

March/April 2009

CLERGY NEWS

From the Director

I walked next door this morning to Mt. Olive Baptist Church, my assigned precinct for voting. Although it was 9:30 AM, I was only the twelfth ballot processed according to the little machine that swallowed my ballot. Only 90 days earlier, I waited in line for an hour and listened to the excited chatter of my neighbors as they waited to cast their ballot in what has been called an historic election.

So what has happened in these 90 days? When I voted in the presidential election I emerged from the precinct to find hundreds of people still in line, some snapping pictures with their family and telling stories of their personal journey to that moment. As I exited this morning, I only found Billy and his grocery cart as he was making his usual visit to the nearby dumpster for any cans or bottles.

What is true for our city is also true for our church. 90 days ago we were heading into Advent and our Presbyteral Council was planning an “understated” affair to mark Cardinal Maida’s silver anniversary as a bishop. Almost overnight we found ourselves re-working the invitations and refocusing our attention as Archbishop Vigneron accepted the Holy Father’s invitation to shepherd our local church.

Time is not just the clicking of a clock, but a measure of our lives. Our church offers us 90 days of Lent and Easter as an annual celebration of the Paschal Mystery. It would be good for us to mark these days well and to work hard to keep up the excited chatter of our faith, lest we come out on the other side and find everyone gone.

Congratulations to Archbishop Vigneron – I am certain that these past 90 days have been a whirlwind.

Have a blessed Paschal Season!

- Mike LeFeuvre

PAPAL BLESSINGS

Several years ago it was decided on the Vicariate level that parishes would handle requests for papal blessings. Therefore, it is Archdiocesan policy to refer requests for these blessings to the pastors.

In order to obtain a Papal Blessing, a letter of recommendation is required from the parish priest with each request. This letter should be on parish letterhead and contain the full name(s) of the person(s) involved, as well as a statement signed by the priest stating that this person is a practicing Catholic. In the case of a blessing for a wedding, the name of the church where the wedding will take place is required. The request itself should include: the occasion, the date of the occasion, the type of scroll desired, and the request that the blessing include a real photo and that it be sent via Air Mail.

Payment must accompany the request

Payment can be in the form of a Cashier's Check, Money Order or parish check. (No personal checks.)

All correspondence should be sent via Air Mail. It is recommended that you allow eight weeks for receipt of the blessing. If there is an extreme rush, the request should be sent via Air Mail Special Delivery or Telegram.

While a Papal Blessing can be obtained from a variety of sources in Rome, we have dealt with the following two sources and know them to be very reliable. We are also listing the scroll number most ordered from each source.

Monastero "Regina Carmeli" Via del Casaleto, 564 00151 Roma, Italia EUROPE	Mrs. Lelli Garey Piazza Farnese, 104 00186 Roma, Italia EUROPE
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Recommended: Scroll #319 (approx. 15" x 12" - horizontal) from the Sisters at the Monastery. The total cost, including real photo and Air Mail is \$45.00.

or

Scroll 86/N (approx. 10" x 14" - vertical), with real photo and Air Mail is \$38.00 from Lelli Garey. Remuneration should be made payable to: A. R. Garey.

MOSAIC RETREAT APRIL 2009

MOSAIC retreat for wives and widows of permanent deacons and formation students, to be held April 17—19, 2009 at Marysville, Holly, Mich. Father Jack Baker is leading. For more information or registration, contact Jo Elynn Smith at (248) 363-0237 or joellyns@att.net.

One-day option also available.

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From the Editor

I have to apologize for the graphical inconsistencies in this issue of the *Clergy News*. For some reason, Publisher has decided it cannot see most of the clip arts I usually use. Rather than postponing a week and trying to resolve the issue, I thought better to try to maintain some schedule consistency ...but the edition does look a little shabby as a result. *Mea maxima culpa*.

On the subject of timelines, **please note that the deadline for submissions for May/June 2009 is April 16, 2009**—anything submitted after 5 p.m. that day has no assurance of making it into the issue.

My e-mail address has now changed to reflect my married name, but you can still use the old one. The new address is Tremblay.Katie@aod.org.

May you have a blessed and fruitful Lent!

Katie Tremblay

Thank You

Dear Monsignor Monforton, Sister Mary, Fr. Spezia and all members of the Sacred Heart Seminary Family,

Words cannot express the deep gratitude of the Berg Family for the care and concern for my dear brother, Paul, during his years at the Seminary and especially for the beautiful celebration of his entry into eternal life in his final days at Sacred Heart. Thank you also for the great hospitality extended to the Berg Family and friends. The reception was just Fr. Paul's style!

