

**NOT GOD**

**Reflection**

We could summarize all of the beatitudes by saying that blessed are those who know that they are not God, and who live out of that knowledge. Now I know that none of us would ever claim to be God. But when we find ourselves living only out of our own wit and wisdom, and never really seriously bringing God into all of our decisions and actions, then we may not say we are God, but we act that way.

But the truth is that we are not the masters of our own fate, nor are we the captains of our own souls. We belong to God and totally depend on God for everything. That is the ultimate and final truth of life. It is in the light of that profound truth that we are asked to live our lives in all of their flesh and blood detail.

As well as belonging to God, we also belong to all those others who belong to God. Those who are poor in spirit know that they live in a world where they must be open to entering into the lives of others. They are gentle with others, mourn with them, want what is just and right for them, are merciful towards those who need mercy, work for peace and are not afraid to stand up for what is right. The poor in spirit know they are not complete in themselves. They need God and they need others, and they live their lives being open to new possibilities.

I would like you to listen to the words of a recovering addict.

*"As I become increasingly willing to accept mystery and uncertainty in my walk with God, I find that I am more and more amazed by (God). Even in the face of my continued foolish defiance, the Triune God is relentlessly, but lovingly, taking away the satisfaction which comes from lesser gods. He is leading me to live in the intersection of my own imperfection and His awesome mercy, grace, and love."* (Gary, a recovering addict.)

**TEEN MINISTRY- SUPER BOWL PARTY**

ACCTM will be hosting a Super Bowl party on Sunday for all high school teens. Come watch the big game on the big screen and enjoy game food. Party will be held at Assumption's Hayes Center starting from 6 pm-end of game.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**50/50 DRAWING - LAST CHANCE**

The drawing is on Sunday February 3rd at 1:30pm. Proceeds support various scholarships and charities. The Knights will be in the back of the Church after every mass selling tickets until then.

**SECRETS**

Papal encyclicals are among the best kept secrets in the Catholic Church. Not because of any Vatican need for secrecy, but because most ordinary Catholics, think encyclicals are issued for the professional theologians and have nothing to do with us ordinary folks. To be fair, sometimes the thoughts expressed do demand some discipline of thought, but again these writings are food for adults not pop up books for children. I always had to struggle with the encyclicals of **John Paul II**; he was often over my head. I find the thought of our current pope, **Benedict XVI**, to be much more accessible. His first encyclical: **"God is Love"** is a clear exploration of the concept of divine love and how it shapes and forms human love. Isn't love something we all want to have and give in our lives? His latest work, just published is: **"Saved by Hope"**. In this age which thrives on pessimism and dark deeds, can any topic be more timely. Even in the political area in our country, as we prepare to elect a new president, all the candidates, in one way or another speak about offering the electorate **hope** in a better government for our country.

"The encyclical is peppered with references and insights of every king: biblical, doctrinal, spiritual, philosophical, historical and artistic".

**"Young people"** the pope writes, **"can have the hope of a great and satisfying love; the hope of a certain position in their profession or of some success that will prove decisive for the rest of their lives".....** but only something infinite will satisfy a **"great hope"** that is beyond ourselves.

**Lent** begins this week. I suggest taking **"Saved by Hope"** as our spiritual reading. Copies are readily available at local religious article stores and are not expensive. If any parishioners would like to explore the encyclical in a small group setting, give me a call, and I'll work something out.

Father Ray - Ex. 130

**ADORATION**



There is a need for adorers to commit to an hour each week for the following times:

Tues at 2 PM Wed at 4 and 8 PM; Thur at 1 PM

"To adore means to love enough to want to converse with Jesus present before us in the Blessed Sacrament..." (St. Peter Julian Eymard)

Get to know Jesus. Spend an hour a week with Him.

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday (**Feb. 6**) and Good Friday. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially" or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty\*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity.**

\*All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.

### DOING SOMETHING FOR LENT

Remember when Lent meant giving up something we generally enjoyed. Although that may not be as common today, the season of Lent provides an opportunity to stop and reflect a little about life, God and ourselves. On four consecutive Tuesday evenings Fr. Tom will offer a type of mini-retreat based on the writings of St. Paul. The titles of the four nights are as follows:

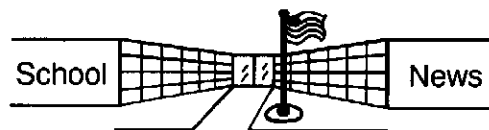
Feb 26	Conversion – It's for Catholics Too
Mar 4	It's OK Go Ahead and Sin
Mar 11	It's Not So Much What We Do
Mar 18	Where Do We Want to Get To?

These sessions will be held in the parish center meeting room at 7:30 and last for an hour. There will be a suggested action after each of the first three nights to do at home. Questions and comments will be welcomed. Although the topics connect into each other you can come for as many nights as you are able. No registration is required.

**Why not do something for yourself this Lent?**

### VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Corpus Christi is in need of volunteers to become involved in the Parish Hospitality service. Duties would include helping set up for our monthly Hospitality Sundays and monitoring what is needed to restock the hospitality closet. For more information please contact the Parish Center or e-mail John Rizzo at [Bag0618@aol.com](mailto:Bag0618@aol.com). Thank you for your consideration.



