



# The Paduan

## St. Anthony of Padua Parish

259 Forest Avenue, Ambler PA 19002

Rev. Msgr. Stephen P. McHenry, *Pastor*  
Rev. Thomas Vattothuparambil, *Assoc. Pastor*  
Mrs. Barbara Daly, M.A. *Pastoral Assoc.*  
Mrs. Kathleen Dilts, *Principal*

Mrs. Roberta Ortwein, *DRE*  
Deacon David Jones  
Deacon Kevin Gentilcore  
Mrs. Mary Fran Paul, *Music Dir.*

Visit us on the web [www.saintanthonyparish.org](http://www.saintanthonyparish.org)

Rectory  
215-646-4742  
215-646-4864 (fax)

School  
215-646-6150

Children's Faith Formation  
215-646-6150 ext. 22

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### MASSES

**Daily:** Mon.-Fri. 6:30 & 8:15 AM; Sat 8:15 AM; Mon Evening 7:30 PM  
**Saturdays:** 5:15 PM  
**Sundays:** 7:15, 9:15 and 11:15 AM  
**Holy Days:** 6:30, 8:15 AM, 12:05 and 7:30 PM

### CONFESSIONS

**Saturday:** 4:00 to 5:00 PM  
Vigils of Holy Days & First Friday 4:30 to 5:00 PM

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### THE QUESTION OF THE WEEK

("Lord, will only a few people be saved.")  
(Luke 13: 23)

Jesus doesn't always answer a direct question with a direct answer. He speaks in such a way as to give the person some food for thought. Perhaps the answer already lies within the person asking the question but has not yet dawned on them. Notice what the person is not asking. The question is not: "Will only a few people get to heaven?" The question has to do with being saved. There is a recognition on the part of the one asking that entering into God's kingdom is not something that we can do on our own or by our own means. We cannot overcome our sinfulness and that is why it is not uncommon for people to deny their sinfulness; they have to admit their own powerlessness. We human beings do not like to admit when we are powerless or impotent.

Saved. We have to have another save us or we will perish. That is the underlying belief which prompts the question. The one asking realizes his powerlessness and is wondering aloud if there are many who also realize their need for a savior. It is one thing to recognize you need to be saved. It is another thing entirely to accept Jesus Christ as the Savior who will save us from our sins. They are related but they are not the same.

Jesus response to the man is about the "how" of salvation. He encourages his listeners to enter by means of the path that is not well traveled or well-paved. There are such paths and there are plenty of people who travel them. But they do not lead to salvation. "Not as the world sees do you see, O Lord our God," says the psalmist. But here is the point. If you think more about going to heaven than about your need to be saved then perhaps you should do some re-thinking. There is no going to heaven without being saved. Period. And just how is it that we show our God that we "get" the salvation He offers us? Jesus invites us to put our faith in him and to walk the narrow way. And how would you describe to someone just what Jesus means by "the narrow way?" That is the question of the week.

**ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH WELCOMES** all newcomers to the parish. Please contact the rectory at 215-646-4742 for registration information.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

There is Adoration all day on Monday beginning at 9:00 AM in the Mary Chapel. The Chapel is open weekdays at 9:00 AM for visits to the Blessed Sacrament.

**BAPTISM INFORMATION**

Baptisms will be on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 1:00PM in the Church. Pre-Jordan Classes will be the 2nd Sunday of the Month at 1:00PM in the Holy Child Cry Room. Our next class will be held on **September 12**. Please call the rectory to register for the Pre-Jordan Class and to schedule Baptism date.

**GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

**Saint Anthony of Padua: A tithing parish**

The hard financial times continue and have affected all of us both personally, as a family and as a parish besides the devastating effect on our nation and the world too. I especially want to express my gratitude for all of you who have continued to support the parish even at a reduced level of giving. I know the sacrifices you are making. We are all in this together and we will come through it together. Let us remember this truth.

