



From the Pastor's Desk...

'Capital Campaign!'

Several weeks ago, I addressed a few words in this column to those who were questioning, what happened to the Bishop's 'Annual Catholic Appeal,' which by this time each year, we pretty much had completed. The 'Annual Catholic Appeal,' for which each parish was assessed a specific goal, supported the many and varied ministries that are sponsored by the Diocese of Brooklyn & Queens, most notably, being a major contributor to the work of CATHOLIC CHARITIES that provide so many 'social ministries' for people in real need.

Today, I'd like to share with you, some of the particulars of the 'Capital Campaign' that has replaced the 'Annual Catholic Appeal' for this year. In stark contrast, the funds raised through the 'Capital Campaign' will, for the most part, effect Our Lady of Peace directly. The 'Capital Campaign' for the Diocese has set a goal for itself of **eighty million dollars (\$80,000,000.00)!** The funds raised will be divided into three areas of need. **Forty percent (40%)** for the funds raised will be directed to the 'Care and Support of our Senior and Retired Clergy' (I will speak to this issue more extensively in next week's column, since the Franciscan Friars have staffed this parish for over one hundred years); **ten percent (10%)** will be directed to 'Youth Ministry & Evangelization' (in response to the growing concern about the 'future' of our parishes, and how to keep the youth of parishes engaged once they've been 'Confirmed'); and the final **fifty percent (50%)**, and this is of special importance, will remain here in our parish for 'Capital Improvements'. Some of you may have read about the 'Campaign' in the Diocese's newspaper, 'THE TABLET,' and a select number of parishioners here at Our Lady of Peace, have already been called upon, have been informed about the 'Campaign,' and they have already made substantial contributions. The goal set for Our Lady of Peace Church is **ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000.00)!** This is a substantially larger amount than the usual goal for the 'Annual Catholic Appeal,' that has averaged about **six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00)** each year. The goal for the 'Campaign' has been determined by our weekly collection for two years. We average about one thousand dollars a week, so our goal should have been one hundred four thousand dollars (**\$104,000.00**), but the Diocese is also very aware of the annual income of most of our parishioners, so a lower goal was set.

I will write more about the 'Campaign' in next week's bulletin (and probably a few more after that,) but I want you to know as we 'go public' with this 'Campaign,' that through the generosity of those who have already been called upon, **we have raised nearly half of our goal already!** There has been an amazing response of generosity. The other point of interest, is that the **forty-five thousand dollars** that will remain in our parish for capital improvements, will be directed toward the construction of a handicap ramp in the front of the church, and a larger, handicap bathroom off the foyer of the church. The handicap ramp has been a concern of mine since arriving here nearly five years ago. The architects have already begun their work in addressing the design plans, and it is very apparent, that, finally, the church will be easily accessible to those with physical challenges. There is more to follow, but hopefully this will get everyone talking!

Sincerely, Fr. Pat



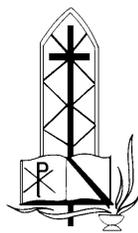
Father's Day

Although this Sunday is the 'Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time,' it is also a day our nation sets aside to honor our 'Fathers!' The father who inspired the observance of 'Father's Day' was a farmer named William Jackson Smart from the state of Washington, whose daughter, Mrs. Sonora Dodd, first proposed the idea of a 'Father's Day' observance in 1909. She thought of the idea for 'Father's Day' while listening to a 'Mother's Day' sermon at church, and she wanted to honor her beloved father, a Civil War vet, whose wife had died while giving birth to her sixth child. The widower was left to raise his six young children on their farm in eastern Washington. As an adult herself, his daughter Sonora, began to realize the strength and selflessness her father had shown in raising six children as a single parent. After hearing that 'Mother's Day' sermon, she spoke to her own minister about having a church service dedicated to fathers. She proposed June 5th, in honor of her father's birthday, as the date of the event. Unfortunately, that date was too soon for the minister to prepare the service, so he delivered his first 'Father's Day Sermon' a few weeks later, on June 19th. From then on, the state of Washington celebrated the third Sunday in June as 'Father's Day.'

Shortly thereafter, other states began lobbying Congress to declare 'Father's Day' a 'national holiday.' In 1916 Woodrow Wilson approved of the idea, but it wasn't until 1924, that President Calvin Coolidge made it a 'national event.' But, it wasn't until 1966 that President Lyndon Johnson, signed the proclamation declaring the third Sunday in June, 'Father's Day.' But that was only for a year. Finally, in 1972, President Richard Nixon signed a proclamation making 'Father's Day' a true 'national holiday,' 60 years after 'Mother's Day' had been declared a 'national holiday!'

"Happy Father's Day!"

+ Remembering our Faithful Departed +



We entrust to your prayers, the repose of the soul of **Francine Volpe**, who passed into eternal life on Monday, June 15th. Francine was buried from our church on Friday, June 19th. She was 57 years of age.

"May her soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."



