

# TIDINGS

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## Mary and the Priesthood

I would like to continue with the topic of Mary in the church, and since this is June's Sacred Vocations month, I wish to look at how the church has used Mary in the discussion of the priesthood. To begin, the Christian priesthood is based primarily upon tradition. It is not a biblical concept. The only Christian priest mentioned in the Bible is Jesus as the heavenly high priest of Hebrews, and it may be because of this teaching that a Christian priesthood was late to develop. Hebrews 7-10 contrasts the everlasting and perfect priesthood of the ascended Jesus with that of the temporal and imperfect priesthood of the Temple. In Hebrews we read: "Every [Temple] priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'He sat down at the right hand of God,' ..." (10:11-12) This critique of the Temple priesthood's repetitious liturgy in contrast to the singular sacrifice of **the** Christian high priest Jesus may have inhibited the development of an institutional Christian priesthood.

The Christian priesthood would eventually emerge as the understanding of the *sacrifice* of the Mass gained sufficient distance from the idea of Temple sacrifice. The Mass focuses on our mystical communion with the ascended Jesus through His authority as the heavenly high priest and through the merits of His singular sacrifice upon the cross. Since it took time for this idea of the sacrifice of the Mass to develop, the celebration of the Lord's Supper in the earliest church was quite charismatic rather than institutional [See Wayne Meeks, *The First Urban Christians* (Yale Univ. Press, 1983)]. Even the once modern idea of a *presider* (a *presbyter*) leading the Eucharist is now called into question because of the argument from silence. For example, Rom. 12: 6-8 and 1 Cor. 12: 4-11 speak of church roles, yet there is no regulation about a presbyter having to preside at the Lord's Supper. Think about how the priest is a primary image as we think about the Mass today.

The omission of a named celebrant is probably not accidental, but instead reveals that there is no need to have a specially signified (ordained) presbyter leading the liturgy, and if not even a presbyter then definitely not a priest.

Thus, the Christian priesthood begins in tradition not in the Bible. The church has defined her priesthood, and the church has long used Mary in the process. As mentioned last month, the church honours Mary by respecting who she is not what we want her to be. Continuing from last month, another distortion of Mary is to present her as a paradigm of silence and subordination, which may well be based on one line in Luke: "'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.'" (1:38) The word *servant* (even *slave*) in the masculine is used commonly to refer to those who follow Christ without reservation. Paul often refers to himself by this term, and we would be hard pressed to find anyone in the Bible more the antithesis of silent and subordinate than Paul. Peter and John also use the term in a way quite unlike docile: "Lord, look at their threats, and grant to your *servants* to speak your word with all boldness ..." (Acts 4:29)

The church had long argued that if Mary had found her spiritual fulfillment in silence and subordination, that if Jesus had never granted His mother the honour of priesthood, then all other women should be satisfied with the same exclusion. Well, Jesus never named any of His followers priests, as discussed above, and the usage of *servant* means dedicated not docile. Furthermore, I'm reading a biography of Albert Einstein. His mother worried about him because of his impudence. Einstein was exceptional and had great difficulty tolerating the routine, and this led him into constant conflicts with authority. This, his mother thought, was going to doom him to failure, and she urged him to act otherwise. If he had listened, he could have been a great patent clerk, but not the genius the world respects. Compare this example with that of Mary in Mark 3:19b-35

