



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK September 28 ~ October 4

Mon.	8:30	Dan McDevitt (L)
Tues.	8:30	Tucker Barrett & Tom Barrett †
Wed.	8:30	Claire Donohue †
Thurs.	8:30	Eugene Gelsdorf †
Fri.	6:30	Pietro Caturegli †
	8:30	Robert Dorais †
Sat.	8:30	Susie Caturegli †
	5:00	Thomas Collins †
Sun.	7:30	Maida Bowers †
	5:00	Edward Orr †

Please pray for the faithful departed of St. Charles.

Sick Relatives and Friends

Please remember in your prayers: Greg Lanz, 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 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 ~ \$8,457
Priest's Retirement ~ \$4,295 ~ **Thank you**

Next weekend's second collection will benefit Parish Education.

Stewardship by the Book: *St. James warns in today's second reading that those who hoard their wealth and live only for themselves will be condemned. But in the Gospel, Jesus assures us that all who give to themselves for His sake will be rewarded.*

Eucharistic Adoration

St. Gerard Majella, Patron of Expectant Mothers whose Memorial is Oct. 16 is an appropriate saint for October, Respect Life Month. *"What great strength souls receive who lovingly visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Let's all go see Jesus!"* (1726-1755) **First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will take place in the chapel at the parish center on Oct. 2 beginning at 9:00am and continuing until midnight. All are welcome.**

NOT AGAINST US

Like Moses before him, Jesus corrects his disciples' misunderstanding of the gift of the Spirit. They saw people who were not of their company casting out demons and doing other works such as Jesus had done. Jesus points out that no one who does a good deed in his name can be opposed to him at the same time! He goes on to point out the importance of the "little ones": the poor, simple people, children, the meek ones who are not important in the world. It is to them that he was sent, not to the wealthy and the self-righteous. He underscores the importance of small works done in faith, as well as big works like driving out demons. **"Anyone who gives you a cup of water...because you belong to Christ...will surely not lose his reward"** (Mark 9:41). God builds the coming reign little by little in our actions, however small and unassuming, when they are done out of love of God and neighbor.

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FAITH FORMATION

Religious Ed. Teacher: We still have a need for teachers. Without your help the children will be without a teacher. We are in need of a 3rd grade teacher for Sundays. 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 5th 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 2nd 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, or 591-7349 x 34.

First Reconciliation & First Eucharist Sacramental Program of 2009-2010

Children beginning the Sacramental program must have been baptized in the Catholic Church, second grade or older, completed one full year of Religious Education, and be presently attending Religious Education classes or St. Charles School.

The first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21st, at 7pm in the church. ***This is a parent only meeting; it is required for at least one parent to attend.*** You will receive all information regarding the program including future meeting dates and requirements. If you have not already registered your child(ren) you will have the opportunity to do so at this time. You may also contact Barbara O'Rourke before October 21st, at 591-7349 ext. 33 to answer any questions or to receive the necessary registration materials.

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 mosmithx@gmail.com for more information about this great parish program.

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

David Zamora & Trace Griffin Peters

Ways to Support our Youth....

Charlie's Angels Bake Sale Fundraiser: Today 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 or 591-7349 x 31.

Support St. Charles Class of 2010 by purchasing an Entertainment Book at Hospitality. 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 if you have any questions.

The **Vallombrosa Center** is sponsoring a new series of day retreats with Sister Joan Prohaska, O.P. The first is *"The Kingdom of Heaven is Within"* on Wednesday, September 23, from 9:30AM to 3:30PM at Vallombrosa Center, 250 Oak Grove Ave in Menlo Park. For more information and to register, please contact Catherine Wolff at Catherine@vallombrosa.org or visit www.vallombrosa.org.

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)** are held on Sundays after the 9:00 AM, Mass. For more information, please call Nancy Farrant, 650-591-7349 ext. 27, or Linda Burns, (650)576-3105.



❖ **REMEMBER** ❖
 Coming to the Fall Festival (and at all times)
PLEASE do not park blocking our neighbor's driveways.
 We appreciate your cooperation.



"COMMUNITY UNITY"

Next Weekend!

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 5:00pm—8pm	Sunday Oct 4 1pm - 5pm More Fun * No Chicken dinner on Sunday*	Monday Oct. 5 8a.m - Done Tear Down & Cleanup
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Live Music Friday and Saturday Evening
Easy Listening
6:30pm—9:00pm

The ever popular "Dime Toss" is back and we still need glassware type items only; such as mugs, cups, saucers, wine glasses, ashtrays, vases, etc. Please box up your old, new, recycled or last year's glass treasures and place in the patio behind the Rectory

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 or (650)598-9863 to sign up as a sponsor.

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



GO! CAKE???

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

For questions and or information contact Michelle at 591-7349 ext. 34.

