

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Rosary Cathedral:

Last weekend I shared with you in my weekly bulletin column the fact that we will be celebrating the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at all Lord's Day Masses on September 30 and October 1, 2006. In preparation for that weekend, now three weeks away, I would like to share with you further some pertinent information highlighting this unique sacrament.

First of all, this sacrament is probably the one that average Catholics today know little about since it is often celebrated in the privacy of one's home or hospital room. For many years, even centuries, the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, known to many senior and middle-aged members of the present generation of Catholics as "extreme unction" or "last rites", was a matter celebrated when a person was literally in the throes of actively dying. It was viewed as a sacrament that accompanied the dying Christian in their last moments of life on earth before gaining life with the Lord in heaven. Yet, the New Testament scriptural tradition tells us that anointing the sick was an essential part of living the Christian faith, especially when members of the community took seriously ill. We are reminded by the apostle James, "*Is there anyone sick among you? Let them send for the presbyters [priests] of the Church and let them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick person and the Lord will raise them up. If they have committed any sins, their sins will be forgiven them*" (James 5:14-15). This very scripture serves as the opening dialogue text for the Rite of Anointing today.

Since the time of the apostles, the Sacrament of the Sick has followed an interesting history. For instance, during the Middle Ages all of the senses of the person were anointed each with their own accompanying prayer. The Council of Trent (1545-1563) declared that "*this anointing is to be given to the sick, especially those who are in such a serious condition as to appear to have reached the end of their life. For this reason it is also called the sacrament of the dying*" (Council of Trent, session 14). It was from this period in history that the term "last rites" likely solidified in reference to the sacrament of anointing.

Scholarly theological and historical research which provided the groundwork of the modern reforms at Vatican II (1963-1965) aimed at revitalizing the celebration of this sacrament within the tradition of the Church speaking anew of God's healing. The Second Vatican Council's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy

properly be called 'anointing of the sick', is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as any one of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for that person to receive the sacrament has certainly already arrived" (SC, 73). Clearly, the point is expressed that while some level of seriousness must be observed in the circumstance for those who should be anointed, this sacrament is not intended in common practice to be a "last rite" or last resort for those who need to be anointed.

Next weekend we will reflect further on the circumstances leading to one's celebration of the sacrament in determining who and when someone should be anointed.

God bless you this week,
Father Singler

Liturgies for the Week

September 18 - 24, 2006

Monday	7:00 a.m.	✠ No Intention
Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	✠ Louis F. Toral
Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	✠ No Intention
Wednesday	8:35 a.m.	✠ No Intention
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	✠ No Intention
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Mass – Prayer Vigil for Life
Friday	7:00 a.m.	✠ No Intention
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	✠ Jack Maher
Saturday	12:00 p.m.	Vasquez – Tillett Wedding
Saturday	2:00 p.m.	Stelmaszak - Aemisegger Wedding
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	✠ For The Parish Institution of Ministries (Diaconate)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	✠ John O'Sullivan
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	✠ Eunice Kemper



Please Pray For

The following have asked for our prayers:

Marsha Andrzejewski, Frank Annarino, Timothy Bohland, John Burns, Roy Hudson, Judith Lerner, Grace Nasser, Eileen Rafferty, Mabel Rice, David Rodriguez, Ronald Rodriguez, and Frank Sniadecki.

**I will walk before the Lord,
in the land of the living.**

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

READINGS FOR TODAY

We are called to put our trust in God in both good times and bad. We ask God's forgiveness for the times we have failed to trust.

In the First Reading, Isaiah 50:5-9a
A prophet is prepared to face any hardship. He knows God is right beside him to give him strength.

In the Second Reading, James 2:14-18
James tells us how to demonstrate that we have a living faith. We must do good to those in need.

In the Gospel, Mark 8:27-35
Peter proclaims that Jesus is the Messiah, but he is unprepared to hear what that really means

Next week's Readings

September 24, 2006 - *Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

First Reading Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Second Reading James 3:16 - 4:3

Gospel Mark 9:30-37

Offertory Report for September 9 & 10, 2006

94 Regular Offertory Envelopes	\$ 2,626.00
Loose	\$ 568.37
Total	\$ 3,194.37
Mailed Offertory	\$ 324.79
Total Offertory	\$ 3,519.16
Average 11 weeks	\$ 4,066.38
Weekly Needed	\$ 6,388.40
Total Year to Date Needed	\$ 70,272.44
Total Year to Date Received	\$ 36,597.46
Shortfall Year to Date	\$ 33,674.98
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 35.00
Parish School Expenses	\$ 15.00



The Annual Donation Sunday Collection for St. Vincent de Paul will be next weekend, **September 23rd and 24th**. This collection is used primarily for conferences throughout the diocese that need help in serving the poor and for projects that are larger than what a single conference can do.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Maumee
Annual Fall Rummage Sale

Friday, September 29, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Saturday, September 30, 9:00 AM to Noon

Saturday Only: Clothing \$2.00 per brown paper grocery bag and ½ price on other items.

