

*Come to
the Banquet*

• The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son... "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast." Mt 22:2, 4bc

Every Eucharist tells us that we have a place at the table, and this table prepares us for another table at the end of time, when all peoples will gather and the Lord will move among us, wiping every tear away, and death shall be no more. We are a people of many tables—of the word, the Eucharist, the world and the kingdom of God.

Jesus tells a tale of invited guests refusing to come to a wedding feast for a king's son. This parable is aimed once again at the religious leaders, confronting them with their refusal to accept him as one sent by God. Matthew's violent version of the parable differs from Luke's peaceful one, since it reflects the destruction of Jerusalem that happened decades later. But it reminded both communities that the invitation to the kingdom of God could be refused.

Do you see yourself as one who has been invited to have a place at many tables?

What does "putting on Christ" mean to you?

How do you think about the end time when all will gather?

We pray to respond wholeheartedly to God's invitation to that final gathering place where rich food and choice wines will be served and our shepherd God, who even now spreads a table before us, will move among us. We can ask the Spirit to help us wear Christ well.



WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

WEEK OF 10-2-11 — \$7,266.60
Budgeted Collection Amount \$8,100.00



As you read this, our festival is well underway and approaching becoming a memory. Under the direction of Brian and Eileen Butterfield, the planning and the preparation was once again handled with a great sense of flair and expertise.

In all of our names I thank them and the Festival Committee for all of their hard work and dedication. We know putting on an event of this size is not an easy task. I am extremely grateful to everyone who made our 61st Annual Festival a success.

As you may have heard, we will be undergoing changes in our mass beginning the first Sunday of Advent. I will begin sharing some of those changes with you in the next couple of weeks.

Blessings,

Sister Dorothy





SCHOOL NEWS

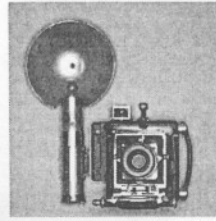
SUPPORT

Our school is always in need of new copy paper. Your help is always appreciated. Donations can be left at the school office.

MASS

If you haven't participated in one of our school masses, the time is now. Please join Miss Begley and her 2nd grade class on Thursday, October 13th at 10 AM.

SCHOOL PICTURES



School pictures will be taken on Friday, October 14, 2011. Students may wear appropriate clothing for the pictures. School uniforms are always in fashion.

Readings for the Week of October 9, 2011

Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/
Mt 22:15-21

HELP FOR GRIEVING SINGLES

Widowed, divorced or separated? Beginning Experience offers help to hurting "single again" folks. The weekend and optional post weekend sessions focus on a personal inward journey to begin a new life with renewed courage and hope. grief, regrets, confusion, self doubt? You don't have to go through this alone.

There are others walking this hard road. We know the pain. Come to a safe place. Travel from heartache to hope. The next weekend will be held October 14-16, 2011 at Gilmary Center in Moon Twp.PA. Payment arrangements and possible financial assistance are available.

For more information, www.BeginningExperience.org or make a confidential call to Lyn at 412-448-9019 or

Steve Smith at 412-367-4948 or 412-720-8694.

National Fire Prevention Week

Fire was the great scourge of American cities in the 19th century. As the country's population grew, compressed tenements and multistory factories posed a growing risk to life and property if fire struck.

Insurers and municipalities worked together to protect public safety. Even with the vastly improved building codes of today, fire safety remains a concern. Protect your family by following these simple steps:

- 1) Install working smoke alarms in your home, AND change the batteries twice a year.
- 2) Do not overload circuits by the use of multiple extension cords. Always inspect extension cords for wear and never place them under rugs or mats.
- 3) Do not leave burning candles unattended. Always extinguish them when you leave a room.
- 4) When cooking, do not leave stoves unattended.
- 5) Never barbecue in a garage or other enclosed structure.
- 6) Have a home fire extinguisher; know how to use it; and check it regularly to ensure that it is still charged.
- 7) Always call 911 in the event of a fire.

Never presume that you can handle it yourself.

High School's

Musical Theater *Masque*

will mark its 50th anniversary October 15 with a show featuring live performances of many of the songs from the last 50 years, including Beauty and the Beast, Joseph, Grease, The Wiz, Bye Bye Birdie, and many more. Ticket prices vary, with special rates for students, older adults, and young alumni. Preferred seating is available. For more information or tickets visit masquetickets@yahoo.com, or call the Masque Box Office: 412-208-3404.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE



Today's gospel speaks about "unworthy wedding guests." What makes a "worthy" guest? Presence and presents are enough. The greatest gift we can give support to the couple as they voyage through life together because marriage really contains within it the fields of commitment. Think of the weddings you have Attended. Have you been a "worthy guest?"

PARENTING POINTERS

Most world religions have annual times of self-introspection: Jews (Yom Kippur), Christians (Lent), Muslims (Ramadan). Regardless of faith, it's time to reflect on how to be a better parent. Teach your child to examine his conscience.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

To rediscover your love take a trip down memory lane. Ponder the first time you saw the person who is now your life partner. Remember each other your first impression - what initially attracted you to each other. Reminisce together. Giggle if you can.



MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2011

Weekday

10:00 AM LaFrance & Families (Kay & ...)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2011

Weekday

8:00 AM St. Irenaeus
9:00 AM St. Gerard, St. Joseph

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2011

Weekday

8:00 AM St. Irenaeus
9:00 AM St. Gerard, St. Susanna
1:30 PM QUEST BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2011

Weekday

10:00 AM Bernatette Haut (Pat The ...)
Carol Newmas

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2011

Saint Callistus

10:00 AM George & Mary Shak
Anniversary (Ron & Dolly Suvak)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2011

Vigil, Twenty-Eighth Sunday

Ordinary Time

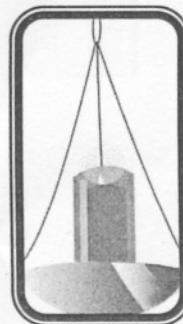
4:00 PM Confessions
5:00 PM Clara & George F. Myers & Lawrence Craver (George Myers & F. ...)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2011

Twenty-Ninth Sunday

Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Domenico Talotta (Wife & ...)
Daughter)
10:30 AM People of the Parish



*The Sanctuary Candle is lit
this week in memory
of
Theodore DeCesare
from his daughter
Nita (DeCesare) Smokevich*