

*The Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
October 23, 2011*

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LOVE OF GOD



It's easy to tell when two people love each other. They like to be near each other and spend time together. They share intimate thoughts and feelings. They enjoy making each other happy. And knowing that they are loved allows them to reach out to other people and treat them with love and respect.

In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus tells us that the greatest law is to love God with our whole heart and soul and mind. What does it mean to love God? Certainly it means spending time together by reading and reflecting on God's holy word. It also means sharing our thoughts and feelings with God in prayer and listening for God's voice. Where do we go to be close to God? We join God's people in worship in the church, rest in God's presence in the Blessed Sacrament, discover God in the wonder of creation and the miraculous moments of daily life. What can we do to make God happy? How do we, like the Thessalonians, "serve the living and true God" (1 Thessalonians 1:9)?

LOVE OF NEIGHBOR

The reading from Exodus makes it very clear that we serve God by serving those who are oppressed or in need. Jesus makes it more personal—we are to love our neighbors. That means those with whom we work and play and live. When we spend time with God we can't help but experience God's great love for us. And knowing that we are loved by God should make it easy to reach out in charity and justice to our neighbors both near and far away.

Thus, love of neighbor flows naturally from those who love God. We cannot truly say that we love God unless it shows in loving relationships and compassion to those in need. At the same time, we cannot maintain our love of neighbor unless we take time to drink from the wellspring of God's refreshing love. Copyright © 2007, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.



EUCCHARIST (MASS) REFLECTIONS

Why do we do what we do?

THE SOUND OF COMMUNION

The priest receives Holy Communion, and then there is movement, a bustle of activity, as we prepare to join the Communion procession. This holy meal does not happen in silence! Instead, we sing together even as we rise and move forward in procession to the altar. We must change and move to receive the Eucharist, and fittingly so, since the Eucharist is transformative—it demands action of us, internal as well as external. We do not receive the sacrament in silence, but with a dialogue that is also a profession of faith: "The Body of Christ." "Amen." "The Blood of Christ." "Amen." We acknowledge the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist with our "Amen" of faith, but more, our "Amen" is also a prayer that we may become what we receive, the Body of Christ, living and active in the world. We receive him not that he may become a part of us, but that we may become a part of him—part, too, of all the others who receive him, the whole communion of believers.

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✠ Father Ed Connelly

MASS INTENTIONS

October 23-30, 2011

Sun	8:00am	Patrick Ward (D)
	9:30am	David Boschert (D)
	11:00am	Jean Lee (D)
	5:30pm	Parishioners
Tues	9:15am	Fr. Joseph Jenkins (L)
Wed	9:15am	Ann Glenn (D)
Thurs	9:15am	Nancy & Genieva Potok
Sat	4:30pm	Helen Donahue (D)
Sun	8:00am	Parishioners
	9:30am	Catherine Bogan (D)
	11:00am	Jean Lee (D)
	5:30pm	Stephan Kurylas (D)

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



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Monthly Budget Requirement	\$89,350.00
Total Attendance Oct.8-9	1,193
Total Attendance Oct. 15-16	1,286
Monthly Electronic Giving	\$22,571.00
Envelopes Month-to-Date	\$39,457.00
Non-Envelopes Month-to-Date	\$5,267.00
Children's Envelopes Month-to-Date	\$19.27



POOR BOX

OCTOBER 8 & 9, 2011

Haiti Outreach - \$4,648.43

OCTOBER 15 & 16, 2011

Bowie/Crofton Pregnancy Ctr - \$245.86

Next week's Poor Box will be for
Monsignor O'Dwyer Retreat House



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

We would appreciate your prayers for those who are ill. **Bounhang Vilaythong, Lavern Morgan, Ann Kist, Denise Edwards, Susan Jones, Kathy Pierce, Larry Haman, Peter Bouffard, Andre Gaudreau, Gerald Morrisey, Barbara Drake, Rene Carlos Gaya, Eleanor Gilliland & Suzanne Paradis**



REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the soul of
Patrick Anastasi, Michael Picciano & Bud Edward Spain.
May they rest in peace.