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	855	792
<b>Number of Envelopes</b>	358	301
<b>Basket Collection</b>	\$13,266	\$11,630
<b>E-Giving Collection</b>	\$ 1,125	\$ 2,443
<b>Debt Reduction</b>	\$ 465	\$ 257

*Prayers are requested for the sick, all of our shut-ins, for the sick in hospitals, institutions.*

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Lucy Russo                | Jack McGovern         | Arlene Perrong          |
| Rosina Gore               | Harold Schmidt        | Catherine Koonan        |
| Betty Carney              | Kathleen Geraghty     | Lori Longacre           |
| Ryan Montgomery           | Jean Miale            | Hugh McGovern           |
| Marge Sheridan            | John Ryan             | Gary Cooper             |
| Dolly DelPopolo           | Richard Hicks         | Frances Russel          |
| Suzanne Moodey            | Katie Cooper          | Leonard Greenfield      |
| Barbara & Harry Flannigan | John Patterson        | Tony Giglio             |
| Patricia Davis            | John Higgins          | Scott Fledgerjohan      |
| Joseph Mastroni           | Barbara Dariano       | Anthony DiDomenico      |
| Joseph McCarrick          | Carmen Finore III     | Baby Luke Brosso        |
| Vicky Livezey             | Brian McDermott       | Michael Burke           |
| Helen Shortall            | Lucille Fiorello      | William Camburn         |
| Loretta Johnson           | Julie Friedberg       | Robert Tucker           |
| James Stanley             | Jean Tweetie          | Mary & George Brumbaugh |
| Helen Meyers              | Gerard Taddei         | Sue Rocco               |
| Christopher Drebes        | David Da              | Diane Geary             |
| Tom Dougherty             | Anna Grace Albertz    | Brittany Mitchell       |
| Chris Napolitano          | Ann Damm              | Fred Hankison           |
| Emily Weston              | Matthew Myers         | Anne Burkhart           |
| Katie Buel                | David Hines           | Jonathan Vervoort       |
| Sharon Centifont          | Alexandra Lorenz      | Steve Babb              |
| Cindy Bradley             | Donald Duckert        | Margaret Quarry         |
| Ronnie Norpel             | Margaret O'Donnell    | Martin Mullin           |
| Charles Prozzillo         | Rita Barry            | Lynn McDiarmid          |
| Gloria Gray               | Kate Noble            | Kelly Forry             |
| Leon Jones                | Kristen Mars          | Jeanette Molinaro       |
| Cathy Compos              | Austin Mahoney        | Gregory Ceneviva        |
| Cele & Al Gennaro         | Christofer Higgins    | Olivia Oeschler         |
| Virginia Ewing            | Michael O'Connor      | Robert Fluck            |
| Darla Rockwell            | Joe McGarry           | John Rainey             |
| Baby Kayla Forry          | Baby Nicholas Hagerty | Kathryn Francis         |
| Susan Haering             | Joan Martin           | Pat Thomas              |
| Corinne Cau               | Matthew Dugan         | Charles Straub          |
| Harold Irwin              | David Pursell         | Alice O'Brien           |
| Madeline Brown            | Larelle Brawn         | Francine Jensen         |
| Kyle Henn                 | Martha Harrold        | Catherine Chapman       |
| Ed Dingley                | Catherine Williams    |                         |

*Dear Parishioners would you read through the above names and contact the rectory if any name should be removed.*

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Beginning August 23, 2010**

**MASS FOR REQUESTED BY**

**Monday**

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|---------|---------------------|------------------------|
| 6:30 AM | Harold Schwartzberg | The Daly Family        |
| 8:15 AM | Nancy Ward          | Peggy Dolan            |
| 7:30 PM | Frank A. Braccio    | Aldo, Peggy & Children |

**Tuesday**

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|---------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 6:30 AM | John Costantino   | Family          |
| 8:15 AM | Rudalavage Family | Mary Jane Koons |

**Wednesday**

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| 6:30 AM | Vincent DellaDonna | Family |
| 8:15 AM | Josephine Talese   | Family |

**Thursday**

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| 6:30 AM | Florence Gray           | James, Tish & P.J. Gardner |
| 8:15 AM | In Thanksgiving for the | Gift of Life               |

**Friday**

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| 6:30 AM | Felix & Marian Buskey | Paula Cairo  |
| 8:15 AM | Richard Ade           | Wife Eleanor |

**Saturday**

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|---------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 8:15 AM | Msgr. Eugene Sullivan | Anne & Frank Pugliese |
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We extend our deepest sympathy to the families of Lawrence Joseph Melissen, Joan Stutz. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

