



ST. KENNETH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

14951 N. Haggerty Road ~ Plymouth, MI

WITNESS & WORSHIP

BELCZAK'S BULLETIN

Throughout the coming month of October we are reminded to focus our attention on Life issues, and the respect we should foster toward it. October is also the month of our Blessed Mother. I encourage you to pray the rosary this month as a way of committing yourself to respecting life from womb to tomb. While meditating on the mysteries of the rosary; keep in mind the sacredness of life and intercede for those who suffer. Pray about a different issue each week: abortion, capital punishment, homelessness, and hunger. As your fingers slip over the beads, may your prayer transform your heart and move you to action. When you are through praying, follow God's Spirit in making a response to the issue. Your response may be very simple such as writing a letter or learning about the candidates and proposals on the November ballot and making your decisions based on an informed conscience; or as serious as nonviolent civil disobedience. But if you respond in love and from the spirit of God directing your prayer, your action will change at least one heart – yours – and maybe others, too!



Today Jesus teaches the disciples – something that they do not want to hear. They are petty and possessive; they want to prevent someone who is not of their number from doing good. Here Jesus is teaching his disciples the same lesson he taught the Pharisees earlier in the Gospel. It is not the hand, foot, or eye that causes a person to sin. By stating, "If" your hand, foot, eye cause you to sin, Jesus is relying on the disciples' sense of self-preservation to motivate them to arrive at the proper conclusion that he is teaching. Cutting off our hand, foot, or eye will not cause us to stop sinning. What we really need is a change of heart.

This weekend (September 26/27), we conclude our three-week focus on Stewardship as we look at **SHARING: Stewardship of Treasure**. Much like the teaching in the Gospel today, we are challenged to evaluate what God has given us materially, and consider what part of our treasure we want to, in gratitude, return to God to support the work of our great parish. We need a change of heart!

Living the Gospel: Sharing God's Gifts in Gratitude is an exciting endeavor and a holy mission, based on Scriptures and the life of Jesus Christ. Stewardship is based on the longing deep within our hearts to give generously of the very best that we have and are. Giving comes naturally once we see our lives as a gift from God and that we are but stewards of those things that God has entrusted to us. *Living the Gospel: Sharing God's Gifts in Gratitude* is based on the core beliefs of our Catholic tradition, namely that:

God has blessed each of us, abundantly.

Out of gratitude, we want to return a portion of what we have received.

In order to *Live the Gospel*, we as members of our Saint Kenneth Community need to dedicate a portion of our *Spirituality, Service and Sharing* back to God in gratitude.

As disciples of Jesus, we want to experience and live a life of generosity.

MASS OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20 at 7:00 PM

Looking ahead in the calendar we plan to celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick during the 7:00 pm Mass on Tuesday, October 20th. There are several things to remember about this sacrament: 1) This sacrament (like all sacraments) is a community celebration; 2) sickness involves more than bodily illness; and 3) anointing heals us through faith. We try to celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick twice a year. It is important to bring together sick and healthy parishioners to pray for God's healing for those who need it. Those to be anointed willingly give themselves and their suffering to God who accepts them and takes them into His care.

Sunday, September 27, 2009

LIVING THE GOSPEL

BELCZAK'S BULLETIN (CONT.)



A Prayer of Stewardship

*I offer this day to you,
dear God.*

*Thank you for the blessings
you have given me.*

*May I use these gifts
to build your kingdom.*

*May my actions be a
reflection of your love.*

*May what I do today bring
others closer to you.*

*May my words be kind and
gentle and may they
bring joy to others.*

*Today, help me to give back
a portion of what you
have given me.*

I ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen

Who may be anointed? According to Canon Law: *"The Anointing of the Sick may be administered to the faithful who have the use of reason and begin to fall into danger as a result of illness or old age. Great care and concern should be taken to see that those of the faithful whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age receive this sacrament."* (Canon 1004)

Among those mentioned who may be anointed, the ritual in particular states: *"those undergoing surgery; elderly people if they have become notably weakened even though no serious illness is present; sick children if they have sufficient use of reason to be strengthened by this Sacrament."* In the Pastoral Companion to Canon Law, it states the following: *"In public and private catechesis, the faithful should be educated to ask for the Sacrament of Anointing and, as soon as the right time comes, to receive it with full faith and devotion. They should not follow the wrongful practice of delaying the Sacrament. All who care for the sick should be taught the meaning and purpose of the Sacrament."*

No longer should this sacrament be considered as Extreme Unction (the Last Anointing). It is a sacrament for sick people and should not be delayed until a person's last moments. Why would anyone want to put off the pastoral care of the Church and the sacramental presence of Christ until it is too late for a person to benefit from it? Gone should be the days that summoning a priest to a sick person's bedside meant imminent death. The onset of illness or the recurrence of serious symptoms should prompt people to call upon the healing power of Christ in the Sacrament of the Sick.

