

**CONTENT WITH DISCONTENTMENT**

**Reflection**

Our needs, wants and desires play a major role in our lives. They demand that we pay proper attention to them. A central idea which comes out of today's Scripture readings is the notion of contentment and discontentment. To be content is to be satisfied with what is, not to want more, to be comfortable with our lives just the way they are. Discontentment is, of course, the opposite. When we are discontent, we feel that something is missing in our lives, and we want to find that missing something.

May I suggest that we should try to become discontented with our contentment, and contented with our discontentment? What am I trying to say with this little riddle? Briefly, it means that there are some areas of our life where it is not spiritually healthy to remain content, and also that there are some areas of our lives where we should actually nourish or encourage the feeling of discontentment.

When should we be discontent with our contentment? If we have settled down into a comfortable routine of comfort and satisfaction that excludes going out in love to others in need, then perhaps we are too satisfied. It's so easy to establish a routine that is basically a selfish one - a routine which only considers our own pleasure and security, our own little comfort and convenience.

On the other hand, when should we be content with our discontentment? Perhaps, we should change this sentence by saying we need to be discontent with a false contentment. I'm talking about our relationship to the Lord. Our friendship with the Lord Jesus is one that needs to be nurtured and sustained. It's not enough to just be a kind of buddy with Jesus. If we are keeping him on the outside of our lives, sort of at arm's length, then chances are we don't let him into the most important places in our lives.

**Readings for the Week of February 24, 2008**

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42  
or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42  
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30  
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35  
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19  
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23  
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34  
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14  
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41  
or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

**MEDJUGORJE**

**Message of January 25, 2008** "Dear children! With the time of Lent, you are approaching a time of grace. Your heart is like ploughed soil and it is ready to receive the fruit which will grow into what is good. You, little children, are free to choose good or evil. Therefore, I call you to pray and fast. Plant joy and the fruit of joy will grow in your hearts for your good, and others will see it and receive it through your life. Renounce sin and choose eternal life. I am with you and intercede for you before my Son. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Our Lady's monthly message continues to influence people throughout the world. The conversion story of Fr. Donald Calloway is an inspirational example.



**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION**

On **February 25**, the first meeting of the 8<sup>th</sup> 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 as presented by Carmen Hickey.

On March 3 Diane Manditto, a secular Franciscan, will give a talk on the Signs of the Spirit.

**TEEN MINISTRY - WELCOME TO JESUS**  
**An Evening of Praise and Worship Music**  
**In the Corpus Christi Chapel**

Sunday **March 2** at **7:30 PM**, please join us as Anthony Ligouri and the Teen Music Ministry lead us in an evening of Praise and Worship Music.

**ALL** families, individuals, teens and children are welcome to Jesus.

For information call: Parish Center at (201) 288-4844. or e-mail: [ACCTeenMinistry@hotmail.com](mailto:ACCTeenMinistry@hotmail.com)

A free will offering will be taken.

**COMING EVENTS**

Day of Retreat for Men sponsored by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, March 15. Theme is "Husbands Love Your Wives". Call (973) 622-6622 for more info.

Rainbow the Clown and the Prazy Puppets Palm Sunday at Corpus Christi School.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### 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.

### CALENDAR RAFFLE

#### Parish Raffle

The Raffle for 2008 will run from April 1 through June 29. **Tickets are on sale now through March 28.**

Everyone is welcome to buy chances. Tickets are available at the Parish Center, and can be returned to the Parish Center with cash or a check payable to Corpus Christi HSA. The price of one raffle is \$5.00, and 90 cash prizes totaling \$5,000.00 will be awarded. Every ticket is eligible for every drawing. Your support is deeply appreciated.

### RETRouvaille (REDISCOVERY)

This program is being offered by the Family Life Office of the Archdiocese of Newark. This ministry provides very practical tools to struggling married couples who would like to work at restoring their relationships while realizing the need for God in all aspects of their forgiveness and healing. The program which is three-fold, begins with a weekend experience on April 4-6. For more information, please call Karen and John Panariello, Registering couple, at (732) 276 7695 or the Office of Family Life Ministeries at (973) 497-4327.

