

Saint Mary

ON THE HILL
CATHOLIC CHURCH



News and Notes from Fr. Jerry

Stewardship Impacts Us All

"...No previous generation of American Catholics inherited so little of the content and sensibility of the faith from their parents, as have today's Catholic youth."

- R. Scott Appleby, Church historian

Dear Parishioners,

These have been tough economic times for many people, and yet, when we've held the annual Stewardship Renewal for the last couple Octobers, I have been humbled by the way so many of you continue to so generously support your faith community. I think it is because so many in the parish have sincerely embraced stewardship as a way of life and, as a result, participation in our many ministries continues to grow. In giving ourselves to stewardship we learn what it means to wholeheartedly embrace discipleship. This entrusting of all that we have and are to the Lord helps us to grow in our love of Christ, and also leads us to live out this love in all that we say and do. The commitments that we make during this annual renewal can transform our lives and help us to become saints.



Our stewardship way of life affects every aspect of our parish. Not only is it evident in the exceptional quality of our parish school, but as you can read in this issue of the *Marianite*, stewardship is also critical for our vibrant CCD program. I know Catholic parents want to bring their children up in the faith, but it's proving to be very difficult to do. As reflected in Professor Appleby's remark above, we can wonder if our children will have faith. An awful lot of young people see the Church as irrelevant, and it's not just those who have not been taught or brought up properly. In the midst of the struggle, I think parents can be too hard on themselves. When I say that stewardship is critical for a vibrant Religious Education Program, I am not so much talking about the financial

Mass Schedule

Sunday, 7:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,
12:15 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Monday, 7:00 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.

Tuesday, 7:00 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, 7:00 a.m. and 5:15 p.m.

Thursday, 7:00 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.

Friday, 7:00 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.

Saturday, 9:15 a.m.,
5:00 p.m. (Sunday Vigil)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Perpetual Adoration Chapel

Chapel is located at the corner of
Monte Sano and Bellevue.

continued on page 7

Understanding the New Roman Missal The Concluding Rites

For our last reflection on the changes to the English translation of the Roman Missal that will be implemented during Advent, we will take a look at the Concluding Rites. This section of the Mass is much shorter than the three parts that precede it. Thus, there will be significantly fewer changes to the words that both the priest and the congregation will say in comparison to earlier portions of the Mass.

The Concluding Rites will begin with any brief announcements that need to be made, if necessary. Then, the priest will greet the congregation as he has always done: “The Lord be with you.” Following the precedent set throughout the Mass to this point, those assembled will respond, “And with your spirit.”

The priest or deacon will then invite the congregation to bow their heads, so that he may offer a prayer or solemn blessing. These blessings will be more formal in tone than in the previous translation, and the priest will conclude the blessing by making the Sign of the Cross over the congregation, as he always has.

The biggest change in this portion of the Mass may occur during the priest or deacon’s dismissal. This is because he now has four options of what to say when he is sending forth those assembled. The priest or deacon has the option of either saying, “Go forth, the Mass has ended,” “Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord,” “Go in peace, glorifying

the Lord by your life,” or just “Go in peace.” The reason for these changes, as Fr. Paul Turner points out in *Understanding the Revised Mass Texts*, is that “These new formulas were promoted by a recent synod of bishops in Rome. When Mass concludes, we do not just leave the building. We enter the world with a mission.”

The Mass will then end as it always has: the congregation will respond, “Thanks be to God,” and the liturgical ministers will then process out, either in silence or to an optional closing hymn.



For more information on the new English translation of the Missale Romanum, please visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Web site at www.usccb.org/romanmissal.

Something New at the Fall Carnival

The arrival of cooler temperatures, falling leaves, orange pumpkins, and hay bales can only mean one thing — it's time once again for the annual St. Mary on the Hill Catholic School Fall Carnival. And as a way to extend the festivities, this year's carnival comes with an exciting new idea that promises to offer something for everyone.

Fall Carnival Chairperson Johnny Markwalter explains that in past years all the festivities surrounding the carnival occurred on Saturday, with everything geared toward the children having a good time. But this year the carnival will be a weekend-long event beginning with a kick-off party on Friday intended to offer the adults some fun of their own.

