

# May the LORD bless us all the days of our lives.

Today's Gospel reading of Mark 10:1-16 is usually divided into two parts: 10:1-12, which is a prohibition of divorce, and 10:13-16, in which Jesus affirms and welcomes children.

The passages for today emphasize the point that service should lead to closeness rather than to separation. Thus, Jesus responds to the Pharisees' question about whether a man may divorce his wife by forbidding it on the grounds that God has joined them and made them one (10:7-12). Jesus responds to the disciples' attempt to prevent people from bringing children to him by affirming, blessing, and embracing children (10:13-16).

One might think that the disciples would have already learned at least the lesson of welcoming children because Jesus had just put his arms around another child and told them that to receive a child is to receive him and to receive him is to receive the Father (9:36-37). But the thought of their own importance as members of the group traveling with Jesus had been uppermost on their minds at that time. That is why in 9:38 John tells Jesus that they had tried to stop one who was not one of them from exorcising in Jesus' name. John's words that the healer "was not following us" are instructive. The verb "to follow" is used in Mark's Gospel to indicate discipleship of Jesus. John broadens the use of the term to indicate that people follow the disciples as well, giving them a special status.

Now the disciples continue their habit of seeking to distinguish themselves by excluding others. This time they do so by acting as gatekeepers for who may and who may not approach Jesus (10:13). The desire to draw boundaries to set ourselves apart is so powerful that we must constantly guard against it.

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

## Readings for the Week of October 4, 2009

Sunday	Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16
Monday	Jon 1:1—2:2, 11; Ps 2; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday	Saint Bruno, priest; Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher, virgin Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday	Our Lady of the Rosary Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday	Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1; Lk 11:5-13
Friday	Saint Denis, bishop, martyr, and his companions, martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, priest Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday	Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday	Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

**CONFIRMATION SERVICE PROJECT** As the Confirmation candidates prepare for this important sacrament, all of them will participate in a joint service project called Operation Christmas Child. This project, a project of Samaritan's Purse, is the world's largest Christmas Project and delivers gifts to more than 100 countries worldwide.

This is a kids-helping-kids project that starts with an empty shoe box which is filled with simple items that most people take for granted, then wrapped and hand-delivered to millions of needy children worldwide. Each box requires a \$7.00 donation to cover shipping and other project costs. We are planning to ask for monetary donations from the parish after weekend Masses on October 10-11. Please consider helping these students in this endeavor. Thank you.

**CCD / PREP** Our classes have begun and we are excited to announce a new curriculum for the upcoming school year. If you haven't registered your child or children, it's not too late. If you would like more information on St. Ann's faith formation for children, please call the Parish office at 863-4963.

Introducing...St. Ann's Youth Ministry. Beginning Sunday, October 4, 2009 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. All youth grades 7-12 are invited. Parents, too! Adults are needed to help (parents, grandparents, and single). Call Randi Hom for more information at 513-594-1168 or email [randihom@yahoo.com](mailto:randihom@yahoo.com). NOTE: Please join us at the National Life Chain, a pro life event on Sunday October 4. Meet at the Butler County Court House at 1:45 p.m.

**SAVE THE DATE** St. Ann's Interest Group is hosting an "Under One Roof" Shopping Event Friday, November 6th from 7:00 - 10:00pm. The event will be located at St. Ann School 3064 Pleasant Ave in Hamilton. Ladies, Here is your chance to buy all your holiday gifts in one place.

Over 35 Vendors and Crafters will be selling their items. Admission is \$3.00 and includes refreshments and door prizes. Wine, Fruit & Cheese, Specialty Desserts and Coffee Bar will be available. Our Chinese Raffle will have over 40 items from the Vendors & Crafters as well as Vera Bradley, Food Network, Gift Certificates etc.

**Sunday, October 4th is Respect Life Sunday.** Please join fellow parishioners from the Respect Life Committee and Youth Group in downtown Hamilton from 2-3 p.m. We will meet at the Courthouse at 1:45 p.m. and join other pro-lifers from the area in silent prayer to end the assault on all innocent human life. If you have any questions, please call Tracey Hingsbergen at 856-8945.

Marriage and the Gift of Life "A certain sharing by man in God's lordship is also evident in the specific responsibility which he is given for human life as such. It is a responsibility which reaches its highest point in the giving of life through procreation by man and woman in marriage. As the Second Vatican Council teaches: "God himself who said, 'It is not good for man to be alone' (Gen 2:18) and 'who made man from the beginning male and female' (Mt 19:4), wished to share with man a certain special participation in his own creative work. Thus he blessed male and female saying: 'Increase and multiply' (Gen 1:28)" (Pope John Paul II, *The Gospel of Life*, n. 43). *Priests for Life Liturgical resources*

**Cub Scout Pack 907** will be selling popcorn through the month of October. Look for us at the Fairfield Marsh Saturday Oct. 10th, Erie Hwy Kroger Sunday Oct. 11, and Fairfield Kroger's on Friday Oct. 16. If you prefer to place an order, you may call Jennifer Hongell at 860-5134. Last day to place an order will be Oct. 29th.

**TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**This Week in our Parish**

**Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass  
 9:00 a.m. CCD Classes  
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass  
 1:45 p.m. Meet at Courthouse for National Life Chain  
 6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry meeting in school cafeteria  
**Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:00 p.m. Rosary Society meeting in Parish offices  
**Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A.  
 8:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul  
**Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**  
 6-8:00 p.m. Cub Scouts  
**Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**  
 3:30-4:30 p.m. Confessions  
 4:40 p.m. Rosary before Mass  
**Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass  
 9:00 a.m. CCD Classes  
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

**ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS**

Baby Jesus Shower – The Respect Life Committee and the Rosary Society are asking for new or gently used baby clothing, blankets, diapers, and other items needed for babies. We also accept cash donations to buy these items. Please bring them to the Rosary Society meeting on October 6<sup>th</sup>, leave them on my porch at 898 Corwin Ave., or contact Tracey Hingsbergen at 856-8945 or Mary Jo Haizman at 863-1700 for pick-up or questions.

Rosary Society Meeting – Our October meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday October 6<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Center. We will gather at the shrine to say the rosary and follow with a business meeting. Please remember to bring you contributions for the Baby Jesus Shower.

Gardening Help Needed – For the last year, Sister Mary has taken care of the flowers around the parish. Now that she has moved to Oldenburg, we need some help to continue this task. We need people to water the flowers, help plant the shrine and pots in front of church for the fall. If you can help with this project in any way, please call Mary Jo Haizman at 863-1700. Thanks for your help.

The LaSalle Little Lancers Wrestling Program begins Monday, November 9th. The program is for children in grades K-6 and is designed to introduce the sport of wrestling. The practices are designed to educate the wrestlers on the basic fundamentals of the sport, and to promote discipline and self confidence. Tournament participation is optional and tournaments are held on Sundays throughout the season at various locations. Registration is on both Sunday October 4 and Sunday October 25 from 4:30-6:00pm in the LaSalle Wrestling Room located in the DeLaSalle Annex behind the High School. The cost is \$60 per child. If interested in more details, please contact Kerry Smyth at kbiz@cinci.rr.com.

Sister Mary's new address:  
 Sister Mary Kuhl P.O. Box 100 Oldenburg, IN 47036

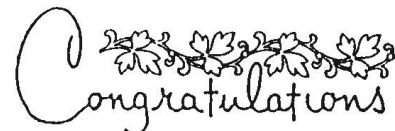


**Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 5:00 p.m. Mary Eschenbrenner (Steve & Margaret)  
**Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People  
 10:30 a.m. Tom Eichhold (Mark & Tracey Hingsbergen & Family)  
**Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> Weekday**  
 7:15 a.m. Magherita Moretti (Mark, Matia & Jennifer)  
**Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> Weekday**  
 7:15 a.m. Dick Schmidt – 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary (wife, Barbara)  
**Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of the Rosary**  
 8:00 a.m. Mary Kroeger  
**Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> Weekday**  
 7:15 a.m. Communion Service  
 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church in Hamilton  
**Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup> Weekday**  
 7:15 a.m. Tess Fontaine (Family)  
**Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> Twenty Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
 7:30 a.m. To End the Assault on all Innocent Human Life (St. Ann Respect Life Committee)  
 1:30 p.m. Sarah Gaynor & Randy Worley [Wedding]  
 5:00 p.m. Margie Thomas (Mary & David Eschenbrenner)  
**Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People  
 10:30 a.m. Karen Jester (mom & dad)

Budgeted Weekly Offering	\$ 12,072.00
09/27/2009	\$ 7,433.28
Year to Date Budgeted Offering	\$ 156,936.00
Year to Date Actual Offering	\$ 116,476.20

**ST. RAPHAEL FOOD COLLECTION** will be held here at St. Ann Parish on two weekends, October 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> and October 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>. We will be trying to help St. Raphael help members of our community with food, personal and cleaning items. If you can help, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

**HOLY NAME CHURCH**, Trenton, OH, will host a Photographic Exhibit of the Eucharistic Miracles of the World. The exhibit will be opened all day 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.; Tuesday, October 6 through Sunday October 11. For more information, call 513-988-6335.



Kelly Baker & Bill Roach who were married at St. Ann's on Friday, September 25, 2009.

Brady Lewis Baumann, child of Bryon and Emily Baumann, who was baptized at St. Ann's on Sunday, September 27, 2009.

Claire Elizabeth Hammon, child of Ryan & Jeana Hammon, who was baptized at St. Ann's on Sunday, September 27, 2009.