Please plan to join us on Tuesday, October 20th in Church at 7:00 o'clock in the evening. I hope that family members will make an effort to bring to church those who aren't able to come regularly. There will not be large crowds and our church building is accessible for those who have difficulty walking. There are several parking spots for people with approved handicapped permits. We are easily able to accommodate people who use walkers and wheelchairs, as well as those who need oxygen tanks.

In the sacrament we pray that the sick be healed in body, in soul and in spirit. God alone knows what kind of healing the sick need most: that a wound be healed; that fear turn to confidence; that loneliness be embraced by the support of the praying community; that confusion in the face of all the whys – why me, why suffering, why now – turn to insight. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick does not remove the mystery of human suffering. Yet its celebration gives us a window into the mystery of a loving God.

Please call our parish office 734-420-0288 and inform the secretary of your intention to attend this service. Very light refreshments will be served in the Gathering Space following the Mass for all who participate.

His new hybrid car was my friend's pride and joy. He was always bragging about it, and boring his friends to death. As he was giving us a ride one day, he pontificated, "They should have a special lane for people who care about the environment."

"They already do," came a voice from the backseat of the car. "It's called a sidewalk!"

Enjoy a great week!

Fr. Tom Belczak



In an effort to keep all of us safe, please **do not** park your car in the exit driveway. Should the need arise (and it has), it does not leave enough room for an emergency vehicle to enter or exit. It also backs up the exit traffic once Mass is over as two lanes cannot be formed in the exit drive. Thank you for your cooperation!

✠ This Week in our Parish

Sunday, September 27

9:00 AM Rainbow Sunday
 11:00 AM Rainbow Sunday
 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Monday, September 28

10:00 AM Senior Exercise
 7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (Men Only)

Tuesday, September 29

10:00 AM Senior Weaving

Wednesday, September 30

10:00 AM Senior Exercise

Thursday, October 1

7:00 PM RCIA

Friday, October 2

No Meetings

Saturday, October 3

9:00 AM St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive

Sunday, October 4, 2009

9:00 AM Rainbow Sunday
 11:00 AM Rainbow Sunday
 9:00 AM St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive
 6:00 PM High School Youth Group
 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

LIFE CHAIN 2009

Saint Kenneth Parish is pleased to once again co-sponsor the 2009 Life Chain on Sunday, October 4th, 2:30-3:30pm. This event takes place each year across the United States and Canada on Respect Life Sunday.

Thousands of participants nationwide stand in a silent, peaceful commitment to life and the protection of the unborn.

Our location is Middlebelt Road from Jamison to 6 Mile Road. We will be joined by many other area parishes as we stand together to save a life. For more information contact Joanne Moening at (734) 464-6922. Signs are provided.

Scripture Readings



Week of September 27, 2009

Sunday, September 27

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19; Jas 5:1-6;
 Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Monday, September 28

Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday, September 29

St. Michael, St. Gabriel & St. Raphael
 Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;
 Ps 138; Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday, September 30

St. Jerome
 Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday, October 1

St. Therese of the Child Jesus
 Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19;
 Lk 10:1-12

Friday, October 2

Guardian Angels
 Bar 1:15-22; Ps 91; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday, October 3

St. Theodore Guerin
 Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69;
 Lk 10:17-24

Sunday, October 4

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128; Heb 2:9-11;
 Mk 10:2-16



of the week

Do I feel uncomfortable or envious of the gifts of others?

ST. DOMINIC'S 3RD ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

The parishioners of St. Kenneth Parish have long been supportive of the St. Dominic Outreach Center in Detroit through our Christmas program, monthly food drives, financial donations and our St. Vincent De Paul group's hands-on activities. It is fitting that our annual Stewardship Drive to share our time, talent and treasure is occurring at the time of St. Dominic's major fund raiser for the year -- their dinner dance and silent auction. This outreach center is supported primarily by donations and this fund raiser and serves some of the city's poorest people. If you are interested, the specifics are detailed below.