and see if you don't see similarities. <To be  
continued ...>

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
**MONTH OF JUNE**

- June 1, 2008 – Polish Mass will be recited at 7:45am.  
First Holy Communion will be administered at the 9:00am Mass
- June 4<sup>th</sup> – Monthly Mass for Health will be offered at 6:30pm.
- June 6<sup>th</sup> – Monthly visitations to the sick and the shut-in of the parish
- June 7<sup>th</sup> – Confession for the youth of the parish at 10:30am.  
Annual Diocesan Council meeting will be hosted by our parish at 12:30pm.
- June 8<sup>th</sup> – SOCL closing at Mass, acknowledgement of teachers and students.  
Central Seniorate Summer Spiritual Outing at the Genesis Retreat Center in Westfield at 1:00pm.
- June 9<sup>th</sup> – Bible study group will meet in the parish hall at 7:00pm.
- June 10<sup>th</sup> – Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee at 7:00pm.
- June 14<sup>th</sup> – Flag Day. Display the Colours proudly.
- June 15<sup>th</sup> – **FATHER’S DAY**. Special prayers for our fathers will be offered at Mass; weather-permitting Mass will be celebrated outdoors. The UYA will sponsor a continental breakfast for our fathers and guests after Mass.
- June 16<sup>th</sup> – Bible study group will meet in the parish hall at 7:00pm.
- June 20<sup>th</sup> – **Outdoor movie family night** at 7:30pm for parishioners and friends
- June 22<sup>nd</sup> – Fr. Calvo will leave after Mass and return on the 26<sup>th</sup>. In case of an emergency, Contact Fr. Sen. Soltysiak at 413/562-4403.
- June 29<sup>th</sup> – Monthly meeting of the Adoration Society at 10:00am.

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“Don’t tell me the sky’s the limit when there are footprints on the moon.”

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

First Holy Communion will be administered to six of our parishioners on Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. They are: Joel Farrick, Clayton Kocot, Jordan Lashway, Hailey Orloski, Tristen Orloski and Erin Tudryn. This special day in their lives, when they receive the Eucharist for the first time, is also a special day in the life of our parish family. I hope you will come and join us at Mass as these six young people receive Holy Communion for the first time.

**SOCL CLOSING**

We will be closing our School of Christian Living classes for the academic year on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. At Mass that day, we will acknowledge the students who have successfully completed the year’s classes. We will also thank our SOCL teachers: Kim Lashway, Cheryl Major and Chris Piekarski. These three teachers give of their time every Sunday so that our young people may have a sound Christian education, and we appreciate their efforts.

**SENIORATE SPIRITUAL OUTING**

Over the years the Central Seniorate has held spiritual retreats during the seasons of Advent and Lent. This year we thought we would focus on the season of Pentecost. We will gather outdoors, weather permitting, on the beautiful grounds of the Genesis Retreat Center in Westfield. The theme of this year’s retreat is: “[The] Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.” (Romans 8:26) The day begins at 1:00pm, and ends with us gathering for dinner at the Tavern Restaurant in Westfield. If you would like to join us for this Pentecost-themed retreat, please make sure and sign-up at the church or call the rectory.

**FATHER’S DAY**

The nation celebrates Father’s Day on the third Sunday of June. The parish will join in that celebration by offering special prayers in honour of the fathers of our parish, living and dead. Fully expecting the weather to be unbelievably gorgeous on Father’s Day, we will celebrate Mass outdoors beneath our maple trees. After Mass, the Parish UYA will sponsor the coffee and social hour for our fathers and their guests.

**SACRED VOCATIONS MONTH**

During the month of June, the church asks that we pray for Sacred Vocations. *Sacred* means holy, and *vocations* refers to a calling. Sacred Vocations is the divine call to serve Christ and church through the holy office of the priesthood. Our church has had to rely on recruiting seminarians and priests from outside of our denomination because an insufficient number of our own people consider the priesthood. This is not a sign of a healthy church. We simply are not drawing enough people into Sacred Vocations. Fr. Sen. Soltysiak and I cover Northampton, Fr. Biedrawa covers Enfield, and there is no resident pastor in Webster, MA, and this is just in our Seniorate alone. Our church cannot continue

without priests. Jesus promised to always send enough labourers to His vineyard, but whether they respond to His call is another matter. Let us pray that those whom Jesus has called come forward to serve as His priests, and let us pray that those who are not suited for such a ministry not confuse their own desires with Sacred Vocations. Just filling holes with a body does more damage than good. We may also need to be open to the possibility that Jesus is calling women to the ministry and that we are not allowing them to fulfill their Sacred Vocation. I think this important and possibly divisive issue needs to be prayed over much more openly and sincerely than we have tended to do in the past.

