

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS



- Saturday, August 20th, @ 5PM, for **Jennie Yablonski**, requested by Dick and Verne Mahoney.
- Sunday, August 21st, @ 8:00AM, for **deceased parishioners**.
- Sunday, August 21st, @10:00AM, for **Margaret Finneran**, requested by the Swenson family.
- Monday, August 22nd, @ 8:30AM, Mass for **Martin Hollis**, requested by C. & J. DeMartino.
- Tuesday, August 23rd, @ 8:30AM, Birthday Remembrance for **William Shea**, requested by Fay Shea.
- Wednesday, August 24th, @ 8:30AM, 100th Birthday Remembrance for **Fred Libera**, requested by Marge.
- Friday, August 26th, @ 8:30AM, Anniversary Mass for **Walter Kuszaj**, requested by Mary Kuszaj.
- Saturday, August 27th, @ 5:00PM, 20th Anniversary Mass for **Michael Richardson**, requested by Ellie Hankard.
- Sunday, August 28th, @ 8:00AM, Mass for **Sarah Lizotte**, requested by Marianne Ferris.
- Monday, August 29th, @ 8:30AM, Mass for **Tommy Tanski**, requested by C. & J. DeMartino.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

ATTENTION PARENTS: ALL FORMS, DOCUMENTS AND LETTERS ARE NOW ON THE WEBSITE available in PDF format for your convenience. Simply go to our website www.stcatherine.info and you'll be connected to our site, click on "Ministry" and the drop-down under Religious Education.



RE-REGISTRATIONS - registration forms are on the website, or email Kathidre@aol.com to receive a form via email. All re-registration forms must include the \$50.00 late fee as the books have been ordered and the contract mailed to the Board of Education. **NEW BLUE STUDENT REGISTRATIONS** - to our Religious Education Program can be found in the vestibule and atrium of the church. Please attach a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate if you were baptized at a parish other than Saint Catherine of Siena.



CATECHISTS NEEDED!! We presently have openings in Grade 2, 4 and 8. For more info & details please contact Kathi Bonner, DRE, @ Kathidre@aol.com or call 860/658-4737.



The **Saint Catherine Parish Legacy Fund** is an excellent way to support specific parish ministries through your planned giving. As you might have

heard from Father Michael in a recent weekly announcement, one parish family has generously pledged funds through the Legacy Fund to support youth ministry for 7th & 8th graders in our parish. Supporters of this youth ministry may donate to the Legacy Fund with a designation for this purpose so that it lasts well into the future.

We look forward to your continued support and to sharing with you more wonderful examples of our parishioners supporting one of the Legacy Fund's missions of strengthening our vibrant parish ministries.

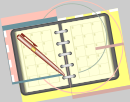
SCRIP TIP...



School is just around the corner!! Time to pick up all those supplies, from pencils and rulers to notebooks and folders plus all the other items in between!! Stop by the St. Catherine scrip desk to purchase your Best Buy, Barnes and Noble, Walmart, Target or Staple gift cards! Let your children use the gift cards to make their purchases. Help get those math skills cranking and learn the value of a dollar at the same time you help repair the church's parking lot!

Remember, when you want to purchase scrip cards on-line at www.shopwithscrip.com, use the Saint Catherine enrollment code **7A65C56C279L1**. If you prefer not to purchase on-line, stop by the scrip desk or look in the Atrium for scrip order forms. Fill one out and drop it off at the office with your check, we'll be happy to process your order! **For the weekend of August 27th/28th cards will be on sale after the Saturday 5:00PM Vigil Mass and the 8:00AM Sunday Mass.**

UPCOMING MEETINGS



Monday, 8/22 - 7PM - **Liturgy Meeting** - Library
 Tuesday, 9/6 - 6:30PM - **Virtus Training** - R.H.
 Tuesday, 9/13 - 7PM - **Men's Club** - Russell Hall

Offertory Collection for August 14, 2011

Weekly Collection:	\$ 9,071.30
<i>Loose Cash/Checks</i>	<i>\$ 1,322.30</i>
<i>Envelopes</i>	<i>\$ 7,749.00</i>
Budgeted for Week:	\$ 9,000.00
Overage:	\$ 71.30
Cathedralicum*	- \$ 498.92
School Tax*	- \$ 498.92
Refurbishment & Repair	\$ 3,871.05



*Parish Taxes (5.5%) Paid to the Archdiocese for Services rendered to Parish

Men's Club Meeting —Tuesday, September 13, 2011— Join us in Russell Hall at 7 p.m.

