



Dear Folks,

Rabbis were often asked to arbitrate conflicts within families and communities. In today's Gospel, Jesus has been approached to settle such an argument over an inheritance. Jesus responds not by taking sides but by addressing the greed that has brought both sides to near blows. He tells the parable of the rich man who, in the midst of his good fortune, loses his sense of what is really important. Possessions create the illusion that we can control our lives; the drive for gain makes us oblivious to the needs and dreams of others. The "foolish" rich man in today's Gospel sadly discovers that wealth in the reign of God has nothing to do with stock portfolios, bank accounts or the social register.

We tend to live our lives believing that there will always be enough time to right our wrongs and to atone for our negligence and insensitivities to others -- but, in fact, our days are numbered, death is an inevitability for all of us.

We are often as short-sighted as the rich farmer in today's Gospel: we can become so self-centered and self-sufficient that we shut ourselves off from the seemingly simple aspects of life in which we find the love and presence of God.

Faith is the constant awareness that life is not a destination in itself but a journey to God and that death is the final passageway.

Our lives are not about amassing fortunes or achieving great celebrity -- our lives are about finding and embracing selfless and affirming love, about discovering how to love one another as God loves us: totally and completely, without condition nor limit.

Love,

Fr. Mike

✠ Masses for the Week ✠

Sunday, August 1

- 5:30 Lucy Finnegan
- 8:00 Richard Kanestrin
- 9:30 Walter O'Boyle
- 11:00 People of the Parish
- 12:30 Fitzpatrick & McConnell Families

Monday, August 2

- 8:00 Henrietta Bustillo
- 11:30 Michael Sbrocco

Tuesday, August 3

- 8:00 Ralph C. Rossi
- 11:30 Regina Lewan

Wednesday August 4

- 8:00 Thomas Dengler
- 11:30 James R. Horner

Thursday, August 5

- 8:00 Alice Grainger-Hammel
- 11:30 Melita Lang

Friday, August 6

- 8:00 Connie Lizza
- 11:30 Michael Claffey

Saturday, August 7

- 9:00 Oreste Marciani
- 5:30 Frank Cogan

Sunday, August 8

- 8:00 John Furey
- 9:30 Millicent Love
- 11:00 Muriel Lafferty
- 12:30 People of the Parish

The Institute for Christian Spirituality, part of Seton Hall University's Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, is accepting new student applications to the STEPS program for the Fall 2010 Semester. STEPS (Seminary's Theological Education for Parish Services) is a graduate level certificate program for adult Catholics who seek a deeper understanding of their faith. Classes are offered one night each week at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Ridgewood, NJ, on a variety of subjects including, Scripture, Christians Ethics, the Sacraments and Church History.

✠ Rest in Peace ✠

Please remember in your prayers

Dorothy Ann Schaffer (sister in law of Dorothy Vanderbeck), Augustine Peter Pisto



The **Altar Bread and the Altar Wine** are given in Loving Memory of **Margaret Drury** by Angie Cassidy (cousin)

The **Altar Lamp** is given in loving memory of **John Finn** by Anne and Ted Duggan.

ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS

SAVE THE DATE!

MONDAY, AUGUST 30TH

GREAT ADVENTURE TRIP

**RETURN YOUR PERMISSION SLIP
TO THE RECTORY.**



**Please remember St. Peter the Apostle
Parish in your will.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 13:1-11; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Jer 15:10; 16-21; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Jn 11:19-27 *or* Lk 10:38-42
Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90; Col 3:1-5, 9-11;
Lk 12:13-21

BAPTISM

Baptisms will be celebrated at mass on the following weekend: August 14/15, September 18/19, October 16/17th., Nov. 13/14 and December 11/12th. Parents may choose the 5:30, 9:30, 11 or 12:30 mass. Please call Deacon Ed Bowen at 201-599-3112 to schedule your baptism.