When: Saturday, November 7, 2009, from 7:00 PM to Midnight

Where: American Polish Cultural Center, Troy, MI

Cost: Tickets are \$60 per person, includes dinner, wine and/or beer and dancing

Auction: Patrons who wish may donate items for a silent auction or buy a program ad with the proceeds going to the outreach center. All guests are invited to participate in the silent auction and bid on the items.

Contact: If you are interested in attending, please contact John Dankert, (734)420-0498

STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE THE "AFTER PEOPLE"

- They come alongside a hurting person . . .
- ... **after** you find a pink slip with your final paycheck resulting in layoff or forced retirement.
 - ... **after** the salary reduction forces you to cope with a new lifestyle.
 - ... **after** the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held off come crashing in on you.
 - ... **after** the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away – and the house suddenly seems empty.
 - ... **after** the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, "Welcome to your new home."
 - ... **after** the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
 - ... **after** your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

St. Kenneth Stephen Ministers are ready to serve you. Call the St. Kenneth Parish office at (734) 420-0288 or the Stephen Ministry Referrals Coordinator, Marcie Colling, at (248)349-0396

NEED A NOTARY???

If you are in need of a notary, contact Rosie Marsh in the parish offices at (734)927-1255. She will schedule a convenient time for you to come in. Oh, and it's free!

FLOWER: FAMILIES LIVE OUT THE WORD IN EVERYDAY ROUTINES

For whoever is not against us is for us...

In today's diverse world, this is perhaps one of the most difficult ideas for us to pass on to, and instill in, our children and youth. We are all brothers and sisters in Christ. We all have an inherent dignity and worth because we are human, because we are all children of God. We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers. How do we pass this on to our children? How do we treat our neighbors, our co-workers? How do we talk about others? How do we respond to the daily news and the activities of our legislature and politicians? How do we react when we are cut off in traffic? What do our children see when we are with others, especially those who look different or disagree with our view, or challenge our patience?

TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

INFLUENZA (flu) SEASON IS BACK!

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, every year in the United States, on average 5% to 20% of the population gets the flu, more than 200,000 people are hospitalized from flu-related complications; and about 36,000 die from flu-related causes. The best way to prevent seasonal flu is by getting a flu **vaccination** each year. The "flu shot" is an inactivated vaccine (containing killed virus). It is approved for use in people six months of age and older, including healthy people and people with chronic medical conditions. There is also a nasal-spray flu vaccine. This vaccine is made with live, weakened flu viruses that do not cause the flu. This vaccine is approved for use in healthy people 2-49 years of age who are not pregnant. In addition, there are prescription antiviral medications that fight against the flu, by keeping flu viruses from reproducing in your body.



This flu season, there are more uncertainties than usual because of the emergence of a new 2009 H1N1 influenza virus. There is concern that this virus may cause a lot more people getting sick, being hospitalized and dying than during a regular flu season. The seasonal flu vaccine is not expected to protect against this new virus. However, the H1N1 vaccine is expected to be available this fall. It is recommended that pregnant women, people who live with or care for children younger than six months of age, health care and emergency medical services personnel, children six months through four years of age, and children five through 18 years of age who have chronic medical conditions receive the vaccine first. As vaccine supply and demand is being met, ages 25 and older will be offered the vaccine.

Symptoms of seasonal flu include: fever, chills, headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea. If you become ill with flu like symptoms this flu season, you should stay home and avoid contact with other people. Medical conditions that can place you at higher risk of serious flu-related complications if you become ill include asthma or other lung problems, diabetes, weakened immune systems, kidney disease, heart disease, neurological and neuromuscular disorders and pregnancy. If you have one of these medical conditions or are 65 or older, or younger than five and develop flu-like symptoms, contact your health care provider so they may determine whether flu testing or treatment is needed.

For additional information, please go to: www.cdc.gov and www.Flu.gov

Ann Greskowiak, RN, Health Ministry

FALL SEMINAR SERIES

Catholic Parishes Federal Credit Union is hosting their Fall Seminar Series. These free seminars will be held at the credit union's Plymouth branch located at 8817 Sheldon Road on the Northwest corner of Sheldon and Joy. All are welcome to attend. Please reserve your spot by calling (734) 432-0212 ext.. 301. Refreshments and handouts are provided.

September 23, 2009 / 6:30 p.m.
Identity Theft, Fraud, & Scams
Presented by: Detroit's FBI

Learn how fraudsters capture your personal information to use your credit and take your money. Also hear what new money scams are on the rise.

