

## Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



### WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

"Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. (Jn 12:24-25)

When they put Jesus in the tomb, they thought they would never hear His name again. Never see any impact or results from His life. They were wrong.

One life, one grain of wheat, produced much more wheat. A harvest of apostles and disciples who died to self and grew the Church and the faith. The seeds of martyrs produced more grains of wheat that today is 1.2 billion Catholics.

**Living the Faith requires dying to self.** It also requires imitating Christ, the martyrs, and the saints. During the mass, we bring forward gifts of wheat, the offering of ourselves that Christ transforms into Himself. A self-sacrifice where we, modern seeds of faith, become the harvest.

Listen to the words of St. Ignatius of Antioch (c.35-c.108 AD), written as he is taken to Rome to die for the faith: "You cannot give me anything more precious than this—that I should be sacrificed to God while the altar is ready. It is good that I should set from the world in God, that I may rise in Him to life. Only pray for strength to be given to me from within and from without, that I may not only speak, but also may be willing, and that I may not merely be called a Christian, but also may be found to be one. . . Leave me to become the prey of the beasts, that by their means I may be accounted worthy of God. I am the wheat of God, and by the teeth of the beasts I shall be ground, that I may be found the pure bread of God." (*Christian History Timeline*)

The words of Blessed Charles de Foucault (1858-1916), a French missionary who went to the middle of nowhere in North Africa to bring witness and teach the faith. "Father, I abandon myself into Your hands; do with me what You will. Whatever You may do I thank You. I am ready for all, I accept all. Let only Your will be done in me, as in all Your creatures, I ask no more than this, my Lord.

"Into Your hands I commend my soul; I offer it to You, O Lord, with all the love of my heart, for I love You, my God, and so need to give myself - to surrender myself into Your hands, without reserve and with total confidence, for You are my Father." (*Prayer of Abandonment*)

Sadly many Catholics and Christians today allow pride, earthly things, and the need for control to dominate their lives and even their spiritual decision making. They worry more about what the world thinks than what Christ sees and knows. They live on the surface rather than in the soil of their soul. The seeds of faith never grow roots as selfishness and me-centered thinking leave little room for the living water of God's grace. "What's in it for me" leads to spiritual death. "What's in it for others" leads to union with Christ. What is required?

His will. His way. His path. His plan.

Only a life of surrender to Christ can lead to the sacrifice and service necessary to produce an abundant harvest of the wheat and the fruit Christ requires. Only a faith rooted in Christ and nurtured by prayer and the sacraments can produce the joy and peace that everyone so desperately wants. Only a Eucharist-centered life can truly imitate Christ.

"The Eucharist began at Bethlehem in Mary's arms. It was she who brought to humanity the Bread for which it was famishing, and which alone can nourish it. She it was who took care of that Bread for us. It was she who nourished the Lamb whose life-giving Flesh we feed upon." ( *St. Peter Julian Eymard*)



Prayer

"He must increase; I must decrease." (Jn 3:30)

### SPIRITUAL WARFARE



The Battle Belongs to the Lord.

"The power of darkness comes in like a flood /The battle belongs to the Lord /He's raised up a standard, the power of His blood /The battle belongs to the Lord/When your enemy presses in hard do not fear/The battle belongs to the

Lord/Take courage my friend, your redemption is near/The battle belongs to the Lord." (*Words and music by Jamie Owens-Collins*)

Christ wins the battle for us. We cannot fight it alone. We cannot fight based on human thinking or our own supposed power. The human will cannot resist on its own. God's grace enables us to stand strong and to allow Him to fight the battle for us. "He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (Col 1:13-14)

All we need do is call out His name. "At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord." (Phil 2:10-11)



"2010" Weekly Budget.....	\$5,350.00
Offertory collected June 6 <sup>th</sup> .....	\$5,620.85
<b>Difference</b> .....	<b>+\$ 130.85</b>
<b>Second Collections</b>	
Second collection June 6 <sup>th</sup> "Building Fund".....	\$2,221.14

### Campaign '10 Pledges:

Total donations made (from pledges) as of 05/30/10.....	\$94,272.33
June 6 <sup>th</sup> collection.....	\$ 0
New Campaign total donations from pledges.....	\$94,272.33

### Next Week's Second Collection

There will be no second collection next weekend.

