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The Journey Continues!!

After a month hiatus the Journey is back. Where did it go? It was our hopes that the Journey would be a parishioner based publication, and for a while it was only an outlet for myself and Bob Shovah.

However, God is good all the time, and all the time God is god. So I welcome you to the first issue of the revamped BVMC bi-monthly newsletter "The Journey."

I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to this issue with their ideas, reports, etc. (A newsletter for BVMC parishioners by the BVMC parishioners).

As you take the time over the

next month and half to read through the pages, please let us know your thoughts on the newsletter. Please share with us any additions you would like to see added to The Journey.

Also, if you happen to be at a



parish function with your camera, please email Fr. Adam any photos you might have so that they may be included as well.

Amongst the new items you will see in The Journey will be reports from each of our

BVMC parish ministries. Also, now that we have an updated parish Birthday list you will again see your birthday printed in the pages of the newsletter.

And of course we will continue with the "Sacristan's Corner" the "Saint of the Month", our "Getting To Know" series, the Sunday Readings, the monthly calendar, our Parish Prayer List, and our shameless plug for more volunteers for our Thursday Night BINGO (yes, we really could use your help).

So sit back and enjoy the revamped Journey. Peace be with you!

Epiphany Home Blessings

Beginning January 6th and continuing through February 14th, Fr. Adam will be traveling around to the homes of our BVMC parishioners for the Epiphany Season Home Blessings.

The Epiphany home blessing is a wonderful tradition, and if it has been sometime since your home has been blessed the you

can revive this tradition.

If you are new to BVMC parish and have never had your home blessed during the Epiphany Season then now is a wonderful time to begin keeping this tradition. Please see Fr. Adam if you would like to schedule a time to bless your home.





Sacristan Bob Shovah
Postulant for Holy Orders

**“Surrender entails
handing yourself
over to Him
without
conditions”**

Sacristan’s Corner: The Road Goes Ever On...

It appears that the day of Tonsuring is near. I’ve been told that I will be getting the “holy haircut” and receiving minor orders in the very near future. God willing. How has my ongoing formation for the Diaconate affected me and my relationship with God? As one approaches the study of theology, I’m sure that a fear can arise; that in taking on the subject of God, it would be possible for an academic attitude to overshadow a more personal experience of Him. So far, in my training and study, I feel that I have not fallen into that pit.

I have explored the idea that God is both transcendent and immanent in relation to His Creation. To make the explanation of that personal, I have grown more aware of the majesty of God, yet I feel Him more present in my life. I guess that also helps me to embrace the idea of a Trinitarian God more fully. I like to tell others that I am always amazed by the power and love of God, but never surprised by it. I would hope that in my life and ministry, I magnify this faith; indeed, my own experience of God is what I have been given to bring to others. In teaching evangelism to parish members, who in true Catholic fashion are somewhat reticent to preach to others, I remind them of the joy they have regarding their own

church life, and the love that surrounds them in their own local Christian community. Living out that joy, the love of Christ for His people, is



where you can start in putting the Gospel “out there”. (Of course, the Good News doesn’t start and end with good works.)

Probably the most surprising thing about my studies so far is that I don’t feel a separateness, or detachment of my studies from my personal faith. Or maybe it’s the other way around. I think the reason for that is that when one submits themselves to the will of God, and to His Plan for their life, there is a transformation. When your thoughts, words, deeds, and actions are focused on Christ, and you surrender to something bigger than your self, the foundation of your “house “ becomes much more stable.

One of the things that may have prevented me from returning to Christianity for the many years I was “away”, was the analytical side of my nature. I looked at religion and theology under the microscope of logic, in an indi-

vidualistic setting. I didn’t allow myself to be guided by the Church Tradition, the wisdom of the ages. Without a community of love and support to nurture me, my faith could not return and grow. In my ministry, this is how I answer those who say “I’m very spiritual, I just don’t like churches or religions.” A “church” is a human invention. The “Church” is a divine institution. Faith cannot be a solitary thing.the Church is the Body of Christ , all believers united with Him.

The theology training I have received has not picked apart my faith; it has been supporting rather than discouraging. It has helped me to realize why I believe what I believe. I feel better equipped to not only live out my faith, but to share it.

