

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

In Mark 8:27-10:45 Jesus turns his attention to preparing his disciples for his passion and death and for the necessity of accepting suffering in their own lives. Like the religious leaders, the disciples substitute their own perspectives on what constitutes a religious life for God's perspective. Thus, Jesus contrasts the views of both Peter and the religious leaders with that of God (7:8; 8:33b) and criticizes both of them in harsh terms (7:6-13; 8:33).

Peter rebukes Jesus for saying that Jesus will suffer, be killed, and rise again (8:31-32). The disciples express no hesitancy about making the sacrifices necessary to guide their thoughts and feelings or about trying to heal those who are suffering (7:17-37). But to witness to a suffering messiah and not to be ashamed of such a message seems too much for them.

Is it easier to witness to what God does for us ("Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right hand and the other at your left" (10:37) than to what God suffers because of us ("the Son of Man came. . . to give his life as a ransom for many" (10:45). The former speaks indirectly about the richness of our lives because of God, but the latter about our poverty because of our need for conversion. In Mark's Gospel Jesus has attempted, by enjoining silence on those he healed, to get people to concentrate on their need for reform rather than on a temporal life made full. For Jesus the wise long-term perspective focuses on eternal life (8:38). What it takes for such life is much reform, not profit or gain in the world (8:36).

Mark says that the witness to Jesus' suffering on our behalf and then to his resurrection links us to the pattern of continuing reform leading to eternal life. This witness is important enough to die for because it leads to the fullness of life (8:35). *Dennis D. Sylva and Rev. James A. Wallace, CSsR*

Readings for the Week of September 13, 2009

Sunday	Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35
Monday	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Tuesday	Our Lady of Sorrows 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 31; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Wednesday	Saints Cornelius, pope, martyr; Cyprian, bishop, martyr 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday	Saint Robert Bellarmine, bishop, doctor 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111; Lk 7:36-50
Friday	1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday	Saint Januarius, bishop, martyr 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday	Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54; Jas 3:16—4:3; Mk 9:30-37

KEEP HOPE ALIVE WOMEN'S EVENT! St. Ann Parish – Saturday October 3, 2009 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Mark your calendars for a delightful time in the Lord! Come join others in celebrating our faith and be uplifted, enlightened, and immersed in the Spirit of Love. Special guest speaker and author Fr. Timothy Schrer, PH.D., Professor of Biblical Studies at the Athenaeum of Ohio, will present Seven Women of Faith, a reflection on the lives of women in the Bible who are models for Christian living today. For more information and flyer call Cheryl at 513-515-6697 or Susan at 513-863-4963 or on the web at : www.stanncc.org.

Hey everyone!

I am putting together an information night for CREDO. It will be SUNDAY, SEPT 13, 7:00pm in the convent. If any of you are still wondering about CREDO, what it is, what you need to do to sign up, etc., please come! The deadline for registration is approaching, and I wouldn't want any of you to miss out just because you don't have enough info about it. You can bring your parents, and your friends (even if they were not involved with VBS or youth group). Also, if you are already signed up for CREDO and would just like to come hear about what it will be like, that would be fine. Also, if you have been to CREDO before and would like to come help explain what goes on during the retreat that would be great! Please though, RSVP so I know if you are coming. Hope to hear from you! Erin Hingsbergen at 856-8945. www.CredoIBelieve.org

Cast Your Nets, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men" Mt. 4:19, October 25, 2009; 5-9pm. St.Luke Church, Beavercreek, Ohio; Contact: 937-229-5916. High School Teens and Young Adults, be with Archbishop Schnurr and be challenged to live out your faith serving Christ. Go and experience this high-energy event and find out what God has in store for your life.

From Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

"But I feel a great destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a direct war, a direct killing, direct murder by the mother herself. And we read in the scripture, for God says very clearly. "Even if a mother could forget her child, I will not forget you. I have carved you in the palm of My Hand." We are carved in the palm of His Hand; so close to Him, that unborn child has been carved in the Hand of God. And that is what strikes me most, the beginning of that sentence, that even a mother could forget something impossible—but even if she could forget -- "I will not forget you." And today the greatest destroyer of peace is abortion. And we who are standing here—our parents wanted us. We would not be here if our parents would do that to us." – Lecture upon receiving the Nobel Peace Prize, Oslo, Norway, Dec. 11, 1979.

Priests for Life Liturgical resources.

We must unite as the body of Christ to fight the greatest evil of our day, abortion. To build a culture of life, we must start with prayer. Please join the worldwide "Pray to End Abortion" cause on face book, at www.ProLifePrayers.org. Be a part of the largest prayer group in history!

