Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 15, 2012

Parish Staff Team 756-3145		Mass Intentions			
Pastor : Rev. Fr. James J. Kane	Sat. Jan. 14 (Vigil)	4:00 pm	Dallas Sumbles	Carmella Rivers	
frjim@tcosp.org Ext. 301 Deacon: Deacon James E. O'Rourke	Second Sunday In Ordinary Time	8:00 am	Robert Sadowski	Donna Hagen	
dcnjim528@gmail.com Ext. 308 Pastoral Associate for Administration: Mrs. Lori Nunziato lori@tcosp.org Ext. 302 Pastoral Associate/D.R.E. for Faith		10:00 am	For all Parishioners, especially all those baptized in our parish this past year, as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord tomorrow	Pastor	
Formation: Br. Ron Davis, FSD Ext. 304 broron@tcosp.org	Mon. Jan. 16		NO MASS here 8 AM Mass at St. Mary's Coxsackie		
Pastoral Associate for Music: Mr. John Schmitt john@tcosp.org	Tues. Jan. 17 St. Anthony	9:00 am	Michael W. Powell	Zazycki Family	
	Wed. Jan. 18 Week of Prayer For Christian Unity	7:00 am	Priest's Intention	Pastor	
	Thurs. Jan. 19	9:00 am	Olivia Demos	Kim Wullum	
	Fri. Jan. 20	7:00 am	Christians that were massacred in Nigeria, Egypt and elsewhere	Violet Dunckley	
	Sat. Jan. 21 St. Agnes	9:00 am	Mabel Boehlke	Deacon David & Diane Lapinski	
St. Patrick's Cemetery Cemetery Manager: Mrs. Lori Nunziato Sexton: Mr. Charles Burns Groundskeeper: Mr. Angel Perez	Sat. Jan. 21	4:00 pm	Francis Bottachari	Son, Billy	
Any questions regarding cemetery plots and/or mausoleum space please call 756-3145. New Families	(Vigil) Third Sunday In Ordinary Time	8:00 am	For all Parishioners, especially, the ecumenical community, on this Ecu- menical Sunday, during		
WELCOME! We would like to include you in our Parish Family. Please call the rectory or stop by to register.	Sun. Jan 22		Church Unity Octave		
Handicapped Accessible Personal amplifying units available for the hearing impaired Restrooms in the Parish Center	Ecumenical Sunday	10:00 am	William A. Pape	Mary Pape	

Stewardship

Ministry Schedules:

Altar Servers - Eucharistic Ministers - Lectors - Counters - Greeters - Camera

January 21/22 Group E January 28/29 Group A February 4/5 - Group B February 11/12 Group C February 18/19 Group D February 25/26 Group E

Attention Eucharistic Ministers: Those serving Mass during the weekend are asked to PLEASE come into the Sacristy to sign in.

	Number	Average	\$ Amount	2010
Stewardship A Way of Life Checks	130	28.71	3,729.00	4,470.00
Loose cash			654.00	441.00
Totals: 1/7-1/8			4,383.00	4,911.00
Budget			4,846.00	
Stewardship			219.00	
2nd Collection	Fuel		1,816.00	

Reflection

In today's first reading, we hear Samuel respond eagerly, "Here I am!" each time the Lord calls him. May we, too, be listening for the call of God in our lives and be ready to say like the Psalmist, "Here am I, Lord: I come to do your will."

Living Stewardship

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who answer their call to service by assisting Catholic Charities' to ensure the physical, social and spiritual well-being of residents through access to safe and affordable facilities.

Attendance for the weekend of 1/7 - 1/8 was 349 (total number of registered families = 891)

Linens - January - Jackie Lynch

- February - Mary Jane Persico

Anyone willing to do church linens please call the Rectory 756-3145

Pantry News- Month of December Normal Pantry and Christmas Distribution

# Families Served	188
# Children (0-17)	290
# Adults (18-64)	368
# Seniors (65+)	38

We are currently in need of personal care items, snacks, crackers and cookies.

Your monetary and food donations are greatly appreciated.

~ Diane Hoffman, Coordinator

Thrift Shop

Jan 19 - Toni Robbins - Maggie Travis

Jan 20 - Carol Brooks - Mary Tiberia

Jan 21 - Jeanne Randio - Maryann McCool

Thrift Shop Hours

Thursday - 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Friday - 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Saturday - 10:00 am - noon

Pantry Hours

Tuesdays - 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Wednesdays - 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Fridays - 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Quote of the Week:

"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."

-Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Prayer of the Week:

"God of all people, you gave your servant, Martin Luther King, Jr., a dream of freedom for all black people. Like Moses of old, he led your black people out of slavery, and he led your white people out of prejudice, so that each race might call the other 'brother' and 'sister.' Continue to enfold this dream in our lives so that we respect the dignity and equality of each person and insure freedom, justice and happiness for all. We ask this thru our Lord Jesus."

-Rev. Mark Boyer (as we celebrate the birthday of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday)

Question of the Week:

"In our modern day Babel, how are we to discern God's voice?"

-Pastoral Patterns (Winter 2011-2012)

Faith Formation Con't.

There will be several other ways in which we seek your support for the Confirmandi. Our Confirmation students will be needing prayer partners and we will also need assistance during our retreat in March. When these requests are made please respond generously with your assistance. (a prayer partner is one who signs up for one of the confirmation candidates and writes a letter to him/her encouraging and praying for them as they experience this time of preparation for the reception of the sacrament. These letters are delivered sealed to the rectory one week prior to the retreat and the students open them at the retreat. It makes them realize that they are part of a bigger picture and that these is someone out there supporting them. Of course, a candidate may have more than one prayer partner.)

In closing, we are grateful for all that has been and all that will come as we encounter the living Christ amongst one another.

