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BAPTISM

dear Padre

June 28, 2009, Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is it OK to take photos in church?

When can I take photographs in church? During my niece's baptism, I was told to put my camera away. We have a confirmation and a wedding coming up, and I don't want to get in trouble again.

Deb

Dear Deb,

Reverence and courtesy are the issues here. Reverence keeps in mind that what is real about baptism and all the sacraments does not come out in photos. Courtesy notes that other folks are trying to enter into the awe and joy of the mystery, and people trying to take photographs can get in the way or distract.

Parishes differ in rules and regulations. Many parishes prohibit the taking of pictures. Certainly taking flash pictures is annoying in a way that taking available-light photos isn't. But even with nonflash pictures, there is the lumbering photographer, trying to get around people and into a good spot.

Weddings call for photos from approved photographers. In most cultures in the United States, photos at funeral Masses are out of place.

The best way to avoid embarrassment is to call the parish office before the event and see what their policy is.

I hope you get some good pictures. Just be sure to close your eyes in prayer sometimes so you can see what is really going on.

John Hamrogue, C.Ss.R.

He took the child by the hand and said to her "Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around. At that they were utterly astounded.

- Mk 5:41-42

We welcome into the community of faith Avery Reese Nix and Sierra Alexis Piper, who were recently baptized at St. Gertrude Church. Please pray for them and their families and godparents.

Peter's Pence Collection ~ today we recall the apostolic journey of Pope Benedict XVI to the United States and his call to us to cast the light of Christ upon the world. We can show our solidarity with the Holy Father and our suffering brothers and sisters abroad through our support of this week's Collection. The funds allow him to provide emergency assistance to victims of war, disaster, oppression, and disease. Please be generous in today's Peter's Pence Collection.

THANK YOU On behalf of our less fortunate brothers and sisters of Latin America and the Caribbean, we thank you for having shared in their lives. They, and you, are blessed by your generosity. In Christ,
The Food For The Poor Family

SPAGHETTI ~ NO DINNER SCHEDULED DUE TO 4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY.

The ST. GERTRUDE MEN'S CLUB will meet in the church hall at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, July 6. All members please try to attend.

Cardinal Maida aCadeMy ~
Bingo ~ Sunday ~
Jackpot ~ 50 no's
Church Hall ~ Doors open 5:15 p.m.
 Proceeds benefit the Cardinal Maida Academy

Tithing: God's Plan for Giving:

June 20 & 21

Sunday Offertory.....	\$5,185.00
Loose Collection.....	\$315.10
Utilities.....	\$200.00

*You may give without loving,
 but you can't love without giving!
 Thank you and God bless!*

SANCTUARY LAMP

In memory of Patrice "Moliterno" Sharp by
Godmother Angie Soska

MEMORIAL CANDLES

In memory of Mary Rukas by the Grandchildren
In memory of Frances Petrarca by Edie & Andy

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS who are hospitalized, invalids or seriously ill at home: Jean Doka, Antoinette Varano and all the sick who need our prayers.

Vandergrift Festa Italiana announcing the following: July 3, at 3 p.m. Channel 35 PCNC, featuring Parishioners and Italian Festival Committee Members, Raising Awareness For Our Community Food Banks. Please watch the above notice on your TV.

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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.

Independence Day

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Readings for the Week of June 28, 2009

Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/
Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

Monday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29/Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29

Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a



CONGRATULATIONS to Carol and Floyd Rzewnicki, they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 13, Eleanor and Sam Mangus on their 60th wedding anniversary on June 23, Gloria & Thomas Koontz on their 50th wedding anniversary on June 27. May God bless them with peace, joy and happiness.

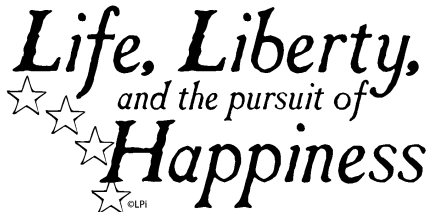
Parishioners: Aaron A. Retter recently graduated from the United States Military Academy Prep School in Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey and reports to the United States Military Academy at West Point on June 25, 2009 to begin his classes and training there for the next four years. God's Blessings to you Aaron!

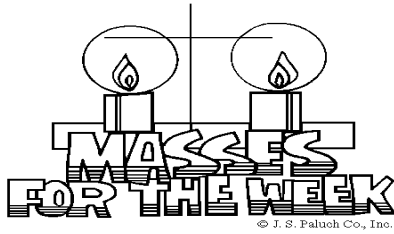


Kingdom of the Son
~ Regional Vacation Bible School ~
Christ The King, St. Gertrude, Our Lady Queen of Peace and

St. James at Cardinal Maida Academy ~ July 13-17. Contact Mark Talarico, VBS Coordinator at 724-845-8191 for volunteer/registration information. Registration fee \$10. per child—all inclusive—Due by June 28. We guarantee your children will have a wild time!!!

Girl Scout Religious Emblem Adult Moderator Training ~ the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting for Girls will hold an Adult Emblem Moderator Training on Tuesday, July 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fayette Room at the Bishop Connare Center, Greensburg. There is no cost but registration is required. For more info contact Glenda at 724-446-5197.





Saturday, June 27, Weekday

4:00 p.m. † Michael A. Antenucci

Sunday, June 28, 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m.. † For Parish & Rosary Society

10:30 a.m.. † Marcella McGuire Clark (An.)

Monday, June 29, Peter & Paul, apostles

8:30 a.m. † Santo & Pauline Carpentieri (An.)

Tuesday, June 30, Weekday

8:30 a.m. † Frances Petrarca (An.)

Wednesday, July 1, Weekday

8:30 a.m. † Joe Donghia (An.)

Thursday, July 2, Weekday

8:30 a.m. † Alfred Fantuzzo (An.)

First Friday, July 3, Thomas, apostle

8:30 a.m.. † Paul R. Waros

9—12 N Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, July 4, Weekday

8:30 a.m. † Rennie & Felicia Trozzi

4:00 p.m. † James Centorcelli

Sunday, July 5, 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m.. † For the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. † John Manganello (An.)



Servers' Schedule

July 4 & 5

- 4:00 p.m. - A. Pullet & J. Reynolds
- 8:00 a.m. - Maria & Angelo Principe
- 10:30 a.m. - D. DelleDonne & Jordan Kiebler