



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

September 21 ~ September 27

Mon.	8:30	Mary Nelson †
Tues.	8:30	Marcella Holman †
Wed.	8:30	Daniel Foster †
Thurs.	8:30	Alice Formea †
Fri.	6:30	Lena Fulvio †
	8:30	Frances Ann Gerda †
Sat.	8:30	Sue Smith †
	5:00	Anna Marie Pierucci †
Sun.	7:30	Joan McKay †
	5:00	David C. Trumbull †

Rest in Peace ~ Scott Christie

### Sick Relatives and Friends

Please remember in your prayers: Gerry Rodgers, Betty Cirigliano, Kathy Marnell, Ibrahim Abedrabbo, Dawn Crecy, Christine Zika, Joe Vassallo, Barbara Peters, Yolanda Plut, Carmella Chellemi, Carmen Esquivel and Jim Mason.

*Are you are ill or homebound? Would you like members of the parish to pray for you? Do you know of someone who is, and would like to receive the Eucharist? Contact Kathy Fagliano at 591-7349 ext. 28.*

### Sacramental Giving

Last Weekend's Offering ~ \$10,407 ~ Thank you

#### This Weekend's Special Collection **Priest's Retirement Fund 2009** **Serving God...Serving You...**

We are blessed to have 77 retired Archdiocesan priests. You probably know several of them. Some of them reside in parish rectories, some in retirement homes or assisted living facilities, and some live independently. During active ministry, priests receive a salary, room and board. Once retired, they begin receiving a pension from the Archdiocese reflecting their years of service, along with a small Social Security check. Pension and Social Security together may not equal the amount they earned in active years.

A large number of priests in the Archdiocese are nearing retirement age after 40 to 50 years of active service and ministry. The length of service far exceeds that of most professions. This will place an even greater burden on the Fund. Even though most priests do not retire until the age of 70, they face increasing costs associated with retirement expenses for many years.

Our retired priests rely on this Fund as they live their twilight years in selfless service. Your support is critical! Thank you.

**Stewardship by the Book:** *Today's second reading warns that a heart consumed with avarice and envy leads to jealousy, strife, conflicts and disputes. A giving heart, in contrast, can sing instead with the Psalmist, "Freely will I offer you sacrifice; I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness."*



**Today is Stewardship Sunday**  
**Hospitality after all morning Masses**  
**Drop in Borromeo Hall**  
**and see how many ways you can**  
**share your time and talent !!!**

## FAITH FORMATION

# SOS

## Our Children Need You!

**We Still Have Grades Without Religious Ed. Teachers.**  
We still have a need for teachers on Sunday and Monday. Without your help these children will be without teachers. We need 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers on Sunday and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade on Monday. Please consider this ministry, and watch your own faith grow as you share the teachings of Jesus with his most precious ones. You will receive training and support. For further information call Nancy 591-7349 ext. 27.

### REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

If you are a new family in the parish with children we welcome you to register your child or children in religious formation. The Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade meets either on Sunday morning from 10:15am until 11:15am or on Mondays in the afternoon from 3:30pm until 4:30pm. Registration forms are at all the entrances of the church. You may also pick up a form at the Parish Center. Please complete the forms and either return them to the parish office or mail them in. "The Edge" is our Middle School Program and includes 6th grade through 8th grade. The Edge meets on Monday nights. Our First Communion and First Reconciliation program is for children who are at least in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade or older and have completed one year of religious education. High School students who are interested in becoming fully initiated in the Catholic Church through the sacrament of Confirmation or are interested in other high school opportunities may contact Tami Palladino, at 591-7349 x 31.

For registration information contact Michelle Baeza at [mbaeza@stcharlesparish.org](mailto:mbaeza@stcharlesparish.org), or 591-7349 x 34.

**Little Angels is a preschool liturgy that gathers Sundays at 9:00am** on a drop-in basis for children ages 3-5.

Children sing, pray, hear Bible stories, and do art projects with a staff of dedicated teachers and assistants. Little Angels meets in the Extended Day Care room in the Upper Hall of the school. Please contact Maureen Smith at 592-6709 or email [mosmithtx@gmail.com](mailto:mosmithtx@gmail.com) for more information about this great parish program.

**Are you curious about the Catholic Church or are you thinking about joining the Catholic Church? Are you a baptized Catholic but have not received the sacrament of Confirmation or Eucharist?**

**INQUIRY SESSIONS** for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) will begin: Sunday—September 13 after the 9:00 AM, Mass For more information, please call Nancy Farant, 650-591-7349 ext. 27, or Linda Burns, (650)576-3105.