### CONFIRMATION 101

June 21-25, we will be offering a Confirmation Prep class to students entering ninth and 10<sup>th</sup> grade (Classes of 2013 and 2014). This is a required class for Confirmation. The primary text is *We Believe. . . A Survey of the Catholic Faith* by Father Oscar Lukefahr, C.M.

The Archdiocese of Atlanta requires two years of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, including six weeks of specific preparation immediately before the sacrament is received. Confirmation 101 is a basic review of the faith that is a required element. Confirmation is usually received during the 10<sup>th</sup> grade year.

For more information or to register, please contact the parish office.

### Young Adult Group



Calling all young adult's ages 19-30 years. The Young Adults Group will meet every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the café. Come and meet your fellow parishioners as you journey together to build your faith with scripture, group discussion, and prayer. All are welcome.

## Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time June 13, 2010

**First Reading: 2 Samuel 12:7-10, 13**

The Lord has forgiven your sin; you shall not die.

**Second Reading: Galatians 2:16, 19-21**

I live, no longer I but Christ lives in me.

**Gospel: Luke 7:36-8:3**

Her many sins have been forgiven, because she has shown great love.

### Living the Paschal Mystery

The Pharisee neglected to see Jesus' need for hospitality and the sinful woman's need for forgiveness and salvation. It is so easy to miss seeing the needs of others! Part of seeing is to forget self so that we can truly encounter the other. If we are wrapped up in our own needs, it is impossible to see the needs of others. One way to live this gospel is to practice every day reaching out to another with a simple gesture of kindness or hospitality. This can be as simple as saying help to someone we pass in a hallway, smiling at someone who seems depressed, or lending a helping hand to someone who seems burdened. ~Living Liturgy

### Stewardship Thought

Like Nathatan in today's first reading, we sin when we begin to feel entitled and act as if what we have is ours by right, when we forget that everything we have is an unmerited gift from God. But God is gracious and forgiving—even when we use His gifts wrongly or squander them thoughtlessly—if, like Nathan, we confess our guilt and ask His pardon.

Saturday June 12, 5:30pm..... Our Parish Family  
 Sunday, June 13, 8:30am..... Our Parish Family  
 Sunday, June 13, 10:00am..... (Spanish Mass) Our Parish Family  
 Sunday, June 13, 11:30 am..... Our Parish Family  
 Sunday, June 13, 1:00pm..... (Spanish Mass) Jesus Magaña (health)  
 Sunday, June 13, 7:00pm..... (Spanish Mass) Jovita Cruz Lopez (RIP)  
 Monday, June 14, 10:00am..... Daily Mass  
 Tuesday June 15, 12:15 pm..... Daily Mass  
 Wednesday, June 16, 12:15pm..... Daily Mass  
 Wednesday, June 16, 6:30 pm..... Rosary  
 Thursday, June 17, 12:15 pm..... Communion Service  
 Friday, June 18, 7:30pm..... No prayer group this day  
 Saturday June 19, 5:30pm..... Pearl Turner (RIP)  
 Sunday, June 20, 8:30am..... Our Parish Family  
 Sunday, June 20, 10:00am..... (Spanish Mass) Our Parish Family  
 Sunday, June 20, 11:30 am..... Teresa Howard (RIP)  
 Sunday, June 20, 1:00pm..... (Spanish Mass) Our Parish Family  
 Sunday, June 20, 7:00pm..... Our Parish Family

### U.S. Catholic History

Charles H. Fahy (1892-1979), is the first known prominent Catholic public servant from Georgia. Born in Rome, Georgia, Fahy attended the University of Notre Dame and Georgetown University Law School. While growing up, his family would host priests for monthly and bi-monthly masses in their home—Marist priests who came from Atlanta on horseback! Fahy was one of 14 children, 11 of whom survived to adulthood.