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| Andrew DiDio        | Arthur Stanley            |
| Dottie Boyce Person | Sr. Marilda Joseph Aeillo |
| Danielle Hawse      | Kelsey Gavin              |
| James P. Murphy     | James Smith               |
| Antoinette Venezia  | Anna May Arzt             |
| Malena Mercurio     | Bob Driscoll              |
| Jack Brodsky        | Sharon Moore              |
| Agnes Burke         | Anthony Catagnus Jr       |
| Raymond Vaneman     | Kevin Groarke             |
| Patricia Lauder     | Maryanne Mogensen         |
| Tom McGibony        | Anthony Parente           |
| Jessica Conrad      | Cascia Cavallero          |
| Rebecca Barrett     | Marion Yost Ray           |
| Anita Heath         | Irene Ragan               |
| Ethel Rymond        | Frank Lukas               |
| Kelly Basham        | Jean Hall                 |
| Renee Williams      | Sally Mulhern             |
| John Green          | Jim Fogerty               |
| Margaret Morano     | Ann Peck                  |
| Jonathan Dryer      | Joseph Melograno          |
| Morgan Toth         | Rita Blasiola             |
| Adele Dawgiert      | Theresa Fullerton         |
| Thomas McQuarrie    | Thomas Crane Jr           |
| Michael Harkins     | Marie Leister             |
| Nate Buono          | Lois Scogna               |
| Mary T. Dudakiv     | Alexander Pearson         |
| James Messina       | Mary Alice Duckett        |
| Steven McManus      | Mike Stevens              |
| Abigail Brocklefey  | Claire Doman              |
| Trudy Coleman       | Silvio Reale              |
| Judy Coen           | Dave LaRocque             |
| Jerry Laackman      | Mary Ellen Clark          |
| Silvio Reale        | Mary Jo Winz              |
| Bob Linde           | Kevin Brubaugh            |
| Roberta Bernice     | John Heary                |
| Megan Sweeney       | Jim Donahue               |
| Baby Kieran Fliva   | Salvator Lenzetta         |

### Office Requests

Anyone wishing to make arrangements for a Baptism or anyone who needs to obtain a Letter of Eligibility to act as a sponsor at Baptism or Confirmation, is kindly asked to call the rectory between 9:00 and 4:00 Monday to Friday.

Canonical Requirements for being a Sponsor include being 16 years old, having received Confirmation yourself, being in a valid sacramental marriage (if married) and presently practicing the faith both by living the gospel and participating regularly in the Eucharist.

The Letter of Eligibility also states that the person is a participating member of that particular parish. The reason for these requirements is that the role of the Sponsor is that of being a mentor for the person Baptized or Confirmed. One's own faith practice and spiritual walk with the Lord are the key elements in fulfilling this role.

### Hospital/Nursing Home Stays

An enacted law has affected the longstanding practice of hospitals and nursing facilities to provide information to churches about parishioners who are patients/residents. Because of that new law, the priests and the staff in the Parish office may not promptly learn, or may not learn at all, that a member of the Parish has been admitted to a hospital (nursing facility). If you, or a member of your family, are hospitalized (or enter a long-term care facility or assisted, independent living or residential facility) and you want the Parish office to know, please personally, (or through a friend or family member) contact the office promptly and identify the patient/resident, the hospital (nursing facility) and the room number. Because all area hospitals (nursing facilities) may not have the same policies allowing the priest of the Parish to know when members are patients/residents, direct notice to the Parish from you or your family is a better approach. If the Parish office does not receive word, the priest will do his best to obtain information about parishioners, but hospitals (nursing facilities) are limited in their opportunity to give out information.

### E-giving!

St. Anthony Parish now offers the convenience of "E-giving". E or Electronic Giving allows your contributions to our parish to be made automatically from your checking account or credit card. There are a number of ways to sign up: online at [www.saintanthonyparish.org](http://www.saintanthonyparish.org), or by completing a paper form which is also available on line or at the rectory.