October 14, 2009 / 6:30 p.m.
New Opportunity for IRA's in 2010
Presented by: Local Financial Specialist

Hear from a local Financial Specialist how new tax rules for 2010 may allow you to convert an existing Traditional IRA into a Roth. Distributions from Roth IRAs are tax-free, making this a great opportunity!

November 11, 2009 / 6:30 p.m.
College Financial Aid Night
Presented By: Financial Aid Rep. from a Local College
 Walk through the FAFSA (Free Application for Financial Aid) process and see how your information is used to calculate the outcome. Grants, student loans and scholarships will also be discussed, as well as tuition rates and other college expenses.

For more information, please call Emma Teller, Director of Marketing and Business Development at (734) 432-0212 extension 204

2009-10 MOPS OPEN REGISTRATION

We all know that there's no place like home, but...

- As a mother of young children, do you ever feel overwhelmed, underappreciated, or nervous?
- Do you wish you knew more like-minded moms to help you adapt to parenthood?
- Wouldn't it be nice to have a couple of hours to refuel and connect with adults, while knowing your children are in good hands?

Come find a refuge with us! St. Edith/St. Kenneth Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group is a caring, encouraging, and accepting program for today's mothers of children ages birth to kindergarten. MOPS provides a time of fun. Fellowship, discussion and sharing, creativity, and crafts. We offer a haven for frazzled nerves, where a mom finds out she's not alone. Meanwhile, your children will participate in MOPPETS, a quality children's program where they'll share in games, stories and crafts.

If you are interested in joining MOPS, we will have our first meeting of the year on October 2 at 10am at the Plymouth District Library. Call Lisa Nguyen at (734) 674-6555 or email lnguyen@mi.rr.com with any questions and to reserve your spot.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE BY BUD OZAR

Jesus teaches "whoever gives a cup of water will be rewarded." Giving a glass of water to a child in the middle of the night, or Kool Aid to sweaty five-year-olds can become sacred actions.

FIRST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE OCTOBER 3/4



Next weekend's food collection will be used by St. Dominic's Outreach Program in Detroit.

Please bring non-perishable items, such as canned goods, coffee, peanut butter, jars or box products, personal care items, and non-perishable household cleaning items to the Gathering Space in church. Your generosity helps us continue to provide for those most in need. Also, we always need paper grocery bags.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE OCT. 3 & 4



This fall we will be having a special clothing drive to benefit St. Dominic's (Detroit) and St. Mary's (Wayne) Outreach Centers before and after the masses on October 3 and 4. While the Centers have an adequate supply of women's clothes, their shelves are bare for both men and infant/toddler clothes. We want to target those specific needs, and are requesting donations of gently worn clothes for both men and children. If you could label the bag identifying the contents (MEN, BABY) that would greatly help our volunteers. Women's clothing can be dropped off in the St. Vincent de Paul drop box near the driveway exiting the parking lot, or at the St. Vincent de Paul Store in Inkster (27114 Michigan Avenue, west of Inkster) or Westland (6613 Wayne Rd, south of Warren). Thank you for your generous support.

CAREGIVERS NEEDED FOR MOPS

Do you enjoy cuddling with babies, playing games with small children, singing songs, reading books, teaching young ones about God, and giving new moms a chance to refill their cups with prayer and companionship? Then do we have an opportunity for you!

The St. Edith/St. Kenneth Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group is currently looking for dependable people to care for our children during our bimonthly meetings. MOPS meets the first and third Friday mornings of each month from October through May. We love volunteers, but are also able to offer compensation. An orientation meeting will be held in mid-September.

If you are interested, please call Sue, between 8am-8pm at (734) 469-4060 for further information.

An Afternoon with the ... PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY



Sunday, October 11, 2009 3:00PM
 St. John Chapel
 at the Retreat Center at St. John's

Sunday Serenade at St. John's will feature a Chamber Orchestra of the Plymouth Canton Symphony with music by composer Evan Chambers; organist, David Wagner. Tickets are \$25/adults, \$20/seniors, \$10/students. Call the Symphony office (734)451-2112 to order tickets or visit www.plymouthsymphony.org for more information.