Thanksgiving/Christmas Programs

Green Thanksgiving Food Drive forms are available in the Narthex. Please fill out and return top portion ASAP. Also, anyone who has never adopted a family for Christmas and would like more info, call Rosemary at 410-451-0895. Family names will be available in the Narthex, for all interested, Oct. 29-30.

Inter-Parish Presentation

(St. Joseph•Holy Apostle•Seton Parish)
SAVE THE DATE! Thursday, October 27. Our first presentation for this season will be held here in the Fr. Connelly Parish Center from 7-8:30pm. *Women of the Bible, Alive!* - A troupe under the direction of Gloria Rink will enact the stories of six women from both the Old and New Testaments. Please come and bring a friend!

Music Ministry

We need all voices! Anyone interested in joining the 9:30am Sunday Choir, please contact Brendan Walls at 410-721-5770 ext. 231 or Brendan.walls@seaseton.org.

Our Respect Life Message

October Respect Life Statement: During this Respect Life Month, as we celebrate God's great gift of life, let us pray and reflect on how each of us might renew our commitment and witness to "respecting, promoting and teaching the transcendent nature of the human person," thereby shoring up the foundations of a society sorely in need of this guidance. For the entire article, go to <http://usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/2011/upload/dinardo-respect-life-statement-2011.pdf>. (Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, USCCB)

40 Days for Life Fall Campaign

Continues: 166 Babies Saved!!!! Your prayers, fasting and constant vigil are helping to save the lives of the unborn and their parents from the sad aftermath of abortion. If you would like to become involved, take a leap of faith and get involved with 40 Days for Life. You may ask what do I do or what sign do I bring? It is simple; just bring yourself for you represent God's love. After many years of legalized abortion, many people of faith are experiencing a renewed sense of hope. For further information, contact your church Respect Life coordinator or check the archdiocese web site at www.archbalt.org/family-life/respect-life/.

Pregnant Need Help?

Call 1-800-ANGEL OK

Suffering Post-Abortion Stress?

Call Rachel's Vineyard-Baltimore/Project Rachel 1-800-286-4224



Work of Human Hands – Fair Trade

Dates and Times:

Sat. Nov. 5 2:00pm-6:30pm

Sun. Nov. 6 9:00am-1:00pm

Place: Fr. Connelly Parish Center

Samples of the gifts which can be purchased at the bazaar will be on display in the narthex the weekend of **October 29-30**. Each gift you buy gives artisans and farmers the opportunity to work their way out of poverty. Bring your holiday gift list and cash or check and join us on **Nov. 5 and 6th** in the Fr. Connelly Parish Center. Secret Santa (for children to purchase gifts) will be in the Conference Room. This is not a fundraiser - all proceeds are given to Work of Human Hands.

Food Pantry News

Thank you for the many cans of soup you have brought in during October! We have been able to keep a large variety of soup on the shelves. Please continue to bring in **soup** for the rest of October.

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.

Rosary

Caring Ministry Rosary is prayed at 6:00pm on the last Thursday of every month excepting holidays. Please try to attend especially this month as October is designated as "The Month of the Rosary". All are welcome and encouraged to pray this wonderful prayer.

Adult Spiritual Enrichment

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 session on **October 24 at 7:00pm in the Ark** and Deacon Fred will facilitate the Tuesday morning session **October 25 at 10:00am in the Ark**.



Faith Formation

K-10 Faith Formation Lessons for October 27th

Grade K *Faith First* Chapter 5, God Creates All People

Grade 1 Family Life

Grade 2 *Faith First* Chapter 6, John the Baptist

Grade 3 *Faith First* Chapter 6, Jesus' Death and Resurrection

Grade 4 *Faith First* Chapter 6, Jesus Christ, the Son of God; Chapter 7, The Death and Resurrection of Jesus

Grade 5 *Faith First* Chapter 7, The Death, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus

Grade 6 *Faith First* Chapter 5, Jesus Christ, the Son of God; Chapter 6, God's Plan of Salvation

Grade 7 *Mystery of God* Chapter 5, God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Grade 8 *Morality/Life in Christ* Chapter 6, The Grace of the Holy Spirit

Grade 9 *Understanding the Catechism/Liturgy and Sacraments* Chapter 5, Confirmation

Grade 10 *Catholic & Capable/Emotions* Chapter 5, Handling Rejection

First Reconciliation Preparation

The next meeting for *parents & children* will take place on Monday, October 24th in the Church. Visit www.seaseton.org for further information.