### ADVERTISERS

We appreciate those who support St. Anthony of Padua Church by advertising in our bulletin. Patronize their businesses and let them know you saw their ad. This week we thank advertiser:

DAVID JAY JEWELERS

**FREE Nationwide Ministry to Traveling Catholics.** If you are traveling in the United States and cannot locate a nearby church to attend Mass or go to confession – visit the website: [www.Masstimes.org](http://www.Masstimes.org). This service provides free information on the location of a nearby church and times of Masses and confessions on weekends, weekdays and holy days as well as the languages of the services and availability of wheelchair access and sign language.

### *Capital Campaign Update*

Thanks to all who have attended a reception or received a home visit!

We would appreciate the return of any pledge forms that still may be out.

*Help to keep  
St. Anthony's strong.  
Thanks for your support!*



**ROSARY** Pray with us, Monday through Saturday before the 8:15 AM Mass. Every First Saturday there are special devotions to our Blessed Mother.

### Baptism

We welcome into the Parish Community of Saint Anthony:  
Timothy William Rudalavage child of Paul and Cecilly

### *St. Anthony Parish Pilgrimage to Padua (And the rest of Italy too...)*

Deposits are now being accepted to reserve a spot for our trip to Italy March 28 - April 8, 2011. Space is limited.

For more information check our website [www.saintanthonyparish.org](http://www.saintanthonyparish.org) or call Kathleen McDaid or Roseann Kelly Freeman of Spring House Travel at 215-643-7074.

### Pastoral Council Members

Msgr. Stephen McHenry  
Paula Cairo  
Barbara Daly  
Kathleen Dilts  
Deacon David Jones  
Linda Morano  
John Reilley  
Jane Wagner

Father John Lyons  
Judy Campanale  
Delores Dean  
Deacon Kevin Gentilcore  
Chris Kenworthy  
Roberta Ortwein  
Mary Ricchezza  
Bob Windhaus

### Worship Committee

Msgr. Stephen McHenry  
Kathleen Dilts  
Deacon Kevin Gentilcore  
Roberta Ortwein  
Jeanne Kenworthy

Barbara Daly  
Kathy Ford  
Deacon David Jones  
Mary Fran Paul

### Finance Committee

Msgr. Stephen McHenry  
James Cake  
Georgia Crozier  
Alicia Elliott  
Stephen Smith

James Brogan  
Carol Chiodo Cavanaugh  
Dennis Daly  
Art Pasquarella

## St. Anthony-St. Joseph Elementary School



[www.sa-sj.org](http://www.sa-sj.org)

### Registration Information

Register your child for the 2010-2011 school year. SASJ's strong academic program provides a superior education, but most importantly your child will grow in their faith and develop values to last a lifetime. Phone the school office at 215-646-6150, ext. 21 to arrange a tour.

*Give your child the gift of a Catholic education.*



## Market Day is Back!



Our first sale day is **Thursday September 9, 2010**

Order today by visiting [marketday.com](http://marketday.com) or fill out the EZ Order form found in the Narthex and return it to the school office on or before **Thursday September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

This monthly grocery sale provides a great variety of healthy, delicious and convenient food at competitive prices. Also, a percentage of every purchase funds important resources for St. Anthony-St. Joseph Elementary School.

For questions or order forms please contact  
Jocelyn Martone 215-628-2154

St. Anthony "Moms and Tots" Group welcomes parish moms of pre-school aged children from birth to 5 years old for play dates, fun and fellowship.



Beginning in September the group will meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month from 10:00am to 11:30am in the Friendship Hall Meeting Room. For more information on this casual and friendly group, please call the rectory at 215-646-4742 or email Jennifer at [sowden44@yahoo.com](mailto:sowden44@yahoo.com).

**Donut Man Concert for Children October 10** - Jump, clap, sing and laugh along with the world-renowned Donut Man on Sunday, October 10th from 2:00 PM-4:00 PM. Through his gift of music and story-telling, children are introduced to Bible stories in a fun-filled manner. This is a great place for families to sow seeds of Biblical values into their lives. As the Donut Man says, "this is fun that redeems." \$35.00 per family; \$10.00 for individuals. Ages 3-12 years. Call to register at 610-644-0400 or online at: [www.malvernretreat.com](http://www.malvernretreat.com)

### Roman Catholic High School—Opening Schedule

Wednesday, September 8th—The Freshmen only (Class of 2014) will report for a full day at 8:00am. Free Welcome Lunch will be provided. Dismissal at 2:41pm.

