torn feelings. He looks as though he wishes he hadn't seen the couple at all. But he has seen them, and in the end, he climbs out of his car to help.

### ON CHANGING THE WORLD

It's all about choice, isn't it? Generally, we know what's right and what's wrong. We know the virtuous path. The trouble is, the other path is usually the easier and more expedient one, and often, perhaps, it is our first choice. For those of us who struggle with such choices, what a great Gospel reading! And how comforting it is if—as we do our part in building up the reign of God—we can see ourselves more often than not like the first son, the son who said “no” but then “yes!”

Our choices are our own, and the Lord says that we shall live or die by them. Paul counsels us to choose wisely by taking on the values and attitude of Jesus. The prostitutes and the tax collectors? Yes, they made some bad choices. But when John called them to repentance, they changed their attitudes and came running. Not so the chief priests and the elders. If anything, they ran the other way. That man in the commercial didn't want to change the tire, but in the end, he did. If ultimately we say yes to Jesus, we can all change a whole lot more. World Library Publications. All rights reserved.



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## EUCHARIST (MASS) REFLECTIONS

### *Why do we do what we do?*

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Eucharistic Prayer ends with the great “Amen,” the acclamation of assent by the assembly. Then the Communion rite begins with the Lord's Prayer. We pray this prayer in many contexts, both inside and outside the Church's liturgy. Here, in the context of the Mass, the Lord's Prayer is profoundly eucharistic. When we ask for our “daily bread,” we are asking for the gift of the Eucharist. When we ask God to forgive us as we forgive others, we are seeking forgiveness and purity of heart before we approach the altar to receive the sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood—“so that what is holy may, in fact, be given to those who are holy” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 81).

At Mass, a prayer for peace is inserted between the prayer and the doxology. In this prayer, called the embolism, the Church asks God for freedom—freedom from sin and all anxiety and distress. We are living in an in-between time; even as we rejoice in Christ's presence, we await his coming in joyful hope.

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*✠ Father Ed Connelly*

## MASS INTENTIONS

September 25 – October 2, 2011

Sun	8:00am	Elizabeth Lichtenstein (D)
	9:30am	David Boschert (D)
	11:00am	Parishioners
	5:30pm	Danny Martin(D)
Tues	9:15am	Mary Knighten(D)
Wed	9:15am	Ann Vaudo(L)
Thurs	9:15am	
Sat	4:30pm	Leo Schneider(D)
Sun	8:00am	Parishioners
	9:30am	Elizabeth Lichtenstein(D)
	11:00am	Respect Life Awareness
	5:30pm	Matthew Shaughnessy(D)

Lord, grant each one listed in our Parish Book of Intentions, health of spirit, mind and body.



## STEWARDSHIP REPORT SEPTEMBER 17 & 18, 2011

Monthly Budget Requirement	\$89,350.00
Total Attendance	1,000
Monthly Electronic Giving	\$20,048.00
Envelopes Month-to-Date	\$43,203.84
Non-Envelopes Month-to-Date	\$6,418.00
Children's Envelopes	\$10.55
Month-to-Date	

## POOR BOX

SEPTEMBER 17 & 18, 2011

Lighthouse Shelter - \$298.33

Next week's Poor Box will be for Marian House



## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

We would appreciate your prayers for those who are ill. **Bounhang Vilaythong, Diane Dyer, Tom Manley, Marilyn Kurtz, Irene Cox, Liz Cunningham, Elmer Deras, Ann Kist, Ann Natoli, James Malley, Vincent Graas, John Daniel, Carl Cord, Jr., & Sally Ring**



## REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Michael Picciano.**  
May he rest in peace.



## Our Respect Life Message

URGENT: RESPOND BY SEPTEMBER 30



Conscience Rights Violated by Sweeping HHS Contraceptive Mandate - In implementing the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (the

new health care reform law), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recently issued a rule *requiring* almost all private health plans to cover contraception and sterilization as "preventive services" for women. The mandate even forces individuals and groups with religious or moral objections to purchase and provide such coverage if they are to receive or provide health coverage at all. This poses an *unprecedented threat* to individual and institutional religious freedom.

**ACTION:** Please send an e-mail message to HHS by visiting [www.usccb.org/conscience](http://www.usccb.org/conscience). Once you send your comments to HHS, you will be automatically invited to send a message to your elected representatives in Congress, urging them to support the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act (H.R. 1179/S. 1467) to ensure that such federal mandates do not violate Americans' moral and religious convictions.

**MESSAGE TO HHS:** "Pregnancy is not a disease, and drugs and surgeries to prevent it are not basic health care that the government should *require* all Americans to purchase. Please remove sterilization and prescription contraceptives from the list of 'preventive services' the federal government is *mandating* in private health plans. It is especially important to exclude any drug that may cause an early abortion, and to fully respect religious freedom as other federal laws do. The narrow religious exemption in HHS's new rule protects almost no one. I urge you to allow all **organizations** and individuals to offer, sponsor and obtain health coverage that does not violate their moral and religious convictions."

