

COURTING NEWNESS

Reflection

There is no way that we can keep newness from coming into our lives. Newness, in fact, is happening all of the time. When we don't pay attention to it, then we suffer the consequences. As we move through life on our faith journey, the temptation to settle for what is known and comfortable is always there. Our life often becomes like that old familiar shirt or those comfortable shoes we can't bear to part from.

What are some familiar things that most of us don't want to change? Allow me to suggest one thing that some of us might find it hard to live without. One of the less obvious things that gives us comfort is our view of ourselves. This is also one of the most difficult to discover and one that is hardest to change. All of us have an image of who we are. We may see ourselves as honest, hard working, truthful, faithful, kind, and understanding. Or perhaps we consider ourselves to be weak, lazy, not very compassionate, unfaithful and so on. Although I would hazard a guess that most of us aren't that hard on ourselves.

But however we see ourselves, the point is that we tend to have a fixed image of ourselves. We have trouble seeing any behaviors, thoughts or feelings that fall outside of the way we normally think about ourselves. There are places, people, situations, ideas, even feelings that we hang onto as if they were absolutely fixed and non-negotiable. A spiritually healthy person is always open to discovering that there may be a newer way to look at life and a better way to live that life.

A great Lenten discipline would be to compile a list of those things in your life that you consider absolutely secure and fixed, and to ask the Lord if you need to see some of them in a new and life-giving way. Let me warn you that some of these things might be big ticket items. Changing them would cost you dearly.

HANGING-OUT WITH JESUS

Fr. Lew recently spoke to First Communion parents about the 'Real Presence' of Jesus in the Eucharist. He said that we associate the term 'body' with death; but the 'Body of Christ' in Communion is a living body. We overlook that 'Real Presence' by casually receiving communion or by immediately heading for an exit.

He reminded parents that Jesus is present in consecrated host in the tabernacle and also visible in the 'monstrance' (from a Latin word meaning 'to show') during Eucharistic Adoration. (Monday-Thursday afternoon and evening in the Church) He gave the parents a quiet, five-minute adoration experience.

Recently thirteen young teenagers visited the Church for five minutes of Eucharistic Adoration. They were told to genuflect before entering a pew and to respect the silence of the people in prayer. I reminded them that in the Psalms, King David both praised God and poured out his troubles. They could pray anyway they wanted. After the visit we discussed the experience. Their comments: "It was quiet." "It was peaceful." "The people there were -- intense."

I asked the children if they had trouble settling into prayer and why some picked up a song book. Some did not know what to do, others tried to find prayers in a song book. I suggested bringing a book. They asked what books to bring. I suggested that on a "date with Jesus," he would let them choose the activity -- prayer, reading a Bible, a prayer book, a book about a saint, sitting in silence or listening to their problems. They agreed that 'Hanging-out' with Jesus for a few minutes now and then would be good to do.

In the next several weeks our 2nd grade and 8th grade children will prepare for First Communion and Confirmation. Please stop by the Church during Eucharistic Adoration and pray for the faith of our children and their busy families. Our children show us how easy it is to enjoy "an encounter with the living God," the quiet, peaceful wonder of 'Hanging-out' in the 'Real Presence' of Jesus.

Flora Hand

**TO KNOW HIM IS TO LOVE HIM
ADORATION**



There is a need for adorers to commit to an hour each week. This week we need someone for **Tues at 8 PM** but because of ever changing schedules all commitments are welcomed. Lent is a perfect time to sacrifice your time for Him who sacrificed everything for us.

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

Readings for the Week of February 17, 2008

- Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9
- Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
- Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
- Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
- Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19
- Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

JOIN A MISSION BY SUPPORTING OTHERS

Dear Corpus Christi Parishioners,
My name is Diana Napolitano, a member of Corpus Christi Parish, and currently a senior at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. I have recently been given an opportunity to participate in a Mission Latin America trip where I will be traveling to Belize during the last two weeks of May. The main goals for the trip are to live out the Gospel, be a servant to the poor, and to change hearts. I feel that this opportunity is an extremely instrumental moment in my spiritual and educational formation. In Belize, my group will be working with the local Catholic community by teaching and playing with children in the orphanage, by being a presence to the elderly, as well as any manual labor help that may be needed.

I am sharing this with you because part of our team's collective responsibility is to include others in our mission experience, both before and after the trip. I invite you to be a part of this journey with me, to ask for your prayers and thoughts about this experience, and, if possible, for your financial assistance. Each team member has been asked to fundraise \$1,000 for this mission trip, to help cover travel, lodging, and food while we are in Belize, in addition to supporting the Belize community. Any contribution you might be able to offer is greatly appreciated. Please know that you will be with me in this journey, and I look forward to sharing the stories of my experience with you and hearing your perspective as well.

If you are interested, please make checks payable to DIANA NAPOLITANO and mail to or drop off at:

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH CENTER
ATTN: DIANA NAPOLITANO
218 WASHINGTON PLACE
HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, N 07604

Thank you for whatever support you might be able to offer, if only your prayers.