As for my own relationship with God, there has come to be a certain consistency in my life. My goal is not to be a better Christian, or a good deacon. It is to determine His will and to conform myself to Christ. The difference will be when I stop defining “holiness” or “goodness” for myself. There is no holiness without God. Surrender entails handing yourself over to Him without conditions. Without bargaining. Making myself an instrument of His Love.without focusing on the title “Deacon”; rather, focusing on loving Him and all He has created.

Please pray for me.
AMEN.

What Happened to the ‘DUES’ Envelopes?

Many people have asked why the envelopes marked ‘dues’ were not included in the 2010 envelopes.



It was decided by the parish council that we would no longer be using the term ‘dues’ here at BVMC parish. This decision was made primarily as people would connect paying dues to being a

member of a club or organization. The Church is not a club, but the Body of Christ. All are welcomed into the Body and all shall rejoice!

However, just because we no longer have the ‘dues’ envelopes does not mean we are no longer responsible for this money to the Central Diocese and the National Church. We still have to pay our fair share to both to help keep

our denomination going. So, we ask that you keep in mind that we still send this money to Scranton and adjust your Sunday offerings accordingly.

Just a reminder that we are responsible for sending \$50 to the National Church, \$10 to the Central Diocese and \$2 to Development for each parishioner.

“I opened the box and looked and looked and I could not find the ‘Dues’ envelopes. Where did they go?” -

Actual quote from a BVMC parishioner.

As We Approach the Season of Lent

My brothers and sisters in Christ. It is that time of year again. The Christmas décor has been removed from the Sanctuary, and as we celebrate this first Season of Ordinary Time, we know that Lent is approaching.

For many, Lent is a downer. A bit of a depressing season for the Church. However, Lent can be exciting! Yes, I said exciting!

Lent is the time of year that we are able to think of all the times we have fallen short of doing God’s will in our lives. All the times we have hurt others, hurt ourselves and hurt our God. But the good news is Jesus Christ!

Yes, while we need to focus on repentance and a change of heart and life, we can rejoice in knowing we have been forgiven

through the Blood of Jesus! So this Lenten Season, seek that change and embrace God’s love and mercy!

We will begin the Season of Lent with Stations of the Cross at 6pm and our Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30pm on February 17th 2010.



Saint of the Month: St. Agnes



According to tradition, Saint Agnes was a member of the Roman nobility born c. 291 and raised in a

Christian family. She suffered martyrdom at the age of twelve or thirteen during the reign of the Roman Emperor Diocletian, on January 21, 304.

The Prefect Sempronius wished Agnes to marry his son, and on Agnes’ refusal he condemned her to death. As Roman law did not permit

the execution of virgins, Sempronius had a naked Agnes dragged through the streets to a brothel. As she prayed, her hair grew and covered her body. It was also said that all of the men who attempted to rape her were immediately struck blind. When led out to die she was tied to a stake, but the bundle of wood would not burn, whereupon the officer in charge of the troops drew his sword and beheaded her, or, in some other texts, stabbed her in the throat. It is also said that the blood of Agnes poured to the stadium floor where other Christians soaked up the blood with

cloths. She did not want to marry but wanted to have God in her life. A few days after Agnes’ death, a girl named Emerentiana was found praying by her tomb; she claimed to be the daughter of Agnes’ wet nurse, and was stoned to death after refusing to leave the place and reprimanding the pagans for killing her foster sister. Emerentiana was also later canonized. Agnes’ bones are conserved in the church of Sant’Agnese fuori le mura in Rome, built over the catacomb that housed Agnes’ tomb. Her skull is preserved in a side chapel in the church of Sant’Agnese in Agone in Rome’s Piazza Navona.

Prayer List

Tyrel Archambeault
 Silvio Brighenti
 Irene Calka
 Rev. Hap Carrier
 Cifaldi Family
 Jean Egan
 Ann Marie DelRa
 Alice Houser
 Karen & Richard Malchow
 Christina Malczewski
 Cynthia Mayhew
 Nancy Merrill
 Rev. Nigel Mumford
 Robert Nagle
 Genevieve Novak
 Cody Okonski
 Nancy Pascale
 Elizabeth Peplowski
 Henry Radzysinski
 Stanley & Edna Radzysinski
 Michael Robochik
 John Scarchilli
 Bob Shovah
 Jean Tomaski
 Turnbaugh Family
 Jane White

To add or remove a name from the parish prayer list please see Father Adam, thank you.



In remembrance of our dear friends

Eleanor Schmidbauer and Carl Layman

"Your life was spent
 In freely giving,
 And all it meant
 Made life worth living.
 We say "goodnight"
 And not "goodbye,"
 As wings of flight
 Lift you on high.
 Sleep and rest,
 Have peace and calm.
 Forever blessed
 In heaven's arms."

