

A Word from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

Vacation this year found me spending some days in Ocean City with family, including 3 and 4 year old nieces who enjoyed having the run of the house, literally. Though they played well together most of the time, there were other times when it was all about "me," sharing was no longer an option, tempers flared, some screaming ensued and the word "no" was yelled by one of them to the other and sometimes to their parents. Thankfully it didn't happen too often, maybe just once a day, and hopefully they will grow out of it, soon. Unfortunately some children never grow out of the "me" phase of their lives, carrying it into adulthood. The man in today's parable is one of those "me" centered adults.

He has accumulated quite a harvest and wonders "What shall I do?" Instead of looking at the needs of those around him, he decides to tear down his old, inadequate barns and build new, larger, state-of-the-art barns to hold his great bounty. Then he tells himself, "Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, and be merry." The only time the word "you" enters into his conversation is when he is talking to himself.

Jesus tells the parable to a man who wants Jesus to tell the man's brother to give him his share of an inheritance. Again, someone who is a "me" oriented person. Jesus warns him and anyone else who may be listening to guard against greed. Life is not about possessions. The author of the Book of Ecclesiastes, Qoheleth, gives a similar warning regarding preoccupation with those things that are passing.

St. Paul in our letter to the Colossians calls us (as Jesus and Qoheleth did) to "seek what is above . . . put to death the parts of you that are earthly." He instructs us to put on Christ, live in union with the Father. Instead of being "me" oriented, Paul is saying be a "we" kind of person. Think of others as you think of yourself. That's what we are called to do when we come together for Mass. At Mass we are the people of God, not individuals, but members of one body. We pray, listen, respond, profess our beliefs, sing and receive the Lord as a community, not as individuals, and that is how we are called to live and act throughout the week. Christ was born, lived, taught, suffered, died and rose for us. It's all about us, not me.

Peace,
Fr. John



Worship

Mass Intentions

Tuesday: August 3

12:15pm Mary Edith Wood
J. C. Norris

Wednesday, August 4: St. John Mary Vianney, priest

8:30am J. Wilmer Bowles
Roseanne Haines

Thursday, August 5: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome

12:15pm Daniel E. O'Connell
Glenn Edward Lawrence

Friday, August 6: The Transfiguration of the Lord

8:30am Margaret Jean Pawlak
Massey Connelly

Saturday, August 7: St. Sixtus, II, pope & martyr and his companions, martyrs, & St. Cajetan, priest

7:30am Clarence N. Guy
Dr. Kandiah Shivanandan
5:00pm James Michaud
Nieves Salvador

Sunday, August 8: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Robert & Lillian Miedzinski
11:00am Parishioners of St. Aloysius

Please Pray for the Sick and Homebound of our Parish

Community: Let us remember in prayer: Francis Abell, P.J. Aldridge, Mary Agnes Buckler, Wanda Butler, Mary Alice Brennason, Mary Agnes Burroughs, Bill Chubb, Robert Cooper, Susan Fenwick, Margaret Johnson, Mary Catherine Kane, Denise Lacey, Agnes Long, Ellen Mattingly, Marilyn Penyak, Melvin Pilkerton, Jerry Price, Richard Russell, Sr., Sam Spalding Jr., Meredith Taggart and Donna Walker.

Sunday and Daily Mass Readings: Interested in finding the texts for the Sunday and weekday Mass online? Go to www.usccb.org/nab/

Stewardship

Summer Appeal has Begun.

Thank you to everyone who responded so generously already to our annual Summer Appeal. Your response has been great. To those who have not had a chance to respond, this summer's Appeal donations have been designated for the creation of a Marian Prayer Garden on a parcel of land between the church and the rectory. The Prayer Garden is a joint effort between the parish and the Eagle Scout project of Dakota Allen, one of our high school youth, a lector and altar server. Please help us with the creation of the Prayer Garden in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Appeal letters and envelopes have been sent to all parishioners. The Appeal runs through Labor Day, September 6th.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sharing our Treasure: Weekly Offertory Contributions

July 24/25, 2010

July 25/26, 2009

1st Collection: \$8,541.50 1st Collection: \$8,007.10

2nd Collection: Summer Appeal to date: \$10,912.50

2nd Collection Next Weekend: Our 2nd Collection for the weekend of August 7/8 is for the Building Fund. Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish.

Patron of the Week: Armitage & Armtage, P.A. Please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

Please Note: When preparing your contribution envelopes, **please remember to record your contribution amount on the space provided on the front of the envelope.** Doing this makes the job of our volunteer offertory counters much easier. It also ensures that your donation is recorded appropriately for your year-end tax reporting. Thank you.

Parish Life & Evangelization

COME ONE, COME ALL ... ANSWER THE RCIA CALL!

Do **you** have questions about the **Catholic faith**? Do you want a closer walk with God? If you have **never been** baptized in any Christian faith (a Catechumen), **or have** been baptized in another Christian faith and wish to come into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church (a Candidate) **or** you have been baptized Catholic and have not completed all of your sacraments of initiation and wish to walk the full journey to complete your sacraments, **then the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) may be for you!** Through this journey into the Catholic Church you will learn all the parts of the Roman Catholic faith and eventually be baptized, receive Eucharist for the first time or receive adult Confirmation. The starting date for RCIA this year is September 21st. Please call Fr. John at 301-475-8064, ext. 14 or Leonard Wathen at 301-475-8064, ext. 16 or email them at jdakes@saintalloysiuschurch.org or lwathen@saintalloysiuschurch.org if you would like to learn more about RCIA. Remember nothing happens until you take the first step of faith

Meals for Friends...