"The kick-off party is not so much about raising money as it is about providing an opportunity for fellowship," he explains. "It's a means for the adults of the parish to come together for some fun and fellowship while, at the same time, support the mission of the school."

The adult-only party will be held Friday, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Tickets are \$25 per person and will include a barbecue dinner, sides, dessert, two alcoholic beverages, and live music. The event will provide both an opportunity to preview the baskets featured during Saturday's auction, as well as purchase a few select baskets offered for sale that evening.

Allison Greene, party chairperson, hopes that the event will reach out to those who are not able to attend on Saturday, as well as to those who may not have children at the school but want to participate in a parish event.

"To make the carnival a success, there is so much the parents have to do," she explains. "We are busy from beginning to end and, other than a quick hello, there is very little time to socialize with other adults. We hope that this kick-off party will give us that time to catch up with old friends and meet some new faces from the parish."

continued on page 5



CCD: Working with the Domestic Church

In referring to families as the domestic church, John Paul II brought to the forefront the Second Vatican Council's teachings which recognize the important role parents have in educating our children in the Faith. Parents are the first heralds of our Faith, and the home is the first place where children learn about love, forgiveness, charity, and prayerful worship.

Parents have an incredible responsibility, but they are not alone. As members of a faith community that supports and encourages one another, parents can find help with fulfilling their role as primary religious educators through programs such as CCD.

"Parents are the first example of what it means to live our faith, and CCD is a wonderful reinforcement for a child to continue to learn and experience that faith," explains Joan Purucker, who is CCD Co-Director along with Barbara Kareis. "CCD also provides an opportunity for children to interact with their peers and become comfortable sharing their faith with others."

Currently there are about 250 students enrolled in the CCD program, which is open to elementary and middle school students who do not attend a Catholic school. Students meet Sunday morning beginning at 9 a.m. in the school gym for a Gospel reading before being dismissed to the individual classrooms.

With three children who have gone through the program, parishioners Ken and Connie Bowles share that CCD became an important and natural part of their Sunday morning routine. After attending early morning Mass as a family, Ken and Connie would drop the kids off at the school. Over the years, when a child transitioned out of the program, they would take that child to breakfast before returning to pick up the others. For their family, CCD was a blessing in so many ways.

"With our children in the public school system, we knew that going to church once a week was not enough," explains Connie. "CCD gave them that extra boost which helped them figure out who they are as Catholics and provided them with more opportunities to learn about their faith. Our family is also grateful for Joan Purucker and Barbara Kareis; their dedication is amazing, and we are in awe of both of them."

An important part of CCD is the Sacramental Prep Class which is designed for students who are behind in their sacraments. Sheryl Werrick, who teaches Sacramental Prep along with assistant Fran Blocker, says that the program is for children of parents who are enrolled in RCIA and who want their children to also become Catholic, or children of parents who are Catholic, but are just returning to the Church after an absence.

"Basically, Sacramental Prep is a catch-up class for students who have not received their sacraments," explains Sheryl. "Our purpose is to get the students ready to receive the sacrament on the same day as the rest of the students do in both CCD and the school. Then, the next year they can join their peers in a regular classroom."



Parishioners Ken and Connie Bowles with their children Anna, Sarah, and Christian. The Bowles say CCD at St. Mary's is an important and natural part of their Sunday morning routine



continued on page 5

Something New at the Fall Carnival *continued from page 3*

Saturday's carnival will feature many festivities that have become a tradition over the years: an inflatable slide, a cake walk, a rock-climbing wall, classroom booths, and a Country Store selling homemade goodies such as cakes, pies, and casseroles. And due to popular demand, Tara Sheyer and the Mud Puppy Band will once again be performing.

As always, the highlight of the carnival is the silent auction featuring beautiful themed baskets. Building on last year's success, theme basket chairpersons Stephanie Bussey and Mollie Baney explain that credit card payments will once again be accepted; in addition, this year will be the first time that the bidding for the

baskets will end in 15 minute increments, thereby eliminating the mad scramble at the end.