*St. Charles welcomes its newest members  
through the waters of Baptism:*

Maria Raed Bandak & Joseph Raed Bandak

### Ways to Support our Youth....

**Charlie's Angels Bake Sale Fundraiser:** Next Sunday after the morning Masses Charlie's Angels will be having a Bake sale to raise money to go to the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in Kansas City, Missouri in November. The teens are very excited about this event which is expected to draw more than 20,000 youth and youth ministers from around the country. Thank you for your support!

**Recycled Christmas Cards?** Charlie's Angels is asking for donations of any Christmas cards to recycle into ornaments. If you would like to contribute any cards, please bring them to the parish office or contact Tami Palladino: [tami@stcharlesparish.org](mailto:tami@stcharlesparish.org) or 591-7349 x 31.

**Archdiocesan-wide Youth Mass** with Bishop William Justice, **St. Anne's Parish** in San Francisco: **Sat, Sept 26, 2009.** All teens are encouraged to attend. **Please R.S.V.P. to reserve your seat on the bus that leaves St. Charles at 5:30 pm.**

Contact Tami: 591-7349 x31 or [tami@stcharlesparish.org](mailto:tami@stcharlesparish.org).

**Support St. Charles Class of 2010** by purchasing an Entertainment Book at Hospitality this weekend. For additional copies or questions contact Diana Bradley at 650-678-9540.

**All Ministers: Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Catechists, Ushers, all who serve God's People:**

Father Dave Pettingill will share with us **VATICAN II-The Catholic Church's Best Kept Secret**. Mark your calendars for October, 6, **What Does the Modern Church Say About Us the Modern Church?**, November 10, **What Does the Modern Church Say About Hearing the Word of God?** & December 1, **What Does the Modern Church Say About the Modern Church in the Modern World?** All talks will begin at 7:00pm.

The **St. Pius Grief Support Ministry** announces the fall session of our Grief Support Group. The group will begin on **Monday, September 21st through November 16th from 7:00PM - 8:30PM.** The group meets in the small chapel in the Parish Center. Registration is open until Monday October 5th. You register at your first meeting. Please call 361-0655 or email [grief\\_help@hotmail.com](mailto:grief_help@hotmail.com) if you have any questions.

**An Opportunity Close to Home** to learn and pray in a small group setting. We will explore the chapter on the Sermon on the Mount in the book, "Jesus of Nazareth" written by the Holy Father, Benedict XVI. The reflections given shine a fresh light along the way of the Beatitudes. We meet from 10:00am - 12:00pm on seven consecutive Tuesdays starting Sept. 22, 2009. For information call the coordinator Helene Koenig at 650-592-4793.

**St. Charles' Vincentians take part in Friends of the Poor® Walk** Please join the St. Charles' Vincentians as we walk to raise funds for our St. Vincent de Paul Conference. Money raised will stay in our community and be used to fight hunger and prevent homelessness. The 4.5 mile walk will be held around Lake Merced in San Francisco on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> starting with a Mass at 8:00 a.m. in the Sunset Circle Parking Lot – Sunset Blvd. at Lake Merced Blvd.

There is no fee to participate. Walkers register in support of St. Charles' Conference. Walkers may register on-line at [www.svdpfriendsofthepoorwalk.org](http://www.svdpfriendsofthepoorwalk.org). On-site registration the morning of the walk is possible. Paper registration may be obtained from Margi Jung. Please call Margi at (650) 373-0622 with any questions or concerns.



**"COMMUNITY UNITY"**  
**October 2nd - 4th**

Thursday Oct 1 3pm to 9pm Booth Setup	Friday. Oct 2 3pm - 9:00pm Festival Opens	Saturday Oct 3 2pm - 9:00pm Pasta Dinner Borromeo Hall	Sunday Oct 4 1pm - 5pm More Fun	Monday Oct. 5 8a.m - Done Tear Down & Cleanup
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The ever popular "Dime Toss" is back and we need glassware. Please box up your old, new, recycled or last year's treasures and place in the patio behind the Rectory. **There is no Granny's Attic at the festival so glassware type items only please; such as mugs, cups, saucers, wine glasses, ashtrays, vases, etc.**

We also need all types of baked goods for our Cake Booth. Please drop your wrapped creation off directly to the Cake Booth or leave it in the upper hall kitchen.