Confirmation



Rite of Becoming a Candidate

Sunday, November 6 at the 5:30pm Liturgy. Candidates are required to attend.

Session 1

General Session 1 for youth will be held on **Monday, November 7 at 7:00pm** in the Great Hall. All candidates are required to attend. Please bring your completed forms!

Attention!

All students attending Catholic High School must register for Confirmation by filling out a Faith Formation registration form available online or in the office.

Youth Ministry

Middle School Youth Group

The next meeting will be Sunday, November 6 at 6:30pm in the Youth Room. Come join in the fun! Bring \$2.00 for pizza.

High School Youth Group Kickoff

This Sunday, October 23rd at 6:30pm, in the Youth Room. Bring your ideas, bring your friends, bring your enthusiasm! Pizza for everyone!!

Parish Interest

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

In today's gospel we are given the two great commandments. He challenges us to love completely and unconditionally. Start now by loving your spouse as Christ calls us to. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are November 18-20, 2011 and February 17-19, 2012. An early application is highly recommended. For more information and to apply online visit our website at: wwme.net, or call 410-665-5700, or email meinfo@verizon.net.

Designate Catholic Charities at Work

Each year, Catholic Charities and its 80 programs across the state serve more than 160,000 of our Maryland neighbors in need. During your workplace giving campaign, please designate Catholic Charities of Baltimore by using the designation numbers below, or visit www.cc-md.org/giveatwork for a complete list of Catholic Charities program designation numbers.

United Way of Central MD, #111
Combined Charity Campaign, #8111
Maryland Charity Campaign, #8111
Combined Federal Campaign, #54862

Sarah's House Fundraiser

Halloween Spooktacula Dance-A-Thon

Get your groove on Saturday, October 29th, 5-10pm at Severna Park Community Center. Refreshments, dance prizes, costume contest & entertainment for non-dancers. Register at the door or online at www.catholiccharities-md.org/sarah-house. Call - Monita or Bruce 410-551-7722 for questions.

Archbishop Spalding High School Open House – October 30th

Presentations and tours will begin on the half hour beginning at 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30 & 2:00 p.m. All families are invited to tour the campus. archbishopspalding.org

Crofton Regional Community Center
CRCC is a non-profit, tax-free organization. Please visit their website for information.

www.croftonregionalcommunitycenter.net
Support the CRCC with a \$50 donation and receive a complimentary family portrait session plus a free 11x14 by Visual Concepts Photography. For info contact Linda at 410-626-7474 or linda@visualconceptsllc.com.

Marriage, Divorce & Annulments from a Catholic Perspective

The Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Baltimore will be giving a presentation in our area concerning divorce and annulment from the Catholic perspective. This presentation will be helpful for divorced Catholics, those divorced who wish to marry Catholics, those parish leaders involved in the RCIA process and any others who may have a vested interest because of family or friends. This session will be held on Monday, October 24 at 7:00pm at Our Lady of the Fields, Millersville in Rooms 203 & 204. No prior registration is required. For more info, please call 410-547-5533.

Attention Single Catholic Women
Considering a call to religious life? The Daughters of Charity will host a "Come and See" discernment retreat for single Catholic women ages 18-40 on November 4-6, in Emmitsburg. Contact the Vocation Office at 443-602-5801 or Sr. Denise LaRock at larocksrd@doc.org for more details.



School of the Incarnation

Fall Open House - Saturday November 12th, 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.

