

Thoughts Along the Way

*Deep autumn.
Few leaves left on branches.
Freed to fill with stars.*

James Liguri

I heard the haiku poem above years ago and have recalled its lines each fall. How a few words can paint a vivid picture and make a poignant statement!

We are well into the autumn season. Fall was always a comforting season growing up, signaling back to school, pullover sweaters, fires on Sunday afternoon, and Seahawks. Spicy cinnamon and pumpkin wafted through the air.

For some years it has been increasingly difficult to see summer pass, to let go of bright days, blissful hours in the garden, and warm summer evenings. It's difficult to head back inside after spending so many days outside.

It did not help that fall took on an aura of death in my world—for awhile it seemed that family and friends coincidentally dropped at the same time as the leaves. In the order of things, death follows a time of life, yet....

But Scripture reminds us that there is an appointed time for everything under the heavens (Eccl 3:1) and mentions the seasons many times. Each season reveals the beauty and creative power of God.

Autumn's crisp air means leaves turning brilliant orange and red in a colorful spectacle orchestrated in heaven. Falling leaves reveal arboreal skeletons beyond any art of human design. Such is but one working of the Divine hand.

"The world is charged with the grandeur of God," wrote the great English Jesuit, Gerard Manley Hopkins, SJ. Each season proclaims God's creative majesty and calls us to praise the Glory of God.

We are gifted with the seasons and called to make each a time of celebration. A poem from the East lays the challenge before us:

*In spring, hundreds of flowers;
In autumn, a harvest moon;
In summer, a refreshing breeze;
In winter, snow will accompany you.
If useless things do not hang in your mind,
Any season is a good season for you.*

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Quoted by Dom Aelred Graham in
Zen Catholicism
Crossroad, 1994

Enjoy God's blessings this autumn,
Fr. Matthew O'Leary
Pastor

Our Saints

November 10—LEO THE GREAT (400-461) was a great pastor and preacher, who ardently defended traditional Church teachings, especially the doctrine of the Incarnation (God's becoming human in Jesus Christ). Leo's years as pope (440-461) coincided with the last years of the Roman Empire, when the political situation in Rome was disintegrating, and the city was left open to marauding groups of invaders and plunderers. Leo gave Rome its only stable leadership during the period, and is often remembered for famously dissuading Attila the Hun from ravaging Rome in 452.

July 1, 2011 thru June 30, 2012

Total FY Offering Budget:

Week 18 October 30, 2011

Our Financial Stewardship

Year To Date:

Offerings Received Oct. 29/30, 2011	\$ 10,827.38
FY '11-12 Year To Date Budgeted:	\$ 253,452.78
FY '11-12 Year To Date Received:	\$ 220,252.88
FY '11-12 Year To Date Surplus:	\$
FY '11-12 Year To Date Shortage:	\$ (33,199.90)

Parish Mortgage Loan & Payment Status

Total Loan Amount:	\$ 2,836,486.44
FY '11-12 Interest Paid To Date:	\$ 27,135.36
FY '11-12 Principal Paid To Date:	\$ 0.00
FY '11-12 Total Payments:	\$ 27,135.39
Interest Past Due (as of 9/30/11):	\$ 218,713.39

Other Donations:

Food Bank	\$ 70.00
SVDP	\$
Other	\$ 455.00
Mission Sunday	\$ 152.00

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)

Little Burgundy Books Available!

Our parish community has been blessed by
the Little Blue books for Advent,
the Black books for Lent,
and the White Books for Easter season. Now we
have Burgundy Books for our Stewardship Reflections.
Please pick up one of these private devotional books in
the back of church today.

These Little Burgundy Books are designed to assist us
as we turn to the Lord in prayerful discernment about how
God calls us to make a return for all that we have been
given!

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Silver Threads

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, November 8th, at
10:00 AM in the classrooms in church. Plan to play
Polish Poker and have a potluck. The menu will be soups
and a dessert. Please sign up on the Silver Threads board
at the back of church or call Mary Jo at 253-370-4744

THIS WEEK AT HOLY DISCIPLES PARISH

Monday, November 7

Mom & Tot Group in Church Nursery-10:00AM
Silver Threads Exercise Class-10:30AM
HAP -6:30PM
St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Meeting-7:00PM

Tuesday, November 8

Silver Threads-10:00AM
HAP-3:30PM
8:30AM Choir-7:00PM
Jr. High Youth-6:00PM

Wednesday, November 9

Rosary-8:40AM
Mass-9:00AM
Bible Study-10:00AM
Silver Threads Exercise Class-10:30AM
New Creation Choir-7:00PM