In order to make the Festival a success for the entire Parish, booth sponsorship is essential. Booth sponsors receive signage at a booth, a tax deductible donation, two free dinner passes and pride of knowing you were instrumental in the festival's success. This was a great success in past years, and we are looking to repeat that success this year. Contact Christina Kish at [cmkish@yahoo.com](mailto:cmkish@yahoo.com) or (650) 598-9863 to sign up as a sponsor.

We still need volunteers. Please contact either Kirby Kish at [kjkish@yahoo.com](mailto:kjkish@yahoo.com) or Bill Hollywood at [bhollywood@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bhollywood@sbcglobal.net) if you would like to help.

#### HOW DO WE TREAT THE MESSENGER?

Let's not be too hasty in defining who is "the wicked one" and who (namely us) is just! We are very quick to label others as evil, because we tend to label ourselves as good guys. We don't like it when we are brought up short by a prophetic voice that brings us some bad news about our own behavior. We don't like to be reproached for transgressions of the law or charged with violations of our training.

We may condemn and abuse those who bring us up against these truths about ourselves when, if we were really good, we would thank them for helping to keep us on the right path. This is the way they treated the prophets and the way they treated Jesus. Is this also the way we treat those whose message we don't like?

## Upcoming Events

Sept. 20	Hospitality & Stewardship Sunday After all morning Masses, Borromeo Hall Family Mass 9:00am Mass Catechist Gathering, Upper Hall RCIA, 10:00am, St. Charles Room Confirmation Meeting, 3:00pm, Borromeo Hall Blessing of Young Drivers, 5:00pm Mass
Sept. 22	Confirmation Parent/Candidate Meeting, 7:00pm, Borromeo Hall
Sept. 23	Children's Choir, 3:15pm, Church
Sept. 24	Light Weigh Gathering, 7:00pm, St. Francis Room Adult Choir, 7:30pm, Church

### Today is Catechetical Sunday

This year's theme is "**Catechesis and the Proclamation of the Word**". The blessing of all catechists will be celebrated at the 9:00am, Family Mass. Following Mass there will be a meeting for all Catechists in the Upper Hall. **Thank you to all those that responded to the call of this ministry.**

The following participants have been recognized for their years of service:

#### 5 years

Virginia Marans  
Jean Sebring  
Christina Simpson  
Anthony Vassallo  
Alex Cromosini  
Eric Cromosini

#### 7 Years

Lana Greco  
Judy Ansaldi

#### 9 Years

Sonia Bon  
Allison Spong

#### 15 Years

Joanne Cromisini

#### 17 Years

Tami Palladino  
Sharon Branaman

#### 22 Years

Bob Farkas

#### 25 Years

Carolyn Tamony

#### 31 Years

Nancy Farrant

### What is Your Catholic IQ?

1. The Transfiguration of Jesus belongs to which set of Mysteries of the Rosary? (a) Luminous (b) Sorrowful (c) Joyful (d) Glorious
2. The election of a new pope is signaled by \_\_\_\_\_  
dark smoke (b) white flags (c) white smoke (d) ringing bells
3. This saint is often depicted holding a staff from which lilies have blossomed. (a) Jerome (b) John (c) James (d) Joseph
4. Which of the following is not considered an Abrahamic religion? (a) Judaism (b) Buddhism (c) Islam (d) Christianity

*Check out next week's bulletin for the answers!*

#### Last week's answers to Catholic IQ

1. *Soul of Christ, sanctify me; Body of Christ, save me; Blood of Christ* \_\_\_\_\_  
Answer: **(d)** In the Anima Christi prayer (Soul of Christ), we pray that the Blood of Christ inebriate us, or enliven us, similar to praying that our hearts be lifted up to the Lord.
2. This Commandment makes it morally obligatory to exercise the right to vote \_\_\_\_\_. Answer: **(b)** In addition to honoring our parents, the Fourth Commandment calls us to honor our duty as citizens (Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 2238-2240)
3. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, this word refers to the prayers and or actions a priest assigns to the penitent as a form of reparation/satisfaction for sins committed \_\_\_\_\_.  
Answer: **(a)** Penance or satisfaction is given to us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation to help us show our sorrow for our sins and to make amends for our wrongs.
4. When praying the Nicene Creed, we are encourage to bow when reciting \_\_\_\_\_. Answer: **(c)** We bow during the Nicene Creed when praying about the Incarnation of Jesus to show our profound gratitude for the miracle of God becoming human.