Thursday, September 9th—We welcome our upperclassmen back. They will report for a full day at 8:00am. Dismissal will be at 2:41pm. *Freshmen do not report on Thursday.*

Friday, September 10th—All students report for a regular school day at 8:00am. This will be an "A" day with dismissal at 2:41pm.

## Children's Faith Formation



For calendar and downloadable forms visit the CFF Home Page at [www.saintanthonyparish.org](http://www.saintanthonyparish.org) or call Roberta Ortwein at the CFF Office (215-646-6150 x. 22) for further information.

**The CFF Office is closed August 23-27.**

**CFF Registration is happening now and some time options have closed to some grades due to their popularity. Sending your paperwork now offers you the best selection of session time!**

**Please note that ALL CFF FAMILIES MUST REGISTER EVERY YEAR and that CFF sessions are assigned on a first come basis only after the CFF Office receives a family's completed registration form. Email requests can not be accepted without accompanying registration forms.**

**Returning families:** Re-registrations have been mailed to your home. If you have not received your Family Registration form please contact the CFF Office.

**Families new to CFF:** We offer a wonderful program for children in Kindergarten through Grade 6 (Confirmation year). Please check our web pages for the Registration Form for new families.

**Still needed:** Catechist for Grade 2 and assistant for Confirmation Class on Wednesdays at 4:15. Adult volunteers receive free tuition for their children.

### CFF Volunteers are still needed...

Partner with God and parents to provide experiences and teachings that help our children become formed in their catholic faith. Catechists who volunteer for Children's Faith Formation at St. Anthony's will find a creative hands-on program, manageable class sizes, and assistants in every room. Join our volunteer staff and make a difference in a child's life today. Call the CFF Office at 215-646-6150 x 22 for more information.

**Only 2 Volunteers needed!**

**Wednesdays: 4:15-5:45: Catechist: Grade 2**

**Assistant: Grade 6 (Confirmation)**

**Teen Aides are welcome at 4:15 sessions (6:30 is filled)**

### Archdiocesan Boy Choir Auditions

Do you know a boy who loves to sing? The Archdiocesan Boy Choir of Philadelphia offers a rich musical and spiritual experience for boys in grades 2-8 that also benefits school and parish music programs. The choir performs extensively throughout the Delaware Valley and has toured in the U.S., South America, and Europe. The choir will be holding auditions on September 18 and 25. To schedule an audition please call Director Tom Windfelder at 215-425-6995 or 215-667-7365. Visit our website at [www.archboychoir.org](http://www.archboychoir.org)

**Al-Anon/Alateen Family Groups** offer meetings throughout our community every day of the week, call 215-222-5244 for days, times, and location in our area. Call 1-888-4Al-Anon for meeting information anywhere in the US and Canada. Alcoholism is a family disease, affecting family members and friends of the problem drinker. Al-Anon and Alateen offer free, non-professional mutual support for families and friends of alcoholics.

Find Yourself at . . .

**St. Anthony's Parish Picnic**  
**Sunday, September 12, 2010**  
**1:00 to 5:00 p.m.**  
**Penllyn Woods**

(Bethlehem Pike to Penllyn Pike, past the traffic light at Trewellyn.

Follow signs to Penllyn Woods on the right.)

Food, Talent Show, Activities, Music, Softball

Bring your own food or buy from us.

Contact any Commission member for more information:

Jane Wagner 215-654-0795 Tom Ryan 215-654-0606

Marie Reilly 215-643-7322

Kevin Martz 215-327-9886 Pat Crane 215-913-6512

**Pinochle News** — Want to play **Pinochle** with our St. Anthony's Pinochle card group. We would like to add to our number of Substitutes. We play the first Monday of each month from October to June, at Trudy Urban's Home. Please call Patty Davis 215-643-2566 if you have any questions about being a substitute for Pinochle. Thank you.