This past Friday, we concluded our week-long celebration of Catholic Schools Week with a Prayer Service and Award ceremony honoring our students, teachers, staff, school board members and volunteers who work hard everyday to "light the way". Many thanks go to all who made Catholic Schools Week so special.

### ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

The Rosary Society General Meeting is **Thursday, February 7** in the school cafeteria following the recitation of the Rosary at 7:15 p.m. and celebration of Mass in the chapel. Our Guest Speaker is Ms. Flora Hand, Parish Director of Religious Education, who will give a presentation on the history and art of doll making. New members are always welcome!

Save the Date: The Lenten Fish'N Chips Dinner is Friday, **February 29** at 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria (takeout available at 5:00 p.m.). Ticket price is \$15 for adults and \$7 for children under 12 and includes soft drinks, coffee/tea and dessert. Tickets will be on sale after all Sunday masses beginning the next weekend or call Karen McDowell at 201-288-5738.

### Collection Report

Collection for the weekend of Jan 27 = \$ 14,969.  
**Thank you** for your continuing support.

### MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

**Episcopal Church of St. John the Divine**  
229 Terrace Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ

**Tuesday Feb 5 at 6:30 PM**

With a Gumbo Dinner and New Orleans Music  
Suggested Donation \$10; **All** are Welcome  
Seating is limited to first 85 people.  
Call (201) 288 0002 for reservation.

### LITERATURE DISCUSSION GROUP

We would like to introduce a Literature Discussion Group to be held once a month at Corpus Christi Parish. The Group would cover not only novels but also short stories and poetry. The discussions would have a two-fold purpose: (1.) to enjoy the readings and (2.) to discuss the work in the light of human values.

If you are interested, leave your name and phone number in the box provided in the vestibule or drop the information off in the parish center. Please decide soon so that we can meet and decide on the literature for the coming year. Thank you.

Patricia Fegan

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_



## ASH WEDNESDAY

Ashes will be distributed during Mass, in the **Church**, on Wednesday as follows:

Morning at 6:30 and 8 AM

Noon and at 7 PM

There is also a service (not a Mass) at 3:30 in the **Chapel**.



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

**6:30 AM** Sister Mary Carmel Licameli  
**8:00 AM** Althea Giordano

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

**6:30 AM** Mae Mastrola - 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
**8:00 AM** Robert Roarty

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

**6:30 AM** Quido W. Trause  
**8:00 AM** Eileen Hall  
**12:00 Noon** Agnes and George Taylor  
**7:00 PM**

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

**6:30 AM** Gino Papa  
**8:00 AM** Casimir and Helen Szymanski

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

**6:30 AM** Victoria Malinowski  
**8:00 AM** Auora Di Nardo

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

**8:00 AM** Robert Reiner

### ANTICIPATED MASS/SATURDAY

**5:00 PM** Amelia Sanchez Yost and Daniel Sanchez

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

**7:30 AM**  
**9:00 AM** Gregory Marques  
**10:30 AM** Gennarelli Family  
**12:00 NN** Harold Diedrich  
**6:00 PM** People of the Parish

### CANDLES FOR THE WEEK

The candles to be burned on our altars this week were donated in loving memory of **Debora Cordero** from the Carris Family.

### WINE HOSTS THIS WEEK

The wine and hosts to be consecrated at all the Masses this week were donated in loving memory of **Warren Fuhro** by the Grandchildren, Vicki and Jackie.

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

May the **Holy Spirit** sustain those who are poor and oppressed, the sick, suffering, and sorrowing of all ages, especially:

Marisa Bielen, Joseph Brizzolara, Sophia Castro, Blanche DeMio, Rose Dietz, Florence Foresta, Ann Fuhro, Anthony Gilio, Elvira Gilio, Patricia Gugliotta, Donald Johannemann, Anthony Lemonie, Catherine McClane, Sidney Nelis, John Pabin, Dorothy Pizzagoni, Antonio Salcines, and Ivy Schirra.

### PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Please pray for the departed members of our families, friends, community, and Corpus Christi Parish, especially **Marie Spindler** and **Norma Van Sadlers**.

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

#### Religious Education Classes

9:05 - 10:15 AM/Grades K - 6

**Liturgy of the Word with Children - 10:30 AM Mass**

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

**Eucharistic Adoration - 12 Noon-10 PM/Church**

#### Religious Education Classes

6:50 - 8:00 PM/Grades 6 - 8

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

**Eucharistic Adoration - 12 Noon-10 PM/Church**

#### Religious Education Classes

3:20 - 4:30 PM/Grades 1-5

**Bingo - 7:30 PM/Cafeteria**

**AA Meeting - 8:30 PM/Msgr. Fitzpatrick Hall**

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6 ASH WEDNESDAY

**Eucharistic Adoration - 12 Noon-10 PM/Church**

**Choir Practice - 7:30 PM/Chapel Choir Loft**

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

**Eucharistic Adoration - 12 Noon-10 PM/Church**

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

**Stations of the Cross - 7:30 PM/Church**

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

**Confessions - 4:00 - 4:45 PM/Chapel**

**Bingo - 7:30 PM/Cafeteria**

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

#### Religious Education Classes

9:15 - 10:15 AM/Grades K - 6

**Liturgy of the Word with Children - 10:30 AM Mass**

### Readings for the Week of February 3, 2008

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a  
Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20  
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Mk 5:21-43  
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25  
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15  
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32  
Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11