

Thoughts Along the Way

How the Parish Works: Part I

Over these next weeks, I would like to offer some explanation of how our Parish of Holy Disciples and Our Lady of Good Counsel works. First things first: the parish, its pastor, and deacon.

What is Holy Disciples Parish, and how does it relate to Our Lady of Good Counsel? A *parochia* is an old Latin designation for a set of dwellings next to each other, hence a neighborhood of Christians. Holy Disciples Parish includes the people of the parochial community of Holy Disciples, which also includes the mission of Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Following our recent census update, Holy Disciples' community presently has 1000 households, while Our Lady of Good Counsel has 135 households. In most cases parishes are large enough to be financially self-sustaining, while missions are generally too small to support their own pastor. Parishes are groupings within a diocese.

What is a diocese? An archdiocese? A *diocesis* was a Roman legal term for territorial jurisdiction. The early Church applied the Roman term to designate a group of Christians under the care or jurisdiction of a bishop. Holy Disciples Parish (including Our Lady of Good Counsel) is part of the Archdiocese of Seattle, under the care of Archbishop J. Peter Sartain since late 2010.

An **archdiocese** is an honorary designation of a diocese's having a regional importance, such as serving as an historic or geographic center. Seattle serves as such a center for the region of Washington State. The Church's territorial organization often parallels that of a country, largely for practicality.

Where do bishops come from? An *episkopos* was the ancient Greek word for "overseer" or "elder" and *biscop* ("bishop") was the Old English pronunciation of that Greek word. Early Christians applied the Greek *episkopos* to describe the successors of the Apostles, who continue to oversee care for a local Church in an "area" or diocese. An archbishop is the overseer of an archdiocese.

Bishops are successors of the Apostles, and share in the Apostolic Ministry. To Peter and the Apostles, Christ gave the commission to make disciples of all nations, to baptize in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and to preach repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Mt 16:18-19; 28:18-20; Mk 16:15-16; Lk 24:47; Jn 20:22-23).

Apostles spread the Gospel, gathered believers, and established churches. Apostolic Succession maintains the bond of unity and the unbroken link with Christ and the Apostles, by which a bishop continues the Apostolic leadership, which is passed on through the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

Potential bishops are priests who are recommended to the **Holy Father**, in his capacity as Bishop of Rome, the successor of Peter. These recommendations come from other bishops, priests, deacons, and laypeople. The Holy Father is popularly called the **Pope**, a term of endearment for "father" (*papa*).

Just as the Holy Father entrusts care of a specific diocese to a bishop, the bishop entrusts care of a parish to a *pastor* (Latin for "shepherd"), the priest responsible for shepherding a specific community. In early 2010, Archbishop Brunett appointed me pastor of Holy Disciples and Our Lady of Good Counsel.

What is the purpose of a priest? A *presbyterios* was the Greek word for the one who offered the sacrifice in the temple—a priest. As the Church grew rapidly in the ancient world, the presbyter (priest) was the person whom the bishop appointed to stand in his (the bishop's) place to administer the sacraments, especially to preside at the celebration of the Eucharist.

What role do deacons play? As the Church added to its numbers so quickly, the Apostles wanted to make sure that they did not neglect care of widows, the poor, and orphans. The Apostles designated seven men for *diakonia*, Greek for service at the table, hence charity (Acts 6:1-7). The *diakonos* is the one who provides the Church's charity and proclaims the Word of God. Deacon Rod McGuire serves at our parish, with the balance of his ministry centered at Our Lady of Good Counsel.

NEXT WEEK: the Pastor (me), Deacon, and Staff in our dual-church parish.

Blessings,
Fr. Matthew L. O'Leary,
Pastor

July 1, 2011 thru June 30, 2012

Total FY Offering Budget:

Week 28 January 15, 2011

Our Financial Stewardship

Year To Date:

Offerings Received Dec 31/Jan 1, 2011	\$	16,656.33
FY '11-12 Year To Date Budgeted:	\$	394,259.88
FY '11-12 Year To Date Received:	\$	387,079.61
FY '11-12 Year To Date Surplus:	\$	
FY '11-12 Year To Date Shortage:	\$	(7,180.27)

Parish Mortgage Loan & Payment Status

Total Loan Amount (Rectory included):	\$	3,135,119.05
FY '11-12 Interest Paid To Date:	\$	55,040.36
FY '11-12 Principal Paid To Date:	\$	0.00
FY '11-12 Total Payments:	\$	55,040.36
Interest Past Due (as of 12/31/11):	\$	224,242.17

Other Donations:

Food Bank	\$	200.00
SVDP	\$	130.00
Other	\$	237.47

Thank You To All For Your Stewardship Support!