**October Is Respect Life Month.** A *Rosary for Life* will be said on Thursdays during September at 7:00pm in the church. All parishioners are invited to attend adoration on Tuesdays from 10:00am to 5:00pm during October to pray for their personal or family intentions.

**Respect Life Meeting** will be held on Thursday, October 6th at 7:30pm in the first floor conference room of the Connelly Parish Center. All are welcome. 40 DAYS FOR LIFE is from Sept. 28th.-Nov. 6th. Please visit [www.40DaysforLife.com/Annapolis](http://www.40DaysforLife.com/Annapolis) for more information.

## Blood Drive

There will be a Red Cross Community Blood Drive at Seton Parish on Tuesday, October 4 from 2:00pm until 8:00pm in the Connelly Center. Blood donors and volunteers are needed. Signup sheets will be available in the narthex after all Masses. Please consider donating. Your contribution can save lives!

## Moms Group

Interested in meeting other moms and kids from church? Would you like your child to have more playmates? Then the Mom's Group is for you! We meet Wednesdays from 10-11am upstairs in the Ark. While your children are lovingly cared for in the room next door, you can have some adult time to share a cup of coffee and chat.

## New Hymnbooks

If you would like to dedicate one of the new hymnbooks in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact Annette in the Parish Office, 410-721-5770.

## Food Pantry News

For those who aren't sure what the current needs of the pantry are, each member church will concentrate on exactly one item each month. At Seton, **October is SOUP month.** Last month we distributed 270 bags of food. Since each food bag contains 2 cans of soup, we will need 540 cans of **soup** in October! Please remember **soup** when you are shopping this month. Thank you!

## Hats for the Homeless

A parishioner needs yarn for their yearly crocheting of hats to be used for Winter Relief and Sarah's House. If you or a friend or neighbor have any yarn that you would like to donate (and keep someone warm), please drop it off at the church office. Any color, any weight or any amount will be gratefully appreciated. Thank you!

## Holiday News

Green Thanksgiving Food Drive slips will be available next weekend. Please fill out and turn in top portion immediately to help us estimate numbers to promise and turkeys to order.

**This Wednesday, September 28 at 7:00pm in the Fr. Connelly Parish Center**  
Kevin Wells, author of *Burst: A Story of God's Grace When Life Falls Apart*, will share the powerful story of his life which offers encouragement for those struggling through hard times and looking for a reason to hang on. Bring a friend!

## ADULT SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT



### IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO COME!

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** is a process for those interested in becoming members of the Catholic Church or for those baptized Catholics, but never celebrated the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. The first part of this process is called "Inquiry". It is a time when questions are asked and issues explored. No commitment is made at this time. We will meet on Thursday evening, **September 29 at 7:00pm** in the Ark (Connelly Parish Center - 2nd floor). If you are interested, or know someone who would like to begin this process, please contact Sister Katherine - [Katherine.Odonnell@seaseton.org](mailto:Katherine.Odonnell@seaseton.org) or 410-721-5770 (ext. 233) for more information.

### Little Rock Scripture Study

The *Gospel of Mark* is the new topic for the Little Rock Scripture Series. Both a commentary and study guide are available for each participant. These books can be purchased from the parish office (\$13). Sister Katherine will facilitate the Monday evening sessions - **September 26 at 7:00pm in the Ark** and Deacon Fred will facilitate the Tuesday morning sessions - **September 27 at 10:00am in the Ark**.

## FAITH FORMATION

### Faith Formation classes have begun.

Classes take place Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. at School of the Incarnation for grades K - 10<sup>th</sup>.

### First Reconciliation Preparation

The next parent meeting will take place on Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Church. Please visit [www.seaseton.org](http://www.seaseton.org) for more information.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### Middle School Youth Group Kickoff

Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm in the Youth Room. More details to follow.

### Middle School Youth Group

We're looking forward to welcoming our new 6<sup>th</sup> graders as well as our returning 7<sup>th</sup> &

8<sup>th</sup> graders to this years Middle School Youth Group. Adults are needed to help with service opportunities and social activities. For more info, contact Nancy Connell (410-721-5770 x222; [nancy.connell@seaseton.org](mailto:nancy.connell@seaseton.org)) or Jack O'Malley (410-721-5770 x227; [jack.omalley@seaseton.org](mailto:jack.omalley@seaseton.org)).

### High School Youth Group is coming!

Meeting dates are being finalized. Check back for more information.