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



This Week in our Parish

Sunday, September 13th

- 7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
- 8:30 a.m. CCD Registration begins
- 9:00 a.m. CCD Classes begin
- 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass
- 7:00 p.m. CREDO meeting in Parish offices

Tuesday, September 15th

- 7:00 p.m. Interest Group meeting

Wednesday, September 16th

- 8:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul

Thursday, September 17th

- 6-8:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Saturday, September 19th

- 3:30-4:30 p.m. Confessions
- 4:40 p.m. Rosary before Mass

Sunday, September 20th

- 7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
- 9:00 a.m. CCD Classes
- 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

ST. ANN CCD REGISTRATION has begun. You may get a form from the Parish office or online at www.stanncc.org. Classes begin this, Sunday, September 13. Registration will begin at 8:30 and classes will start at 9 a.m. For more information, please call the parish office at 863-4963.

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults or "R.C.I.A." is a program for those considering the possibility of joining the Catholic Church. Perhaps you are a Catholic, but were never confirmed. The R.C.I.A. is a great way to remember forgotten lessons. Perhaps you are a cradle Catholic who simply would like to relearn the basics.

Classes are now forming for R.C.I.A. here at St. Ann Church that will be held Wednesday evening's beginning in September. If you are interested, please phone the Parish office or email the secretary at slmcabee@gmail.com.

ST. ANN ALUMNI continue to sell LaRosa Buddy cards. They are now available in the Parish offices. You can pick them up or we will deliver. Cost is \$10 and the proceeds benefit the St. Ann Alumni committee in their efforts to hang past Class pictures at the school.

Looking for more Vendors/Crafters: The St. Ann Interest Group is hosting an "Under One Roof Shopping Event" on Friday, November 6th. We are looking for Vendors and Crafters to register. Only one vendor from each home party company will be able to sell, so space is limited. Please call Rhonda Feenstra at 844-6192 or email at rhondajh@hotmail.com for details.

Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation
Conventual Franciscan Friars 315 Clay Street
Carey, OH 43316-1498

Our Lady of Consolation Shrine, Carey, OH will be hosting a Family Day on Sunday, September 13th. We welcome families to come and pray together. Mass at noon followed with lunch and games for the family. The day concludes with Devotions at 2:30 p.m. and individual family blessings.



Saturday, September 12th Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 p.m. Dolores Bach (Shirley Lehmann)

Sunday, September 13th Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People
10:30 a.m. Ruth & Russ Jones (Tom Jones Family)

Monday, September 14th Exaltation of the Holy Cross
7:15 a.m. Tom Eichhold (Rosemary Hingsbergen)

Tuesday, September 15th Our Lady of Sorrows
7:15 a.m. To end the assault on all innocent human life
(St. Ann Respect Life Committee)

Wednesday, September 16th Weekday
7:15 a.m. Deceased members of the Fontaine family

Thursday, September 17th Weekday
7:15 a.m. Communion Service
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church in Hamilton

Friday, September 18th Weekday
8:00 a.m. Alberta Groh (Ed & Jane Lehmann)

Saturday, September 19th Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m. For the Intentions of the Celebrant
5:00 p.m. Paul Sherlock – Anniversary (wife)

Sunday, September 20th Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People
10:30 a.m. Wanda Arent – Birthday Remembrance (Family)

Budgeted Weekly Offering	\$ 12,072.00
09/06/2009	\$ 8,871.80
Year to Date Budgeted Offering	\$ 120,720.00
Year to Date Actual Offering	\$ 91,559.46

JC PENNEY GIFT CARDS: We received word from JC PENNEY corporate: "unfortunately JC Penney corporate has made the decision to not allow customers to use their gift cards to pay off their charge accounts. This went into effect on 7/31/09. This decision was made for financial reasons because they felt that they provide their customers with many opportunities to save money with coupons and great sale prices throughout the year without skimping on the quality of the merchandise."

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH. If you have been part of a previous giving team for this renews program and would be interested in helping members from Queen of Peace restart this program in their church please call the following. Ladies call Barb @868-9272; Men call Terry @ 523-4361.

ATTENTION RUNNERS, WALKERS AND PET LOVERS: Join the Sisters of the Monastery of St. Clare for the 6th Annual RUN FOR THE NUNS Saturday, October 3, 2009 at Harbor Point, Winton Woods, Cincinnati, OH. The event begins at 8:30 a.m. with the blessing of the animals, immediately followed by the dogs taking their companion for a walk around the lake at Winton Woods. The 5K Run starts at 9:00 a.m. and the 5K Walk starts at 9:01 a.m. This family friendly event includes activities for children; door prizes for registrants; light refreshments; and placement awards. Dog scarves painted by the sisters will be available for a small donation. Information about the blessing or dog walk, call The Monastery of St. Clare at 513-825-7177. Information about the 5K Run or Walk, contact Steve Prescott at 513-777-1080 or go to: www.sprunning.com