Sincerely,
Diana Napolitano

FISH 'N CHIPS DINNER

You are invited! The Rosary Society is hosting a **Lenten Fish 'N Chips Dinner on Friday, February 29**, in the school cafeteria. Dinner will be served from 6 to 7 p.m. (takeout available at 5 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 or call Karen McDowell at 201-288-5738 for reservations. Walk-ins are welcome.



CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

On **February 25**, the first meeting of the 8th grade students and their parent/sponsor will take place at 7:00 PM in the Chapel. Please pray for these young Christians that God's love will be kindled in their hearts and they will be created and He will renew the face of the world. All are invited to attend. This week's focus is Baptism.



- ..Feb 23, 24 Corpus Christi School Clothing Drive. Refer to last week's Bulletin for details.
- ..Feb 23, 24 Brown Bag Sunday.

IS THE BIBLE A MYSTERY TO YOU?

Discover the "Big Picture" of the Bible with Jeff Cavins, Renowned Catholic Bible Teacher!

March 8, 9 AM - 5 PM at the Retreat Center, 499 Belgrove Drive, Kearny NJ. Check in at 8:30 AM.

Download a registration flyer at www.rcan.org/evangelization and click on Events. If you have any questions call Lilliana Soto-Cabrera at (973) 497-4353 or email at sotolili@rcan.org.

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?

ASSUMPTION PARISH MISSION

Feb 18th to 21st at 7 PM

Father John Murray, a Redemptorist priest from Brooklyn will preach at all the Masses on the 16th and 17th. Faith is a gift of God meant to be shared with others. Please consider attending and bring a friend.



Mass Intentions for the Week

ANTICIPATED MASS/SAT., FEBRUARY 16

5:00 PM Mary Zimmerman

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

7:30 AM

9:00 AM Olga Chrobock

10:30 AM Margaret M. Moogan

12:00 NN Giulio Sciancalepore

6:00 PM People of the Parish

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

6:30 AM Nora Fonda

8:00 AM Louis Fossa - 25th Anniversary

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

6:30 AM Nora Fonda

8:00 AM Mary and Salvatore Schiro

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

6:30 AM Marylou R. Frawley

8:00 AM Jamie Manley

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

6:30 AM Marian De Meo

8:00 AM Victor Manisera

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

6:30 AM Giovannina Perna

8:00 AM Marie D'Elia

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the
Storino Family

ANTICIPATED MASS/SATURDAY

5:00 PM Sal Lombardo

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7:30 AM

9:00 AM William Ryan Sr.

10:30 AM For Peace

12:00 NN Mercedes Klug - 17th Anniversary

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 Grandsons **Biagio** and **Sean Laurito** by their Grandmother Suellen Riordan.

WINE HOSTS THIS WEEK

The wine and hosts to be consecrated at all the Masses this week were donated in loving memory of **Giulio Sciancalepore** by his wife Angelia.

Collection Report

Collection for the weekend of Feb 10 = \$ 14,646.

Thank you for your continuing support.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

Genevieve Babula, Marisa Bielen, Joseph Brizzolara, Sophia Castro, Blanche DeMio, Elaine Dressler, Florence Foresta, Ann Fuhro, Anthony Gilio, Elvira Gillio, Patricia Gugliotta, Donald Johannemann, Anthony Lemonie, Alfred Marchetta, Catherine McClane, Sidney Nelis, Demetria Nieves, John Pabin, Dorothy Pizzagoni, Antonio Salcines, Frances Saluppo, and Ivy Schirra.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Please pray for the departed members of our families, friends, community, and Corpus Christi Parish, especially **Rose Dietz, Rocco Vescera, and Paul Rutt.**

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Eucharistic Adoration - 12 Noon-10 PM/Church

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Eucharistic Adoration - 12 Noon-10 PM/Church

Bingo - 7:30 PM/Cafeteria

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Eucharistic Adoration - 12 Noon-10 PM/Church

Choir Practice - 7:30 PM/Chapel Choir Loft

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Eucharistic Adoration - 12 Noon-10 PM/Church

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Stations of the Cross - 7:30 PM/Church

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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

Bingo - 7:30 PM/Cafeteria

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

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

AN EVENING OF

PRAISE AND WORSHIP MUSIC

Presented by Assumption/Corpus Christi Youth Ministry on Sunday **March 2** at 7:30 PM. All are welcomed. See next week's bulletin for more info.

BINGO WORK SCHEDULE

The following is the schedule for the upcoming week:

Tuesday, Feb 19

Chiffriller, 2A

Pommells, 2A

Pacifico, 2B

Jureidini, 2B

Gugliotti, 7

Impali, 2A

Valcarce

Saturday, Feb 23

Asencio, 2A

Eddy, 7

Ellebracht, 7

Sanchez, 7

Ghazala, 7

Perrone, 2A