# Environment for Catholic Worship

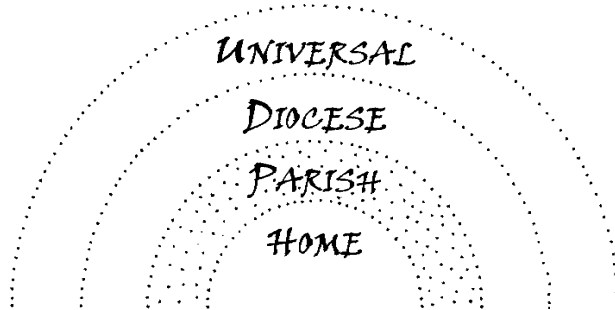
## About this series

In November 2000, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops published *Built of Living Stones*, guidelines for the design and furnishing of Roman Catholic worship spaces. This present series of twelve bulletin inserts intends to explore the major issues and themes and quotes extensively from the document.

## Part 1

# The Living Church

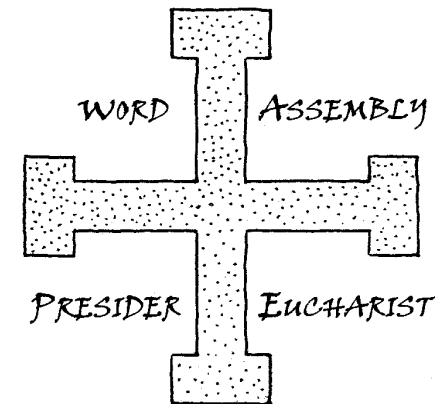
We begin our look at spaces for Roman Catholic worship by recognizing that the word we often use to describe a building—church—is best understood first as a word to describe a people, a community of believers in union with Christ. And even when describing a people it can mean the smallest grouping—the domestic church, to the largest—the universal church. The focus of our attention in this series will be the place where the local church celebrates the mysteries of our faith as a parish.



Orans or “praying figure” in the 4<sup>th</sup> century Via Latina catacomb

The church building provides a place for the community of faith to respond to Jesus’ invitation to become one with him in the praise and thanksgiving of God, whom he called “Abba.” Here, we recognize Christ in “the breaking of the bread,” in the proclamation of our sacred stories, and in the very assembly gathered here to remember how God has claimed us as a chosen people.

In this place, the church remembers the blessings and covenants of the past. It unites itself with Christ in the New Covenant and responds to Christ’s command to “Do this in memory of me.” And so this building must serve the action of the assembly as it celebrates the mystery of redemption. It is the place where the presence of Christ is experienced in all of its manifestations—the gathered assembly, the proclamation of the Word, the sharing and the reservation of the Eucharist, and in the person of the presiding priest.



The liturgy that we celebrate here is the source and summit of our Christian life, a life marked by daily acts of self-sacrifice and concern for the poor and alienated, the sick and imprisoned, both within and beyond our circle of family and friends. The hospitality and care that must characterize the daily life of a Christian should also be present in the place where Christians gather.

This climate of hospitality makes it possible for the church to be a school where children and adults learn how to love one another. The respect and dignity shown to each person who crosses the threshold of the church—whether stranger or friend, young or old, able or disabled—is the same hospitality and openness that characterized Jesus' ministry. The design of the entrance and the interior and exterior gathering spaces can be an expression of that hospitality.

Churches have long been understood as places of sanctuary or safety. In our own day, churches can be a second home for the households who come together each week to celebrate the Eucharist, and who come to mark the significant moments of the lives of each of its members.

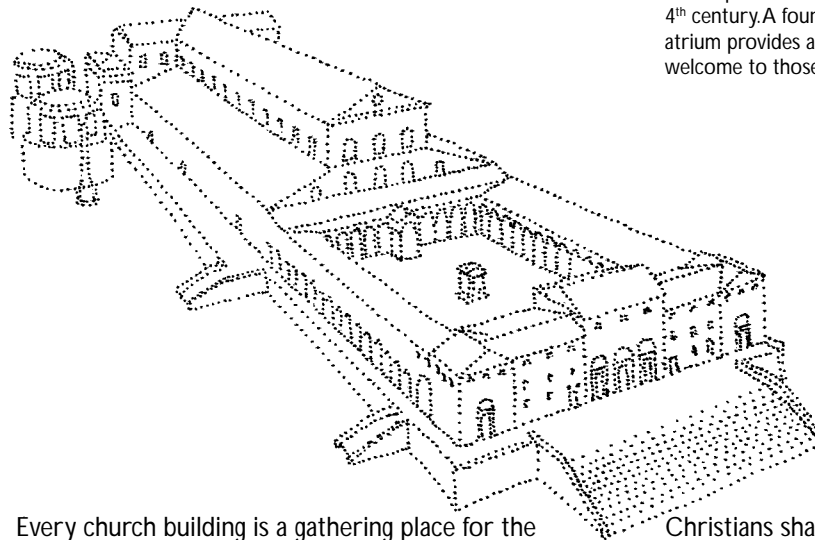
### Excerpts from *Built of Living Stones*