Thursday, November 10

Rosary-8:40AM
Mass-9:00AM
Senior High Youth-6:00PM
RCIA-7:00PM

Friday, November 11

Rosary-8:40AM
Mass-9:00AM
Silver Threads Exercise Class-10:30AM
Martial Arts-7:30PM

Saturday, November 12

Daffodil Valley Volkspor-7:00AM
Facilities-9:00AM
Prayer Shawl Ministry-10:00AM
Faith Formation-3:30PM
Mass-5:00PM
K of C Family Potluck-6:15PM

Sunday, November 13

8:30AM-Mass
New Creation Choir-9:00AM
Faith Formation-9:00AM
Scrip Fundraiser-9:45AM
Mass-10:30AM
Confirmation for Youth.-12:00PM

Simple Potluck

After 5 pm Mass November 19th Bring a dish to
share, and your own place setting and drink.
Be part of your Parish Community

Mom's Group

Mom Group will be meeting twice a month beginning in
November. Please check the bulletin board at the back of
the church for dates. We will continue to meet in the
nursery from 9:30am - 11:00am on selected Mondays.
Please contact Patty Ward with questions. 253.640.3756
or patty.ward@hotmail.com

LITURGY-November 12/13

Sacristans:

5:00PM-Mimi Lampert

8:30AM-Mary Verdile

10:30AM- John Humble

Linen Warrior-Ann Stumpf

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:00PM- Nora Schindler, Karen Trussell, Julie Wiesen, Tony & Diane DePersio, Georgiann Derieg, Alan Drake, Jan-Marie Glaze, David Goreczny

8:30AM-Dee Craig, Gloria Jean, Michael Hodson, Walt Kuehlthau, Joanne Maitrejean, Charlie Nicholas, Mary Jo Oboy, Frank Chamberlain, Joe Plummer

10:30AM-Juanita Guzman, Karon Manisco, Pam Nelson, Lucy Phillips, Adriana Posada, Oscar Rodriquez, Maria Rodriquez, Barbara Smith, Susan Taylor

Lectors:

5:00PM-Cathy Murdock, Alex Martinez

8:30AM-Geri Haworth, Jim Bissen

10:30AM-Barb Frye, Wayne Perrault

Altar Servers:

5:00PM-Amanda, Katie, Brian

8:30AM-Mackenzie, Jakob, Sarah

10:30AM-Leslie, Nicholas, Antouette

Coffee & Donut Fellowship:

8:30AM Mass:

10:30AM Mass:

LITURGY

Readings for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 6: 12-16; Thessalonians 4: 13-18; Matthew 25: 1-13

Readings for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6; Matthew 25: 14-30

November 6: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In today's Gospel Jesus challenges us to "stay awake" by taking time to seriously look at ourselves, the priorities of our lives, and how we are growing spiritually.

Ask yourself "What would Jesus Christ do?" and then put your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul can so that those who are suffering will be able to celebrate Thanksgiving.

Calling all young adults! Are you looking for something more in your faith life? All Saints Parish is starting a Young Adults Ministry for men and women, single or married, between the ages 21 to 35. Join us as we build a community where we can share and strengthen our faith through formation, spirituality, faith in action and fellowship! Our first meeting is on:

Friday, November 11

7pm to 9pm

All Saints Parish Center, 39ers room

506 3rd St. SW, Puyallup 98371

There is no cost to attend! For more information, call Renee at (253) 845-7521 or e-mail reneem@allsaintsparish.com.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Junior High

Thanks to Angela Maguire and the junior high team for the teaching on the Rosary last week. We strive to teach different prayer experiences during the year.

Our next class is on the Mass, with the new translation as well as uncovering some of the things we do at Mass that we may not really understand.

There is no class on Nov. 22.

Senior High

Thanks to Gerard and Darcy Cline for the teaching on the Rosary last week. Each month we hope to teach a different manner of prayer from within our Catholic tradition.

Our next two classes are on the Mass with the new language and we hope to gain some understanding about what we do and why.

There is no class on Thanksgiving Day but you are invited to the Mass at 10:00 AM. Bring something from your table to be blessed. It can be the turkey, a pie, rolls, whatever !

SACRAMENTS FOR TEENS

Our next meeting is today after the 10:30 Mass in the St. Cecelia room.

CONFIRMATION FOR YOUTH

Our next class is Nov. 13 at noon in classrooms 3 and 4. The topic is session 3 in your handbook "Renewing Baptismal Promises".

Thank you!!