...is looking for volunteers and recipients! Are you or someone you know recovering from a hospital stay/surgery, grieving the loss of a loved one, or welcoming the arrival of a new baby? Meals for Friends is here to support our parishioners and community members. To request meals or become a volunteer you can contact: Jody Cacko 301-904-2362 jacacko@msn.com or Mary Jo Geisz 240-538-6207 mary_jo.geisz@comcast.net

Check out our Website: If you haven't had the opportunity to visit our website since our 300th Anniversary, please do so. Our site is www.saintalloysiuschurch.org and on it you will find pictures from our 300th Anniversary Mass, Dinner & Dance, and the burial of our 100 Year Time Capsule.

What is our Mission? Are we a parish that lives the mandate of Christ: "Go and teach all nations" or are we simply a maintenance-oriented community, doing what we have always done without any consideration for spreading the kingdom? *In other words are we an evangelizing community, and if not how can we be or how can we do better?* On **Wednesday, August 11th**, the Evangelization Committee is going to gather **at 7 pm in the rectory** to discuss that very question with the help of Fr. Frank DiSiano of the Paulist National Catholic Evangelization Association, and we would like to invite anyone in the parish who would like to explore this question to join us. We hope to see you t

Summer Office Hours: Summer office hours for the rectory are now in effect. Please note that summer office hours are M-Th 9 am till 4 pm and 9 am till 3 pm on Fridays. Regular office hours will resume on Monday, August 30th. here.

Religious Education, Youth Ministry & School

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BEING A CATECHIST?

"The apostolic work of the catechist springs from the Sacrament of Baptism through which all believers come to share in the prophetic ministry of Christ and the evangelizing mission of the Church. The call to the ministry of catechist is a vocation, an interior call, the voice of the Holy Spirit." NDC #54

We are currently in need of a few people who are willing to give their time once a week to bring our young people to a deeper understanding and love of their Catholic Faith. If you would like more information, please contact Leonard Wathen at 301-475-8064 or e-mail him at lwathen@saintalloysiuschurch.org

Religious Education Registration for 2010-

2011: Registration for the 2010-2011 religious education year is currently taking place. Registration forms can be obtained from our website, www.saintalloysiuschurch.org or by calling the rectory (301-475-8064, ext. 16). The registration fee must accompany the registration form, along with a certificate of baptism if your child is receiving the Sacraments of Holy Communion for the first time of Confirmation and was not baptized at St. Aloysius. Religious Education for our children meets on Sunday mornings, beginning September 12th from 9:15 – 10:30 am. For questions or inquiries, contact Leonard Wathen at the phone number above or by e-mailing him at lwathen@saintalloysiuschurch.org.

Check out **Father Andrew White School's** website at www.fatherandrewwhite.org to get information on admissions, summer reading activities and more.

Father Andrew White School is opened a few hours every day during the summer, typically 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Phone messages are checked regularly (301-475-9795). There are a few openings in our lower grades, kindergarten and grade 1. For information, please call 301-475-9795

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR FAITH?

1. Name the Spiritual Works of Mercy
2. What is the most important work of a man who is ordained a priest?
3. On Holy Thursday, what was Jesus celebrating with the Apostles at the Last Supper?
4. At Mass, what do the bread and wine become?

Community

Knights of Columbus Altar Server Appreciation Pool Party: On Tuesday, August 17th from 7-10pm the Knights of Columbus will hold their Altar Server Appreciation Pool Party. Admission is free, and hamburgers, hot dogs and soft drinks will be provided by the Knights. For more information call Youth Chairman, Jim Goebel at 240-538-8045.

U.S. Bishops Launch Vocations Website: A new website, www.ForYourVocation.org was recently launched by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in conjunction with the World Day of Prayer for Vocations on April 24. The website has two objectives: to help individuals hear and respond to the call by God to the priesthood or consecrated life, and to educate all Catholics on the importance of encouraging others through prayer and activities to promote vocations. The site offers resources for men and women who may have a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, aids for promoting a vocation-culture within the home, and tools for educators, youth leaders and vocation directors including prayers, videos, best practices, lesson plans and vocation awareness programs.

Finding a Mass when Vacationing: Traveling soon? Don't miss Mass! Visit www.masstimes.org to search for Mass schedules around the world.

Register to Vote in Maryland for the 2010 Elections: In order to vote in this Fall's elections, which will include races for governor, U.S. House and Senate, and the Maryland General Assembly, you must be registered to vote. Basic requirements include being an American citizen, a Maryland resident and at least 18 years of age by the next general election. The deadline to register to vote in Maryland's primary election is Tuesday, August 24. Visit www.elections.state.md.us or www.mdcathcon.org, or call the Maryland State Board of Elections at 1-800-222-8683 to learn more.

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme: *Faith helps us set our priorities.*

Reading I: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

What do all his labors profit him?

Reading II: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Seek the things that are of Christ.

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

What is really important to you?

Questions for Children:

What is the most important thing in your life? How is God a part of it?

Questions for Teens:

It is easy to get self-centered and greedy. What do you have in your life that is unnecessary? In your life, what keeps you close to God? What distracts you from your relationship with God?

Question for Adults:

What wisdom do you pull out of today's Gospel to help you set priorities in your life?

Next Sunday's Gospel, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Luke 12:32-48

Answers to "How well do you know your Faith?"

1. Instruct the Ignorant,
Admonish the Sinner,
Counsel the Doubtful,
Comfort the Sorrowful,
Forgive all Injuries,
Bear Wrongs Patiently,
Pray for the Living and the Dead.
2. Celebrating Mass
3. A Passover Meal
4. Jesus' Body and Blood



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