- **Been thinking about becoming more involved in the parish and not sure how to go about it?**
- **Want to meet fellow parishioners and join in on our great activities?**
- **All are welcome and encouraged to attend.**
- **Come with your ideas and energy.**
- **Pizza and libations provided.**

Is Annulment “Catholic Divorce”?

Q: A Protestant lady and I had a conversation about a local divorce and remarked that it would be terrible for the children. When I mentioned that Catholics do not believe in divorce, she looked at me and replied, “Yes, I know. You call it annulment.” Another lady remarked, “Divorce or annulment, what’s the difference?” Can you give me any help on what to say?

A: Judging from the number of letters I receive asking almost the same question, the confusion on this topic among Catholics as well as Protestants is extensive.

A good deal of the confusion, in my opinion, results from the mishmash of information about annulments and the Catholic Church presented in the news media. There is a huge difference between divorce and annulment. Even complete ignorance of church law and a slight knowledge of civil law will apprise anyone of that fact, since annulment is as much a reality in civil or state law as it is in canon law.

Let’s suppose a fairly rich man tires of his marriage and wants to make sure his wife gets no alimony, as she might after a divorce. It is not uncommon in this or other circumstances for the man to petition the court for an annulment, a declaration that for some legal reason there never was a marriage in the first place. This (supposedly) would eliminate any financial claim she might exercise had there been a real marriage and a simple divorce.

One could not, I think, convince that man or his wife or the judge that there is no real and significant difference, but only a semantic one, between a divorce and an annulment.

It is not possible to expand further here, but the Catholic Church’s understanding of annulment is basically similar to that of civil law. The church does indeed, with Paul in the New Testament, believe that any Christian marriage is a sacrament of the church and is unassailable even by the church. In other words, it cannot be ended by any sort of “divorce.”

It also believes, however, that circumstances can be present which might only become absolutely clear years later, but which made a true marriage—that is, a full Christian commitment to a common life of love and all that means in a husband-wife relationship—impossible for those two people.

When the church is asked by one of the parties to study this possibility and determine as much as is humanly possible whether or not a real marriage was present, it must in justice respond to that request as fairly and honestly as it can. This is what it does in an annulment procedure.

Are Children Legitimate after Annulment?

Q: If a man and woman have been legally married for a number of years and an annulment is obtained for whatever reason, are the children born to this couple considered illegitimate?

A: If the man and woman in question were free to marry in the first place, any children born during their legal union are considered legitimate. Such a union is called a “putative”

marriage; that is, everyone thought it was a marriage and there was no overt reason to think otherwise. The fact that some condition was present throughout the marriage that enabled it to be annulled years afterward does not change the fact that this couple was thought to be married by everyone, including even themselves. Their children are legitimate for all purposes of church law and, to my knowledge, also of civil law.

Is a Divorced Person “Worthy” to Take Up Gifts?

Q: What do you think of divorced Catholics who are now remarried to divorced persons taking up the gifts to the altar at Mass? These people were married in the Catholic Church the first time, with a Mass.


A: It is usually safe, and appropriate, to assume the pastor is sufficiently aware of the circumstances of such a family, and has made a prudent judgment on the matter. Unless there is serious reason to think otherwise, I think the proper and Christian attitude for the rest of us is:

1. happiness that the people involved are still trying to keep active in their religion and their spiritual lives, and gaining some consolation and help from their parish in what must be an extremely painful situation;
2. satisfaction that, while these persons may not be free to receive the sacraments of penance and the Eucharist, some ways have been found for them to share in the worship of God as much as possible; and
3. the details of the divorce and remarriage and of how things were worked out for their activities in the parish should not be of excessive concern to the rest of us.

No one knows the full background in these cases except the individuals themselves, God and perhaps to some degree the parish priest. And it is really nobody else’s business. Only God knows how guilty a person is in his or her heart for what happened in the past, or how much they may regret whatever wrong has been done. We should regard these people, then, with the same respect and kindness we owe others, and encourage them to participate in every parish activity that is open to them.

Source: Catholic Q & A, All You Want To Know About Catholicism, Father John J. Dietzen

MUSICIANS AND SINGERS WANTED!



So you always wanted to be a singer (or musician) in a rock & roll band! Didn’t we all! Don’t let those dreams die and keep the hope alive by joining the St. Catherine’s Contemporary Choir fondly know as the Earth Angels! We are a band/ministry of all ages from teens to seniors looking to get bigger and better. Singers and musicians are wanted (especially percussion or bass players) for the start of our new year in September. We typically play twice per month at the Sunday evening Mass and this year we will extend our ministry to some outside venues. It’s fun and rewarding and a wonderful way to serve! Please contact **Erin Leavitt-Smith** at 860/658-2998 or **Lou Daniels** at 860/916-3577.

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