

From Fr. Ralph

As we are approaching Thanksgiving and I want to remind people that we have a Monday Evening Service of Prayer at the Holy Immanuel Slovak Lutheran Church at 7:00 p.m. I am sure you have seen a little church that is a block away from Our Lady, Queen of Peace church on the corner of Suismon & James Streets closer to the park. This gathering happens each year at one of the local Churches on the North Side. Please stop by and pray with us in preparation for Thanksgiving.

Also we will be having our traditional Thanksgiving Mass on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at St. Peter church. This Mass features the special offertory of non-perishable food items to be donated for the benefit of those in our area who need food for their tables.

The following is an excerpt from Jacques Philippe's book "Interior Freedom." (p.87-88) If it's a mistake to add the burden of the past to the weight of the present, it's a still worse mistake to burden the present with the future. The remedy for that tendency is to meditate on the lesson contained in the Gospel about abandonment to God's Providence and ask for God's grace to practice it. "Do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? ... Therefore do not be anxious, saying 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'"

Again, this does not mean being improvident and irresponsible. We are obliged to plan for the future and take thought for tomorrow. But we should do it without worrying, without the care that gnaws at the heart but doesn't solve anything-and often prevents us from putting our hearts into what we have to do here and now. Hearts anxious about tomorrow can't be open to the grace of the present moment.

Like the manna that fed the Hebrew people in the desert, grace can't be stockpiled. We can't build up reserves of grace but only receive it moment by moment, as part of the "daily bread" we pray for in the Our Father.



**MASS INTENTIONS
NOVEMBER 23 - NOVEMBER 29
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING**

MONDAY, 11/23 - WEEKDAY

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4
12:05 All Souls

TUESDAY, 11/24 - ANDREW DUNG-LAC & HIS COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11
12:05 All Souls

WEDNESDAY, 11/25 - WEEKDAY

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19
12:05 Szymkowiak Family (Sisters)

THURSDAY, 11/26 - THANKSGIVING DAY

Dn 6:12-28/Lk 21:20-28
10:00 Kathleen M. Rooney (M/M J. J. Rooney) (St. Peter church)

FRIDAY, 11/27 - WEEKDAY

Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33
12:05 Mary Duffy Regan
6:05 Benediction (O.L.Q.P. Church)

SATURDAY, 11/28 - WEEKDAY

Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36
5:00 Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Nee (Anniv.) (M/M A. Nee)

SUNDAY, 11/29 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
8:30 Living and Deceased Parishioners
10:30 Joseph Canyock (J. Canyock)

This Sunday—The Feast of Christ The King

Exposition and Adoration of our Eucharistic King, Jesus Christ, will be following 10:30 a.m. Mass until 3 p.m. in St. Peter's Church followed by Evening Prayer and Benediction at 3 p.m. Please come and spend some time with Jesus.

Sharing Our Blessings: November 15

Weekly Offering/offertory envelopes \$4,154.00
Loose offering \$370.00
Parish Share \$567.00
2009 PARISH SHARE GOAL \$71,706.00

2009 Parish Share Program (PSP) Update

There is **\$3,227** in outstanding pledges, which we count on will be paid in due time. It is also the parish's opportunity to raise extra funds as any amount surpassing the goal could be available un-assessed for our parish needs. We are most grateful for your generosity in supporting PSP.

"Love is faith in action. Two of the most important questions we can ask ourselves are "whom do I love?" and "Who loves me?" As Christians, we put faith into action by extending our concern for people beyond ourselves. We show our concern for others in our actions and relationships. Is our concern for others Christ-like? Do we reach out to help people in need.?"

Stewardship

Retirement Fund for Religious - Second Collection Today

Your donation supports the care of elderly and frail religious and helps to provide such basic necessities as prescription drugs and medical services. Please give generously to the collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thursday, November 26, 10:00 a.m. in St. Peter church. We will collect non-perishable items, paper products etc. and monetary donations at the offertory. Collected donations will be distributed to local food banks.

Please Note:

There will be no Adoration & Benediction Friday, November 27 in Our Lady, Queen of Peace church.