*The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:9-10*



### 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.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER

The Hasbrouck Heights Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on Sunday **March 9th** from 5 - 7 pm in the Corpus Christi Cafeteria. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for Children 12 and under. Dinner will include soft drinks, coffee, tea and dessert. Please call 201-462-0220 for tickets and more information.

### INCLUSIVE FAMILY MASSES

March 9  
At Church of the Nativity  
Midland Park

These Masses are adapted for people with special needs and/or gifts, their families and friends. Very often people or families living with developmental, intellectual an/or other disabilities do not feel welcome attending their local parish liturgy, although they are very welcome. These are people and families, in particular, that we are welcoming to attend these Masses and celebrate the Eucharist. The bulletin will give future dates and locations for these Masses.

For info call Janet (201) 444 - 6362 or email [janetlynnemec@yahoo.com](mailto:janetlynnemec@yahoo.com).

### St Joseph's Dinner at O.L. Mt. Virgin Garfield – Fr. Casserly Hall

Saturday March 8 at 7 PM

All are invited to attend the annual dinner sponsored by the Parish Life Comm. The traditional dinner of Joseph's macaroni (pasta con sarde) and St. Joseph's pastry (sfinge and zeppole) will be featured, along with music and dancing.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. Call Rectory at (973) 772-2295 for reservations.

### Collection Report

Collection for the weekend of Feb 17 = \$ 15,257

**Thank you** for your continuing support.



# Mass Intentions for the Week

**ANTICIPATED MASS/SAT., FEBRUARY 23**

**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 - 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**6:00 PM** People of the Parish

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

**6:30 AM** Terrence Mc Collum

**8:00 AM** Elizabeth Toronto

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

**6:30 AM** Marie Spindler

**8:00 AM** Deceased members of the  
Melli Family

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

**6:30 AM** Janet Heitmann

**8:00 AM** Bob and Peter Feneis

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

**6:30 AM**

**8:00 AM** Rose and Andrew Ragone

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 29**

**6:30 AM**

**8:00 AM** Deceased members of the  
Smith and Dawson Families

**SATURDAY, MARCH 1**

**8:00 AM** Ann Fiume

**ANTICIPATED MASS/SATURDAY**

**5:00 PM**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 2**

**7:30 AM**

**9:00 AM** Helen Korda

**10:30 AM** Papa and Pavone Families

**12:00 NN** Lillian Linehan

**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 **Paul Rutt** by Joan Sentipal.

**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 [Bago618@aol.com](mailto:Bago618@aol.com). Thank you for your consideration.

**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, 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, **Donald Johannemann, Helen Ahlers, and Rev. Sylvester J M Livolsi.**

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

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

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

Eucharistic Adoration - 12 Noon-10 PM/Church

Confirmation Preparation - 7:00 PM/Chapel

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

Eucharistic Adoration - 12 Noon-10 PM/Church

Writings of St. Paul- 7:30 PM/Parish Center

Bingo - 7:30 PM/Cafeteria

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

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

Eucharistic Adoration - 12 Noon-10 PM/Church

Choir Practice - 7:30 PM/Chapel

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

Eucharistic Adoration - 12 Noon-10 PM/Church

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 29**

Stations of the Cross - 7:30 PM/Church

Rosary Society Fish and Chips Dinner - 6-7 PM/Cafe

**SATURDAY, MARCH 1**

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

Bingo - 7:30 PM/Cafeteria

**SUNDAY, MARCH 2**

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

Religious Education Classes

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

Praise and Worship Music - 7:30 PM/Chapel

**BINGO WORK SCHEDULE**

The following is the schedule for the upcoming week:

Tuesday, Feb 26

Shah, 4A

Antao, 2A

Candelario, 2B

Vito, 7

Kavak, 7

Marella, 7

Saturday, Mar 1

Condon, 2A

Sorci, 2A

Contornao, 2B

Canetti, 7

Impalli, 2A

Barcia, 7