



Have the disciples learned from Jesus' criticism of Peter's response to the first prediction of his passion? This is the topic addressed in today's passage from the Gospel of Mark, when we hear Jesus' second prediction of his passion and the beginning of his disciples' response to it.

This time the disciples are more cautious in their reply to Jesus, no doubt the recent censure of Peter still on their minds. The first thing we hear following this second prediction is that the disciples did not understand it "and they were afraid to question him" (9:32). It soon becomes clear, however, from what the disciples discuss among themselves shortly afterwards, how far they have come in seeing the significance of Jesus' passion. They are wondering which of them is the greatest (9:34).

Jesus uses this preoccupation of theirs to turn them back to the meaning of his passion. He says that the first will be the last and that the last is the one who serves everyone (9:35). This statement links up to the third Passion prediction in which Jesus will talk about giving his life as a ransom for many in terms of service (10:45). So Jesus' suffering, to which the disciples are called to witness and follow, is a service to all.

Have they got it now? No. As we will hear next week, they respond that they saw, and attempted to stop, a man who was performing miracles in Jesus' name "because he does not follow us" (9:38). It is their privileged status in relation to Jesus that they are concerned to uphold rather than being servant to everyone.

The desire for distinction is so strong that it needs to be incessantly weeded out by a deliberate focus on the extent of Jesus' suffering service as a model for our lives as disciples.

*Dennis D. Sylva and Rev. James A. Wallace, CSSR*

#### Readings for the Week of September 20, 2009

Sunday	Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54; Jas 3:16—4:3; Mk 9:30-37
Monday	Saint Matthew, apostle, evangelist Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19; Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday	Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday	Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, priest Ezr 9:5-9; Tb 13: 2-4, 6-8, 6; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday	Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149; Lk 9:7-9
Friday	Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday	Saints Cosmas and Damian, martyrs Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-13; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday	Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

NOTE: August 30<sup>th</sup> bulletin cover photo by Dan Pater.

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](http://www.stanncc.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.

#### Pope Benedict XVI on Life...

"We are well aware that all too often ... life is exalted as long as it is pleasurable, but there is a tendency to no longer respect it as soon as it is sick or handicapped. Based on deep love for every person it is possible instead to put into practice effective forms of service to life: to newborn life and to life marked by marginalization or suffering, especially in its terminal phase. The Virgin Mary received with perfect love the Word of life, Jesus Christ, who came into the world so that human beings might "have life... abundantly" (Jn 10: 10). Let us entrust to her expectant mothers, families, health-care workers and volunteers who are committed in so many ways to the service of life. Let us pray in particular for people in the most difficult situations" (Angelus, February 5, 2006). *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](http://www.ProLifePrayers.org). Be a part of the largest prayer group in history!*

***When he returned he found them asleep. He said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour?" - Mark 14:37***

The St. Ann Eucharistic Adoration team reports there are 141 Eucharistic Adorers. More volunteers are needed in order to have Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. Subs and organizers are still needed as well. Please prayerfully consider spending time with Jesus present on the altar. See this weekend's bulletin insert for more information.

Visit St. Ann Church on the web at: [www.stanncc.org](http://www.stanncc.org).

**TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**This Week in our Parish**

**Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass  
 9:00 a.m. CCD Classes  
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass  
**Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**  
 7:00 p.m. Respect Life committee meeting Parish offices  
**Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
 4-9:00 p.m. St. Ann Night at Cici's Pizza  
 8:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul  
**Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**  
 6-8:00 p.m. Cub Scouts  
**Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**  
 3:30-4:30 p.m. Confessions  
 4:40 p.m. Rosary before Mass  
**Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass  
 9:00 a.m. CCD Classes  
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

THANK YOU to SISTER MARY KUHL  
 After many years of prayer and service to St. Ann Church and School, Sister Mary Kuhl has moved to Oldenburg, IN. We are all very grateful for her years of service and dedication to St. Ann. We will miss her greatly! If you would like to keep in touch with Sister Mary, her address is:  
 Sister Mary Kuhl, P.O. Box 100, Oldenburg, IN 47036.

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.

**Theology on Tap Series for Young Adults – Clifton/U.C./Cincinnati:**  
 Brian Kelly, U.C. football coach; Rich Kelly, Archdiocesan Finance Director; and Fr. Steve Angi of the Tribunal will be the presenters on four consecutive Wednesday evenings at Martino's on Vine in Clifton, October 7, 14, 21, 28, from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

**CREDO: I Believe:** This high-energy retreat will take place at Moeller High School on September 25 - 27, 2009. Check out <http://www.credoibelieve.org> for more information.

A Blessing of Animals will take place on Saturday, October 3, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Julie Billiart Parish in Hamilton. The custom of blessing animals is in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures, whose feast day we celebrate on October 4. The brief prayer service will take place outside in the court yard on the side of the church building, near the flower garden and statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The St. Stephen Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order based at St. Julie Billiart Parish is organizing this event. If you have any questions, please call Mary Richter, 856-7327.



**Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 5:00 p.m. Paul Sherlock – Anniversary (wife)  
**Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> 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)  
**Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> Matthew, apostle & evangelist**  
 7:15 a.m. Dolores Bach (Dick & Joan Beer)  
**Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> Weekday**  
 7:15 a.m. Special Intention  
**Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> Pio of Pietrelcina, priest**  
 7:15 a.m. Elaine Eichhold (Family)  
**Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> Weekday**  
 7:15 a.m. Communion Service  
 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church in Hamilton  
**Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> Weekday**  
 8:00 a.m. Eugene & Annette Pater -63<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
 6:00 p.m. Kelly Baker & Bill Roach [Wedding]  
**Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
 7:30 a.m. Communion Service  
 5:00 p.m. Sylvia Williman (Kathleen Wolf)  
**Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People  
 10:30 a.m. Annette Marie Pater – 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Budgeted Weekly Offering	\$ 12,072.00
09/13/2009	\$ 7,196.85
Year to Date Budgeted Offering	\$ 132,792.00
Year to Date Actual Offering	\$ 99,391.31
RUMPKE Can Recycling	\$ 54.00

**ATTENTION RUNNERS, WALKERS AND PET LOVERS:**  
 Join the Sisters of the Monastery of St. Clare for the 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.sprunning.com)

**SAVE THE DATES:**

**Max & Erma's:** Be sure to watch for a flyer on our NEW fundraiser. With the coupon we distribute, St. Ann's can profit 20% of each check on Wednesday, October 7th for lunch, dinner & carryout sales. The flyer explains a little better and will have the coupon attached to it. Thanks for your support!

**Cici's Night:** Come to Cici's on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 4 to 9 PM and mention your St. Ann School at the register. Enjoy all the pizza you can eat and Cici's will donate 10% of your net sales back to us. The next Cici's night is Wednesday, September 23rd. Bring a friend and enjoy!