BVMC Bible Study: We Need You!

Our Bible study group has been meeting every Monday for several months. We have been reading and discussing the Book of Genesis. We would like to invite and encourage others to participate in discerning God's message to us!

The Bible study is not intense. You do not have to

read ahead, nor be a biblical scholar. We read a chapter, pray, and talk about what we think the Bible might be saying to us!

Come as you are! We will begin meeting every other week in January and February on Monday evenings at 6:30pm.

During the Season of Lent

we will be moving on to the Book of Exodus.

Bibles are available in the parish library.

Oh, and did we mention FREE COFFEE!!

Study the Bible with us



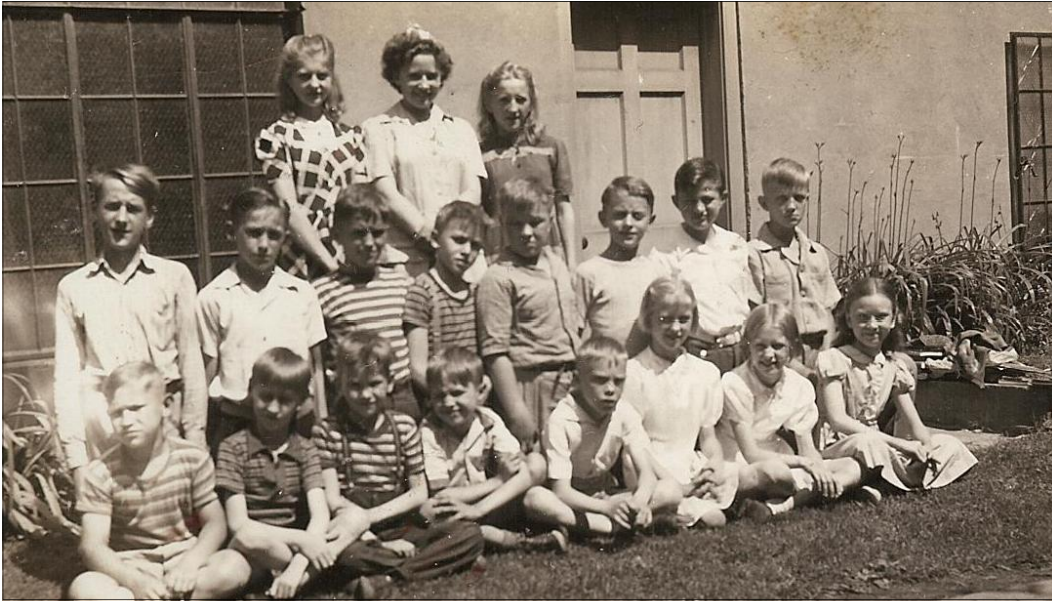
YMS of R Update Submitted by Richard Mossey

St Steven's day was celebrated by the Y.M.S.R. [men's group] on Saturday the 26th of Dec. A total of 10 children and 6 adults knocked over a few pins and ate some mighty fine Pizza. Ask Father privately about his score, all I got was "what happens at the lanes, stays in the lanes". A good time was had by all, thank you to Sponia, [Tom Zembrzuskij] for a generous donation towards the event.



The children of the BVMC parish were treated to an afternoon of bowling by Sponia and our parish YMSorR.

From The Archives...



This photo of a BVMC 1940's SOCL class is a real blast from the past. Taken over 60 years ago behind the hall of our old Clinton Avenue Parish, many of our septuagenarian and octogenarian parishioners are shown here as grade school children.

Mysteries of the ANS Explained

Thanks to Stella Zembrzusi for answering the question: Why do members of the Ladies Adoration Society (ANS) hold candles during certain parts of Mass?

Members of the Ladies Adoration Society hold a candle in order to show their devotion and love for Christ. Ladies of the ANS believe that being allowed to adore Jesus by receiving the Eucharist is a great honor. As an expression of their faith, ANS members hold candles during the celebration of the Eucharist to remind the congregation that Christ is mystically present with us at that time. The candle is a symbol of Christ, the Light of the World. The wax of the candle stands for the body of Christ, and the wick stands for his soul. The burning flame symbolizes how Christ is both God and man at the same time.

