

June 18, 2006

Father's Day and the Eucharist

by Fr. Art Baranowski

We use a lot of words for God but no words can express God adequately. God is too awesome for words. But, we have to use words and try to speak of God.

“Father” is one of the words the Scriptures and Jesus himself use to describe God. By the way, feminine images for God also are used. The Scripture word often used for God is “abba” or daddy. Abba is a child’s term for dad and that word conveys many feelings—endearment, trust, confidence and joy in being loved and protected.

God is a daddy because God does many of the same things a dad does. God gives us life, nourishes and feeds that life, claims us as his very own, and directs our life path. God will never abandon us. God is a dad to us in thousands of ways but the most expressive way that God fathers us is the Eucharist.

Can you imagine any father giving birth and then never again seeing his child?

A father-child relationship keeps growing over one’s lifetime. We appreciate our fathers and continue to bond with our fathers differently as we are children, as teenagers, as young parents ourselves, and as we get old. In the same way, the Eucharist is done Sunday after Sunday because God keeps deepening his bond with us. God keeps feeding us over and over again with his very life. God simply wants us to know in the marrow of our bones that we belong to him.

The Eucharist is the place where God’s fatherhood is most expressed and experienced. If we pay attention, the Eucharist can teach us how to be dads and moms because God is the best Father of them all.

Welcome New Parishioners

Robert “Bob” and Joan (Custance) Freehan are young retirees who moved into East China Township. They raised their children in St. Rene’s Parish in Sterling Hts and both are professional people with a love for the church. Bob and Joan will probably take on some kind of ministry in the future but their main ministry is themselves and the faith they bring. In a real way, St. Christopher’s Parish already is better because of the Freehans.



This Sunday's Gospel

Mark 14, 12-16. 22-26

The Passover Meal was repeated yearly in every Jewish household. This meal renews the covenant bond between God and his people, when God led the Jewish people out of slavery in Egypt to their own land. Jesus gave the Passover an even greater meaning.

The Eucharist has been the main way Christians have celebrated their covenant for the last 2000 years. What helps you personally to enter into the Mass? What keeps you an observer?

Would you say your own appreciation of the Eucharist has grown over the years? Why or why not?

What are asked to contribute to the celebration of Mass each week?

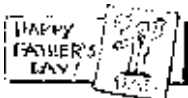
Next Sunday's Readings

Job 38: 1, 8-11

2 Corinthians 5: 14-17

Mark 4: 35-41

WEEKLY CALENDAR



Sunday, June 18, 2006

9:30 a.m. Baby/Toddler Sitting
Ages 10 months –3 yrs.
9:30 a.m. Children's Church
Ages 3 yrs– Kindergarten

Monday, June 19, 2006

7:00 p.m. CRHP Team/ Quest Rm.

Thursday, June 22, 2006

No Pastoral Musicians

Sunday, June 18, 2006

9:30 a.m. Baby/Toddler Sitting
Ages 10 months –3 yrs.
9:30 a.m. Children's Church
Ages 3 yrs– Kindergarten

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST



Zachary Randell Wiesner,

child of Randell Wiesner and Patricia Brow

Jillian Rose Alexander, child of Todd and Shelly (Hunt)

Alexander

Religious Ed. Registration

Registration forms have been mailed out for Fall 2006. If you did not receive one and want to register your child for R.E., please call the office at 364-4100 ext. 204.

Classes are filling up quickly. If a particular class time is important to you, register now to ensure a spot.

BURIED IN CHRIST

The members of St. Christopher's extend their prayers and sympathy to the family of James Newson buried on Monday, June 12, 2006



I Loved You Enough

Some day when my children are old enough to understand the logic that motivates a parent, I will tell them:

I loved you enough to ask you about where you were going, with whom and what time you would be home.

I loved you enough to insist that you buy a bike with your own money that we could have afforded to give you.

I loved you enough to let you see anger, disappointment, disgust, and tears in my eyes.

I loved you enough to admit I was wrong and ask for your forgiveness.

I loved you enough to let you stumble, fall and hurt.

I loved you enough to let you assume responsibility for your actions at 6, 10, or 16.