Let us know if you have any questions.

The Members of Your Finance Council are:

Denny Woyak (Chairman), Susie Brown (Bookkeeper),
Bob Lorenz, Chuck Nicholas, Walt Kuehlthau,
Janice Melodia, Kory Pederson
Fr. Matthew O'Leary (Pastor)

Justice in Action

Our next meeting is **Tuesday January 17,**
at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish conference room.

This group meets to discuss current social
concerns in light of Jesus' gospel message.
All teens and adults are welcome to join us.

For information, call Brian Peterson at
243-380-4850.

Stewardship Pledge Report

Thank you to all who have returned a pledge card for
2012. We have heard from 41% of our parish families.

Together you have pledged a total of \$600,839 in
support of our parish. These numbers are up from last
year and give us reason to be hopeful in the new year.

(Last year, 37% of the parish pledged \$544,625.)

**THIS WEEK AT HOLY DISCIPLES
PARISH**

Monday, January 16

Office Closed

No Mom & Tot Group in Church Nursery

MLK Day-Schools Closed

Silver Threads Exercise Class-10:30AM

Baptism Prep-7:00PM

SVDP Outreach-7:00PM

Tuesday, -January 17

HAP-3:30PM

Jr. High Youth-6:00PM

8:30AM Choir-7:00PM

Justice in Action-7:00PM

Wednesday, January 18

Rosary-8:40AM

Mass-9:00AM

Bible Study-10:00AM

Silver Threads Exercise Class-10:30AM

New Creation Choir-7:00PM

Book Study-7:00PM

My Life with the Saints studt-7:00PM

Thursday, January 19

Rosary-8:40AM

Mass-9:00AM

My Life with the Saints studt-7:00PM

Book Study-10:00AM

Sr. High Youth-6:00PM

Friday, January 20

Rosary-8:40AM

Mass-9:00AM

Silver Threads Exercise Class-10:30AM

BUNCO-7:00PM

Saturday, January 21

Faith Formation-3:30PM

Mass-5:00PM

SVDP Collection after Mass

Simple Potluck-6:15PM

Sunday, January 22

Mass- 8:30AM

Faith Formation-9:00AM

Mass- 10:30AM

Sacramental Prep for Teens-12:00PM

SVDP Collection after all Masses

St. Vincent de Paul Truck

St. Vincent de Paul will have their truck at
Holy Disciples Church parking lot to collect electronic
and other household items on:

Saturday, January 21 and Sunday, January 22.

LITURGY-Jan. 21/22

Sacristans:

5:00PM-Mimi Lampert

8:30AM-Jan-Marie Glaze

10:30AM- Linda Clingan

Linen Warrior-Kim Smith

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:00PM-Lori Marchetti, Ivonne Martinez, Mary Jo Risse, Sharon Rothwell, Nora Schindler, Julie Wiesen, Juanita Guzman, Tony & Diane DePersio

8:30AM- Michael Hodson, Michelle Jacobs, Walt Kuehlthau, Joanne Maitrejean, Charlie Nicholas, Dee Craig, Gloria Jean, Peggy Hager, Mary Jo Oboy

10:30AM-Rick Wigginton, Beth Buhl, Lina Cabusoa, Roselia Catindig, Linda Clingan, Delia Domingo, Margaret Furtado, Karon Manisco, Pam Nelson

Lectors:

5:00PM-Carolanne Randich, Pat Boyes

8:30AM-Jim Bissen, Sheri Hodson

10:30AM-Mike Foster, Peggy Walker

Altar Servers:

5:00PM-Joe, Fiona, Nicholas

8:30AM-Mikey, Luke, Diana

10:30AM-

Coffee & Donut Fellowship:

8:30AM: The Ron Quinene Family Haworth

10:30AM Mass:

LITURGY

Readings for the Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60: 1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6;

Matthew 2: 1-12

Readings for the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 3: 3-10, 19; 1 Corinthians 6: 13-15, 17-

20; John 1: 35-42

January 15, 2012

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In the Gospel today, Jesus ask "What are you looking for?" Often we are looking for happiness in very selfish ways, but we find it is when we look for ways to make others happy that we truly become happy.

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Cans, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them reason to believe and to trust.

You can now donate to St. Vincent de Paul on line on the Holy Disciples web site.

Prayer Requests

For Those in Poor Health

Sue Ford, Monica Harvey, Delores Reed.

When the names of the ill have been in the spoken Prayers of the Faithful for a month or more, they will then be remembered in our prayers from this list in the bulletin.

DEPLOYED PARISHIONERS

"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as you protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform in our time of need. Amen."