### Adults: Join our High School Ministry Team!

The teens of our parish are bright, energetic, funny, full of ideas and questions, and need your help in trying to keep the faith in a very secular and un-Christian world. We are starting to gather our team of adults for next year. If you are interested in helping with outreach/service opportunities, and/or social activities with our high school teens, please contact Nancy Connell @ 410-721-5770 ext. 222 / [nancy.connell@seaseton.org](mailto:nancy.connell@seaseton.org) or Jack O'Malley at 410-721-5770 ext. 227 / [jack.omalley@seaseton.org](mailto:jack.omalley@seaseton.org).

### Peer Ministers

Are you a confirmed teen who has great ideas for Youth Group activities? Want to share your faith with other teens in a fun environment? Interested in planning service opportunities or awesome field trips? Consider becoming a Peer Minister! For more information contact Nancy at [nancy.connell@seaseton.org](mailto:nancy.connell@seaseton.org) or Jack at [jack.omalley@seaseton.org](mailto:jack.omalley@seaseton.org)

## PARISH INTEREST

### DeMatha Catholic High School Information Night

Come and learn more about DeMatha from an Anne Arundel County perspective - Monday, September 26 from 8-9pm in the Connelly Parish Center at Seton Parish. For information, please contact Tom Ponton at 240-764-2222 or [tponton@dematha.org](mailto:tponton@dematha.org).

### Tootsie Roll Campaign

Please join the Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council #2577 in their annual Tootsie Roll Campaign for the Intellectually Disabled. This year, in addition to our usual locations, we will be conducting several restaurant fundraiser nights. Now you have the opportunity to eat at your favorite restaurants and support a good cause because participating restaurants will give the campaign a percentage of that night's profits. Please e-mail Jack O'Malley for a copy of

the flyer. This campaign benefits special education programs at: C. Elizabeth Rieg Regional; Crofton Elementary School; Crofton Woods Elementary School; Crofton Meadows Elementary School and Progressive Equestrian Therapeutic Services, Inc.

### Pray with the Bible; Meditate with the Word

On October 1, from 9 - 3 pm Fr. Alejandro Lopez Cardinale from RENEW International will be leading a day on the tradition of Lectio Divina at St. Mark's in Catonsville. The cost for the day is \$15, and includes lunch and all resources. Contact Rosanne Deludos at the Archdiocese at 410-547-5405 for information and to register.

### How will you respond!

Would you like to make a difference in your community, the country or the world? With nearly 200 programs and thousands of opportunities, *RESPONSE 2012*, a comprehensive guide of faith-based service opportunities is now available - and it's free. Volunteers serve full-time periods of one week to one year or more across the U.S. and in more than 100 countries worldwide. Our volunteers are from all walks of life - from high school to senior citizens. Positions are available for both single and married volunteers, including those with children. Contact Catholic Volunteer Network. Email [info@catholicvolunteersnetwork.org](mailto:info@catholicvolunteersnetwork.org) or call 800-543-5046.



### School of the Incarnation

**Family Fun Carnival!** Saturday October 8<sup>th</sup> (1-6pm). Featuring Carnival rides, food, music, cake walks and more! (On School grounds)

**Fall Open House** - Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011 (Noon - 3pm). Seats are still available for the current school year. Please come and visit. Tours of the building given by our Student Council.

**Attention all Safeway Shoppers!!** We need your Safeway grocery receipt! Safeway is running their 10% Back to School program. Until **October 13th**, a code will be printed on the bottom of your Safeway grocery receipt showing the amount you earned for a school. All you have to do is drop your Safeway grocery receipt in the school bin at church and we will enter the code. Safeway receipts from family and friends are welcome too! We are very grateful for your support of the School of the Incarnation! Questions? Email Laura Gardner at [lgardner04@verizon.net](mailto:lgardner04@verizon.net).

## JUSTICE NOTES

*Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your path, guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.—Psalm 25:4-5*

I remember all my teacher's names from grade two through grade six. The only reason I don't remember grade one is because the school district, along with the teachers, kept changing. After Mrs. Lord (who could forget that name), there was Mrs. Hutton, Mrs. Salzburg, Mrs. Ivanhoe, and Mr. Quarles. I loved my teachers and I loved learning even more. I still find learning fascinating. What Jesus taught in simple parables has been the root for the Church's large body of teaching called "Catholic Social Teaching."

As the USCCB writes on their webpage, "Catholic social teaching is a central and essential element of our faith. Its roots are in the Hebrew prophets who announced God's special love for the poor and called God's people to a covenant of love and justice. It is a teaching founded on the life and words of Jesus Christ, who came 'to bring glad tidings to the poor . . . liberty to captives . . . recovery of sight to the blind' (Lk 4:18-19), and who identified himself with 'the least of these,' the hungry and the stranger (cf. Mt 25:45). Catholic social teaching is built on a commitment to the poor. This commitment arises from our experiences of Christ in the Eucharist." Everyone should integrate these social teachings into their mainstream life because there is a critical need for pedagogy of social consciousness so that people recognize unjust structures in the world and work for their transformation.

