

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
ORDINARY TIME**

August 3, 2008

"When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself."

What do you do when you hear the news of someone's death? When you are faced with a loss so great that even you cannot understand its meaning? In today's Gospel, Jesus faces one of these tough realities, namely grief.

Jesus needed to be alone to work through the grief of losing his friend—his cousin, John the Baptist. John was the precursor—the one who prepared the way for Jesus. John was in fact Jesus' mentor. They were obviously friends, no wonder Jesus withdrew to grieve John's death.

When we grieve, it is easy to lose ourselves in brooding, sometimes with anger and sometimes stumbling among the many emotions that surface and often lead down a dark path.

At times, others can bring the light back into our lives. In today's Gospel we see Jesus ready to respond to the needs of the crowd. In the midst of his great sadness he was able to reach out to others in need. He was able to think more about the crowd and less of himself and in a sense his grief was eased and his healing was able to begin.

Each of us faces grief each day. We may grieve the death of someone we love, or the loss of a friend or a job, the disappearance

of our youth, our health, or of 'what was'. So often our grief causes us to withdraw physically, mentally, and even emotionally. Some of us are so caught up in our grief that we become paralyzed and can only think of ourselves and of our grief.

The good news is that we are not condemned to our grief forever, there are better days ahead, if we do our part. Just as Jesus opened himself up to the needs of others and let go of his own needs, we too can overcome our grief, if not for ourselves, then for others.

*Have a Blessed Week
Sister Dorothy*

TO HELP WITH FUTURE PLANNING, BELOW FIND THE SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION ON AUGUST 24, 2008 FOR THE YEAR OF ST. PAUL AS MANDATED BY BISHOP DAVID ZUBIK. Adoration will begin at 12 noon and run until 7 pm.

- 12-1: Parishoners with last names beginning A-D & Ladies of Charity
- 1-2: Parishoners with last names beginning E-H & CCD Teachers, Choir
- 2-3: Parishoners with last names beginning I-L & Lifeteen Group
- 3-4: Parishoners with last names beginning M-P & Men's Club, Ushers,
- 4-5: Parishoners with last names beginning Q-T & Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors
- 5-6: Parishoners with last names beginning U-Z & Women's Group, Bereavment Ministers, New Beginners
- 6-7: Parish Staff, School Staff & Teachers



ST. BARTHOLOMEW SCHOOL
AUGUST 2008

AUGUST 13:
KINDERGARTEN/ PRESCHOOL
PARENT/GUARDIAN ORIENTATION

AUGUST 18, 19, & 20:
TEACHER IN SERVICE DAYS

AUGUST 21:
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL K-8
11:15 AM DISMISSAL

AUGUST 22:
K-8
11:15 AM DISMISSAL



DATE YOUR MATE
2008
SEPT. 9 & OCT. 14

6:00 PM

A TABLE FOR TWO FOR YOU AND YOUR SPOUSE TO ENJOY A CANDLELIGHT DINNER. AFTER DINNER YOU HAVE TIME TO YOURSELVES TO TALK TOGETHER, TAKE A WALK, MAYBE EVEN SPEND SOME QUIET TIME TOGETHER IN OUR CHAPEL

7:30 PM

COUPLES GATHER IN OUR CHAPEL OR ANOTHER MEETING SPACE FOR SOME THOUGHTFUL REFLECTIONS SHARED BY A FRIAR ON THE CENTER'S STAFF. FOLLOWED BY AN OPEN-FORUM DISCUSSION.

8:45 PM

THE EVENING CONCLUDES WITH A PRAYER SERVICE AND A BLESSING

PAUL VI PASTORAL CENTER
667 STONE AND SHANNON ROAD
WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA 304-277-3300

FAMILY FEST

SAINT PAUL SEMINARY SATURDAY AUGUST 23, 2008
11 AM TO 5 PM RAIN OR SHINE
2900 NOBLESTOWN ROAD, CRAFTON, PA 15205



FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

GAMES, LIVE MUSIC, TOUR OF THE SEMINARY, CATERED PICNIC LUNCH, SOCCER FIELDS, CRAFTS, SCAVENGER HUNT AND MORE!!



11:00-11:45 AM — REGISTRATION,
12 NOON MASS: BISHOP DAVID A. ZUBIK, PRESIDING

CATERED PICNIC & TOURS OF THE SEMINARY
2:30 PM — RACES, GAMES, CRAFTS
5:00 PM — BLESSING , DISMISSAL

COST \$5.00 PER PERSON \$25.00 FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

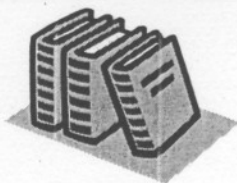
We would like to include everyone—in case of financial hardship please contact us for a confidential fee adjustment

Please respond by Monday August 18th, 2008

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GIVE A GIFT OF HOPE TO A CAREGIVER

A book filled with hope and inspiration for caregivers will be released in early September.

UPSIDE DOWN AND BACK AGAIN:

HOPE FOR THE CAREGIVER

Is a unique book for caregivers written from a Christian perspective, comprised of practical tips, prayers, bible verses, and inspiration by author, **Barbara Janet Cooper**. This book has a forward by Deacon Luis Doriocourt and an introductory note by Eugene J. Cooper, Doctor of Theology. A portion of the proceeds from this book will go to the Franciscan Poor Clare Nuns. For more information or to pre-order your signed copy, you may contact the author through her website: www.barbarajcooperbooks.com



But they said to him, "Five loaves and two fish are all we have here." Then he said, "Bring them to me," and he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds.



MON., AUGUST 4, John Mary Vianney
10:00 AM John & Eva Valicenti (Johann & Marie Valicenti & Family)

TUES., AUGUST 5, Weekday
8:00 AM St. Irenaeus
9:00 AM St. Gerard Majella, St. Joseph

WED., AUGUST 6, Transfiguration of the Lord
8:00 AM St. Irenaeus
9:00 AM St. Gerard Majella, St. Susanna
7:00 PM Holy Hour

THURS., AUGUST 7, Weekday
10:00 AM Joseph & Marie DeBellis (Family)

FRI., AUGUST 8, Dominic, Priest
10:00 AM Joseph C. Gazzo (Family)

SAT., AUGUST 9, Vigil - Nineteenth Ordinary Sunday
4:00 PM Confessions
5:00 PM Elmer Quigley (Family)

SUN., AUGUST 10, Nineteenth Ordinary Sunday
8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:30 AM Thomas Dougherty (Wife, Margaret)

Please remember in your prayers the sick, shut-ins, and hospitalized members of the parish; also the departed members of our Parish Family, especially:
Robert Hicks and Helen Madine

