



Sunday, February 7, 2010
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Our unworthiness to serve God is overcome by God's grace, and by our willingness to answer his call.

Aiming at Holiness

By Ruth A. Puls, Interim Pastoral Leader

My neighbor is an archer. I watch from my kitchen window as he sets a target up in his backyard. He lines up with the target and pulls an arrow out of his quiver. He concentrates for a while, steadies his bow, aims, and fires. Often he hits dead center. More often he does not. The challenge is that I live in a townhouse. Our yards are narrow and long and are right next to each other. One time, I went outside to cut my grass only to find Mr. Archer taking aim. Having seen a few errant arrows land in my yard, I decided that it just wasn't the day to cut my grass. A person could get hurt when the arrow went off course...I didn't want to be that person!

I think of Mr. Archer when I think about sin and reconciliation. One of the oldest understandings of sin was the Greek word *hamartia* which means "missing the mark." We all have targets in life at which we take aim. We aim at being loving people, we want to be just, kind, caring, compassionate, prudent and wise. We aim at being sober, honest, faithful to God, true to our families and living a life of holiness. Often we hit dead center. Often we miss. When we sin, it is because we decided to turn away from the targeted virtues and take aim at other targets. Let's use an example. Sixteen year old Patrick may be aiming to be an honest person. But when his friends ask him to shoplift with them so they can get the latest videos, he does. Rather than aiming at honesty, he aims at peer acceptance, instant gratification, and stealing. He makes a deliberate choice to do wrong. Sin is not limited to sixteen year olds!

When we shift our aim from the virtuous life, and shoot at other targets that we know are wrong, we end up causing pain. When our arrows stray they end up hurting God, hurting others, and hurting ourselves. We know we have done wrong, but sometimes we do not know how to go about repairing the wrongdoing, and be "on target" with our lives. In today's readings, we see two men who come to realize their sinfulness before true holiness. Both feel despair; the first says, "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" The second says, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man."

Jesus gives the greatest advice of the day. He says, "Do not be afraid." When we sin, when we aim at the wrong target, we pray for God's grace to straighten our aim. When we sin, we have a choice to live in fear, or turn to Jesus. When our arrows go astray, just like Mr. Archer's, we can end up hurting someone. We ask forgiveness. It is oh so simple. And we make it oh so difficult. This week...take aim!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	8:00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Sean Eastman †
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Paula Norton †
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Sundra Bertrand (L)
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	People of the Parish
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Harry Bullen Jr. †
	10:00 a.m.	Clinton Benoit †
	12:30 p.m.	Special Intention

This week the Our Lady of Guadalupe Candle burns in loving memory of Walter Smallets †

PRAYERS

Please remember to say a prayer for your fellow parishioners and his/her intention: especially those recently added (names highlighted): Anna L. Baeza; Sue Bard; Geoff Bentlie; Lisalotte Beilke; Carol Bounds; Roberta Bullen; Louis Bury; Rachel Cannon; Michael Cherer; **Robert Collins**, father-in-law of Jennifer LePore; David Craybill; Mike Davis; William Dement; Chuck Dixon; Michael Dunn; Lorenzo Estrada; Angelo Gant; Ivan Gonzales; Sherri Hendrix; Mickey Henry; Florette Hunter; Sonny Isner; Dawn Jonas; Edward Jondahl; John Kohler; Karen Krywucki; Ron Lanthrip; Angie Lyons; Najha Marshall; **Cormac Jasper Moran**, relative of Barbara Flynn; Joseph Murray; Rita Napolitano; James Nichols; Margaret O'Farrell; John & Olga Panas; Karen Petit; Brian Porter; Wayne Richards; Cindy Roman; Linda Sanford; Nettie Stoner; Norma Summers; Eleanor Venit; Peter Walker; Karen Williams; Jeanne Young; Bob & Patricia Zambreny.

Ministry Schedule

For the Weekend of February 13th / 14th, 2010

**EXTRAORDINARY
MINISTERS OF HOLY
COMMUNION**

LECTORS

ALTAR SERVERS

**SATURDAY
4:00 P.M.**

Betty Kotlik
Jim Kotlik
Joe Nice
Joan Nice*
Betty Peters*

Carol Lanpsa
Dodi Bradford

M. Prusz
M. Prusz

**SUNDAY
8:00 A.M.**

Lilly Knocke
Joanne Barr
Barbara Jeffers
Ken Reed
PJ Sanders Reed

Connie Romero
Henri Abrams

C. Knocke

10:00 A.M.

Kathy Leddy
Selena Miller
May Alvarez
Nancy Mical
Rachael
Dallesandro
Kathy Krieger*
Bob Steibel*

Greg Jolissaint
Jonelle Broady

R. Rekus
W. Jimenez
J. Holland

12:30 P.M.

Maria Gomez*

Maria Restrepo
Edmund Samaniego
Marina Guerrero

A. Aragon



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Readings for Sunday, February 14th, 2010

Reading I: *Jeremiah 17:5-8*
Reading II: *1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20*
Gospel: *Luke 6:17, 20-26*

How do I measure happiness? Do I "buy into" the values of the Reign of God?

FINANCE

Regular Collection 01/31/10 \$ 3,644.
Facility Fund 01/31/10 \$ 1,141.