Over the years the Fall Carnival has become so much more than a fundraiser. Last year's chairperson, Neisha Cundey, says that whether it's donating, or attending, or sponsoring, or volunteering, it's beautiful to see the entire parish working together with a common goal of supporting Catholic education.

And this parish unity is what the school carnival is all about: community, fellowship, fun and, most importantly, creating lasting memories of parish life on a beautiful fall weekend in October.

Working with the Domestic Church *continued from page 4*

Sheryl explains that the class meets Sunday morning during regular CCD, and that class size is usually very small. For the first part of the year the students are preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in late January, so the lessons focus on the themes of sin and forgiveness; the second part of the year prepares the children for First Holy Communion in May, with lessons focusing on the Trinity, Christ's sacrifice on the cross, and how Christ is present in the Eucharist.

Of course, Joan credits the success of CCD to the dedicated parishioners who give of their time and many talents to the program. Catechists, classroom assistants, and even high school students work together to not only teach the children, but also to learn from them.

"This is my way to give back to God," explains Sheryl. "I love the ongoing spiritual experience offered through teaching, and I am constantly reminded that

the same lessons of God's love that I teach the children, apply to me, too."

Finally, parents are the first and foremost religious educators of their children, but those lessons can be reinforced and complemented through programs such as our parish CCD Program. What begins at home continues within the faith community.



The CCD program is still looking for dedicated volunteers to serve as catechists and assistants; in addition, the program needs an experienced teacher for the special needs class. It is also not too late to register students. For more information, contact the parish office at (706) 733-6627.

Bishop-Elect Gregory Hartmayer to Formally Succeed Bishop J. Kevin Boland This Month

Pope Benedict XVI has accepted the resignation of Bishop J. Kevin Boland, 76, from the pastoral governance of the Diocese of Savannah and has named Franciscan Father Gregory John Hartmayer, OFM Conv, 59, a priest serving as pastor in the Archdiocese of Atlanta, to succeed him.

The resignation acceptance and appointment were announced on July 19 in Washington, D.C. by Monsignor Jean-François Lantheaume, *chargé d'affaires* at the Apostolic Nunciature to the United States. Bishop-elect Hartmayer's Episcopal Ordination will take place at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 18 in the Cathedral of John the Baptist in Savannah.

Pope Benedict has named Bishop Boland, who became Bishop Emeritus on the day of the announcement, as Apostolic Administrator of the diocese until the ordination of Bishop-elect Hartmayer.

"Our diocese is truly blessed with the nomination by Pope Benedict XVI of the fourteenth Bishop of Savannah," Bishop Boland said at a press conference to formally announce Bishop-elect Hartmayer's appointment. "Over the past two weeks, Bishop-elect Hartmayer and myself have visited, prayed, broke bread, and I want you to know now and forever that God has blessed us with a new spiritual leader of immense talent and dedication. I have assured him that he is also inheriting a diocesan family that will love him deeply and with great reverence."

Bishop-elect Hartmayer's most recent assignment was as pastor of St. John Vianney Parish in Lithia



Springs, Georgia. A native of Buffalo, N.Y., he spent 16 years of his 32 years of priesthood in Catholic high school education and the past 16 years in parish ministry.

"As the Bishop of Savannah, I look forward to sharing a life of Faith with all of you," Bishop-elect Hartmayer said at the press conference. "Together, we will walk the talk on our Faith journey. We will break open the Word together and we will share the Eucharist together. We will welcome those new to the Catholic Church, we will feel God's infinite mercy together, we will celebrate the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, and together we will pray for and anoint the sick, bury the dead and remember all those who have gone before us. Together, we will

bless the brides and grooms and we will witness God's Grace at work in those ordained as Deacons and Priests. And we will pray that more will answer God invitation to serve in the ministries of the Church. I cannot wait for the privilege of sharing those moments with the people of the Diocese of Savannah."

