

Toni Webb—RCIA Director

Principle 2—Catholic Social Teaching

The second principle of Catholic Social Teaching is Call to Family, Community and Participation. The family is the central social institution.

Genesis 1:27-28 tells us: “God created man in His image, in the divine image he created him; male and female He created them. God blessed them saying: ‘Be fruitful, multiply; fill the earth and subdue it.’”

For decades the church has considered the family the domestic church. As we don’t wait for a child to begin school to teach letters, numbers, colors, etc., so too the family can’t wait for a child to start Catholic school or CCD to begin teaching them the faith.

It is said: “faith is caught, not taught”. Our children must see us saying morning, evening and mealtime prayers. They must attend Mass with us and see us receiving the sacraments. They must see us participating in church activities beyond attending Mass. Most of all they must see us practice in daily what we hear and say at weekend liturgies. St. Francis said: “Preach the Gospel always. If necessary, use words.”

Often when you ask people to define the word “church” they describe a building. Several years ago when the Methodist church burned, a customer came into the post office sporting a button reading: “The church is the people of God.” When our church burned, I wanted a cartload of those buttons. The church is not the building, but the people who worship there. In the first three centuries, Catholicism was at best tolerated, and at worst persecuted. Mass was held in the homes of wealthier Christians—house churches they were called.. Eucharist was followed by an *agape*—Greek for love feast-- we would probably call it a pot luck dinner today. Paul rails against the behavior at some of these when he chastises those getting drunk and stuffing themselves while others go hungry. (1 Cor. 11:21)

Often we hear about tragedies and our first response is “thank God it wasn’t here or thank God it didn’t happen to me.” While this is a very human response, our first thoughts should be how can I help, and how can I participate in the recovery or the prevention of future calamities? Sometimes we can donate blood, or money, and always we can pray.

What about participation in our own backyard? Do we vote in elections or sit back and complain about elected officials? Do we participate in the food pantry or clothing drive? When asked to volunteer for activities our church sponsors, do we assume someone else will do it? A former boss liked to quote: “If you always do what you’ve always done, then you’ll always get what you’ve always got.”

Participation in our parish and community is not optional—it is mandated by our baptism. Are you fulfilling your mandate?

Next up: Rights and Responsibilities

New American Bible, New York: Catholic Publishing Company, 1970, pg 4.

Gaudium et Spes (1965), Familiaris Consortio, (1981).

Zizioulas, John D. Eucharist, Bishop, Church, Brookline: Holy Cross Orthodox Press, 2001, pg. 49.

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Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Parish

BRINGING THE MESSAGE OF JESUS CHRIST TO OTHERS FOR OVER 100 YEARS



August 22, 2010

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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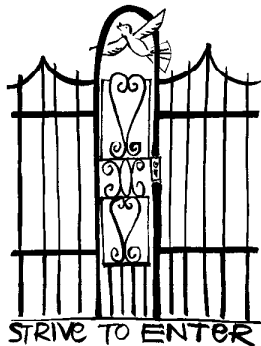
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Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

The doorway into the kingdom is narrow.

Brothers and sisters, we will hear today that we are not the only ones who have been invited into the Lord's kingdom. Indeed, there will be many present whom we did not expect to find at the Lord's banquet. As we listen to God's word today and give thanks and praise in the Eucharist, let us pray for the grace to be open and welcoming to all whom the Lord has invited, and that we, too, may be made worthy of an invitation.

Mass Intentions

Sat.	8/21	5:30p.m.	Charles Dixon by Carl & Lillian Phillips
Sun.	8/22	8:00a.m.	Frederick A. Kerby by Mary Kerby
		10:30a.m.	For All Parishioners
Mon.	8/23	6:30p.m.	Mary Elkins by Friend
Tues.	8/24	8:30a.m.	Nancy Garcia Faulkenberry by John & Mary Pino
Wed.	8/25	6:30p.m.	Dolores Trabert & Leah Reinhardt by Fr. Paul Yuenger
Thurs.	8/26	8:30a.m.	P. J. Greenawalt by Chris & Terry Milam
Fri.	8/27	8:30a.m.	Aaron Yarber by Sts. Peter & Paul Ladies Guild
Sat.	8/28	5:30p.m.	Shorty Withrow by Bruce & Toni Webb
Sun.	8/29	8:00a.m.	Lynn Jones by Bob & Nancy Sanger
		10:30a.m.	For All Parishioners



Altar Server Schedule:



Sat. 8/28 (vigil): A. & R. White
Sun. 8/29 8a.m.: J. Bracken/J. Kemlock
10:30a.m.: M.K. & J. Rosiek/H. Bartlett

Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

(August)

(vigil) Sat. : D. Maxwell/R. Pino/S. Shay
Sun. 8a.m.: Pat Beverley/Debbie Garvin
10:30a.m.: L. Duba/W. Duba/M. Kemlock



Offerings: 8/14—8/15:

Env./Loose: \$3,147
Parish Maintenance: \$65
School Env.: \$155



(Vigil) Sat. 8/28: Toni Webb
Sun. 8/29: 8a.m. Nancy Sanger
10:30a.m. Jim & Loretta Lively



Bulletin Deadline: Any requested announcements for the bulletin must be turned into the Parish Office by **11a.m. on Wednesdays.**

New in the parish, not registered, or, an employed adult member not receiving envelopes?
Call or come to the Parish Office to register.
Registration forms are also in the church vestibule.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):
Saturdays 4:45p.m. or by appointment.

Reminder.....Please remember to take home your bulletin and used tissues, do not leave them in the pews. We do not have anyone to tidy up the church after the weekend Masses. Thank you.

This Week...

Mon. Sts. Peter & Paul School Students Return!!

6p.m. Cub/Boy Scouts

Sat. 8a.m. Scripture Sharing @ Bob Evan's

Choir Practice

Sat. Choir: Wed. @ 7p.m.

Sun. Choir: Thurs. @ 6:30p.m.



Confirmation:

Bishop Bransfield will be here Saturday, Sept. 25th at 4p.m. to Confirm members of our parish.

If there are any adults who have not been confirmed and wish to be, please contact the parish

++R.I.P.++ Our sympathy is extended to the family of Connie Burgess, who died last Sunday. May she rest in the peace of Christ.



New RCIA sessions begin on Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2010, with the 6:30 pm Mass. If you know anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic

Church, please invite them to this informal gathering which will continue in the meeting room. Also, if anyone is interested in being a facilitator/resource person, a sponsor or a prayer partner, please contact Toni Webb at 469-6069 or toniwebb@ssppcatholic.org

Diocesan Pilgrimage

Bishop Bransfield invites the faithful of the Diocese to gather in prayer for peace and reconciliation in the world.

Date: September 11, 2010—Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC
Buses available to the pilgrimage:

Beckley & Lewisburg areas, contact Fr. Joshua Stevens @ 304 253-3695 or Fr. Chapin Engler @304 536-1813. The pilgrimage will begin at 10a.m. with arrival of participants and will feature a carillon concert at 10:30a.m., a morning presentation at 11a.m., guided tours of the Shrine at 11:30a.m., the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:30a.m., lunch and free time at noon, the diocesan choir prelude at 1:30p.m., recitation of the Rosary at 2p.m. and Mass concelebrated by Bishop Bransfield at 2:30p.m.

Faith Formation.....

Our programs will begin in another month or so, however, we are in need of facilitators for our classes. We are looking for someone to facilitate at each grade level, 1st—8th grade. We especially need someone in our 2nd grade Religious Ed class to prepare our students for the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. If you are willing to pass on the faith to our youth, please contact the parish office—304 465-5445 or email pastor @ssppcatholic.org.

Volunteers and Background Checks and Virtus

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston requires that **all** volunteers have a **background check & attend a VIRTUS training session.** No one is allowed to be a volunteer working with, transporting or being involved in any way with children at the school or church unless he/she has had a background check and attended a **VIRTUS training session.** Background check forms must be completed before you attend a Virtus Training. The forms are available at the parish office.

- To register for a Virtus training session go on-line to www.virtus.org and click on the word registration on the left hand side. You will need to choose Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

Our next Virtus training session will be held in the school cafeteria on **Thurs., Sept. 2nd, 6:30—9:30 p.m.**

Facilitated by: Toni Webb
(Please register before attending the Virtus training session.)

Big Tent Revival

Presented by the:

Fayetteville Ministerial Association

Sunday, Aug. 30—Thursday, Sept. 3—7p.m.

On the grounds of Fayetteville Presbyterian Church
Fayetteville Community Chorus
will sing every night.

Sunday: Devotional Leader: Ron George
Message Bearer: Catherine George

Monday: Devotional Leader: Harry Fuller
Message Bearer: Robert Morey

Tuesday: Devotional Leader: Fr. Paul Yuenger
Message Bearer: Bryon Freeman

Wednesday: Devotional Leader: Clare Sulgit-Horn
Message Bearer: Russell Hayes

Thursday: Devotional Leader: George Secrist
Message Bearer: Harry Shelton