**St. John's Hospice Casserole Program**

The casseroles are the "main course" of a complete, hot meal that serve hundreds of God's poor and homeless who come to them for their daily bread. We need parishioners who are willing to make and deliver casseroles to our freezer in the rectory garage and are picked up by St. John's. Suggested recipes on the St. John's website [www.saintjohnshospice.org](http://www.saintjohnshospice.org) - casserole recipes. We provide the aluminum casserole containers and lids. If you are interested in getting involved with this group, please call the rectory at 215-646-4742. St. John's Hospice's seeks to be a community grounded in faith and service where homeless persons find dignity, respect, nourishment and opportunities for new beginnings.

**Church Ministry Institute** is a three-year certificate program of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, which provides lay men and women with a foundation in theological studies, pastoral skills, and spiritual information, integrated with preparation for ministry and service. Schedule for 2010-2011

**Tuesday evenings 7:00 to 9:30pm**

Institute for Evangelization, Philadelphia

Old Church of St. Andrew, Newtown

**Wednesday evenings 7:00 to 9:30pm**

Lansdale Catholic High School, Lansdale

Saint Barnabas Parish, Philadelphia

Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Bensalem (Spanish)

**Thursday evenings 7:00 to 9:30pm**

St. Matthias Parish, Bala Cynwyd

Archbishop Ryan High School, Philadelphia

Classes run from September to May. Cost: \$250 a semester

Contact us at 215-587-0551 [srmedieh@adphila.org](mailto:srmedieh@adphila.org)

[www.archphila.org/evangelization/formlaity/churchmin.htm](http://www.archphila.org/evangelization/formlaity/churchmin.htm)

**Bulletin Deadline** - Announcements for the parish bulletin must be submitted to the rectory before **12:00 Noon** on Tuesday. Inserts for the bulletin must be scheduled one month in advance.

**Do You Know Your Tribunal? ANNULMENTS**  
Procedure for Investigating a Church Declaration of Nullity

**3) The Role of the Tribunal**

The Tribunal process does not put you in the role of putting blame on the other party. The Decree of Nullity has no effect on the legitimacy of children or other matters such as custody or property settlements, which are decided by civil law.

**ABSOLUTELY NO ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR A FUTURE CATHOLIC MARRIAGE OR CONVALIDATION UNTIL AFTER A FINAL AND FAVORABLE DECISION HAS BEEN RENDERED BY THE TRIBUNAL.**

Involvement in this procedure does not guarantee an affirmative decision. If, after sufficient investigation, the Tribunal determines that adequate grounds are not present under Church Law, a negative decision could be given.

The Tribunal, 222 North 17th Street, Philadelphia PA 19103  
215-587-3750

*God's finger touches each of us. He calls each. Have you listened? To what life has He called you?*

**The following is a list of some Retreat Houses in our area:**

Clare House, Aston PA - 610-558-5377

Fatima House Retreat Center, Bedminster PA - 215-795-2947

Franciscan Spiritual Center, Aston PA - 610-558-6152

I.H.M. Spirituality Center, Immaculata PA - 610-647-4136

Malvern Retreat House, Malvern PA - 610-644-0400

Mary Immaculate Center, Northampton PA - 610-262-7866

St. Mary of Providence Center, Elverson PA - 610-942-4166

Mother Boniface Spirituality Center, Philadelphia PA - 215-335-7541

St. Raphaela Center, Haverford PA - 610-642-5715

S.S.J. Center for Spirituality, Philadelphia Pa - 215-248-7222

Cranaleith Spiritual Center, Philadelphia, PA - 215-934-6206

The Spirituality Center at Daylesford Abbey, Paoli PA - 610-647-2530.

**Mother Boniface Spirituality Center** - *"Walking on Water: Healing the Peter within Us."* A retreat with Fr. Matthew Linn, S.J., and author and retreat presenter helps us to become aware of Jesus' healing and transforming love in our busy life. Date: September 17-19, 2010. Please call to register or for more information 267-350-1831.

**Marian Pilgrimage**

**September 14-16, 2010**

Maranatha Springs and Shrine/Holy Love Ministries

Feasts of the Exaltation of the Cross and Our Lady of Sorrows  
Deadline for mail-in registration including bus transportation,

room and meals is August 31, 2010. Email questions to:

[mcpartland@comcast.net](mailto:mcpartland@comcast.net) Local contact: Fran Patterson:

[fmpartterson@hotmail.com](mailto:fmpartterson@hotmail.com). Visit the website: [holylove.org](http://holylove.org)

## Companions on the Journey

August 22, 2010

Dear Friends in Christ,

Have you ever wondered how many people die annually around the world? Or, how many people are born annually around the world. The numbers, as best I can tell, are these: 57,000,000 deaths each year and 140,000,000 births. So the birth rate is much higher than the death rate. These numbers are from 2009. But the death rate worldwide is going up while the birth rate is going down which is no insignificant fact. And the birth rate is not a constant. It is under one percent in much of Europe and China still has its one child policy in place.

