

Mass Schedule

Pastor's Notes

8:30 a.m. Mass—Monday—Saturday in in the Chapel
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18 – THIRTY – THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
 4:00 p.m. (Sat.)- Birthday - Thomas Kearney - Req. by Mother, Nora
 9:00 a.m.– Birthday - Clara Grippo - Req. by Family
 11:00 a.m.- James Reiter - Req. by Mary Avery
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19 - WEEKDAY
 8:30 a.m. – Communion Service
TUESDAY, - NOVEMBER 20 - WEEKDAY
 8:30 a m– Theresa Tarli - Req. by James & Catherine
WEDNESDAY, – NOVEMBER 21 - PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN
 8:30 a.m. - Laura Gasparik - Req. by Tom & Irene Zofein
 7:30 pm - Mass of Thanksgiving - For the Parish
THURSDAY, - NOVEMBER 22 - THANKSGIVING DAY NO MASS
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23 - CLEMENT, POPE
 8:30 a.m. - Dorothy Bachman - Req. by Carl Bachman
SATURDAY,– NOVEMBER 24 - ANDREW DUNG - LAC AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS
 8:30 a.m.- Anniv. Robert Fisher - Req. by Wife
 4:00 p.m.– Anniv. - Margaret Gozik - Req. by Husband, Nick
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25 - CHRIST THE KING
 9:00 a.m. - Charles Stein - Req. by Tom & Janet
 11:00 a.m. – Birthday - Chris Costa - Req. by Wife& Fam.

Mass of Thanksgiving - Nov. 21

Ministers at the Altar- 7:30 pm	
Lectors:	J. Sheehan
Ministers of the Eucharist:	B. Burke
	D. Goyak

Readings for the Week of November 18, 2007

Sunday Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19
 Monday 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119; Lk 18:35-43
 Tuesday 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3; Lk 19:1-10
 Wednesday 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17; Lk 19:11-28
 Thursday 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50; Lk 19:41-44
 Friday 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10, 11, 11-12, 12; Lk 19:45-48
 Saturday 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9; Lk 20:27-40

HERE'S GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS -- In the last ten years, social scientists tell us that people are experiencing far more depression, fear, and anxiety after watching the news. Even worse, a condition called "compassion fatigue" has appeared: the inability to keep feeling compassion for others' sufferings, because one has become "desensitized" or immune to it all.

Luckily, even the most violent and disturbing Scripture readings differ from the "Late News" in two crucial ways. First, when we read the Bible, we are reading not only about human life but about eternal life. The Bible has been called "God's love letter" to us. We have chosen to enter this relationship with God, "to infinity and beyond!" The Christian life is our life, so the words of Scripture *matter* to us.

Here is the best news of all: that no matter how violent or frightening the news may ever be, Jesus has sent the Holy Spirit to be our Advocate, our Comforter, and our Guide through all distress. "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you... not as the world gives it."

Television can report the statistics of suffering, but Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of all pain and death, assures us over and over: "Be not afraid!" Without this redeeming balance, the "Late News" is a miserable, one-sided portrayal of the world as evil and terror-ridden, without context or deeper meaning--or a future. "You will have suffering in the world," Jesus reminds us, "But take heart! For I have overcome the world."

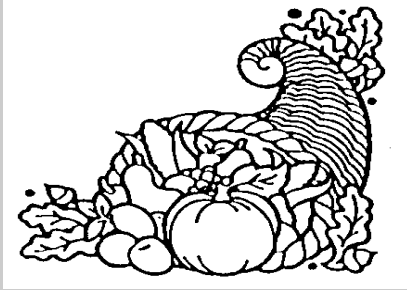
Hopefully, the "Late News" will inspire us to join with each other to create peace by working for justice in whatever ways we can. Just remember these words of Jean Vanier: "Don't let us take ourselves too seriously...The Spirit is at work." If we give our fears to Jesus, he will be our peace. Now, isn't that a piece of really good news?

FISH FRY – Believe it or not, its time to talk about the fish fry! Lent is early next year: Ash Wednesday is February 6th. We will have an organizational meeting on Monday, November 19th at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Hall. New faces and new ideas are always welcome!

SECOND COLLECTION —The 2nd collection today is for the retired Religious Sisters and Brothers who faithfully served the parishes of the diocese for many years. Thank you for your generosity.

THANKSGIVING MASS — Thanksgiving is an American holiday in which we give thanks to the Lord for all the blessings we have not only as a nation, but also as individuals. Mass will be celebrated at Saint Norbert Parish on Wednesday evening, November 21st at 7:30 p.m. Mass will be celebrated at Saint Sylvester Parish on Thanksgiving Day at 10:00 a.m. We hope that you will be able to attend one of these masses. Parishioners are asked to bring canned goods to the Thanksgiving Mass for the food pantry.

OFFICE CLOSED — In celebration of Thanksgiving Day and so our staff can spend some time with their families the parish office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and also on Friday, November 23rd.



A THANKSGIVING PRAYER

O God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry;

When I have work, help me to remember the jobless;

When I have a home, help me to remember those who have no home at all;

When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer,

Help me to destroy my complacency; bestir my compassion, and be concerned enough to help by word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted,

AMEN



We welcome to St. Norberts by way of Baptism, **Cierah Marie Benton**. Congratulations to her family and Godparent. May she have a long, holy and happy life.

