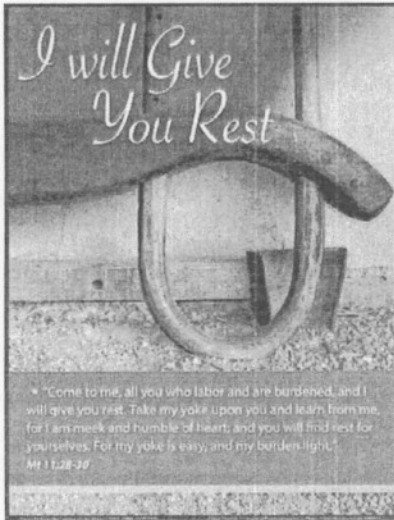


14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 3, 2011



In some parts of the world, irrigating fields to ensure a reasonable harvest has always been a difficult task. Water does not like to move uphill. It needs to be forced in that direction. By the second century BC, innovations in irrigation technology led to the widespread use of the Persian wheel,

which employed animals—often oxen—to move water. Yoked to an arm that turned a wheel fitted to a cog that moved the lift buckets, the oxen could be made to walk around and around all day. If needed, anyone could be fitted to the yoke to ensure the flow of water for the survival of the crops.

The Gospel this weekend speaks of an easy yoke and a light burden. Jesus invites those who are burdened to come to him and to learn meekness and humbleness of heart. The followers of Jesus are lifelong learners as they uncover an ever deeper understanding of what it means to be a disciple. Jesus is the teacher who continuously reveals the Father to those who come to him. And the yoke that one accepts is not the burden of the law of the Pharisees, but the easy yoke of life in Christ.

This is the difference between those oxen who turn a Persian wheel and the disciple of Christ. The oxen go round and round all the day long. Their circular path is never ending and though they walk the whole day, they do not go anywhere. Their labor is productive, but not life-changing. The disciple who takes on the yoke of Christ accepts his invitation to walk with him. In doing so, we take on the burden of learning from Christ. Think back to the Eight Beatitudes we heard so many months ago. Those eight precepts are the law that Jesus expects his followers to live under, the yoke that we take on in our Christian lives. The beatitudes are the wellspring that nurtures our lives.



Prayer for Independence Day

Dear God,

As we celebrate today with fireworks and festivals, help us never to forget the reason for our joy.

Help us remember that our rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness were signed into our heritage with the willing blood of American patriots.

Most of all, help us remember that the rights of all people are more than words on a document, and that all people have rights because you have given us the dignity of human life. Grant freedom to all, and give us the strength to protect the rights of others. Amen.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION
WEEK OF 6-26-11—\$6,987.74
Budgeted Collection Amount \$8,100.00

† **STEWARDSHIP** ✉
God never asks more
of us than we have.

Have a Blessed Week
—Sister Dorothy

**RELAY FOR LIFE
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY**

Life Teen is taking part in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. The relay is being held July 9, 2011 at the Penn Hills High School football field.

The relay is a 24 hour event, our teens take turns walking on the track for the entire 24 hours.

We welcome any survivors of cancer to join us at the survivors dinner held at the event. To register for the dinner please go to:

www.relayforlife.org/papgheast Also you can purchase a luminary in honor/ or memory of any person effected by cancer.

If you care to donate to our team you may also do so online. Just look for team name LIFE TEEN

Our relay team will also be collecting donation on July 9th after the 5 PM Mass.

Life Teen would also like to thank the Rapp Funeral Home for the use of their parking lot for our car wash. We were able to raise \$482.00 Thanks to all who turned out to support our team!

**2 WEEKS TO SIGN UP FOR
RETRouvaille**

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? This program has helped over 10,000 couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on July 15, 2011, please contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434 or 3041@retrouvaille.org. More information is available at www.helpourmarriage.com.



**A MEDICAL MISSION
RIGHT HERE IN
PITTSBURGH.**

The Women's Choice Network is currently seeking volunteers for vital roles in our five area locations. We provide free pregnancy testing, STD tests, ultrasound and many other services to women considering abortion. Last year, over 100 ultrasounds saved 86 little lives.

Nurses are needed to help staff our two growing clinics. Nurses can use their skills to assist women providing pregnancy testing, STD testing education, and sonogram. We provide all the training you'll need to serve needy women in a ministry that saves lives everyday.

Positions on our Medical Advisory Board are also open. These volunteer positions allow you to use your gifts for the glory of God in a professional Christ-centered ministry. Use your medical skills to save lives. Find out more about our program, our Medical Director, and our opportunities at www.mypregnancycenter.org as you pray for God to lead. Or email us at: partneserves@womenschoicenetowork.com.

PARENTING POINTERS

Water: Part 1. It's July. It's hot! Of course you give your kids drinks when they are thirsty. But what about those other kids? The ones who live in a poorer neighborhood or whose parents are on drugs or in prison? You can't just set up a lemonade stand on their corner - or could you? Brainstorm ideas with your kids about how to give drinks to the thirsty. "I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink." (Mt 25:35)

JULY 3, 2011

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE



Today's gospel is about missionaries. As Jesus received a mission today, parents accept the mission of raising a family. Parents are not alone in this exhausting and difficult mission. Today Jesus tells us "Come to me and I will give you rest."

MARRIAGE MOMENTS



Independence is an important step on the journey to adulthood, but marriage also requires dependence. I depend on you to keep your word, to be there when I'm feeling hurt, to watch the kids so I can have a break. How do you depend on one another?

GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION



The Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh is again planning its annual Golden Wedding Celebration for the couples who have been married for 50 years. This year's celebration will take place on Sunday, October 9, 2011 beginning with a mass at 2:00 PM at St. Paul Cathedral. Bishop Zubik will be the celebrant. A reception will follow in the lower hall at the Cathedral.

If you are a parishioner celebrating your 50th wedding anniversary in 2011, and would be interested in attending the celebration along with other jubilarian couples, please call the rectory or drop a note in the weekly collection basket no later than August 7, 2011. Invitations will be sent out after responses have been received.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME



MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, JULY 4, 2011

Weekday

9:00 AM St. Susanna, St. Irenaeus

TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2011

Saint Anthony Mary Zaccaria

8:00 AM St. Irenaeus

9:00 AM St. Gerard, St. Joseph

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2011

Saint Maria Goretti

8:00 AM St. Irenaeus

9:00 AM St. Gerard, St. Susanna

1:30 PM **QUEST BIBLE STUDY**

THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2011

Weekday

10:00 AM Jean West (Regina Premozic & Family)

6:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal

FRIDAY, JULY 8, 2011

Weekday

10:00 AM Laura Biamonte (Sandy Sepe)

5:00 PM Wedding Mitchell/Cerra

SATURDAY, JULY 9, 2011

Vigil, Fifteenth Sunday Ordinary Time

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2011

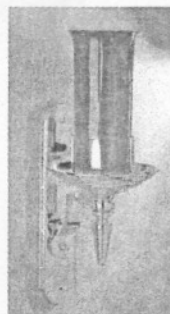
Fifteenth Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM 40th Wedding Anniversary

Joseph & Karen Fello (Family)

10:30 AM Warren Kietter

(Rose Marie Kietter)



The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory

of

*Sandra Vilsack
from Ed Vilsack*