Fahy served as Solicitor General of the United States from 1941-45 under President Franklin D. Roosevelt. His job was to argue cases before the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of the federal government. From 1946-47, he served as legal director to U.S. forces in Germany after World War II, legal advisor to the State Department, and then on the Legal Committee for the General Assembly of the United Nations. He was then named a United States federal judge, District of Columbia Court of Appeals in 1949. Fahy served actively until 1967 and then as senior status until his death.



In 1948, President Harry Truman named Fahy as chairman of the President's Committee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunities in the Armed Forces that would help Truman desegregate the military.

One son, Father Joseph Fahy, grew up in Washington, D.C., became a missionary priest for the Passionist Fathers, and came to Georgia in 1983 to serve in the Archdiocese of Atlanta until his death in 2007. Another son Father C. Thomas Fahy, a Benedictine monk, taught at schools and universities in Washington D.C. and Philadelphia before passing away in a tragic accident in October 2008. A daughter, Sarah, is a nun with the Sisters of Notre Dame in Washington, D.C.

Charles Fahy's sister Hannah Fahy (or Sister Peter Claver) was a nun with the Missionary Servants of the Blessed Trinity (MSBT), working primarily with poor blacks all over the U.S. until her death at 105. (*Information from Wikipedia and the Georgia Bulletin*)

### Please pray for the people who are suffering:



Donna Thibault - respiratory illness, Barbara Smith-cancer, Marty McKinnon- ovarian cancer, Cayla Johnson-hydrocephalus, Joe Campbell-follicular lymphoma, Tonya Isham-tumor, Curtis Lunt-ill health, Melissa Silva-health, Juanita Rochester-cancer, Chuck Terry- prostate cancer, June Macejkovic-heart condition, Fr. Denis Kolumber-health, Ernie -

leukemia, Maria Farias- breast cancer, Jeanne Walraven-health, Jean Seitz-cancer, Angie Defalco-health, Erna Wyatt-health, Jim Rorer-special intention, Michael Llop-brain tumor, Erik Bigelow-special intention, Janice Miller-health, Jaden Bates-health, Roy Davies-safety, Chris Wable-health, Jim Wable-lung cancer, Marilyn Clayton-health, Ashlie Warren-health, Jenna Proctor-health, Jeff Elder-health, Serge Kastorsky-cancer, Terry Alan-bladder cancer, Lisa Clark-failed surgery, Betty Maddox-chemo, Donald Hicks-health, Jeff Bigelow-health, Cindy Wilson-health, Audrin King-cancer, Bud Murphy-health, Geri Harper-breast cancer, Joanne Silvers-kidney cancer, Donna Ivey-surgery, Cory Ivey-surgeries, Pam Bagley-lung cancer, T.J. Rushing-tumor, Richard Parker Sr.- alzheimer's.

### Archdiocesan News

**ST. ANN'S EMBRACE MINISTRY BLOCK PARTY** will be held Sat., June 19, at 7 p.m. for divorced, separated or single persons at **LASLETTE HALL** on Bishop Lake Road across from St. Ann Church, 4905 Roswell Road, Marietta. Live music, dancing and dinner. A \$10 donation is requested. Contact: tgiometti@bellsouth.net to RSVP. For more information, visit [www.embracedbythechurch.com](http://www.embracedbythechurch.com).

If you have lost a loved one, please consider joining **GRIEF SHARE**, a 13-week Christian video/discussion support group held at **HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**, 101 Walt Banks Road, Peachtree City. Grief can leave you feeling lonely, in despair and unable to cope. GriefShare can help. Weekly sessions are offered Wednesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. and Friday mornings from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Contact: Gayle Reddy at (770) 631-8251 for information.

Unemployed? **MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH**, 2971 Butner Road, SW, Atlanta, hosts **GO-UP (GET OUT OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT PIT)** each Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the parish center. Interested individuals gather in a Christian setting to reflect on the call of God in these difficult times, discuss how to find resources in the job search, network with the employed and unemployed, and increase skills to look for new employment. This ministry joins with other churches and other agencies in reaching out to those finding these economic times hard to live with and understand. Anyone in need of such support is welcome to come once or as many times as needed. Contact: (404) 349-0176.