Faith Formation Happenings At-A Glance

Week of September 27th Sunday

9am Rainbow Sunday
11am Rainbow Sunday

Monday

No Meetings Scheduled

Tuesday

No Meetings Scheduled

Wednesday

No Meetings Scheduled

Thursday

No Meetings Scheduled

Friday

No Meetings Scheduled

Saturday

No Meetings Scheduled



Youth Choir Begins

The St. Kenneth Youth Choir will begin on Thurs., October 1 from 6:30-7:30pm. All children, grades 1-8, are welcome to join the weekly practices. For more info,

please contact Marianne Ervin at mariannervin@yahoo.com

Thank you for your interest!

Confirmation Session #2 will be held on
Wednesday, October 7
from 6:30 - 8:00PM in Church.



Rite of Enrollment
Sunday, October 11
9:00 Liturgy

ALL ARE WELCOME

It's not too late to join our parish RCIA group, folks who are exploring the Catholic faith tradition who may be seeking Baptism, or who, already baptized, believe that God may be calling them to Catholicism, or Catholics who are seeking to complete their initiation by being confirmed in the faith. We meet Thursday evenings at 7:00 in the Kenneth-Patrick Room. Come and see!



As our faith community considers how we may be good stewards of our gifts, time and resources, perhaps one way to give back to God is by serving as a parish RCIA sponsor, a friend and guide who would accompany a seeker through the journey to Easter. Many who have offered this service have found it a rich blessing in renewing their own faith. Please consider this...and call the Parish Office (734) 420-0288 to let us know you are willing!

RETREAT FOR WOMEN FIRST CALL

This is the FIRST CALL for women of the parish to make the annual retreat at Saint Paul's Retreat Center on the weekend of December 4-6, 2009. The retreat theme this year is "Knowing the God of Jesus." Don't miss out on this wonderful experience of spiritual and physical renewal. Call Deb Borst at (734) 420-1292 to make a reservation, or call the Retreat Center at (313) 535-9563.



WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP

The Women's Spirituality Group will continue their monthly meetings at St Kenneth's on the third Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting is **October 20 from 7-8:30PM**, New members are always welcome as we explore and discuss the group's choice of Fr. Richard Rohr's book: Things Hidden: Scripture as Spirituality. Sr. Arlene Kosmatka, O.P. facilitates our sharing besides offering her own gleanings on our month's reading.

FRE, our **F**amily **R**eligious **E**ducation Program for grades 1-7, will begin October 5&6! Because of our construction and space limitations, We will meet on Monday, October 5 **IN THE CHURCH FROM 7-8PM**. Tuesday, October 6 session will meet **IN THE CHURCH FROM 5-6PM**. (Note the time change)

Children in this program are formed by their parents with provided materials at home as well as participate in monthly meetings geared toward full family involvement.

If you have not registered your child and wish to do so, please contact Barb at (734) 420-3031 as soon as possible.



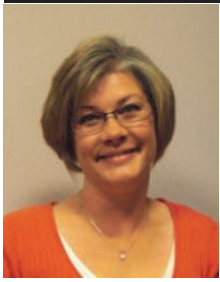
TO ALL SCRIPTURE ENTHUSIASTS

Bible Study Sessions will begin on **Wednesday, October 14 at 7 -8:30pm**. We will meet in the Rectory during our building construction.

- October 14 The Prophet Amos: His Life and Times
- October 21 Paul's Letter to the Philippians
- October 28 Sarah: Her Story in Genesis
- November 4 The Bible: A Book of Books
- November 11 Some Themes of Luke's Gospel
- November 18 The Infancy Narratives in Luke

You are welcome to as many of the sessions as fit your schedule or are of interest to you. However! Please let us know your plans for participating by calling or emailing Pat at the Parish Office.

Phone (734) 420-0288 Email Pat@stkenneth.org



Youth Happenings...

Check out our Youth Group Calendar on-line at:
www.stkenneth.org/youth

**HIGH SCHOOL
 SOFTBALL CHALLENGE & PICNIC**
 SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2009
 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.
 JAYCEE PARK
 WESTLAND, MI 48185

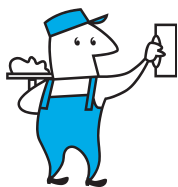


**COST: \$2.00 PER PERSON
 WHICH INCLUDES HOT DOGS, CONDIMENTS,
 AND POP**
 Contact Mary Lippert for details!
 734-927-1253

October Logos



There will be shortened
 Logos sessions on
 Oct. 14 and 28th.
 Students meet from
 6:30pm-7:30pm
 in their assigned classrooms
 for catechesis only.
NO DINNER or ACTIVITY
 until the renovation
 of the Social Hall
 is complete...