Community Center, 120 West Broadway, Maumee – use Back Service Entrance in alley off Allen Street.

FIRST PENANCE and FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Any parents wanting their child (7 years or older) to receive First Holy Communion at Rosary Cathedral in May of 2007 are advised of the diocesan regulation that your child must be prepared for First Penance (confession) before First Holy Communion. A special parent meeting with Fr. Singler, Mrs. Mary Lou Snyder and Mrs. Roxanne Gackstetter will be held on Sunday, October 22, 2006 in the Parish Activities Center (first floor of the new school building) at 10:00 AM. The preparation classes for children will begin on Sunday, October 29, 2006 at 10:00 AM and will end at 10:45 AM in the Parish Activities Center. The weekly preparation classes will last six weeks. Parents are asked to call the Parish Office (419-244-9575) to register their children for this preparation program as soon as possible.

PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE

Rosary Cathedral will host a prayer vigil for life on **Thursday, September 21, 2006**. It will begin with a 6:00 PM Mass, with Bishop Leonard P. Blair as celebrant. At 7:00 PM there will be a prayerful rosary pilgrimage on foot from 2005 Ashland Ave. to Center for Choice Abortion Clinic (328 22nd St. – 2 blocks). For those who wish to remain at the Cathedral, we will have Eucharistic Exposition at 7:00 PM. At 8:00 PM we will return to Rosary Cathedral for Benediction followed by refreshments in the Msgr. Bernard E. Smith Auditorium (Gym). For more information contact Mary at 419-878-0486.



Bishop Leonard P. Blair invites couples across the Diocese who have celebrated or are celebrating their 25th, 50th, 60th year or more wedding anniversary in 2006 to a special Mass and reception in their honor. This event will take place on Sunday, October 29, 2006, at 3:00 p.m. at Rosary Cathedral. Each celebrating couple will have reserved seats. They will receive a certificate signed by Bishop Leonard P. Blair recognizing their commitment to each other in their marriage. A reception will follow in the Msgr. Bernard E. Smith Auditorium. If this is your special anniversary year, please come and celebrate your marriage. **The deadline for reservations is Wednesday, September 20,** so please respond today! To make your reservation, call Chris Toral, Parish Secretary at 419-244-9575.

Our Lady of Consolation Shrine, Carey, Ohio will be hosting a **Family Day on Sunday, September 24th**. We welcome families to come and pray together. Mass at noon followed with lunch and games for the family. The day concludes with Devotions at 2:30 pm and individual family blessings.

Important Change for United Way Designations

For those of you who are thinking of making a contribution to Catholic Charities through your local United Way campaign, you may now have to **write in Catholic Charities** to ensure that your contribution will be directed to Catholic Charities. Please check with your local United Way agency for the proper way to designate your contribution.

The City of Toledo Proudly Announces
Family Day 2006

When? Monday, September 25, 2006

What? All kinds of Food = All kinds of Fun

Where? With your Family!

Eating together is an effective way to reduce substance abuse, promote family activities and increase parent-child communication. People committed to eating together with their loved ones on Family Day can go to www.FamilyTable.info to pledge to have dinner with their family and friends. For ideas and free resources, call the Family Day founders at 212-841-5200 or see www.CASAFamilyDay.org.



**SPECIAL
MUSIC**

Thomas Murray, organist
Friday, October 6, 2006
7:30 P.M.

Peristyle Auditorium – Toledo Museum of Art
The Toledo Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will present Thomas Murray in a solo organ recital in the Toledo Museum of Art Peristyle, 2445 Monroe St., Toledo, Ohio, on the 1926 E. M. Skinner Organ recently restored by Nicholas Thompson-Allen and Joe Dzeda of A. Thompson-Allen Company. Tickets are \$10.00 general admission. To order call 1-800-348-1253 or contact Paul Monachino at the Parish Office. The program will include Edward Grieg's *Peer Gynt Suit*, Elgar's *Severn Suite*, and works by *Cook, Mozart, Dupré* and *Mulet*.