But most of all, I loved you enough to say NO when you hated me for it. That was the hardest part of all.

Cantors Needed

Cantors lead us in the sung prayer after the first Scripture reading. The parish needs cantors of all ages. If you can sing, then use the gift God gave you for God's church. Here is all you need:

- * Be a registered parishioner.
- * Be willing to join the other music ministers each week to grow in the faith of the church
- * Be open to improve.

Call the parish office or Melissa Duso. 364-4100, extension 205.

Remember to Keep in Your Prayers

Lorraine Rubbel, Connor Moran, Kathleen Neumann, Bob Danhausen, Donald Burgett, Sr., David Renshaw, Michael Healey, Mae Ward, Roy Cencich, Jose Ramirez, Jeremy Grzech, Kevin Shaw, Gayle Smith, Helen Robinson, Joyce Farrell, Virginia Tracey, Connie Green, Corey Aspey, Patrick Owens, Leo & Betty Visga, Ralph & Nancy Ceglarek, Dorothy Smarch, Simone Stern, Barbara Rumley, Dorothy Horn, Maria Miller, Bill Soboleski, Elizabeth Wessel, Maureen Pochodylo, Greg Riley, Lori Charette, Helen Ferris, Albert Kubek, Kathy & Karen Carty, Kyle Clayton, Patrick McCarthy, Bernard Shafran, Loreen Metheny, Helen Senik, Florence Ferris, Marlene Konik, Mary Blessinger, Dominic, Gino & Jordan Pecoraro, Russel Rumsey, Doris Godi, Barbara Stockwell, Harvey Brodeur, Mary Hodges, Patricia Pavlov-Leins, Jean Brockdorff, Kyle Stivers, and those who care for them.

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Weekend Liturgy June 24 & 25, 2006				
Day/Time	Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Sunday, 9:30 a.m.	Sunday, 11:30 a.m.
Mass Intention	Angelina & Edward Michalski by Frank & Betty Zukowski	Helen Malinowski by John & Toni Salvador	Jack Prevost by Mary & Family Edgar Prevost by his family	Robert Polaski by Sportrack Automotive
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Lector	Mitch Neumann Allison Warsinske	Nancy Trudell Deem Boldyreff	Joe Tranchida Rose Chreck	Don Jewell Jenine Ulrich
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Cantor	Mark Privette	Connie Kettlewell	Kris Folske	Andy St. Coeur
Altar Servers	Amanda Fairbank Adam Cieslinski	Joel Orchard	Alex Newby Lauren Curley	Dylan Jones
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**Readings for the Week
Of June 18, 2006**

Sunday, June 18
Ex 24:3-8
Heb 9:11-15
Mk 14:12-16, 22-26
Monday, June 19
1 Kgs 21:1-16
Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday, June 20
Kgs 21:17-29
Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday, June 21
2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday, June 22
Sir 48:1-14
Mt 6:7-15
Friday, June 23
Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9
Eph 3:8-12, 14-19
Jn 19:31-37
Saturday, June 24
Is 49:1-6
Acts 13:22-26
Lk 1:57-66, 80
Next Sunday, June 25
Jb 38:1, 8-11
2 Cor 5:14-17

Pax Christi

Please come to the next local Pax Christi meeting, Sunday, June 18 at 7 PM at St. Joseph school first floor meeting room. Be a part of prayer, study, and action peacemaking. For more information, call Mike McCarthy at 982-2870.

**Weekday Mass Intentions
June 19, 2006 – June 23, 2006**

Monday, 9:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.	Florence Prentice , by Dorothy McGraw & Family
Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.	Bea Cowger , by Ken & Angie Shoff
Thursday, 9:00 a.m.	Jack Murray , by Sally & Courtney Kus
Friday, 9:00 a.m.	Irene Brow , by Judith & Carol Brow

**Financial Stewardship At
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June 10 & 11.....\$9,177.97
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Stewardship Thought...

The bishop's stewardship pastoral asks, "And what do Christians bring to the eucharistic celebration and join there with Jesus' offering? The answer: "Their lives as Christian disciples: their personal vocations and the stewardship they have exercised regarding them; their individual contributions to the great work of restoring all things in Christ."



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