The Hospitality Commission would like to thank Andrea Morrison for coming up with the idea and organizing the Bunco Party with all of its logistics and detail. After many hours of planning the rest of the group was able to present a grand party for parishioners. A great time was had by all. The food was good, the fellowship was great as we traveled from table to table trying to get to the "head table." Thanks to all committee members and others who helped up present a new activity to Holy Disciples. Finally thank you to all who attended our inaugural Bunco. You helped us contribute about \$1000.00 to help reduce parish debt. Look for our second Bunco Party after the New Year.

THINKING AHEAD

Advent is only a few weeks ahead. Plan now for an Advent scripture study program: two to choose from, Monday nights is a six week study starting on November 21 and Tuesday night is a four week class beginning November 29. Monday nights will be a Threshold Bible Study (new to our parish) created by Stephen Binz, part of the Little Rock team; and, Advent of the Savior is Little Rock Scripture Study. Barbara Smith will facilitate Monday night's study and Rosyln Castillo and Marianne King the Tuesday nights. To sign up for either of these studies, call the parish office or Rosyln Castillo at 253 848-1325 or 253 683 9508.

DEPLOYED PARISHIONERS

Aaron, Alex, Anthony, Bill, Bryce, Conrado, Damian, Dave, Denise, Dennis, Dominic, Don, Donald, Eric, Greg, James, Jeff, Joe, John, Joseph, Kim, Mark, Matthew, Noel, Richard, Rick, Ryan, Sara, Sam, Thomas.

"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."

Please remember these individuals in your prayers:

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.

Want to volunteer, but don't have a lot of time to commit?

Perhaps you would like to help set the Lord's Table. This ministry is one that is "behind the scenes" and requires a commitment of just one day a month for about 20 minutes before and after Mass. Please contact Jan-Marie Glaze at 253-312-0257 if you would like more information about being a Sacristan. We are in great need at all Masses, particularly 10:30AM.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

If you have lost a loved one (does not have to be a Holy Disciples parishioner) and would like them memorialized permanently in our Book of Remembrance, please complete the light beige form found in the back of church. The form and the donation can be stapled and dropped in the collection basket or sent to the parish office. Our Book of Remembrance is located in the foyer against the Eucharistic Chapel. Please feel free to look at our book often and say a prayer for our loved ones who have preceded us to be with our Lord.

The donation per name is \$100 dollars

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WHEN: Sunday, November 20th, 1-5PM

WHERE: The Spanaway Youth House

WHAT: A volunteer service project completing yard clean-up and manacure for a spanaway youth house

WHO THIS BENEFITS: This is a site for female youth in a state of transition. The residence is temporary and with a residential coordinator living on site. Youth must be between the ages of 18-21, homeless, able to adapt to a group living model, highly motivated to work towards self-sufficiency, and alcohol & drug free. Duration of stay: Emergency 30 - 90 days, Transitional 18 - 24 months

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN PROJECT: Anyone interested in helping! Children to be accompanied with adult.

PROJECT NEEDS: Yard clean-up tools: weeding tools, pruning equipment - sheers and clippers - gas powered trimmer, lawn mower, elbow greese!

CONTACT: Sign-up to help with Phil Cappetto @ 253 985-7682 or pcappetto@gmail.com

Religious Education Faith Formation 2011-2012 Kindergarten thru Grade 6 Classes resume this weekend!

Mark Your Calendars

Advent Wreath Making Event

Sunday, November 20th at 4:00 PM

Bring your family to prepare for Advent by making a wreath for use in your home.

Cookies and warm beverages will be served.

Faith formation classes are held

Saturday afternoons from 3:30-4:30 and

Sunday Mornings from 9:00-10:00.

Most of our classes are full.

However, we are committed to helping you provide an opportunity for your

child's faith formation. Please contact the us for more information: email Coleen Dory or Rosemary O'Brien-

Wilson in the parish office.

(email addresses are on the front of the bulletin)

Please remember that children seeking sacramental preparation (for First Communion) need to have a full year of faith formation classes before beginning their Sacramental Preparation program.

Adult Confirmation

Last Chance to get signed up for this year!!

Adult confirmation classes are forming.

If you are out of high school and are interested in being confirmed please contact the office.

Confirmation will be celebrated in Feb. 2012

COMING SOON WORK OF HUMAN HANDS SALE

November 26th and 27th

December 3rd and 4th

After Masses

Unique gifts crafted by artists from around the world.

This is a Fair Trade project through

Catholic Relief Services.

Sponsored by Holy Disciples Justice in Action Commission

Save the date

Friday, December 9, will be the next dinner sponsored by the Grief Ministry for widows and widowers. Meet at Northwest Vintage Restaurant, 10404 156th St. E near the Sunrise Target, at 530 pm. For more information, call Barbara Smith at 253 262 2047 or Maryanne King at 253 847 9763.