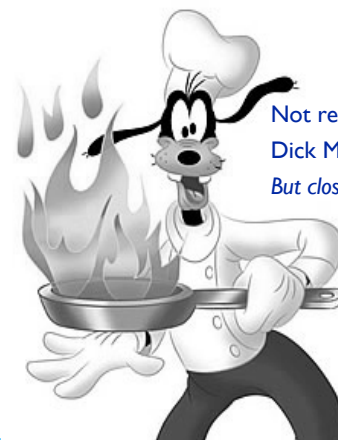
The Watched Pot: BVMC Kitchen Submitted by Richard Mossey

From way back in the fellowship hall, a few words from the kitchen.

A hardy and robust thank you, from all of us, to that tireless bingo staff. By the grace of God, and a lot of hard work, the kitchen exceeded its budget. With the help of outside food sales, Lenten fish fries, Super Bowl bingo, spring social, and Friday night buffet, this became a reality. It also was made possible by the

volunteers who made our wonderful Polish frozen foods.

We start a new year in search for talent, anyone who can help us would be greatly appreciated. I can guarantee a lot of laughs, good times, great food, and pay that is "out of this world". Whether you can help on Thursdays or would rather a once a month it is all part of the larger picture, which is for our parish to succeed and prosper. Many hands make light work.



Not really
Dick Mossey!
But close!!

Winter Squash Warm You Up



One of the pleasures of the colder months in the northeast is the availability of winter squash.

Butternut Squash Soup

1 medium butternut squash, peeled, seeded & cut into med. sized pieces (you can use 2 squash for a thicker soup)

2 pears, peeled, cored & cubed

1 med. onion

1 sprig fresh rosemary (wrapped in cheese cloth)

1 sprig fresh marjoram (wrapped in cheese cloth) or

1/4 tsp. each dried

1/8 tsp. cardamom

1/2 tsp. salt

1/4 tsp. white pepper

1 T. honey (or more if you have a sweet tooth)

6 c. chicken broth (or vegetable stock for vegetarians)

1/2 c. heavy cream, plus some for garnish

Combine all ingredients except heavy cream in a large pot over medium high heat until it starts to become active, then reduce heat and simmer covered for approximately 45 minutes. When everything is soft and easily broken down, add the heavy cream. Puree further in food processor or blender. May need to be reheated. This soup is great hot or cold. Serve with a decorative swizzle of heavy cream.

RECIPES

Do you have a favorite recipe you would like to share? Please send it to padre@bvmc.org. Your recipe can then be featured in a future issue of the Journey.

We look forward to receiving your recipe!

Polish/American Buffet

The BVMC kitchen is serving a buffet on Friday, February 5th, featuring everyone's favorite Polish dishes, as well as eggplant parmesan and baked ziti with meatballs. Bring your appetites and invite your friends and neighbors for a great evening, all-you-can-eat for \$15 (\$6/children 6-12). We hope to see many parishioners in the buffet line. These popular buffets will also be offered on April 9th, May 7th and June 4th. Volunteers are always welcome for the kitchen, serving, and clean-up crews. Please see Kathy Shooks for additional information.

A visit to the Eddy



Father Adam, Bob Sbovab, the Choir Lutnia, and several parishioners joined residents of the Eddy Ford Nursing Home in the celebration of Mass in December. The parishioners of BVMC filled several dozen stockings with Christmas treats which were distributed to residents after Mass. Stanley and Edna Radzymiski, cherished members of the BVMC parish, are residents at the Eddy.



The children of the SOCL, working with Regina Pollack and Bob Sbovab, performed the musical, Don't Forget the Manger, at the annual BVMC Wigilia dinner.

Choir Notes: Get it...Notes??

After many rehearsals and much anticipation, the choir offered a glorious presentation for Christmas.

With a few additional voices and a lot of enthusiasm, our celebration on Christmas eve rang resounded in praise to the baby Jesus with glory and beauty.

Thanks to the Choir Lutnia and its musicians for their efforts to enhance the beautiful Christmas liturgy, making Christmas memorable for young and old alike and for filling Sunday and holidays with wonderful songs of praise.

The Choir is looking forward to the holy seasons of Lent and Easter and will begin preparations for a magnificent celebration of Christ's resurrection.

We invite anyone wishing to join us in song - the choir meets on Wednesday evening at 7pm for rehearsals. For our new parishioners, we always welcome children at rehearsals and at Sunday Mass. You are welcome to bring your children upstairs with you - after all we are just a little bit closer to heaven up there.

