



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 18

8:00 Michael and Florence Zola
by Pat Paxon

Tuesday, January 19

8:00 Departed Souls

Wednesday, January 20 - St.
Fabian/St. Sebastian

5:30 Jerome Brandl, Sr. by Bob
and Kathy Penn

Thursday, January 21 - St. Agnes

8:00 Bernie Badding - 1st
Anniversary by wife

Friday, January 22 - St. Vincent

8:00 Msgr. John Conniff

Saturday, January 23

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's
4:30 Christine Mugridge by Joe
Bralla

Sunday, January 24 - 3rd Sunday
in Ordinary Time

8:00 Leonard Rejewski by
family

10:15 Josephine Randazzo by
Bordonaro family



Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday - 1 Samuel 15:16-
23; Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday - 1 Samuel 16:1-
13; Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday - 1 Samuel 17:32-33,
37, 40-51; Mark 3:1-6

Thursday - 1 Samuel 18:6-9, 19:1-
7; Mark 3:7-12

Friday - 1 Samuel 24:3-21; Mark
3:13-19

Saturday - 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12,
19, 23-27; Mark 3:20-21

Next Sunday - Nehemiah 8:2-4a,
5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30;
Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

A Limerick

Ferrets live by a code tried
and true, from which humans
can benefit, too: Teach your
sons and your daughters to do
unto otters as otters would do
unto you.



PASTORAL SHARINGS

Advent - Christmas - Epiphany have passed and now we are in a new liturgical cycle called Ordinary Time. The color of the priest's vestment is green, the color of life and hope. It is a time to reflect on God's influence in our lives and the good He brings to society.

Now let's go to the wedding in Cana. At the center of this even is Jesus, His gift and His glory too. You note that Mary told the servants to do whatever He told them, and He told them to do something quite simple—fill the jars. Then He told them to draw from the jars and take the result to the headwaiter who is amazed at the quality of the wine. The servants didn't say where it came from. Jesus didn't step forward and say, "I saved the day!" Everything is quiet. But what happened as a result of Jesus' first sign? John says that it revealed Jesus' glory and so His disciples began to believe in Him.

What if we were at that wedding? Would we start asking where the wine came from? Would we wonder why the good wine was saved to the end? Would we be aware of what Jesus had done? Would we even be aware of Jesus being present? Don't you sometimes wonder?

What matters is that what Jesus did was an extraordinary act of grace. It is generous and thoughtful of the bride and groom and their families, sparing them embarrassment. It is a blessing on the holy state of marriage. It is a sign of Jesus' marriage to all the humanity. It is a real acknowledgement of the kindness and thoughtfulness of Jesus' mother, Mary. It is a sign of Jesus' disciples that He has something to teach them. And it is for us as well. It teaches us about sharing our gifts, about watching out for the needs of each other, and being thoughtful of each other. It teaches us to honor marriage. It reminds us that Jesus loves all of us, that we are His delight. It shows us that from the very beginning of His public life Jesus was there for others. Now it is our responsibility to follow in His mission. We can't work miracles, but we can be there for each other, encourage each other, support each other.

Stephanie Weisgram, O.S.B.

Our Special Prayer Request for the Week: That in the spirit of Cana, all married couples will strengthen their love and loyalty to each other; we pray to the Lord...



Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members particularly; Thomas Brennan, Alexis Bruno, Julie Conschafter, Loretta Varo, Julie Carlo, Pamela Rodgers, Julie Robertson, Rose Cvitanovich, Mark Pearce, Dominic Delre, Rita Matynka, Keith Hillestad, Scott Tellgren and Kristen Konieczny Sikora and her baby. Please also continue to pray for the troops who are serving our country in Iraq, Afghanistan and around the world.



Respect Life: In observance of the 37th Anniversary of the Supreme Court decision in Roe v. Wade, legalizing abortion, Roses for Life and Precious Feet lapel pins will be available after all Masses this weekend.

The Weekend of January 22-24, 2010 has been designated Catholic Relief Services weekend in the Buffalo Diocese. The Catholic Relief Services is our world-wide program to assist the victims of poverty and disaster. It is geared to help those areas of the world which have been most devastated by disaster. Please be prepared to be as generous as possible.



We need some parish support. Have you considered helping as a substitute catechist in our parish program? Perhaps you once taught "CCD" classes or have retired from teaching, or would like to help as a co-teacher. We have a great need for adults to volunteer, even once or twice would be helpful. Contact Sister Ruth for more information (542-9717).



Catholic Schools Week Coming Soon - "We are so lucky to be students at Nativity of Mary Catholic School. We are learning to be Christ-like every day with everyone we meet. It is a fun place to learn and grow with all our friends! Thank you to St. Teresa's for supporting our education." *Simon and Brian Wulf*

Retrouvaille (Ret-Ro-Vi) is a program for troubled marriages. If you feel that your marriage is in trouble, if you are separated or even divorced and want a second chance for your marriage, let Retrouvaille help. There is NO group sharing. All inquiries are strictly confidential. The next weekend is January 22-24 at the St. Columban Retreat Center in Derby, NY. For reservations or more information, contact Paul and Carol at 937-9810 or visit their website at www.marriagesaved.com.

Whoever. Wherever. Whenever. Catholic Charities is always there. Please be there too. Bishop Edward Kmiec has announced a goal of \$10.5 million and the patron as Saint Damien of Molokai, noted for his tireless work caring for the physical, medical and spiritual needs of people with leprosy. We look forward to working with you now through Appeal Week March 21-28 or until our goal is reached. **Catholic Charities is always there. Please be there too.** Find out more at www.ccnw.org or call (716) 218-1400.

Annulment Writing Workshop - The purpose of this workshop is to help people complete the personal history that is required as part of the annulment process. It is one of the most difficult things for people to do. The workshop offers all of the information they need and actually guides them through the writing. Annulment Companions are available to read sections and offer advice on what to expand and what to cut. The next Annulment Writing Workshop will be held on Friday, February 26 from 7-9 pm and Saturday, February 27 from 8 am - 3 pm at the UB Newman Center, 495 Skiddersville Road in Amherst. Registration includes snacks, lunch and supplies. If you know of people who might be interested in attending, they can get additional information by calling Barbara Wyse at 633-7786.

☺ A cat and a mouse died on the same day and went up to heaven. While strolling down the golden street they met God, and He asked them, "How do you like it so far?" The mouse replied, "It's great, but can I have a pair of in-line skates?" God said, "Sure," and He gave the mouse the skates. The next day God saw the cat and asked him, "How do you like it up here so far?" The cat replied, "Great, I didn't know you had Meals on Wheels."



- * Sunday, January 17 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 - 12:30 pm
- * Wednesday, January 20 - Religious Education Classes - 4:00 - 5:00 pm
- * Thursday, January 21 - Parish Council Monthly Meeting - 7:15 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room
- * Sunday, January 24 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 - 12:30 pm



A Prayer for Priests and Priestly Vocations

Heavenly Father, please grant to Your faithful servants, the grace and strength to carry out Your mission for the Church each day. Keep our priests close to You and continue to inspire them to serve others in Your holy name. Please help to inspire men who are called to a priestly vocation to answer Your call and participate in the fullness that You have planned for them. Amen.

A Pro-Life Initiative:

Catholics need to make their voices heard insisting that health care reform protect the lives, dignity consciences and health of all. Provisions against abortion funding and in favor of conscience protection, affordability, and immigrants' access to health care must be part of a fair and just health care reform bill. Unless and until these criteria are met, the final bill must be opposed.

Catholic Bishops' Conference

BOTTOM LINE:

"Do whatever He tells you"