Next Baptismal Preparation Class is scheduled for **September 18th** from 10am to 12 Noon in the Parish Center. **Please call Deacon Edward Bowen to register at 201-599-3112.**

SPIRITUAL PROGRESS

Let each one remember that we will make progress in all spiritual things only insofar as we rid ourselves of self-love, self-will, and self-interest.

—St. Ignatius of Loyola

From the Office of Religious Education

email: religed@optonline.net ▪ (201) 265-6019

If you are a registered parishioner and your oldest child is going into 1st grade, it is important that you meet with us and register your child for religious education classes at this time. First Eucharist is celebrated in 2nd grade and Archdiocesan guidelines require a year of religious education prior to the sacramental year. Call the religious education office (201-265-6019) this week to set up an appointment to register. We strongly encourage you to do this as soon as possible as classes fill up quickly.

Parish Prayer Chain

To request prayers for any need, call:

Cristina Casanova, (201) 342-8655
Eleanor Grybowski, (201) 262-0306
Rose Mary Dignam, (201) 262-5637
Lillian Terlizzi, (201) 262-3558

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

If you know someone who is sick or homebound and would like to be visited please call the rectory 201-261- 3366.

FAMILIES LIVING THE GOOD NEWS

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C
August 1, 2010

Sunday's Gospel, Luke 12:13-21.

Gospel Summary

From the crowd, a man called out to Jesus asking for help in a family matter. The man wanted his share of the family inheritance from his brother. Jesus first made it clear that he was not the man's arbitrator and refused to enter the quarrel. But Jesus did use the opportunity to teach the crowd that placing too much emphasis on the acquisition of material wealth would lead to greed and greed would lead to conflicts in families. Jesus continued by making the point that true security did not exist in a surplus of goods when he relayed a parable about a man who had a bumper crop. So huge was the harvest's yield that the man decided to tear down his storage buildings and build new ones to hold all his grain. Once everything was stored, the man would have no worries and could spend his life without care. But God demanded the man's life that night and we are left to wonder what good did all the abundance do the man?

Reflection for Families

How many families do we know about, sadly maybe our own, who have been injured and separated by financial issues. One person expects a portion of an inheritance but doesn't receive it. Maybe some unexpected person benefits from a family member's generosity and leaves a brother, sister, or child feeling neglected or overlooked. As parents we want to make the lives of our children comfortable and so we go about accumulating wealth and materials possessions, but the Gospel today cautions us to beware of placing importance in the wrong places. We have no idea what will happen to our accumulations, but we do know God's promise that if we are prepared at the moment our lives are recalled, we will have wealth beyond measure in heaven.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

Make a list of all the "extra" things your family has. Most likely the list will be extensive. What things on this list bring your family security? (Remember there's nothing wrong with taking care of our families and building security!) Now imagine that a great disaster has been predicted for tomorrow and there's a good chance you won't be here the next day. Which of these things are now important? Is there anything you would alter on the list knowing that you only have a couple days left on this earth? When you have finished, ask each person what changes he/she might make in his/her life because of this exercise and then help or support one another in those changes.

Discussion Starters

1. The riches I store up for heaven include ...
2. I am especially greedy when it comes to ...
3. The richest person I know in the sight of God is ...

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REGISTRATION IS ONGOING DURING
THE SUMMER MONTHS

PreK-3 Program— Age 3 by Oct. 1
Mon/Wed/Fri Program 8:00—11:00 am

PreK-4 Program—Age 4 by Oct. 1
Full Day Program 8:00—2:30pm

Kindergarten Full Day Program—Age 5 by
Oct. 1

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for an appointment and tour of the school
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CATCH THE SPIRIT