Submitted by Richard Mossey

Relief for Haiti



At the BVMC Annual Parish Meeting, the congregation voted to donate \$1000 to earthquake relief efforts in Haiti, which was the poorest nation in the world even before this tragedy struck. Money is being sent to Catholic Relief Services. BVMC parishioner, Linda Cantave Tillery, is an immigrant from Haiti and still has family on the island nation. The story of her vigil near CNN and the phone was printed in a recent Saratogian article. Linda's family is currently safe, but their home has been destroyed and there is no clean water in their rural town. We will keep Linda's family and all of Haiti in our prayers as relief efforts continue.

Birthdays for January/February

JANUARY:

- 9th - Zosia Dross
- 14th - Jeanmarie Vollmer
- 15th - Irene Calka
- 15th - Judy Peplowski
- 19th - Linda Tillery
- 20th - Robert Layman
- 22nd - John Radzyminski

FEBRUARY:

- 4th - Mason Layman
- 9th - Paul Fazziola
- 13th - Stella Zembrzuski
- 14th - Joe Wisneski
- 15th - Stefan Swyst
- 21st - Jeff Staats
- 23rd - Ryan Dross
- 27th - Genevieve Novak
- 28th - Jeanne Egan

If your birthday is not listed it is because we do not have your birth date in our database. Please see Fr. Adam to add your birthday.

Sunday Readings & Lector Schedule

January 10: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7, Acts 10:34-38, Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Lector: Stella Zembrzuski

January 17: Isaiah 62:1-5, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, John 2:1-11

Lector: Tom Zembrzuski

January 24: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10, 1 Corinthians 12:12-30, Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Lector: Fred Carlson

January 31: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19, 1 Corinthians 12:12-21 -13:13, Luke 4:21-30

Lector: Donald Dross

February 7: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8, 1 Co-

rinthians 15:1-11, Luke 5:1-11

Lector: Justine Fazziola

February 14th: Jeremiah 17:5-8, 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20, Luke 6:17, 20-26

Lector: Jacob Krusiencki

February 21: Deuteronomy 26:4-10, Romans 10:8-13, Luke 4:1-13

Lector: Richard Malchow

February 28: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18, Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 9:28b-36

Lector: Patti Mossey

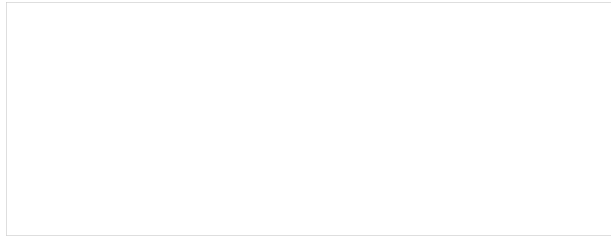
Please see Fr. Adam if you are interested in the Lector Ministry.

Newcomers & Inquirers Class

Our 2010 Newcomers / Inquirers class will begin on Monday, January 11th at 6:30pm. Classes will meet every other Monday evening for 6 sessions. We will look at the history and formation of the Old Catholic Churches and the Polish National Catholic Church, the faith, principles and worship of the PNCC as well as ecumenical relationships and the future direction of our Church and parish. You do not have to be a new parishioner to attend the classes!



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Save the Date:

February 13th, 5pm!

We invite all to worship with us on Saturday, February 13th at 5pm. Bishop Anthony Mikovsky, the Bishop Ordinary of the Central Diocese will be traveling to BVMC parish to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Aldo Lira, Kara Lira, Joanna Kaufman and Patrick Stella. All four of the Confirmands have been preparing for this date for a long time. Let us rejoice in their adult commitment to the faith!

Also, as part of the celebration, Bishop Mikovsky will confer the Tonsure on Bob Shovah as well as several of the Minor Orders. This service will recognize Bob's commitment to his service in the Church as he will enter the clerical state. Bob has been planning and preparing for a long time for this day. A reception will be held following the Service.

Please plan on attending this wonderful celebration in the life of our Blessed Virgin Mary Parish!

Of Note:

Bingo

Bingo is held every Thursday at 7:15pm. Come early and enjoy a fantastic meal prepared by the BVMC Kitchen staff. Then try your luck at bingo. Another way to support our fundraising efforts.

Future Articles - Your Input

The Journey is the newsletter of all the faithful of our parish. You are all invited to contribute to the monthly Journey. Please share your stories of faith, your concerns for the church or even recipes if you like! Please email or deliver any articles for the Journey to Fr. Adam.

