

19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 7, 2011

But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" Mt 14:30-33



Three men are sinking in today's readings: the discouraged Elijah is sinking into a cave on Mount Horeb, Paul is sinking into "great sorrow and constant anguish" as he grieves over his own people's rejection of Jesus and Peter is sinking into the sea as fear overtakes faith. In all three cases, God raises them up.

We all have moments of feeling "down," times of discouragement, depression, loss, fear, anxiety, etc.. Such times can descend unexpectedly or result from a particular event. They can pass quickly or stay longer. The

three main characters in today's scriptures are having such a moment.

After Elijah had his showdown with the prophets of Baal in Israel and led the Israelites in slaughtering them, word came that Jezebel wanted him killed, so he set out into the desert. Elijah had enough—God wasn't finished with him and sent an angel with some food and drink and told him to walk "forty days" to Mount Horeb. There, God appeared.

Paul would go first into the synagogues to preach about Jesus as Israel's long awaited Messiah. But the response was not overwhelming. Often he was run out of town, beaten or tossed into jail. We hear his grief today. Still he trusts God will work it out.

Perhaps Peter is the most instructive for our "sinking" occasions. He was doing fine until he lost focus. As long as he looked to Jesus, he walked on water. When he focused on the wind and the waves, he sank. When he re-focused on Jesus and cried out for help, Jesus' hand caught him. There seems to be a lesson here for all of us.

What gets you down?

Do you cry out to the Lord and ask for help?



OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION PROGRAM

Our school continues to accept enrollment for this upcoming school year. Our teachers, along with Bess Biamonte and myself, attended a two day workshop on the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program that was presented by Ron Suvak, Principal at Franklin Regional High School. Ron is also a parishioner and parent of two of our students.

We are very grateful to Ron and to all of our teachers who took time away from their summer break to attend this very informative and enhancing tool to better equip us to serve our students.

My understanding of bullying was very much expanded and refined during this two day workshop.



WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

WEEK OF 7-31-11—\$ Budgeted Collection Amount \$8,100.00

The collection amount for this week will be published next week.

***Have a Blessed Week
—Sister Dorothy***

CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATE:

Central Catholic High School is holding its **Hall of Fame and Distinguished Alumni Dinner** on Sunday, September 11, 2011 at Carnegie Music Hall.

Inductees include Bill Hillgrove '58, the voice of the Steelers; former major league baseball pitcher Sam McDowell '60; actor Zach Quinto '95; economist Henry Gailliot '60; businessman Rudolph Zupamnci '50; retired vice chairman of Deloitte & Touche, Anthony Buzzelli '67; Eckert Seamans Special Council, Edward O'Connor '58; distinguished medical researcher Dr. Bert O'Malley '55; Father Regis Ryan '57 founder of Focus on Renewal; attorney and former City of Pittsburgh mayoral candidate Kevin Acklin '94; Co-founder and CEO of Costco, James Sinegal; and retired CCHS art teacher, Fred de Groot. Tickets and further information is available by contacting Central at 412-208-3415 or scarlino@centralcatholics.com.



Ladies of Charity Annual Sock Collection

The Ladies of Charity will be collecting men's white socks during the month of August for Operation Safety Net. There will be baskets in the vestibules.

Registration Opens for Catholic Women's Conference

The inaugural diocesan "Catholic Women's Conference: A Caring Quilt" will take place on Saturday, October 22, at the Marriott City Center, Pittsburgh. Keynote speaker is Immaculée Ilibagiza, survivor of the Rwandan genocide and renowned speaker on faith and forgiveness.

The day includes five workshops from which to choose and concludes with Mass with Bishop Zubik. Registration opens August 8, by mail only. The registration form will be available on the diocesan website: www.diopitt.org. Registration brochures for the conference are also available by calling 412-456-3129.

Ministry to Separated/Divorced

Beginning in September, Our Lady of Joy will be starting a Divorce/Separated support group ministry on Friday evenings. The group will begin with a Thirteen week faith based educational series called Divorce Care. We are inviting all experiencing difficulties from separation/divorce from our local parish communities to come and participate in this thirteen week series starting this September. It is not necessary to have to be at all sessions as each session deals with a different topic. Some of the topics discussed are depression, anger, healing, loneliness, relationships finances, & forgiveness. Please call Karen Dolan at (412) 517-8343 or email kdolan50@gmail.com for more details.

PARENTING POINTERS

"I was a stranger and you made me welcome." (Mt 25:35) Who are the strangers or newcomers in your family's life? It might be in-laws, your kids' friends, or a recent immigrant. Don't know any newcomers? Maybe it's time to widen your circle of friends. Introduce your child to someone of a different ethnicity or class.

GOLF CLASSIC

On August 22, you can help to make miracles happen at the **Catholic Charities Free Health Care Center** through your support of the **3rd Annual Golf Classic at St. Clair Country Club**. Play golf, or just come to enjoy dinner and "live" and silent auctions with WTAE TV's Mike Clark. Auction items include a 2-week stay in a private home in Sicily and a trip to New York City. Your participation supports the Center's mission of providing free medical and dental care to our neighbors in need. For more information, visit www.ccpgh.org. or call 412-456-6696.

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A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

The demands of family can be so overwhelming we feel walking on water would be easier. When Jesus was pressured, he dismissed everyone, so he could be "By himself and pray." When overwhelmed and stressed, go to a quiet place and surrender your pressured feelings to the Lord using Peter's prayer in today's gospel; "Lord, save me."

MARRIAGE MOMENTS



Religious people sometimes debate who has the hardest vocation - a priest who lives a celibate life? a single person who lives in solitude? a single parent who does double duty? Or perhaps it is the married couple who constantly refine each other by pointing out each other's faults and asking for a change."

OPERATION OVERSEAS COUPONS



Due to everyone's great cooperation in the past four years we have mailed 26 boxes of coupons to a United States Air Force Base in England where our servicemen and women and their families are temporarily stationed.

They greatly appreciate our help with their budget and request we keep sending them.

Please keep putting your coupons in the basket on the bookstand in the vestibule of the church.

God Bless all. The St. Bart's Women's Group

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MASS SCHEDULE



MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2011

Saint Dominic

10:00 Ralph Altrudo (Janet Alden)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2011

Saint Teresa Benedicta

8:00 AM St. Irenaeus

9:00 AM St. Gerard, St. Joseph

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2011

Saint Lawrence

8:00 AM St. Irenaeus

9:00 AM St. Gerard, St. Susanna

1:30 PM **QUEST BIBLE STUDY**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2011

Saint Clare

10:00 AM LaFrance & Damico Families
(Kay & Emma)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 2011

Weekday

10:00 AM Elmer Quigley (Wife, Betty)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13 2011

Vigil, Twentieth Sunday

Ordinary Time

4:00 PM Confessions

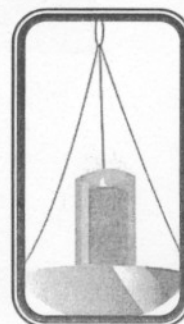
5:00 PM People of the Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2011

Twentieth Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Frances Shullo (Susan Kusk)

10:30 AM Bob & Betty Klaus (Family)



The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of James Prioletto from the Prioletto/Pastor Family