A Note from Gretchen



When I hear the word “saint,” the first image that comes to mind is not some Felician nun kneeling in a darkened chapel fingering her rosary beads. Now, I am sure that many Felician nuns are saints, (although I never experienced them in parochial grade school!) but they are not the first thing that I think of when I hear “saint.” Rather, the first image that comes to mind is a young mother in the parking lot at the grocery store, trying to get three children - all under five - into their car seats. It reminds me of someone trying to put an octopus to bed!

The woman gets the first child buckled in his seat when the second one starts to scream, “Cookie! Cookie!” The woman digs into a grocery bag, rips open a box of cookies, and shoves one at the kid. Then she lifts him into his car seat. That’s when the first kid starts screaming that he wants a cookie, too. She fishes around for a cookie for him. Meanwhile the baby, who is still in the stroller, starts fussing so, after giving a cookie to the first child, the woman turns her attention to the third. That’s when the second child starts hitting the first one with the cookie box, and the first one starts to cry. Even when the woman has succeeded, by some miracle, in getting all three children into their seats, she is not finished yet. She still has to put the grocery bags into the car, collapse the stroller, lift it into the back, and get herself into the car, too. And when she gets home, she has got to reverse the whole process! Now that is great sanctity!

It is also tremendous patience. And patience is truly a gift of the Holy Spirit. The word “patience” is derived from the Latin verb *passio*, meaning to bear or endure. Patient people are those who can bear trials and pain with calmness and equanimity. They are able to put up with delays, wait for the right moment, and bide their time. Patient people are more flexible with time than impatient people. They can flow back and forth between different time frames. They know, for example, that potty training a child may necessitate entering a time frame other than their own. Waiting in line for a few extra minutes while an elderly lady chats with a cashier can invite patient people to momentarily set aside their own schedule and enter with compassion the schedule of someone else who is lonely and seeks connection with others.

Recently, I read an interesting parable. In it the heroine talks a walk with Patience. Patience was an elderly woman in a long white robe and pink slippers. She had short white hair, blue eyes, pink cheeks and a smile that shared she knew a lot more than she let on. As they walked together, the heroine was always getting ahead of Patience. Patience walked much more leisurely - strolled might be a better word. Patience often stopped to feel the bark of a tree, talk to the birds, pet a dog, smile at a child. At the end of the stroll, the heroine mustered up enough courage to ask her friend, “What can I do to be more like you?”

Patience thought a moment, smiled warmly, and said very slowly, “Plant an acorn...befriend a turtle... teach a child.”

In His Patient Love,
Gretchen

Excerpted from *Abundant Treasures* by Mellanie Svoboda, SND

† New Parishioners

On behalf of all our parishioners, we extend a warm welcome to these newly registered members who have joined our parish in the last week.

Clark & Michelle Paull and son Dylan and daughters Elayna and Emma
 Andy & Lisa Ozark and son Jackson and daughter Elaina
 Michael & Julie Bonanno and daughter Katelyn and son Anthony
 Matt & Amanda Keibler and sons John and Isaac
 Nigel & Suzanne Robinson and son Andrew and daughters Alison and Emily
 Steven & Kelly Gawron and sons Jacob and Christian
 Douglas & Melissa O'Brien and son Justin and daughter Allison
 Jill & Aaron Meredith and son Sidney
 Bill & Regina Dunne
 Clint & Amy Smith and sons Benjamin and Cole
 Bill & Maryanna Burke

† May They Rest in Peace

John A. Alfonsi
 Julia C. Reiner
 Josephine Mahoney-Sipple

† Newly Baptized

No Baptisms

† Newly Married

James Phillips & Ann Renee Rash

† Birthday Blessings (Continued from pg. 9)

October 3 (continued)

Ben Harpe
 Kenneth Healy
 Tonia Laughlin
 Hannah Misiak
 Michelle O'Donnell
 Cynthia Petrosky
 Jennifer Riordan
 Gayle Snider
 Catherine Vereb-Hately
 Joseph Wylie

† Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 26

12:00 PM Norman Chavka and Franca Jarosz Wedding
 4:30 PM Bernice Storm, requested by John Storm
 Frances Krolicki, requested by Joan Remsburg
 Dennis Tommelein, requested by Rebecca Figura
 Peggy Subjeck, requested by Jerry & Betsy Gwizdz