Rectory office will be closed November 26 and 27.

Volunteers Needed to Bake Bread for Our Thanksgiving Celebration

Wednesday November 25, 9 a.m. in O.L.Q.P. church social hall. Please contact Helen 412-322-1309.

Ministry of Sick

Clerics may pick up new packets of cards Tuesday, November 24 in Cardinal Wright Regional School from 3-7:30 p.m. Please bring last year's monitoring cards with you.

Greeters & Eucharistic Ministers ... New monitoring cards will be mailed to you soon. Please drop last year's card in the collection basket.

With any concerns/questions please contact Dorothy or Pat at 412-321-3186. Thank you for your wonderful service to our homebound parishioners.

Liturgical Assignments: November 26, 28 & 29

Altar Servers:

10:00 a.m. B. & D. Jamison
 5:00 p.m. A. & S. Ferris
 8:30 a.m. R. Hawkins
 10:30 a.m. B. & M. Frisco

Eucharistic Ministers:

10:00 a.m. Priests-S. Zientek-D. Degonish-M. Christenson
 5:00 p.m. K. Tetzlaw-B. Parks-M. Pierce-S. Zientek
 8:30 a.m. E. Schneider-C. Weber-Sr. Alice-G. Rayman
 10:30 a.m. P. & M. Christenson-R. Olzak-H. Powell

Lectors:

10:00 a.m. P. Christenson
 5:00 p.m. T. Zwolak
 8:30 a.m. C. Finkbeiner
 10:30 a.m. M. Roberts

Please Pray For

Our sick parish members and friends: Ralph Tajak Sr., Theresa Mendoza, Jack Klosky, K. S., John Jackline, Catherine Gonzales, Deborah Demos, Janet Behon, Stephen Kundrat, Gina Cherubini, Debra Gilfillan, Tom Frawley, Rege Senko, Richard McKenzie Jr., Flora Chiamonte, and Joan Abbinanti.

Rest In Peace

In your charity please remember in your prayers Richard Polaritz, and Nicholas Liguori.

The Workshop of Protecting God's Children for Adults

Sunday, November 29, 12:30 p.m. in Risen Lord parish. To register call Thomasina Dush, 412-761-1507 x 5. To be in compliance with the Pittsburgh Diocese's guidelines all parish volunteers are required once to attend this type of workshop.

Courtesy Announcements:

North Side Neighborhood Employment Center (Center)

... Are you looking for a new or better job? Stop in and get started. Center can help with rèsumés, cover letters, job listing, internet access and more. No appointment necessary. Center is open Mon-Fri, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and it is located at 4 Allegheny Center, Ste 601, Pittsburgh, PA 15212; Calls: Randy Lheureau 412-330-2551.

Diocesan Pilgrimage

... to celebrate "Year for Priests" June 6-18, 2010 to Italy and France is open to all priests, deacons, religious, and laity of the diocese. For more information call 412-456-3020.

"Baby Coddlers"

... are wanted in Pediatric Unit of West Penn Hospital. Free parking & meal tickets provided; For more information call 412-578-5313. Criminal background check/interview required.

Southwestern Veterans Center

... Needs volunteers to assist hospitalized veterans. Please call Lynn Lewkowicz 412-665-6790.

Parish Fundraisers:

Win A Pair of Tickets!

Steelers vs Ravens game, December 27, 1 p.m. in Heinz Field; \$5/ticket or \$10/3 tickets; Two sets of tickets for two will be raffled off November 29, after 10:30 a.m. Mass; Tickets at doors, rectory, or call Barbara 412-231-4262.

Celebrate A Victorian St. Nicholas Day

Friday, December 4, 6 p.m. at home of Linda & Joe Iannotta, 929 Beech Ave. Donation \$50 (checks payable to St. Peter Parish). All proceeds benefit St. Peter Parish. For more information call Linda 412-322-9454.

THE PRIEST

He is another Christ—Respect him;
 He is God's representative—Trust him;
 He is your benefactor—Be thankful to him.

CHRIST THE KING