Upcoming Events

Sept. 27	RCIA, 10:00am, St. Charles Room Charlie's Angels Bake Sale, after the Morning Masses
Sept. 30	Children's Choir, 3:15pm, Church
Oct. 1	Light Weigh Gathering, 7:00pm, St. Francis Room Adult Choir, 7:30pm, Church
Oct. 2	School Liturgy, 8:30am, Church Eucharistic Adoration, 9:00am, Chapel Fall Festival Begins, 3:00-9:00pm
Oct. 3	Fall Festival, 2:00-9:00pm Pasta Dinner, 5:00pm-8:00pm, Borromeo Hall
Oct. 4	RCIA, 10:00am, St. Charles Room Fall Festival, 1:00pm—5:00pm



What is Your Catholic IQ?

1. The scholarly Doctor of the Church single-handedly translated the Bible into Latin is? (a) St. Peter (b) St. Francis Xavier (c) St. Columbia (d) St. Jerome
2. When we are talking about the Bible, the word evangelist means: _____ (a) a Gospel writer (b) anyone who is baptized (c) someone who gave his or her life for the faith (d) an early pope
3. A Gentile is _____ (a) anyone who is not a Jew (b) anyone who is an orthodox Jew (c) one of the twelve tribes of Israel (d) a Jewish high priest
4. In the Book of Exodus we learn that the Ark of the Covenant _____ (a) was a portable golden box carried on poles (b) contained the tablets of the law, the rod of Aaron, and a sample of manna (c) was honored as a symbol of God's presence (d) all of these.

Look for the answers in next weekend's bulletin

Last week's answers to Catholic IQ

1. The Transfiguration of Jesus belongs to which set of Mysteries of the Rosary? *Answer: (a) The Luminous Mysteries of Mysteries of Light include the Baptism of Jesus, the Wedding Feast at Cana, the Proclamation of the Kingdom, the Transfiguration, and the Institution of the Eucharist.*
2. The election of a new pope is signaled by _____ *Answer: (c) White smoke signaling the election of a new pope used to be created by burning wet straw and the ballots. Today, chemicals are used to turn the smoke white.*
3. This saint is often depicted holding a staff from which lilies have blossomed. *Answer: (d) Tradition tells us that Joseph learned he was to be Mary's husband through a sign from God: lilies blossoming from his staff.*
4. Which of the following is not considered an Abrahamic religion? *Answer: (b) Judaism, Christianity, and Islam all recognize Abraham as our father in faith. Buddhism reveres Siddhartha Gautama as the Buddha, the enlightened one.*

Environment for Catholic Worship

Part 2 The Altar

It is amazing that two of the most common daily activities that humans share—eating and drinking—are also the way Catholic Christians mark their most important encounter with the sacred. Yet, even though we often find ourselves “grabbing a bite” on the way to something more important or pressing, we can all

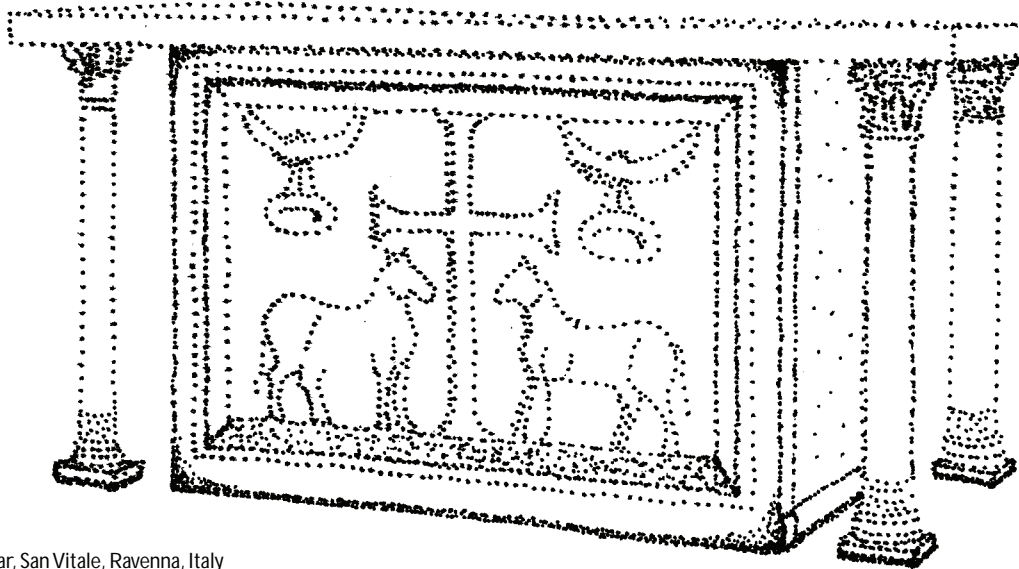
remember times in our lives when a meal meant more than fast food.

Think back to the most important meals in your life. It would be hard to imagine a wedding celebration without some sort of reception following. Funerals too, are often concluded with a meal shared by friends and family.

Jesus, who began his public ministry at the wedding feast at Cana and raised eyebrows by eating with notorious sinners, also chose to gather his closest companions to celebrate a special meal on the night before he died. Within the context of the Jewish Passover, he marked his

own Passover as the sacrificial lamb, by taking, blessing, breaking and sharing the most common of Mediterranean food staples—bread and wine. Now we do the same in his memory, and recognize his presence among us.