Sunday, September 27

7:30 AM Edward Belczak (11th Anniversary), requested by Fr. Tom Art Ardanowski, requested by Fran Ardanowski
 Lottie Fredryk, requested by the Shelt Family
 9:00 AM Ann Early, requested by John Early
 Lloyd & Irene Bondy, requested by Bill & Shirley Williams
 11:00 AM Felix & Ann Broniak (Special Intention), 68th Wedding Anniversary
 Dorothy Derus, requested by the Srodawa Family
 Marc Sullivan, requested by the Sullivan Family
 Henry Sapulski, requested by his wife & children
 Phyllis Albis, requested by Michael Albis

Monday, September 28

9:00 AM Sophie Prais (8th Anniversary), requested by the Paulik Family
 Albina Furtak, requested by Joe & Ann Sammut

Tuesday, September 29

9:00 AM Ralph & Ann Todd, requested by Patricia Andersen
 Poul V. Andersen, requested by Patricia Andersen
 Edward Podzialik, requested by Esther Norris
 Michael Camilleri, requested by Joe & Jeanette Pace
 Georgiana Sanders, requested by Joe & Jeanette Pace
 7:00 PM Patrick O'Brien, requested by Mary Ellen Redigan

Wednesday, September 30

No Mass

Thursday, October 1

9:00 AM People of St. Kenneth

Friday, October 2

9:00 AM People of St. Kenneth

Saturday, October 3

4:30 PM Dolores May Gray, requested by Carol Dowling
 Jeff Stemberger, requested by the Stemberger Family
 Phyllis Arent, requested by the Arent Family
 Joseph Tarnella, requested by Rosemary Rymes
 Jane Flynn (3rd Anniversary), requested by James Flynn

Sunday, October 4

7:30 AM Sue Krywko, requested by Larry Krywko
 9:00 AM Ann Early, requested by John Early
 11:00 AM Stella Kusak, requested by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Michalik

If you have requested a mass intention and would like to take the offertory gifts to the altar at that mass, please notify an usher upon your arrival.

✠ Please Pray for...

Jackie Acs	Kathy Milczarski
Bonnie Arrington	Jerilynn Nelson
Carl Bolognino	Jim Noetzel, Jr.
Patricia Brunswick	Kathy Noetzel
Helen Clinansmith	Maurene Nygard
Dan Deward	Mike O'Sullivan
Joe Dickinson	Joe Pace Sr.
Pam Durkee	Bill Peters
Bill Dyer	Lottie Plank
Raymond Fano	Diane Samulski
Mike Fischer	Steve Schafer
Emma Goyette	Michelle Skinner
Carla Hardwick	Schinker Family
Phyllis Jensen	Larry Sohn
Sam Kallinen	Edward Stern
Ron Koller	Marc Sullivan
Robert Leonard	Mark Tomasi
Nicole Maurer	Debbie Williams
Tom McGinness	Mary Ellen Zimmermann
Freida McLaughlin	

To have someone enrolled on the prayer list, please call the church office. Names will be listed for four weeks unless the office is notified that the condition continues and that prayers are still needed.

✠ Pray for our Military

Steven Anderson, Marines	Marcus Dandrea, Marines
Paul Crandall, Army	Bradley Davis, Marines
Greg Davis, Air Force	Jada Grindstaff, Army
Brian Owens, Army	Ryan Rays, Navy
Doug Siemonsma, Navy	Bryan Silveri, Navy
Sarah Rowe, Coast Guard	Anthony Allen, Marines
Ashley Allen, Marines	Dennis Thompson, Army
Megan Gagnon, Air Force	Shawn Madish, Navy
Matt Mosteiko, Army	Rick Giles, Army
Nyle Pfeefefer, Army	

In gratitude for the sacrifices of our loved ones in the armed forces and their families, we are gathering the names and service branches of those currently serving our country, and requesting parishioners pray for these brave people. If you would like to add a person to our Military Prayer Request List, please call Barb at 420-3031.