We especially remember our Parishioners:

Alex Martinez

If you have anyone who is deployed and would like their names to be published in bulletin for prayers, please contact the Parish Office at 253-875-6630

YOUTH MINISTRY

Junior & Senior High

If you aren't receiving the text reminders of upcoming events, please email your number to Carmen at cbryant@holydisciples.org. Last week we talked about priorities and what is urgent, not urgent, important, and not important. We asked ourselves where we spend most of our time: with matters that are not urgent and not important? Do we pack our days with our goals in mind or other tasks? Are we pausing to take into account God's will?

Annual Free-Throw Shooting Contest

WHEN- Sunday January 22, 2012 1:30 P.M.

WHO-Boys/Girls Ages 10-14

WHERE-All Saints Gym-204 6th Ave S.W.

Puyallup, Wa. 98374

WHY-Have Fun!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Each contestant wins a certificate

Each age bracket boys/girls individually 10-14 wins trophy and opportunity to go to next level.

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus

Contact-Mark McCoy 253-445-0106

SACRAMENTAL PREP

Preparation continues on January 22 when we learn about Reconciliation.

Religious Education

Faith Formation

Kindergarten thru Grade 6

Classes are on regular schedule this weekend and for the rest of this month.

Please Note: Calendar Change

Classes will not be held on Feb. 4th & 5th.

Please plan to join our parish community for the celebration of Confirmation at the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, Feb. 4th.

We Celebrate With Our Children!

We rejoice with our young people who have shared in the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this past week. We have over 40 children who will now continue their studies in preparation for the celebration of First Communion on May 5th

HAPpy New Year from the

Homework Assistance Program

Make a new year's resolution that the schoolwork gets done and that it's understood! Come to a HAP session; we can help! HAP sessions resume Mondays at 6:30PM in the St. Cecilia Room and Tuesdays in Classroom 4 at 3:30PM, Jan 9 & 10. Questions? Call 253-881-1002

BUNCO PARTY JANUARY 20, 2012 **TICKETS ON SALE THIS WEEKEND** **\$15.00 per Person**

An Adults only Bunco Party is planned for Friday, January 20, 2012. There will be beer, wine, hot dogs & snacks available for donations. We will begin serving about 6:30 pm. The game will start at 7:00pm. Entry Fee is \$15.00. Great prizes!

This is not just a Ladies Game. Everyone over 21 is welcome. Haven't played Bunco before. It is time to learn this easy and exciting game. Instructions will be provided. Moving from table to table give us a chance to meet new people and visit with those you already know.

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO
REDUCE PARISH DEBT.**

Our Saints

January 17—ANTHONY (251-365), known as "the Patriarch of Monks," was born in Egypt. Anthony took to heart Jesus' instruction to seek perfection by selling all his possessions and giving the money to the poor (Mt 19:21). He became a hermit and was an early founder of Christian religious life. Anthony returned to urban life for awhile to assist St. Athanasius in fighting Arianism, and then hastened back to the desert. Anthony died in 356 at the age of 105.

Adult Education Opportunities

Spanish Bible Reflection Class

Sunday mornings 9-10 AM -Parish Office
This group meets during Sunday morning Faith Formation classes.

"The Sacred Trust of Parenting: Living Your Faith"

Parenting Education

Taught by parishioner and parent educator:

Barbara Frye

Jan. 25, Feb 1, Feb. 8

6:45-8:00PM

Childcare available with advance request!
875-6630

Monday Night Bible Study

If one of your New Year's resolutions is to learn more about the Bible,

then Monday night Bible Study is for you.

Starting January 23 at 7:00PM,

this study will provide an overview of the Old Testament using the Little Rock Bible Study: Israel 1.

Israel had a fundamental belief that in all areas of their history God was with them.

That belief is still affecting our world today.

We can't really know Jesus without knowing His roots, prophecies and fulfillment.

Call the office or Barbara Smith at 253 476 1635 to reserve books. We need to order soon.

"My Life with the Saints" Book Study

Join us as we discuss the book by Fr. Martin which you were given at Christmas Mass.

Come to Classroom 2 on

Wednesday evening (7:00PM – 8:30PM) or

Thursday Morning (10:00AM – 11:30AM).

This week we are talking about Thomas Merton and Ignatius of Loyola (chapters 4 & 5)

Time to Plan For Our Saint Patrick's Day and

Pentecost - Parish Feast Day Celebrations!!!

**Join the Many Faces of Holy Disciples group on
Sunday, January 29th after the 10:30 Mass.**

We will begin planning for the St. Patrick's Day celebration which will be held Thursday, March 15th and the Pentecost/Parish Feast Day - Sunday, May 27th

See next week's bulletin for more details.