#### **CONVO & RETREAT**

The National Youth **Convocation** will be held at Roger Williams College in RI from July 21-25. It is open to parishioners between the ages of 12 and 20, with those 21 and older attending as chaperones. The registration deadline is June 1<sup>st</sup>. The cost is \$255, a \$30 late fee will be added after this date. The Convo is an opportunity to learn about Christ and church, to meet other National Catholics, and to have fun. A day at the shore is planned, a dinner cruise on Newport Harbor, and all kinds of different activities. For more information, please speak with Fr. Calvo, but remember the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

Our diocesan **Youth Retreat** will take place from August 17 -21, and will again be held at 4-H Camp Howe in Goshen. The cost is \$110 for those registering by July 1<sup>st</sup>. After this date a \$25 late fee will be added. The theme of the Retreat is *7 Is Word*, and will concentrate on the seven sacraments of the church in anticipation of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Sacrament of the Word of God Heard and Preached.

Registration and health forms for both events are available through the rectory.

#### **BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

Our ecumenical Bible study group is reading the Gospel of St. Matthew. This will probably take us two years to complete. If you would like to know more about the life of Jesus through the eyes of Matthew, you are invited to come and join our group. God still speaks to us today through His written revelation, but too often we do not bother to listen. If you would like to change that, why not sit in on a few of our classes.

#### **CHICKEN BARBECUE**

Barbecue dinner and raffle tickets have recently been distributed at church and mailed to others. We hope that you will support this important parish fundraiser. We are trying something new this year, as you hopefully already know. We have hired the *Dennis Polisky and the Maestro's Men Band* (<http://www.maestrosmen.com/index.html>) to play from 1:00 – 4:00pm. We have also arranged to have beer and wine for sale. Hamburgers, hot dogs and kielbasa sandwiches will be available for purchase, as well. The barbecue will be held at the Hatfield Lion's Club pavilion. We hope that you will invite others to come with you to this fun afternoon. And as you can imagine, there are a lot more jobs to be done now that we have expanded our barbecue like this. If you can help in any way, and we do need extra volunteers, please don't hesitate to contact Don Skroski (665-3435) or the rectory.

Due to our limited time at the microphone because of the band, we have had to condense our barbecue raffle. Rather than having 100+ prizes, we are combining prizes into gift baskets. We have several gift basket ideas planned. We are looking for parishioners to donate the various items placed in those baskets. A sign-up sheet is available at the church. If you would like to donate a complete basket on your own, that is welcomed as well.

With all of this going on at this year's Chicken Barbecue, we all hope that you will keep the first Sunday of August open, and tell others about it too.

#### **PARISH MISSION TEAM PLANS**

The Mission Team has some fun events planned for the parish. This month is *Outdoor Family Movie Night*. On the 20<sup>th</sup> we will set up a projector and screen out by the backyard shed, so bring your blankets to lie out on the lawn. We'll have some popcorn and sit beneath the stars. Just pray for good weather!

In July we're talking about *Bring a Friend Sunday: Outdoor Mass* on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Come September a *Back to School Breakfast* is planned for the 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. And they finally convinced me, we will hold a *blessing of the animals* on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, October 4<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00am. Bring your sundry pets to the church parking lot for a special blessing.

**CENTRAL SENIORATE *SUMMER***  
***SPIRIT-***  
***FULL OUTING***

WE HAVE GATHERED TOGETHER FOR SPECIAL TIMES OF PRAYER AND DISCUSSION DURING ADVENT AND LENT. THIS YEAR LET US COME TOGETHER IN THE SEASON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ... **Pentecost.**

ON SUNDAY, JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup>, AT 1PM WE ARE ASKING YOU TO ACCEPT OUR CALL TO GATHER IN THE SPIRIT AT THE GENESIS RETREAT CENTER IN WESTFIELD, MA - A PEACEFUL AND QUIET OUTDOOR RETREAT WHERE WE WILL CONSIDER THE WORDS:

*“[The] Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.” (Romans 8:26)*

AFTER OUR SPIRITUAL RETREAT WE WILL  
THEN CONTINUE OUR FELLOWSHIP AT THE  
TAVERN RESTAURANT IN WESTFIELD WHERE  
WE WILL MATCH THE FULLNESS OF THE  
SPIRIT WITH THE FULLNESS OF THE BODY.TO  
REGISTER SPEAK WITH YOUR PASTOR BY  
SUNDAY, MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>.