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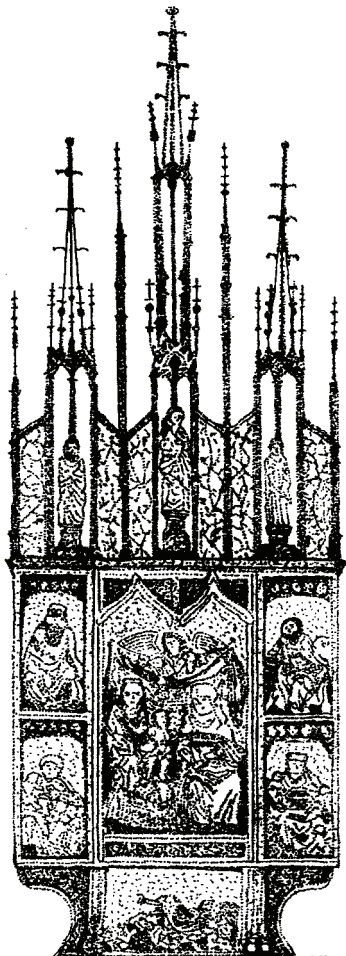
6th century altar, San Vitale, Ravenna, Italy

In many ancient cultures, altars were erected as stone slabs to offer crops or animal or even human victims as a sacrifice to the deity. In our buildings for worship, we also call the table of the Eucharist an altar on which a ritual, sacrificial meal makes present the paschal mystery—Christ’s life, death and resurrection. We join our lives with Christ in this offering to the Father.

In the beginning, Christian communities gathered in homes to celebrate this ritual meal. As their numbers grew, these communities adapted homes and eventually built spaces specifically for worship. In these spaces, the shape of the table evolved from a dining table for daily

meals to one more suited to the ritual meal. It became taller and more square. Though it frequently retained aspects of a table, it was, at times, also fashioned from stone and more and more became fixed within the building.

As greater numbers of Christians gathered in larger and larger spaces, altars also became associated with the burial places of saints and were frequently built above their remains in large basilicas. Eventually elongated altars moved further from the gathered assembly until they were set in the rear of the sanctuary, often elevated, and with a significant backdrop or *reredos*. Sometimes a canopy of cloth or wood extended over the altar to



15th century winged altar piece, Kisszeben, Hungary

further define the space. Tabernacles were often placed in the center of these altars, and the liturgy was conducted principally from the altar. Frequently, multiple side altars were also erected throughout a church.

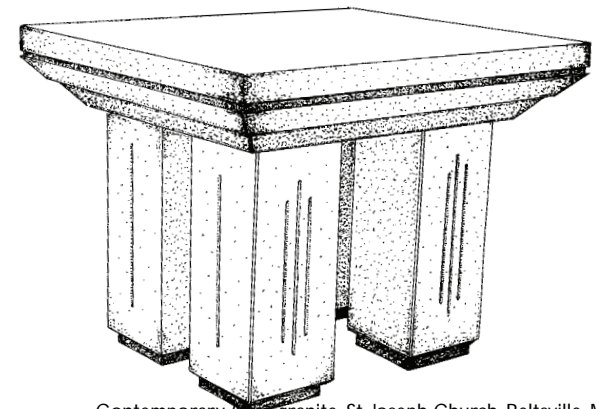
In the recent past, in a recovery of an early understanding of the Eucharist, altars have moved closer to the assembly and are to be designed to express both the meal and sacrificial dimensions of the Eucharist. Only the bread and the wine and the sacramentary book are ordinarily to be placed on it. New churches are to have a single freestanding altar placed in such a way that everyone gathered can have an unobstructed view. The proportions of the altar should be in harmony with the architecture of the space and designed to compliment the other significant furnishings, especially the ambo, the table of the Word.

Many of the parables of Jesus revolved around food and feasts. And so, we are not surprised to hear the kingdom of heaven described as a lavish banquet. Every Sunday, we are called to the table of the Lord to share in this feast, joining with countless generations of believers who have stood around the altar to keep Christ's command: "Do this in memory of me."

Excerpts from *Built of Living Stones*

At the Eucharist, the liturgical assembly celebrates the ritual sacrificial meal that recalls and makes present Christ's life, death, and resurrection, proclaiming "the death of the Lord until he comes." The altar is "the center of thanksgiving that the Eucharist accomplishes" and the point around which the other rites are in some manner arrayed." (GIRM 269) Since the Church teaches that "the altar is Christ," (RCDA, ch 4, no. 4) its composition should reflect the nobility, beauty, strength, and simplicity of the One it represents. In new churches there is to be only one altar so that it "signifies to the assembly of the faithful the one Christ and the one Eucharist of the Church." (GIRM 303) [56]

The altar is the natural focal point of the sanctuary and is to be "freestanding to allow the [priest] to walk



Contemporary Altar, granite, St. Joseph Church, Beltsville, MD

around it easily and Mass to be celebrated facing the people." (GIRM 299)

During the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the altar must be visible from all parts of the church but not so elevated that it causes visual or symbolic division from the liturgical assembly. Methods of elevation can be found that still allow access to the altar by ministers who need wheelchairs or who have other disabilities. [59]

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