RAFFLE

Can that old clunker take another Ohio winter? Win a 2006 Dodge Charger Daytona, or if you choose, take the cash prize of \$25,000!! All proceeds benefit the Blessed Sacrament ESP Fund. Tickets are available online at www.bsstoledo.com, at the Parish House, or at the DeVeaux Fifth/Third Bank for \$100. Get some friends together and split the cost, you can can-pool in your new Charger! The winning ticket will be drawn at the October Fest on **October 14, 2006**.

Phil Rawlins representing **Diocesan Publications** (our Bulletin Publisher) will be at the parish soon. He will be renewing present advertisements and seeking new ones. If interested, please call the parish office at 419-244-9575. We feel this is an excellent service and that the sponsors get good coverage with their ads. **THANKS TO YOU** and **DIOCESAN PUBLICATIONS**, the bulletin is published weekly at no cost to the parish.



Monday, September 18, 2006

- 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Wkly. Staff Meeting (Act. Rm. II)
- 7:00p.m.-9:00 p.m. Diocesan Choir Practice (Choir Rm.)

Tuesday, September 19, 2006

- 5:30 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting (Act. Rm. II)
- 5:30 p.m. Folk Group Practice (Cath)

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

- 8:35 a.m. Mass – Grs. 6-8 (Chapel)
- 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Cathedral Choir Practice (Choir Rm.)
- 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Café)

Thursday, September 21, 2006

- 6:00 p.m. Mass – Prayer Vigil for Life (Cath)

Friday, September 22, 2006

- 5:00 p.m. Rehearsal – Fr. Joseph Vamos (Cath)
- 6:00 p.m. Rehearsal – Fr. Dave Beck (Cath)

Saturday, September 23, 2006

- 12:00 p.m. Wedding – Fr. Beck (Cath)
- 2:00 p.m. Wedding – Fr. Vamos (Cath)
- 6:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Awards Dinner (Gym)

Sunday, September 24, 2006



**PARKING LOT
EXPANSION UPDATE**

The obvious catches your attention, such as new steps leading into church as well as the new drive, but have you noticed the finished curbing, the new concrete approaches into the lots, and the beginnings of the masonry featured walls? Construction on all fronts will continue for the next several weeks and visually you will see tremendous change and property improvements. Like the signs at the mall say "Please pardon our dust." Please be careful entering church for morning Mass and watch for our lot attendants on the weekends. Thank you again for your understanding.

-Tom Peters,

Parish Operations & Finance Manager

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DAY & TIME	SAT Sept. 23 4:30 PM	SUN Sept. 24 9:00 AM	SUN Sept. 24 11:00 AM	SAT Sept. 30 4:30 PM	SUN Oct. 1 9:00 AM	SUN Oct. 1 11:00 AM
DEACON	Various Deacons	Deacon Pistilli	Deacon Pistilli	Deacon Keran	Deacon Keran	Deacon Keran
LECTORS	1. J. Dillon 2. J. Paden	1. B. Gackstetter 2. E. Glowacki	1. R. Angelo 2. T. Desmond	1. J. Felton 2. P. Felton	1. J. McKittrick 2. L. Johnson	1. L. Reiter 2. J. Malhoit
EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	3. Deacon 4. Deacon	3. T. Marciniak 4. J. Marciniak	1. M. L. Snyder 2. D. Pribor 3. E. Salazar 4. M. Warrick 5. M. Tran 6. S. Avina	3. S. Blaskovic 4. J. Zimmel	3. J. Neuser 4. K. Wielfaert	1. L. Nordhaus 2. R. Angelo 3. I. Angelo 4. D. Tomczak 5. M. J. Flores 6. S. Schneider
MC's	D. Demski	D. Hoffman	D. Hoffman		M. Leasor	M. Leasor
ALTAR SERVERS	A. Dillon <i>Need</i>	C. Gackstetter C. Lightfoot T. Taylor	J. Rodriguez M. Rodriguez M. Marquez	M. Blaskovic G. Hoffman	P. Dysard T. Dysard	K. Ramos J. Ramos T. Ramos
USHERS	C. Dyko C. Toral V. Olvera J. Blaskovic	M. Wagner C. Renner J. Maher M. Torres	R. Snyder J. Ibarra E. Ibarra V. Fantozzi	R. Snyder J. Ibarra E. Ibarra V. Fantozzi	H. Hanley M. Coleman B. Johnson L. Hemmelgarn	M. Wagner C. Renner J. Maher M. Torres