Federal & United Way Employees! You may designate School of the Incarnation as recipient of your donation through the CFC (Chesapeake Bay Area Combined Federal Campaign) or United Way. Organization Name: SCHOOL OF THE INCARNATION INC; Five-digit-code: 94557. Donations deposited to the Annual Giving in continuing our efforts to offer excellence in Catholic education.

Box Tops & Labels for Education - Please help support SOTI by dropping your Box Tops and Labels for Education in the bin in the Vestibule (remember to include the UPC)! Thank you!

JUSTICE NOTES

". . .for I am compassionate" —Exodus 22:26

I cannot say it any better than these words by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, USCC, November 1999:

"Because God loves you, you never stand alone. There is someone with you in anxious moments who knows your deepest desires and wants what's best for you. Think of the person who has loved you most. Multiply that love a million times over and you still haven't reached the extent of God's personal love for you.

Because God loves you, you can go beyond yourself. You can forgive those who have hurt you, however deeply. Even when you feel intense pain, the possibility of forgiveness lies within you. You can forgive others because God is always ready to forgive your sins. You can overlook wrongs because God empowers you to go beyond your own heartache.

Because God loves you, you can ask forgiveness of those you have hurt. You can admit wrongs and ask forgiveness to make relationships right. His grace can heal you.

Because God loves you, you can care for the weak, remove injustices, alleviate poverty, annihilate oppression, and restore righteousness in our world. The love of God in you gives you strength to defend the unborn, support the elderly, and lift the hearts of those without hope. God's grace in you helps you to see that in every person beats a heart yearning to be loved.

Because God loves you, you have the power to touch hearts with compassion, heal wounds in those around you, and act selflessly.

. . .Now through the Holy Spirit, the power of God's love lies within you." <http://www.sjnews.org/because.htm>

Created in the image of God, we human beings cannot live our lives wrapped up in our own little world. As God is compassionate so must we be. The unity of love of God and love of neighbor is a hallmark of the new covenant in Jesus Christ. . .transcendent mystery and loving labor hand-in-hand.

Now, you cannot say, "I did not know."

Opportunities abound for ministries of compassion at Seton Parish. Check out our website: www.seaseton.org, see Outreach.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - October 24-30, 2011

Monday	4:00 p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Church
	5:30 p.m.	First Reconciliation Interviews	Connelly Parish Center
	7:00 p.m.	Scripture Study	Ark
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting	Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Capital Campaign Meeting	Youth Room
	7:00 p.m.	Cooking for Sarah's House	Kitchen
Tuesday	9:45 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
	10:00 a.m.	Scripture Study	Ark
	7:00 p.m.	Executive Board Meeting	Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Winter Relief Committee Meeting	Dove
Wednesday	7:30 p.m.	Haiti Outreach Meeting	Ark
	Office Closed for Staff Retreat		
	10:00 a.m.	Mom's Morning Out	Ark/Dove
	4:30 p.m.	Teen Instrumentalist Rehearsal	Brendan's Office
	7:30 p.m.	9:30 Choir Rehearsal	Church
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Rosary	Church
	6:30 p.m.	Faith Formation	School of the Incarnation
	7:00 p.m.	RCIA	Ark
	7:00 p.m.	Women of the Bible	Connelly Parish Center
	7:30 p.m.	11:00 Choir Rehearsal	Church
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	First Reconciliation Retreat	Church/Connelly Parish Center
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Children	Youth Room
	11:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Children	Youth Room
	4:30 p.m.	Teen Choir Rehearsal	Church

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 October 17 - 23, 2011

Monday: Rom 4:20-25; Psalm Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Psalm 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18; Psalm 124:1-8; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23; Psalm 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a; Psalm 119:60, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Rom 8:1-11; Psalm 24:1-6; Lk 13:1-9

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26; Psalm 18:2-4, 47, 51; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

Priest Presiders October 22 & 23, 2011

Saturday	4:30 p.m.	Father Vince Cushing
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Father Ed Connelly
	9:30 a.m.	Father Mike Blastic
	11:00 a.m.	Father Mike Blastic
	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.