The population of the world is just under 7,000,000,000 people. We should hit that number some time next year. And that will most likely continue to grow until we are between 8,000,000,000 and 10,000,000,000 people by 2040.

A birthrate of 140,000,000 annually means that each day the Lord sends 383,500 little ones to planet earth. A death rate of 57,000,000 annually means that each day the Lord calls 156,100 of us home. Each day. Every day. That is a lot of people to keep track of. While doing so would tax our very best efforts, God knows what He is about and has no trouble keeping track of how many people come and go and who they are specifically. On the day I die there will be another 156,000 people in line with me awaiting immediate judgment. It has been happening that way for eons now but we rarely give it much thought.

At the moment of death we stand before the God who gave us life and graced us with love. We receive an immediate judgment of our lives, up or down. If the judgment is hell then that is where we go—forever. If the judgment is heaven that is where we go—forever. At the moment of judgment we stand right on the threshold. When we are fully prepared and accepting of God's saving love then we enter the kingdom of heaven, saved from our sins by the blood the Lamb. But we must also be clear. While the judgment may well be to enter heaven we must make no mistake about it. There is no place in the kingdom of heaven for any aspect of our life that is not fully redeemed by Christ. In other words we will not be taking into the Kingdom of the Lovely God, any unforgiveness or lust. We will take with us no angry heart or greedy soul. We will not smuggle in our envies or our arrogance or our sloth. Avarice and gluttony are unwelcome in the kingdom. To the degree that I cling in any way to any of these attitudes then I will be delayed entering into the awaiting Kingdom of Heaven.

So we should be doing our best now to enter by means of the Narrow Door as Jesus says. The narrow door is the life of virtuous living. My friends, it truly does matter what we do in this life, whether it be alone or with others, whether anyone knows of it or no one does. It all matters. And there is no playing God for the fool as if we can finesse the truthful God or try to rationalize our way into his kingdom. This is a time of great seriousness rather than frivolity. We should seek to become brutally truthful with ourselves and humble as we stand before God in this moment. Our eternal life depends on our faith and life here and now.

Peace,  
Monsignor McHenry

## SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE FOR

August 28-29, 2010

As of the printing date the following are scheduled for Eucharistic service. Please allow for some switching to occur.

<b>Confession</b>	Monsignor McHenry
<b>5:15 PM</b>	
Celebrant	Monsignor McHenry
Eucharistic Min.	A. & P. Amento, L. L. Danzo, L. Mullahy
Lector	P. Dolan
Cantor	J. Kenworthy
Organist	L. Rafferty
Servers	J. Bunting, M. DeSantis, T. Heubach
Ushers	M., R. & S. Gerhard
<b>7:15 AM</b>	
Celebrant	Father Smits
Eucharistic Min.	P. Cairo, P. Davis, M. A. Mallozzi, M. Williamson
Lector	J. Longacre
Servers	E. Annunziato, J. & K. Gorman
Ushers	B. Hornberger, H. Leister, E. Oshman
<b>9:15 AM</b>	
Celebrant	Monsignor McHenry, Deacon Jones
Eucharistic Min.	H. Alberts, D. & M. Daly
Lector	M. Hill
Cantor	G. Allan
Organist	M. Granahan
Servers	F. Bercich, E. Knowles, S. Sparacio
Ushers	M. Kiley, J. Reilley, R. Williams
<b>11:15 AM</b>	
Celebrant	Father Lyons, Deacon Gentilcore
Eucharistic Min.	T. Keenan, P. Sigmund
Lector	J. Gaffney
Cantor	J. McLaughlin
Organist	M. Granahan
Servers	A. Benedict, M.J. Keenan
Ushers	C. Oberholzer, C Sands, L. Smith