## **HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH OF THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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*Rev. Randolph Calvo, Pastor*

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Dear Parishioner,

We are writing to you in regard to our Annual Chicken BBQ. This great event, fundraiser and time of fellowship has been part of our parish for over 50 years now.

This year the BBQ will be held on **Sunday, August 3, 2008** at the Hatfield Lions Pavilion in Hatfield, MA. In addition to the great food, fellowship and raffle, we are very excited to announce that this year we will provide music and dancing from the very popular polka band Dennis Polisky & The Maestro's Men. Beer and wine will also be offered this year. Our huge raffle will offer a variety of enticing gift baskets and more.

In the past few years of this fundraiser we have served our delicious chicken BBQ dinners to roughly 300 people. This year we are hoping to attract over 450 people, both for the food and the entertainment.

This event is a crucial fundraiser for Holy Name of Jesus Church. Being a non-profit organization, our fundraisers are necessary to support our parish. We are asking our parishioners for their support of this important event.

Please consider becoming one of our parishioner sponsors in any of the following levels. (You may do so in your name or also in honor of passed loved ones):

### **Platinum Parishioner Sponsor - \$500 donation**

- Prominent placement of name on advertising posters and ads
- Prominent placement of name on church's homepage website, with option for a link to sponsor's charity of choice, through December 31, 2008 under 'Platinum Parishioner Sponsor'
- Prominent placement of name on-site the day of the event under 'Platinum Parishioner Sponsor'
- Four BBQ dinner tickets for the day of the event (\$60 value)
- Four raffle ticket books for the day of the event (24 tickets, \$20 value)

**Gold Parishioner Sponsor - \$250 donation**

- Placement of name on advertising posters
- Placement of name on church website through December 31, 2008 under ‘Gold Parishioner Sponsor’
- Placement of name on-site the day of the event under ‘Gold Parishioner Sponsor’
- Two BBQ dinner tickets for the day of the event (\$30 value)
- Two raffle ticket books for the day of the event (12 tickets, \$10 value)

**Silver Parishioner Sponsor - \$100 donation**

- Placement of name on church website through December 31, 2008 under ‘Silver Parishioner Sponsor’
- Placement of business name on-site the day of the event under ‘Silver Parishioner Sponsor’

**Bronze Parishioner Sponsor - \$50 donation**

- Placement of name on church website through December 31, 2008 under ‘Bronze Parishioner Sponsor’
- Placement of name on-site the day of the event under ‘Bronze Parishioner Sponsor’

**Ribbon Parishioner Sponsor - \$25 donation**

- Placement of name on church website through October 31, 2008 under ‘Ribbon Parishioner Sponsor’
- Placement of name on-site the day of the event under ‘Ribbon Parishioner Sponsor’

In order for us to be able to properly recognize all sponsors it is requested that any donation be made no later than **July 1, 2008**. A donor form is enclosed.

All of us at Holy Name of Jesus sincerely thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Don Skroski  
*Parish Committee Chairperson*

Fr. Randy Calvo  
*Pastor*

Holy Name of Jesus Parish · South Deerfield, MA

## Annual Chicken BBQ Parishioner Sponsor Form

Please fill out and mail (to **Holy Name of Jesus Church, 15 Thayer St., So. Deerfield, MA 01373**) or drop off this form to the rectory, along with your check made payable to *Holy Name of Jesus Church* no later than **July 1, 2008**.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### **Sponsorship Level** (*choose one*):

- Platinum Parishioner Sponsor** - \$500 donation
- Gold Parishioner Sponsor** - \$250 donation
- Silver Parishioner Sponsor** - \$100 donation
- Bronze Parishioner Sponsor** - \$50 donation
- Ribbon Parishioner Sponsor** - \$25 donation

### **Sponsor's Name**

*Sponsors will be acknowledged, if they wish and depending on their sponsorship level, in such ways as a display on the day of the BBQ, and on the church's website.*

*Please choose how you would like to be acknowledged:*

- My Name (your or your family's name, print below how you would like it displayed):

\_\_\_\_\_

- In Honor Of (for deceased loved ones, print below how you would like it displayed):

\_\_\_\_\_

- Anonymous Donation (your name will not be printed)

*All of us at Holy Name of Jesus sincerely thank you for your support.*