Many expressions of sympathy, offerings of Masses and prayers continue to arrive, and for these we are very grateful. The presence of his fellow priests and friends at the visitations, wake and Funeral Mass was deeply appreciated.

May God continue to bless you, your ministries and all at the Seminary in the coming year.

Gratefully,

Sister Barbara Berg, IHM

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

Beginning a New Pastorate conference to be held June 7—12, 2009 in Plymouth, Mich. Sponsored by the Office for Pastoral Services.

46th Annual Institute on Sacred Scripture: Commemorating the Pauline Year to be held June 15—19, 2009 at Georgetown University. See further information at <http://scs.georgetown.edu/scripture/htm>.

PRIESTS' BARBECUE

Please mark your calendars for the 3rd Annual Priests' Barbecue, Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at SHMS. Social beginning at 5:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. dinner.

Quarterly Meeting for Polish Priests & Deacons

The Archdiocese of Detroit Priests' Conference for Polish Affairs will conduct their next meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at 3:30pm at Our Queen of Apostles Parish in Hamtramck. All priests and deacons of Polish descent are invited to attend the meeting which will take place in the Parish Activities Center. Dinner will be served afterward so please RSVP by calling 313-891-1520 by March 4.

Sick Bay

We hope to list the priests and deacons within the Archdiocese of Detroit who are currently in need of our prayer, a note, or a phone call. To add a name to the listing please contact the person first to make certain they want such information published and then send the name through to our office.

Priests:

- * Fr. Greg Deters
- * Fr. Art Fauser
- * Fr. Joseph Janiga
- * Fr. Norbert Maciejewski
- * Fr. Janusz Marzynski
- * Fr. John Nowlan
- * Fr. Ernie Porcari
- * Bp. Francis Reiss
- * Fr. Francis Skalski
- * Fr. John Sullivan
- * Fr. Sean Sylvester
- * Fr. Jerome F. Treacy, SJ
- * Fr. Dave Watson, SJ
- * Fr. Alexander Wytrwal

Diaconate Community:

- * Donna Baross, wife of formation student Don Baross
- * Dcn. Andy Fairbanks
- * Fran Fleming, mother of Dcn. Dave Fleming
- * Julie Johr, daughter of Phyllis and the late Dcn. Bill Johr
- * Bonnie Krauskoff, widow of Dcn. William Krauskoff
- * Nancy Lenny, widow of Dcn. William Lenny
- * Dcn. Al Morad
- * Mary Morrison, wife of Dcn. Ron Vader

Sick Bay, cont'd.

- * Diana Shubik, wife of Dcn. Rich Shubik
- * Dcn. Thomas Thomas, mother Mary Thomas, and son Edward Thomas

In Memory

Happy are those who have died in the Lord; let them rest from their labors for their good deeds go with them.

Fr. Paul Berg

Dcn. James Cron

Fr. Ron Heidelberg

Fr. Ralph Kowalski

John Stanievich, brother of Fr. Walter Stanievich



On the Agenda

- **Mar. 10:** Fr. Paul Turner, SHMS (also serves as March Pastor Prep)
- **Mar. 18:** Fr. James Bacik speaking at St. Kieran.
- **Apr. 17—19:** MOSAIC retreat, Maryville. Fr. Jack Baker.
- April 23:
- **Apr. 30:** Disputed Questions, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Plymouth.
- **May 11—15:** Clergy Spring Retreat, SPC. Dr. Peter Williamson & Fr. Rick Cassidy.
- **May 19:** Annual Priests' BBQ, SHMS
- **June 17:** Day of Sanctification, SHMS—DATE CHANGING; TBA.
- **Jun. 26—28:** Deacon Men's Retreat, Capuchin Retreat Center
- **July 29:** Clergy Day of Reflection, Capuchin Retreat Center

CP= Cathedral Place (office bldg behind the Cathedral)

BSC = Blessed Sacrament Cathedral

SJC = St. John's Retreat Center

SPC = St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Ctr.

SHMS = Sacred Heart Major Seminary

Barter's Corner

We have an approximately 4' x 7' breath taking oil painting of Jesus that we are looking to donate to a good home. The back has the words "*augustus, Gaudry-VanLu inventor pinxit, tornacensis anno 1841.*" If you know of any parish that could use this painting please contact Tina Harris at St. Peter Catholic Church of Mt. Clemens, Michigan at 586-468-5120.