So here is your pop quiz for today; I'll even make the quiz an "open book," check out [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

1. When did you first hear about Catholic Social Teaching?
2. What is your own understanding of it?
3. How has your understanding of Catholic Social Teaching influenced you?
4. Do you think that Catholic Social Teaching is more or less acceptable to Catholics today?
5. How important is it to you to have the guidance of the Church's teaching in social matters?
6. Can you name the major themes/principles of Catholic Social Teaching?
7. Given the changing world in which we live, what new principles would you add?

Happy learning!

(Submitted by Barbara Molinari Quinby M.P.S. Coordinator of Social Justice Ministries, [Sacred Heart Cathedral](#), Raleigh, North Carolina.)

## FAITH BOOK

**From today's Gospel reading:** A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, "Son, go out and work in the vineyard today." He said in reply, "I will not." But afterwards changed his mind and went.

### Reflection:

At this Eucharist, we pray for the second chance this parable offers us. We want to be able to change our minds, repent and do the good things we know we are called to do—and do them with the wholehearted "Yes" the gospel requires of us.

### So we ask ourselves:

- What current behavior or decision do we most regret in our lives?
- Shall we pray for help to change?

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS ~ September 26 – October 2, 2011

Monday	4:00 p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Church
	7:00 p.m.	Scripture Study	Ark
	7:00 p.m.	First Reconciliation Meeting	Church
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting	Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Cooking for Sarah's House	Kitchen
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	DeMatha Open House	Connelly Parish Center
	9:45 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
	10:00 a.m.	Scripture Study	Ark
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Executive Board Meeting	Conference Room
	7:30 p.m.	Haiti Outreach Meeting	Ark
	10:00 a.m.	Mom's Morning Out	Ark/Dove
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Lecture – Kevin Wells	Connelly Parish Center
	7:30 p.m.	9:30 Choir Rehearsal	Church
	6:30 p.m.	Faith Formation	School of the Incarnation
Sunday	7:00 p.m.	Respect Life Rosary	Church
	7:00 p.m.	RCIA	Ark
	7:30 p.m.	11:00 Choir Rehearsal	Church
	9:30 a.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Rite of Enrollment	Church
	9:30 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Children	Youth Room
	11:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Children	Youth Room
	12:15 p.m.	Baptism	Church
4:30 p.m.	Teen Choir Rehearsal	Church	
6:30 p.m.	Middle School Youth Group	Youth Room	

## CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

*Saturday: 4:30 p.m.\* Mass is signed for the hearing impaired*

*Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m., and 5:30 p.m.*

*Nursery available at the 9:30 a.m. Mass*

*Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses (September through June)*

### *Eucharist at Neighboring Parishes*

**Holy Family, Davidsonville, Sat., 5:00 p.m.; Sun., 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.**

**Church of the Holy Apostles, Gambrills, Sun., 9:00 and 10:45 a.m.**

**St. Joseph, Odenton, Sat., 5:00 p.m.; Sun., 9:00, 10:30 a.m., 12:00**

**Our Lady of the Fields, Millersville, Sat., 5:00 p.m.; Sun., 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m., 12:30 and 6:00 p.m.**

## COMMUNION CALLS

Please advise us if you would like Communion brought to a member of your family.

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday from 9:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday from 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., or anytime by appointment.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Attendance at a baptismal preparation program is required before Baptism can be scheduled. Please call the Parish Office as early as possible to make arrangements. Preparation may begin any time during pregnancy.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

According to Archdiocesan policy, couples are required to make an appointment with a priest or deacon of the Parish at least six months in advance of the date they plan to celebrate their wedding in order to accommodate mandatory marriage preparation.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.)

Adults interested in full membership in the Catholic faith are asked to call the Parish Office for information.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN (R.C.I.C.)

Children, ages 8-17, whose families are interested in initiation into the Catholic faith, please call the Faith Formation Office.

### Readings for September 26 – October 2, 2011

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Psalm 102:2, 16-23; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Psalm 87:1-7; Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Psalm 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Psalm 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Psalm 79:1-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Psalm 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Psalm 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

### **Priest Presiders October 1 & 2, 2011**

Saturday	4:30 p.m.	Father Ed Connelly
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Father Michael Blastic
	9:30 a.m.	Father Michael Blastic
	11:00 a.m.	Father Ed Connelly
	5:30 p.m.	Father Ed Connelly

### **Sick or Hospitalized?**

Please notify the office or a staff member when someone in your family is sick, hospitalized or homebound. If you or a family member is admitted to Anne Arundel Medical Center, **please inform them that you are Catholic and your affiliation is St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish.** This should be part of your admission process.