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✠ Birthday Blessings

September 27

LeRoy	Asher
Robert	Aubertin
Patricia	Baron
Beth	Bartek
David	Bridges
Jacob	Brodzik
Nunzio	DeCia
Richard	Hoefer
Leanne	Johnson
Amanda	Lombardo
S.	Madden
Patrick	Maguire
James	Marinoff
Jacklyn	Novotny
Richard	Sak
Mikaela	Sanson
Matthew	Seluk
Marco	Tauil
Charles	Teed

September 28

Noah	Gibson
Janet	Gingell
M.J.	Gorman
Rita	Grech
Jerome	Green
Carl	Kendall
Isabella	Kennedy
Susan	Klebba
Joseph	Ligenza
Matthew	Lippert
Matthew	Urban
Michael	Webster
Kevin	Wolf
Connor	Ziparo

September 29

David	Anderson
Kathleen	Bohrer
Lawrence	Butske
Katharine	Encelewski
Yvette	Gregoroff
David	Groen
Danielle	Hague
John	Jahshan
Maya	Lubus
Lance	Miller
Marietta	Mons
Elisabeth	Morris
Betty	Mullally
Suzanne	Musa
Rose	Robb
Anna	Spangler
Rachel	Spehar
Melissa	Tolstyka
Candice	Tucker
Therese	Vick

September 30

Katherine	Andary
Connor	Breen
Sheila	Campbell
Matthew	Dertouzos
Charles	Fugate
Justin	Gunn
David	Heidelmeyer
Lisa	Held
Linda	Juenemann
Emily	Kalweit
Paul	Krywko
Brandon	LeBlanc
Charles	Mattison, Jr.
Danielle	McPartlin

Eric	Moir
A.	Posa
Stella	Sukockas
Amy	Valle
Karen	Pilat
Martin	Schendel
Andrew	Scheuher
Fred	Schultz
Robert	Skalski
Jonathan	Stran
Wesley	Stubbs
John	Stupar
Megan	Stupar
Kelly	Summers

October 1

Laura	Chelenyak
Martha	Diakow
Zachary	Elker
Michelle	Friedow
Joseph	Guerreso
L.	Haykus
Kerri	Hendricks
Elijah	Iacovoni
Steven	Kushner
Sarah	Marsh
Suzanne	McAuliffe
James	McMahan
Anne	Merrill
Sean	O'Malley
Laura	Paluk
Tina	Pierzynski
S.	Schriner
Janice	Smith
Christine	Szubeczak
Lori	Tabaka
Rose	Valerio
Paul	Widzinski

October 2

Joanne	Basila
Gary	Chalker
Bob	Cousino
Elgene	Doinidis
Arianna	Finn
Thomas	Finn
Angelia	Gagin
Reshmi	Joseph
Jenna	Kamsickas
A.	Kowalkowski
Martha	Kruz
Elizabeth	Locricchio
Emily	Marnocha
Eugene	Milczarski
A.	Moyski
Laura	Ritter
Kaylee	Robles
Kara	Rocheleau
Karen	Scheffer
Allison	Scott
Barbara	Steinert
Leah	Taubitz
Marco	Toppi

October 3

C.	Alexander
Maureen	Ayotte
Brendan	Bulles
Thomas	D'Agostino
Therese	Davis
Paul	Denski
Jerry	Didoszak
Cecilia	Finkbeiner

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Stewardship Matters

According to the New Testament, Jesus affirmed tithing as a form of stewardship. Stewardship means using everything God has given us – life, talents, and possessions – to serve God with love and gratitude. Jesus encouraged giving in proportion to what we have received, praising the poor widow for her generous gift. (Luke 21:2) The Apostle Paul directed his followers to plan their contributions: *On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save whatever extra you earn...* (1 Corinthians 16:2)

What are the rewards of tithing?

Tithing is as meaningful to you as it is to those who benefit from your contribution. Tithing is a concrete way to acknowledge God's presence in our lives. Serving, in response to God's grace and generosity, brings happiness that cannot be achieved through more self-centered activities. **Tithing brings joy.**

Tithing is a way of sharing concern for others throughout the world. As we become more sensitive to others' needs, we grow closer to God. **Tithing brings awareness.**

People who tithe regularly strengthen the sincerity of their commitment to Christ. Tithing itself becomes deeply satisfying, a way to follow Christ. **Tithing brings fulfillment.**

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LITURGY

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,
Friday: 9:00 AM
Tuesday: 7:00 PM
No mass on Wednesday
Saturday: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM,
Holy Days: 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday:
9:00 AM-12:00 noon, 1:00-8:00 PM
Thursday, Friday
9:00 AM-12:00 noon, 1:00-4:00 PM
Saturday: 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 PM
Baptism: Contact Office for Parents' Meeting.
Marriage: Make arrangements six months in advance for pre-marriage conference.

REGISTRATION

Come to the office to introduce yourself during regular parish office hours.

PARISH COUNCIL

4th Monday of each month at 7:00 PM.
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