Thank you and God Bless!

Bingo Help Needed:

Since 2002, bingo has provided a significant source of the revenue we depend upon for operating the parish. We are still in immediate need of volunteers. If you can help, please contact Dick Malchow as soon as possible.

January 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Trustee Team 4 9:00 AM High Holy Mass 10:15 AM Sunday School	28 9:00 AM Daily Prayer	29 9:00 AM Daily Prayer	30 9:00 AM Daily Prayer	31 9:00 AM Daily Prayer	1 New Year's Day Trustee Team 5 9:00 AM Daily Prayer 10:00 AM Circumcision of our Lord Liturgy of the Word	2 5:00 PM Holy Name of Jesus Mass
3 9:00 AM High Holy Mass - Holy Family 10:15 AM Sunday School	4 9:00 AM Daily Prayer 6:30 PM Bible Study	5 9:00 AM Daily Prayer	6 Epiphany Trustee Team 1 9:00 AM Daily Prayer 6:30 PM Epiphany of our Lord Mass, Blessing of Chalk, Incense	7 9:00 AM Daily Prayer	8 9:00 AM Daily Prayer	9 5:00 PM Vigil Mass
10 9:00 AM High Holy Mass - Baptism of the Lord 10:15 AM Sunday School	11 9:00 AM Daily Prayer 6:30 PM Newcomers / Inquirers Class	12 9:00 AM Daily Prayer	13 9:00 AM Daily Prayer 6:00 PM Daily Mass/Health Intentions	14 9:00 AM Daily Prayer	15 9:00 AM Daily Prayer	16 5:00 PM Vigil Mass
17 Trustee Team 1 9:00 AM High Holy Mass 10:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Annual Parish Meeting	18 Martin L. King, Jr. Day Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins 9:00 AM Daily Prayer 6:30 PM Bible Study	19 9:00 AM Daily Prayer	20 9:00 AM Daily Prayer 6:00 PM Daily Mass/Health Intentions	21 9:00 AM Daily Prayer	22 9:00 AM Daily Prayer	23 5:00 PM Vigil Mass
24 9:00 AM High Holy Mass 9:00 AM Trustee Team 2 10:15 AM Sunday School 3:00 PM Evensong, All Saints Cathedral	25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Ends 9:00 AM Daily Prayer 6:30 PM Newcomers / Inquirers Class	26 9:00 AM Daily Prayer	27 9:00 AM Daily Prayer 6:00 PM Daily Mass/Health Intentions 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	28 9:00 AM Daily Prayer	29 9:00 AM Daily Prayer	30 9:00 AM Parish Council Retreat 5:00 PM Vigil Mass
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An old Irishman, McDougal, had a loyal and faithful dog who died. McDougal went to his parish priest and asked, "Father, could you say some prayers in Mass for my dog?" The old pastor said, "McDougal, you know very well that we don't pray for animals at Mass. Why don't you go down to that Baptist church and ask them? I'm sure they'll do it." "Well, ok, Father, I think I'll do just that. Oh, by the way, do you think they'll be offended if I offered them \$5,000 to pray for my dog?"
Father exclaimed, "Why, McDougal, you never said your dog was Catholic!"

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7 9:00 AM High Holy Mass 9:00 AM Trustee Team 4 10:15 AM Sunday School 12:00 PM Super Bowl BINGO doors open 2:00 PM Super Bowl BINGO games begin	8 9:00 AM Daily Prayer 6:30 PM Newcomers / Inquirers Class	9 9:00 AM Daily Prayer 6:30 PM Bible Study	10 9:00 AM Daily Prayer 6:00 PM Daily Mass/Health Intentions 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	11 9:00 AM Daily Prayer	12 9:00 AM Daily Prayer	13 5:00 PM Confirmation and Ordination
14 Valentine's Day 9:00 AM High Holy Mass 9:00 AM Trustee Team 5 10:15 AM Sunday School	15 Presidents' Day 9:00 AM Daily Prayer 6:30 PM Bible Study	16 9:00 AM Daily Prayer	17 Ash Wednesday 9:00 AM Daily Prayer 4:30 PM Fish Fry 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross 6:30 PM Mass Distribution of Ashes	18 9:00 AM Daily Prayer	19 9:00 AM Daily Prayer 4:30 PM Fish Fry	20 5:00 PM Vigil Mass
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The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching."

Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."