



Mater Dolorosa

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 5, 2009

Rev. John J. Large, Pastor

Rev. Cornelius Kilty, OSFS

In Residence ~ Professor ~ North Catholic

Rectory Office Hours: Monday to Friday

8:00 AM to 2:30 PM

Other Times by Appointment

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Mater Dolorosa:

St. Joan of Arc:

Saturday ~ 4:00 PM

Saturday ~ 5:15 PM

Sunday ~ 11:15 AM

Sunday ~ 10:00 AM

Wed.-Thurs. ~ 8:00 AM Mon.-Tues. ~ 8:00 AM

Holy Day Vigil 7:00 PM No Vigil Mass

Holy Day Mass 9 AM 8:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Confessions

Saturday ~ 3:30 PM

Saturday ~ 4:45 PM

BAPTISM: Baptisms are scheduled for the 3rd Sunday of the month at 12:15 PM. Parent must be registered in the parish and have attended a Pre-Jordan Class held on the 2nd Monday of the month. Registration is made by calling the Rectory.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:

Eucharist is taken to the homebound on a regular basis. If a family member is in the hospital, please contact the Rectory.



CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

by Paul Turner

The conversion of St. Paul is one of the bible's great stories. A man who persecuted Christians joins the group he was targeting. The story appears several times in the New Testament. Saul was traveling on the road to Damascus when he was struck by a blinding light and fell to the ground. Unable to see, he heard the voice of Jesus ask, "Why are you persecuting me?" Saul in turn asked, "Who are you?" Housed by a disciple named Ananias, Saul learned about Jesus Christ, was baptized, and became known as "Paul." Through his travels, preaching, and writing, he became the most influential of all the followers of Christ. The conversation during his vision symbolizes the stance between God and the average human person: God asks why we do what we do, and we try to penetrate the mystery of God.

The Catholic Church celebrates a feast day in honor of Paul's conversion every year on Jan. 25. There is no historical evidence linking this date to that event. The earliest appearance of Jan. 25 on the church calendar seems to have commemorated the anniversary of the day that the relics of this apostle were moved from the catacombs to the basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls of Rome. The date later became associated with his conversion, probably because of the universal appeal of Paul's story.

As a feast day, the conversion outranks most other weekdays, but when it falls on a Sunday, the Ordinary Time liturgy takes precedence. However, Pope Benedict XVI made mid-2008 to mid-2009 a special year commemorating the 2,000th anniversary of the birth of St. Paul, and in honor of this event he authorized the celebration of the Conversion of St. Paul on Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009.

Mass Book ~ The Mass Book for the year 2010 is now open.

Summer Fun Day with Mater Dolorosa ~ Monday, July 13th. Join us for a day of fun beginning with a 1 hour Boat Ride on the A.C. Cruise. Next is a 4 hour stay at the Hilton Casino with package. End the day at the Renault Winery. All you can eat family style dinner with unlimited wine. Bus departs Mater Dolorosa at 9 AM. Arrive back at Mater Dolorosa approximately 8:30 PM. Cost is \$58.00 non-refundable. Trip must be paid by July 1st. Call Cindy at 215-535-2740 to reserve your seat.

PARISH FINANCES FOR June 21, 2009

INCOME

First Collection	\$ 1,769.00
Candles	\$ 164.00
Air Conditioning	\$ 330.00
Rent	\$ 400.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 179.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 20.00

Total Income \$ 2,862.00

EXPENSES

Payroll/Taxes/Fee	\$ 1,626.17
PGW & Verizon	\$ 340.18
Rectory Expenses	\$ 350.00
Printing	\$ 121.01
Catholic Charities	\$ 20.00

Total Expenses \$ 2,457.36

June 16, 2009

Dear Father Large,

I would like to thank you and your parishioners for the generous donations of groceries to our Food Cupboard from your recent Manna collection. Our shelves are now full thanks to the kindness of our friends at the "Mot". May God bless you with His peace.

Gratefully,
Liz Thrasher
St. Joan of Arc Rectory

Capital Campaign ~ A Tip from the Campaign Office. According to a recent study by the *Giving USA Foundation*, donations to religious organizations increased by 5.5% in 2008, although overall giving to charities was down slightly. The faithful are responding to the needs of the Church! Pastors, volunteers and donors should be confident that gifts to *Heritage of Faith ~ Vision of Hope* will be well spent on the spiritual, educational and charitable priorities of the Church in Philadelphia!

Campaign for Human Development ~ Next weekend the second collection will be for the Campaign for Human Development.

Remember Our Sick!

John Bandish, Frank Cancelliere, Josephine DiRaddo, Mary DiSantis, Helen Mauro, Frank Salerno, Elizabeth Sellman, Patricia Sellman, Joan Toohey, Theresa Vizza.

People Attending

June 27-28, 2009	100
Envelopes Mailed	386
Envelopes Used	
June 27-28, 2009	70

Thank You for Coming and Giving!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat., July 4: (Vigil 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
4 pm Rita Gross (Liz Snider)

Sunday, July 5: (14th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
11:15 am Veronica C. Franks (Merriman Family)

Monday, July 6: (St. Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr)
8 am Mass at St. Joan of Arc

Tuesday, July 7: (Weekday)
8 am Mass at St. Joan of Arc

Wednesday, July 8: (Weekday)
8 am Helen Wisniewski (Family)

Thursday, July 9: (St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest & Martyr and his Companions, Martyrs)
8 am Carmela Cinque Iavecchia (Cinque Family)

Friday, July 10: (Weekday)
NO MASS

Sat., July 11: (Vigil 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
4 pm Joseph Pregler (Charles & Rose Flemming)

Sunday, July 12: (15th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
11:15 am Judith & Anthony DiSalvo (Daughters)

Faithful with Much ~ At a Wednesday evening church meeting a very wealthy man rose to give his testimony. "I'm a millionaire," he said, "and I attribute it all to the rich blessings of God in my life. I can still remember the turning point in my faith. "I had just earned my first dollar, and I went to a church meeting that night. The speaker was a missionary who told about his work. I knew that I only had a dollar bill and had either to give it all to God's work or nothing at all. So at that moment I decided to give my whole dollar to God. I believe that's why I'm a millionaire today." As he finished it was clear that everyone was moved by the man's story. As he took his seat, a little old lady sitting in the same pew leaned over and said, "Wonderful story! I dare you to do it again!"

† INTENTIONS FOR OUR VOTIVE CANDLES †

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