In Christ and Francis.

Br. Ronald-Francis Davis, FSD,-

Pastoral Associate and Director of Faith Formation

Church Calendar

Jan. 16 - K of C luncheon, noon, Room 4

Jan. 16- Rosary: led by K of C, Church, 6:20 PM

Jan. 16- Knights of Columbus mtg, Room 4, 7 PM

Jan. 17- Women's Bible Study, Room 5, 2 PM

Jan. 17- Pastoral Council, Room 5, 7 PM

Faith Formation Ministry

My Dear Parishioners:

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?"-John 1:38

What are you looking for? It is a question that Jesus asks each one of us. Are we wasting our time looking for material pleasures of the world? Or are our hearts really longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God?

So is the theme of our readings today. Hopefully, our answer is that we are looking for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God. Ultimately, we look for a place where we can find eternal union with the Lord, author of eternal life. This life has been given to us as the vehicle by which we get there. How we live this life will determine the outcome and whether or not we ever find that deeper meaning.

Jesus has given us the formula for arriving at the threshold of deeper meaning. He reminds us to love one another as He has loved us. He ultimately laid his life down for us. The likelihood of our being asked to do that is not great but is we had to, could we?

We are called to lay our lives down each day. We are asked to be present to an elderly person who perhaps is terminally ill and has no one to care for them. We are called to be of service to our children in our faith formation program, bringing Jesus to each of them. We are called to stewardship sharing our resources with the less fortunate. We are called to acquaint ourselves with this "Amazing God" who has done so much for us. We are called to participate in our choir praising God in the heavens and here on earth. Perhaps it is time to seek that deeper meaning. We are called to be grateful for the opportunity to do so and we are reminded that whatever we seek in his name we should knock and it will be opened to us.

There is no faith formation this weekend. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King sought his dream that we might all live in peace and harmony regardless of the color of our skin. Classes resume on January 22 for all, including the high school students. On January 29 our Confirmation students will experience the Rite of Enrollment at the 10 am Mass. We ask their teachers, parents, and sponsors to be present as we take this most significant step in moving closer to the reception of the sacrament. Seats will be reserved for this purpose. Those students planning to receive the sacrament of Confirmation attending parochial Schools (for example LaSalle, CBA or Bishop Maginn should also be present at this Rite as well as our retreat.

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Faith Formation Calendar

Religion Classes

Jan. 15 - No Classes

Jan. 22 K - 5, 9 & 10

Jan. 29 K - 8

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Ecumenical Service

Sunday, January 22 3:00 p.m.

Trinity United Methodist Church Church

RT 143, Coeymans Hollow

Presider: Rev. Paul Meador

All are Welcome!

Reception to immediately follow

Anyone interested in participating in the choir can show up for rehearsal on January 18th at 6:00 at Trinity United; Contact Evelyn Stone 756-6798

TAX INFORMATION

Contribution Statements:

In order to have your contribution statements for 2011 generated, we ask that you either contact the office to request the information; send a self addressed envelope or pick up your statement at least 48 hours after you have requested it. Please note that you will need to contact the diocese at 453-6690 for any contributions that you have made to the Bishop's Appeal. If you have any questions, please contact the Rectory office at 756-3145 between 9-3 Monday-Thursday or 9-12 Friday.

HAIR OF THE DOG FRIDAY. FEBRUARY 17th

St. Thomas School - 42 Adams Place, Delmar

Doors open at 6 PM Tickets \$25 per person

Dinner items, coffee & dessert bar, beer and wine available

Tickets may be purchased at the School office or by mailing a check to St. Thomas

All proceeds benefit St. Thomas the Apostle School.

For more information call 439-5573

CEMETERY NOTICE

THE CEMETERY WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE WINTER MONTHS. DUE TO SAFETY REASONS, WE ASK THAT THERE BE **NO ENTRY** INTO THE CEMETERY. THE CEMETERY WILL RE-OPEN JUST BEFORE EASTER, WEATHER PERMITTING. THERE WILL BE A NOTICE IN THE BULLETIN WHEN THE CEMETERY IS RE-OPENED! THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION.

Lori Nunziato
Cemetery Manager

Let Us Pray

For The Dead

Our deceased loved ones, parishioners and benefactors:

In Loving Memory of

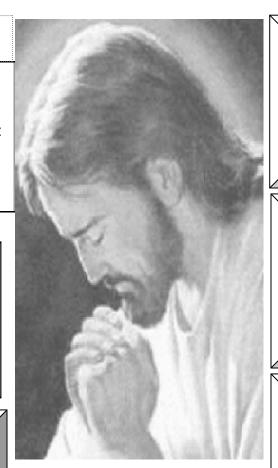
Geraldine Bruno

Love, Jimmy & Daughters

In Loving Memory of

Bus Robbins

Love, Toni



Sanctuary Lamp - January In Loving Memory of

Tommy Persico

Love, The Family

Altar Bread - January In Loving Memory of

Harold & Richard Vadney

Love, Your Family

Altar Candles - January

Louise Persico

Love, Mary Tiberia & Family

Memorial [as in above]

Memorials are available for your loved ones. Call and sign up as soon as possible to insure that you can get your choice.

Sanctuary Lamp - 2 weeks - \$15.00 Altar Candles - 1 month - \$15.00 Altar Bread - 1 month - \$50.00 Memorial Block - 1 month - \$35.00

Sacraments

Baptism:

Please contact the Office to make arrangements. Baptisms take place on a seasonal basis.

February 17 - Baptism Prep Room 5 February 19 - Baptism - 10:00 Mass

Marriage:

Please contact the Office at least six months before the proposed date of the wedding.

Homebound: 10:00 Mass can be seen on Ch. 11 T.V. at 10 A.M. each Sunday.