Capital Campaign Update as of February 1st, 2010
Total Commitments Pledged: \$ 952,864.00
Total Amounted Received: \$ 102,820.61

SUPER BOWL BECOMES SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY AT RESURRECTION
 Today is Soup-er Bowl Sunday, we thank all who donated today and joined with churches all across the country to collect for those who are hungry or hurting. If you were not able to help this morning, please consider a monetary donation in the poor box. Once again thanks for your Soup-er support.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LITURGY . . . As we have all heard in Psalm 40, "*Here am I, I come to do your will.*" Let our voices truly be heard as we commit ourselves to various liturgical ministries. Currently, we are in need of individuals to assist in the following ways:

- **ALTAR SERVERS . . .** Students who have already received their First Eucharist are encouraged to participate as a server. Additional help is greatly needed at **all** of our weekend liturgies!! For your convenience, training sessions will be worked around your schedule.

♪ - **SINGERS/MUSICIANS** ♪ . . . ♪ Lately, several individuals have expressed an interest in singing at Mass. Please come and experience Resurrection's music ministry on Thursday evening at 7:00pm.

- **LECTORS . . .** Lectors are the proclaimers of Sacred Scripture at the Mass. If you are feeling called to assist your parish in this way, 2010 might just be the year.

For questions in these areas (or any other areas of ministry), please contact our Pastoral Associate, Michael Ruzicki after any weekend liturgy or in the Pastoral Center, via email or phone call. As our community continues to grow and flourish, we look forward to a growing number of liturgical ministers!

MARDI GRAS/VALENTINE'S DINNER DANCE . . . Here at Resurrection on Sat. Feb 13th, 7-11 pm. A fun evening for the whole family. All you can eat dinner buffet, soft drink, coffee, dessert, included. Have a great time dancing the night away: Party Dancing, Line Dancing, Polkas, Spanish Dance, and more. Costumes Optional. Activities include: Costume contest, Crafts, Raffles, Youth Activities, and Lots of prizes. Donation \$10 per person in advance, \$25 per family (parents and children under 16). \$12.50 per person, \$30 per family at door. For tickets/more information call 410-300-6819.



ANNIVERSARY MASS . . . If you are celebrating your wedding anniversary during the month of February, please share your joy with God and the community of Resurrection of Our Lord Church, by attending our monthly Anniversary Mass. Our next Monthly Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, February 21st at the 10 o'clock Mass. If you are celebrating your wedding anniversary during the month of February, please call the Pastoral Center and notify them of your special occasion.



Preparing for Lent



We are in need of liturgical ministers to assist with the following services...

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 17, 2010

8:00am Mass

12:15pm Eucharistic Service with Distribution of Ashes

4:30pm Eucharistic Service with Distribution of Ashes

7:30pm Mass

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays throughout Lent

12:15pm

7:00pm

To volunteer, please contact Michael in the Pastoral Center via e-mail or phone call.

INFANT BAPTISMAL PREPARATION . . . If it is your desire to have your infant receive the sacrament of Baptism, please call the Pastoral Ctr at 410-792-7982 to sign up for the Baptismal Preparation Course.

2010 SOPHIA AWARD & LECTURE . . . Washington Theological Union presents "Don't pull up the weeds (Matthew 13:29): Biblical Wisdom on seeking communion in the midst of division. Lecture to be given on Sunday, February 14th at 5pm. Reception will follow. Presented by Rev. Donald Senior, C.P., S.T.D, President of The Catholic Theological Union, Professor of New Testament, Recipient of the 2010 Sophia Award of excellence in theological scholarship contributing to the ministry of the Church. For more information contact Alyce Korba at korba@wtu.edu.

OFFER A "TESTIMONY OF CHARITY" AT CATHOLIC LOBBY NIGHT ON FEBRUARY 15TH Join Maryland's bishops and hundreds of fellow Catholics on Presidents' Day, Monday, February 15th for the 26th Annual Catholic Lobby Night in Annapolis, where this year's theme of "*Testimony of Charity*" is drawn from Pope Benedict's recent encyclical. Lobby Night is an advocacy event that gives Catholic voters the opportunity to speak in person with their elected officials about issues including: support for pregnant women, poverty, Catholic schools, and marriage. Registration required by calling 410-269-1155 / 301-261-1979 or at www.mdcathcon.org

DOMINICAN RETREAT CTR . . . Tuesday, February 23rd - Lenten Day of Reflection for Women. Give yourself a day of Refreshment and Renewal. Presented by Rev. Daniel Leary. From 9:30am-3pm for further information call Retreat Ctr at 703-356-4243 or check their website at www.dominicanretreat.org

WIN A WEEK'S VACATION . . . The Christmas Bazaar Committee is sponsoring a one week vacation at Deep Creek Lake. A very generous parishioner has once again donated this beautiful condo to help raise money for our Parish. There is a Great Room, 4 Bedrooms (sleeps 10), with TV's in every room and 4 1/2 Baths. It also has a Pool Table and Hot Tub. You may choose a winter or summer vacation. Tickets are \$10. each or 3 for \$25. Please support this fund raiser and get a chance to win. Ticket sales start soon.



Lent starts this Wednesday, February 17th!
Do you have a plan?