+ Society of St. Vincent de Paul + 'Auto Donor Program'

Maybe you don't have a vehicle yourself, but a family member, friend or neighbor has an old or neglected vehicle in their driveway or garage that they would like to dispose of. Call the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** at (718) 491-2525. *'Thank you' for your participation!*

“Thank You!”

Although it is too soon to know how *‘financially’* successful our celebrations in Honor of Saint Anthony of Padua were, it is never too early to say, *‘Thank You!’* to everyone who gave of their time and energy in making our *‘Novena of 13 Tuesdays’* and our *‘Feast of Saint Anthony,’* such an enormous success. Perhaps due to the fact that the feast day fell on a Saturday this year, or perhaps due to the extensive advertising we sponsored, or perhaps more importantly, due to peoples faith and belief in *‘intercessory prayer’* being offered through St. Anthony, we saw record breaking gatherings of people on Saturday, June 13th. The weather was with us, and the thunderstorms predicted earlier in the week, didn’t materialized. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces and to meet so many new visitors to our Church. The volunteers, and particularly the members of our *‘Golden Age Club,’* were steadfast in their resolve to make every visitor feel welcome and at home, here at Our Lady of Peace! We couldn’t have done it without you. *‘Thank you, all!’*

+ Raffle Winners +

The winners of this year’s ‘Raffle Drawing,’ are:

First Prize of \$1,000.00 - Delsy Ulloa

Second Prize of \$500.00 - Antoinette ‘Nettie’ Amato

Third Prize of \$300.00 - Vivian Ceravolo

“Congratulations, all!” and “Thank You” for your support!

+ Perpetual Candles +

It has taken quite a bit of time for the name plaques to finally arrive, for those who reserved a *‘Perpetual Candle’* back in January. We apologize for the delay, but it has been a tedious process. There were over 150 candles in the church with names attached to them, but to date, the number has been reduced to about 40 donors who have come forward to renew their yearly commitment. The name plates are slowly being added, while others have been removed. Due to the amount of time it has taken to update the intentions for the candles, please know, that even though the candles have been burning since the beginning of the year, anyone who has paid for a perpetual candle, the candles will continued to be burned *from June 13th of this year to June 13th next year.* This will be our regular time for renewing the candles, rather than the first of the year in January. Please note, that any candle that does not have a name plaque on it, is available. If you are interested in reserving a *‘Perpetual Candle’* for the year, the cost is one hundred dollars, and you can reserve your intention by contacting the Parish Office.

+ Please Remember and Pray for the Sick +

“And the prayer offered in faith may make the sick person well”

+ James 5:15

Lucille Acocella, Elisa DePalma Erazo, Friar Daniel Morey, ofm, Arlene Morganti, Henry Seretta, Friar Robert Artman, ofm, William Casale, Maria Albanese, Melissa Torres, Molly Meltzer, Salvatore Russo, Carlos Emilio Flores, Friar Ron Bolfeta, ofm, Elaine Vona / Dr. Ray Mustafavi, Dolly Panza, Catherine Scorcia, Sebastian James Diaz, Dante Manzo, Alice Brandifino, Flo Leopold, Vincent Manzo, Isabel Chavarria, Ciro Diaco, Catherine Dashiff, Matthew Anthony Keeffe, Gia Florio, Luis Rodriguez, Nicolas Escamilla & Ernestina Martinez Rojas, Maria Teresa Salazar Alava, Luis Cáceres.

Please inform the parish office when it’s appropriate to remove someone’s name from this prayer list. Thank you.

Masses for the Week



Saturday, June 20, 2015

- 1:00pm Latin Tridentine Mass
- 4:30pm *Father’s Day Novena (1)*
- 7:15pm Neo - Catechumenal Community

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 21, 2015

- 8:00am For the Living and Deceased members of Our Parish (*“Pro-Popolo”*)
- 9:30am Latin Tridentine Mass
- 11:00am Roberto, Lilian de Jesus Flores y Romelia Maldonado (*Dec*)

Monday, June 22, 2015

- 8:00am *Father’s Day Novena (2)*

Tuesdays, June 23, 2015

- 8:00am St. Anthony - *Father’s Day Novena (3)*

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

- 8:00am *Father’s Day Novena (4)*

Thursday, June 25, 2015

- 8:00am *Father’s Day Novena (5)*

Friday, June 26, 2015

- 8:00am *Father’s Day Novena (6)*

Saturday, June 27, 2015 -

- 4:30pm Anna Stuto & Anna Manzo (*Dec*)
- 7:15pm Neo-catechumenal way Community.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 28, 2015

- 8:00am For the Living and Deceased members of our Parish *“Pro-Popolo”*
- 9:30am Latin Tridentine Mass
- 11:00am *Father’s Day Novena (7)*

+ Stewardship of Treasure +

Parish Support for the
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 14th

Totaled: \$ 1,015.61

The previous week’s collection for
Feast of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Jesus - June 7th

Totaled: \$ 1,090.00

*As always, we remain grateful for your generous support.
“Thank You!”*



+ REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES +

+ Sanctuary Lamp + All Souls

+ Altar Bread & Wine + All Souls

+ Chapel Lamp + All Souls