"These are exciting times for our diocese," says Fr. Jerry. "Our new Bishop has great experience as a Catholic educator and parish priest. He has already reached out to the priests of the diocese and is eager to learn about our experience of ministering to and with God's People in South Georgia."

Please pray for Bishop-elect Gregory Hartmayer as he prepares for his Episcopal Ordination later this month.

"As the Bishop of Savannah, I look forward to sharing a life of Faith with all of you. Together, we will walk the talk on our Faith journey. We will break open the Word together and we will share the Eucharist together."

– Bishop-elect Gregory Hartmayer

Stewardship Impacts Us All *continued from front cover*

resources that are needed to run our parish programs; I think the human resources that people committed to stewardship bring together are far more important. Good stewards are eager to reach out to each other with encouragement in living the faith every day. I am happy to see that happening in our faith community.

Home needs joining up with Church much more, and despite what Professor Appleby may think, the value of what parents are actually doing needs recognizing, especially the parents' foundational experiences of love. That's how we start to bring kids up in the faith - by showing them love. People often feel their ordinary life is divorced from what is happening in Church on Sunday, so we need more teaching about the gospel value of what we are doing as family. That is why our pastoral focus this year is meant to help us understand more deeply how we are called to be Stewards of Love through the Sacrament of Marriage and Family Life.

I was blessed to have the benefit of 20 years of Catholic education, but I am always aware that the basic gift

of faith was handed to me through my parents' example of being good stewards of God's love. In our stewardship parish, I am confident that our children will have faith because I see so many moms and dads that are living examples of love and forgiveness; so many people in our faith community are using their time to develop a prayerful relationship with God; so many parishioners are making a generous return to God in thanksgiving for his many blessings. And, so, our common goal must be to help our young people and all our parishioners grow as disciples of Jesus. Together, through our stewardship renewal, let us recommit to building up his Kingdom here and now. I am so very grateful for your involvement in this faith community.

God bless you,



Fr. Jerry

Ad Placement



Saint Mary

ON THE HILL

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Augusta, GA
Permit No. 475

1420 Monte Sano Avenue
Augusta, GA 30904
Phone 706-733-6627
www.stmaryonthehill.org

Recent Donations to St. Mary on the Hill

St. Mary on the Hill Church

In Memory of Beatrice Lamb

Mr. and Mrs. George Sancken

In Memory of Bill Price

Barbara B. Price

St. Mary on the Hill Church Young Adult Ministry

Justin Owen Demarchi

St. Mary on the Hill School

In Memory of Bob Smith

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rubino

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Falcone

Mr. and Mrs. George Velek

Mr. and Mrs. John Mischnick

St. Mary on the Hill School Football Program

In Memory of Shannon Agee

Mr. and Mrs. Al Hutchison

Ms. Patricia Murphy

Mr. and Mrs. Herman
Brittingham

Dr. and Mrs. Carl Nechtman

Mr. and Mrs. David Maney

Mr. and Mrs. Pat H. Rice

Mr. and Mrs. John Markwalter

AOH Richmond 1

Mr. Mike Rucker

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ingram

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Dressel

Mrs. Joyce Weigle

Mr. and Mrs. James Sparks

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick
Nordmann

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Menk

Mrs. Jane Eubanks

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Flanagan

Ms. Marguerite Welch

Mr. and Mrs. Don Woodward

Mr. and Mrs. David McCauley

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams

Mr. Edward Holmes

Ms. Ruth Pirkle

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hayes

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Garren

Baptisms

Margaret Mary Rose
daughter of John and Michelle Rose

Joseph William Parks V,
son of Joseph and Elizabeth Parks

Abigail Jane Cosper,
daughter of Jonathon and Sharon Cosper

Daniel Thomas Sheehan,
son of Daniel and Susie Sheehan

Liam Edward Kennedy,
son of Edward Detechmendy and Katie Kennedy

Caleb Jackson Luckey,
son of James and Christy Luckey

Lucia Marie Kursch,
son of Joseph and Julie Kursch

2011 Stewardship Renewal - This Month

*Pray about how God is calling you to use
the gifts He has given you.*