UPDATE: Family Shelter Ministry as St. Peter's
Great news! Family Promise of Bergen County has procured a Day Center for this ministry. The Day Center is where guests will spend their daytime hours before returning to the host congregation each night. The Day Center will be in Ridgewood and renovations are underway to accommodate the needs of the guests (showers, laundry facilities). Also, Family Promise is in the process of finalizing the calendar for host congregations and they anticipate that the first congregation will host guests in mid-to-late October. Our parish will most likely have our first guests during the month of November. All volunteers who will be interacting with guests while they are here in our parish will need to participate in mandatory training which will take place about one month before the guests are scheduled to arrive for the week. The next step for Family Promise is to obtain a van that will transport guests between the Day Center and the host congregation. We anticipate that our parish will need approximately 70 volunteers a week to assist with set up, food preparation/serving, activities and other vital tasks. Updates on the progress of our new ministry will appear in the bulletin as they develop.

"LIFE AND FINANCIAL PLANNING - ARE YOU PREPARED?"

The Stewardship Council sponsors a series to help you plan for the expected and unexpected events in life. A panel of attorneys, financial planners, and other specialists will answer your questions about estate planning, taxes, wills, serious illness, long term care, etc. Each session focuses on a specific stage in life.

September 9, 2010 - Near or Into Retirement
September 30, 2010 - Mid-Career
October 14, 2010 - Young Adults, Single and Married

Sessions start at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. While not required, advance registration is available on the website. All are welcome.

**St. Peter the Apostle Parish
International Food Festival
Saturday, September 18, 2010
6:30pm - 9:00pm**

Take a culinary trip to explore the aromas and tastes of worldwide cuisine without getting on an airplane or experiencing jet lag.

If you are interested in making your favorite ethnic dish for this fun, free, family event, please contact:

Dawn: 201-967-8112 dmrivas@hotmail.com

Ann: 201-262-1577 abcannon@optonline.net

Hosted by Small Christian Communities Core Team

Archdiocese of Newark– Marian Pilgrimage

Archbishop Myers extends a cordial invitation to the people of the Archdiocese of Newark to join him on an Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC, in Saturday, October 23, 2010.

Please consider becoming part of our parish contingent and representing our parish on this special grace-filled day honoring our Blessed Mother. Our parish bus will leave from St. Peter's Parking Lot at 6:30 a.m. Cost: \$10. For information or reservations, please contact our Parish Coordinator Cindy Hyland at 201-599-1553 or hyland545@msn.co. \$25/family.

Travelers wishing to know the times and locations of Masses nationwide may log on to www.masstimes.org You may also call 410-676-6000 (*computer voice*) or call 305-598-1145 (*live operator*)

Church of the Annunciation, 50 West Midland Ave, Paramus, will be holding a **Cash for Gold fundraising** event on Thursday, August 12, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the lower church. This event is being held in conjunction with American Gold and Diamond Buyers of East Hanover, New Jersey, who will pay CASH ON THE SPOT for any gold, silver, or platinum you bring in ANY condition. A certified appraiser will evaluate and quote a price for your items based on the most recent market closing value. You'd be surprised how little you need to sell to get a nice amount of cash in return. An Annunciation parishioner attended an American Gold event earlier this year, when gold prices were much lower, and received \$185 for a gold necklace that was broken into three pieces and could not be repaired. There is no cost to participants and no pressure to sell. Reservations encouraged. Start gathering your unwanted jewelry, coins, flatware and service pieces now. For more info please call Annunciation's Parish Center at 201-261-6322, ext. 114.



ST. MARTIN'S KITCHEN

Our next date for St. Martin's Kitchen is **Saturday, August 14h.** We will assemble in the parking lot at 9:30 a.m. and return to River Edge by 2:30 p.m. All who wish to participate are invited to join us. In order to ensure that we will have enough volunteers, we would ask that all who intend to go call Ed Bowen at 201-599-3112.

Back-to-School Drive



This is the **LAST WEEK** to buy school supplies for the Back-to-School Drive. Please return your back-to-school supplies to the parish center next weekend, August 8, when you come to mass. All items will be given to the food bank to help Bergen County families get their children ready for school. If you would like to help with this effort, please call Susan Carney at 201-265-5410.