GOLDEN AGERS

The next Golden Agers Meeting will be held today, Sunday, November 18, 2007 in the Church Hall after the 11:00 Mass.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK The sick and shut-ins are depending on your prayers to support them in their suffering and illness. Please remember in your prayers:

Frank Violi, Tom Hipkiss, Theodore Wolovich, Christine Denk Reiss, Dori Sites, Rose Marie Misurda, Margaret Schotoff, Mary Waskowiak, Anna Cummings, Chuck Scheider, Ann Lapeccerella, , Ted Baranowski,, Jeanne O’Toole, Theresa George, Helen Kelly, George Long, Jared Carr, Sheila Hanna, Mary Cahill, Grace Conley, James & Alice Passanante, Anne Undereiner, Alphonse Grabowski, Pat Gilmore ,Robert W. Mitts Jr., Samuel Reston, Sharon Harmon, Ethel Thomas, Joseph Kiggins, Gordon C. Gladdon, Jimmy Johnston, Nora Kearney, John Shamitko, Germaine McCann , Virginia Jessop, Lee Ann Vietmeier, Jennie Casciani, Dorothy Brizek, Dolores Grimm, Buzz Mastandrea , Margaret Ranft Smith, Michelle Guckes—Storey, Dorothy Fitzgerald, Carolyn Kovac, Jim Hanlon, Joe & Ruth Lazar, Richard Kozlowski, Jay Waters, Gabrielle Bair, Marion Safko, Douglas Kmonk, Rita Yozetich , Frederick Sanctis, Teddie Nahm, William King, Albert Belan, Laura Miller, Vicki McCue and Gerald Englert.

If you know of anyone whose name should be added to the prayer list, please call the rectory. **Please also call if you know of any names that can be deleted from the list.**

Ministers at the Altar— Nov. 24 - 25

4:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Lectors:		
B. Burke	K. Cummings	J. Sheehan
Ministers of the Eucharist:		
D. Goyak	J. Rieland	S. Wilharm
B. Coll	C. Rieland	P. Obeldobel
Altar Servers:		
A. Cichowicz	B. Rieland	A. Wilharm
J. Kedzierski	Brad Mauser	S. Wilharm

SPECIAL APPEAL— BLOOD DRIVE

The Central Blood Bank has a drastic need for blood. They appealed to St. Norbert and St. Sylvester Parishes to sponsor a joint drive as soon as possible. We have scheduled a blood drive for Sunday, January 13th. Please mark your calendars and plan to donate.

Stewardship		
For the Weekend of November 10-11		
Mass Attendance: 480		
4:00 p.m. - 187	9:00 a.m. - 176	11:00 a.m.-117
Sunday Offertory		\$3709
Vigil Candles		116
Parish Share		657
Children's Envelopes		1
Parish Maintenance		114
Flowers		559
Donation		20
Total:		\$5176
<i>Thank you for your generosity to our parish.</i>		



PLEASE EXTEND a warm St. Norbert "Welcome" to **M/M Charles Cogley and their children, Breonna and Ethan.** We pray that their belonging to St. Norbert will be happy and Spiritually enriching.

BABY BOTTLE REPORT

Pregnancy Resources asked us to thank all the parishioners for the wonderful donation of \$1,507.80. They were overwhelmed with the generosity of those who view this program as a Respect Life component. So far this year, 78 pregnant young women had sonograms and 70 of these women choose life over an abortion. Your donations help make this choice possible. **THANK YOU!!**

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Thank God every day when you get up that you have something to do that must be done, whether you like it or not. Being forced to work and forced to do something will breed in you temperance and self-control, diligence and strength of will, cheerfulness and content, and a hundred virtues which the idle will never know.

Courtesy Announcements

SINGLES, 21 AND OVER- Looking for a new way to meet people, make friends, and share good times with others? Check out the Catholic Alumni Club. The group offers parties, picnics, dances, hiking, volleyball, tennis, softball, dinners, trips, scripture study, community service, bowling,, cultural and many other great events. For more information, go to their website: www.cacpittsburgh.org, or call 412-341-4070.

PLAID TIDINGS- Enjoy a lively and fun-filled afternoon of holiday Christmas music with the **PLAID boys**, live and on stage at the **CLO Cabaret at Theatre Square** on Sunday, December 2 at 2pm. Following the performance, we will enjoy a delicious buffet dinner at the Cabaret. \$68.00 covers the cost of your ticket, dinner, and bus transportation from and back to St. Sylvester Church parking lot. Please call Toni at 412-884-8408 or Lauren at 412-884-8951 for reservations. Limited space, so first come, first served. Deadline for reservations is November 18.

VOCATION AWARENESS WEEKEND

Have you been thinking about life as a Priest, Sister or Religious Brother? The Pittsburgh Religious Vocation Council and the Serra Clubs of the Pittsburgh Diocese are sponsoring a Vocation Awareness Weekend at Kearns Spirituality Center in Allison Park on Friday, January 11, 2008 at 6:30 pm through Sunday, January 13, 2008 at 2:00 pm. The weekend is open to Catholic men and women, ages 18 to 40. There is no cost to the attendees. For information about registration, call the Department for Consecrated Life at 412-456-3068.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES 2007 CHRISTMAS APPEAL
The Christmas season can be a wonderful time for families ...or just cold and bleak. Help Catholic Charities help others this Christmas. Please consider a donation that will provide a little more hope, dignity and joy to your neighbors in need. Donate online at www.ccpgh.org or send your check payable to Catholic Charities to : Catholic Charities 212 Ninth Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15222. Many Thanks!!

FAMILY STYLE CHICKEN DINNER

At the Fairhaven United Methodist Church- 2415 Saw Mill Run Blvd., Overbrook
December 1st, 2007—From 4-6 pm
\$9.00 for adults, \$4.00 for 3-11 years - **Call Ken at 412-884-0616.** Reservations by November 25th.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