[The following abbreviations designate the sources quoted by *Built of Living Stones*: BB-*Book of Blessings*; CCC-Catechism of the Catholic Church; CIC-*Code of Canon Law*; GILM-*General Introduction to the Lectionary for Mass*; GIRM-*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*; LMT-*Liturgical Music Today* (US Bishops Statement); MCW-*Music In Catholic Worship* (US Bishops Statement); N-*Notitiae* (Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments); OCF-*Order of Christian Funerals*; OP-*Ordo Penitentiae Rite of Penance*; PCEF-*Circular Letter Concerning the Preparation of the Easter Feasts*; RDCA-*Rite of Dedication of a Church and an Altar*; SC-The Constitution on the Liturgy, *Sacrosanctum Concilium*.]

Just as the term *Church* refers to the *living temple*, God's People, the term *church* also has been used to describe "the building in which the Christian community gathers to hear the word of God, to pray together, to receive the sacraments, and celebrate the Eucharist." (RCDA, ch 2, no 1) [16]

... the building itself becomes "a sign of the pilgrim Church on earth and reflects the Church dwelling in heaven." (RCDA, ch 1, no 2)

The pilgrimage church, Ste. Foy in Conques, France was begun in the 11<sup>th</sup> century and has been visited by countless pilgrims on a journey toward Santiago de Compostela in northwestern Spain.



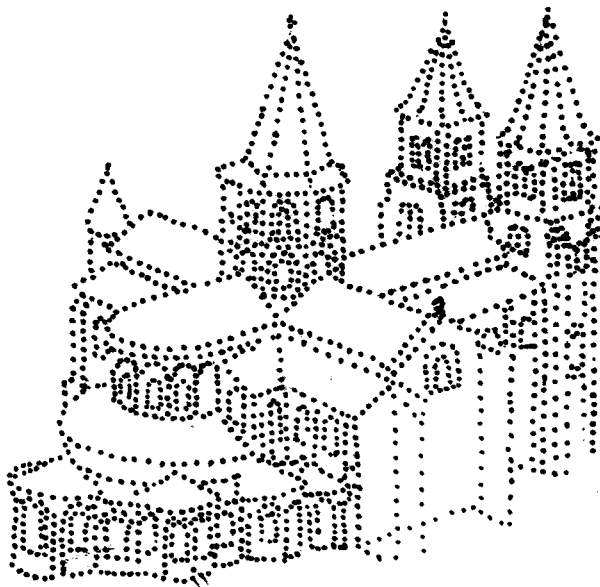
Old St. Peter's Church, built by the emperor Constantine in the 4<sup>th</sup> century. A fountain in the atrium provides a refreshing welcome to those arriving.

Every church building is a gathering place for the assembly, a resting place, a place of encounter with God, as well as a point of departure on the Church's unfinished journey toward the reign of God. [17]

In the New Testament, the term *liturgy* is intimately connected with the proclamation of the Good News and with active charity. Through baptism and confirmation,

Christians share in Christ's priesthood which they exercise through their worship of God and their vocation of service to others. At the Eucharist, Christ calls his members to conversion in the proclamation of the word; he invites them to join with him in offering his perfect sacrifice to the Father; and he sends them forth from liturgy to serve the community in charity. [21]

The church building houses the community of the baptized as it gathers to celebrate the sacred liturgy. By its practical design and beauty it fosters the full, dignified, and graceful celebration of these rites. The primary concern in the building or renovation of a space for worship must be its suitability for the celebration of the Eucharist and other liturgical rites of the Church. Consequently, the fundamental prerequisite for those engaged in the building or renovation of a church is familiarity with the rites to be celebrated there. [46]



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