

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

5:00 pm Mary Warshany, Peggy & Joseph Farrell,
Nicholas & Philip DelGiudice,
Nancy & Nunzio Chiarolanio,
Edward Latchford, Nicholina Gero Keefe

7:00 pm For the people of the parish

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

7:15 am The Carl & Elsie Chiarolanio Family,
The Joseph & Agnes Kitchell Family,
Toni Chiarolanio, Victoria Serillo, Rita Allocca
9:00 am Stella Polo, Arthur Moore, Donald Mansfield,
Edward Latchford, Carmine Sarno, Jr.

10:30 am Nicola & Filomena Cerciello, Mary Dirlam,
E. Timothy Langan, Elinor Mantone,
Anne Marie, Paul & John Wasdyke
John & Carol Svezia

12:00 pm Domonic De Marzo, Kelly Esposito,
Vincent Scaglione, Tim Sweeney,
Muriel Rafter, Pat De Biasse

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

8:30 am Phillip Weisgerber, John Bodnar, Toni Scotti
12:00 pm Dominick Costa

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

8:30 am John & Bianca Colantone, Toni Chiarolanio,
Pasquale Iuliano
12:00 pm Bill Eynon

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

8:30 am Samuel Di Carlo, James A. Gallagher,
Colleen Marie Kelly
12:00 pm John Giannino, Rita Allocca

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

8:30 am Patricia Dyer Donnelly, Ken Balen,
Dr. John Elias, Elvira Bledt
12:00 pm Angelo Olivieri

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

8:30 am Ernie Evelend
12:00 pm Eugene Piano, Teresa Toto,
Filomena & Attilio Dalesandro

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

8:30 am In honor of St. Jude & St. Anthony
5:00 pm Jim Corlett, Jack Jacobi, William Caccavale,
The Allocca & Infinito Families,
Vincent & Catherine Vecchiarelli

7:00 pm For the people of the parish

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

7:15 am Phyllis Giannone, Mike Maser, Teresa Toto,
Frances & Jim Cerciello, Isabel Monedero
9:00 am Thomas Horstmann, Sr., Edward Hushon,
Patricia Dyer Donnelly, Peter Polizzano,
Ned Benedict

10:30 am Marie Hamilton, Mary Dirlam,
Elinor Mantone, Charles & Gladys Walker,
Umberto & Antonia Caputo

12:00 pm Catherine Vecchiarelli, Carlos Mauricio Bledt,
Salvatore Serillo, Carmen Guarino,
The Peter McLaughlin Family

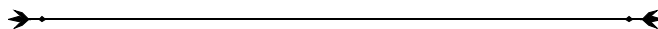
Sacraments



Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing in the name of the Father and of the
Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to
observe all that I have commanded you.

(Matthew 28:19-20)

Caroline Rejmentowski, Mason Scott Roshong
who were baptized October 13, 2019



For this reason a man shall leave his father
and mother and be joined to his wife, and
the two shall become one flesh. So they are
no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has
joined together, no human being must separate.



(Matthew 19:5-6)

Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish

Jack Farina, Jacob Shaw, Francis Murphy, Ricky Carroll,
Brad Errington, Helen Pickel, Louise Gisoldi, Barbara Doyle,
Maria Julita Ramos, Kevin Clarke, Sharon Simmat,
Bonnie Bohse, Bill Querney, Geraldine Cucciniello

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE GONE HOME TO THE LORD:

Lord for your faithful people, life is changed not ended.
When the body of our earthly dwelling lies in death we
gain an everlasting dwelling place in heaven.

Jennie Tobin, Paul Nesterock,
John & Amelia Esposito

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

The weekend collection for Saturday/Sunday, October 12/13
amounted to \$27,154.00. Your generosity to our Church is
gratefully appreciated.

CHILDREN'S COLLECTION

The weekend collection for Saturday/Sunday, October 12/13
for Sound Start for Babies Program amounted to \$42.00.
Thank you girls and boys for helping.

The Message



HOW DO WE RESPOND WHEN PRAYER FEELS LIKE IT IS FAILING?

Many times we don't pray because quite frankly we don't see it making any difference. If you have ever felt like that, you are not alone, you are not the only one who has ever felt like a prayer failure or that prayer was a waste of time.

This week in scripture we look at a dishonest judge and a persistent widow. In prayer we should never give up; most likely one of two things will happen to you, either God will answer your specific prayer or God will help purify our hearts and help us grow.

Challenge for the Week:

Try to pray every day in gratitude before and after meals.

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'A MAN'S WAY TO GOD - THE PORTAL EXPERIENCE'

A man's way to God is unique - it is different than a woman's journey to God. Masculine spirituality revolves around the theme of transformation. Every man must ask the question - how do I transform the pain in my life instead of transmitting it to others? Taking on this challenge requires honesty, courage and a willingness to leave behind what no longer serves our purpose in life.

If this resonates with you as a man of faith and a man of God I invite you to join us for 'A Man's Way to God - The Portal Experience' on Friday, November 15 from 7:00 - 10:30 p.m. and Saturday, November 16 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Ministry Center Community Room. This experience is only for men who want to seriously reflect on topics such as these:

- The Two Halves of Life - climbing the second mountain, work, money and vocation - what really matters
- Who Am I Anyway - living as God's beloved son
- Wild to Wise: The Journey of everyman

If any of these tug at your heart, engage your mind or stir your soul, then this experience is what you need.

For more information, call or e-mail Fr. George. To register for the experience go to our website and click on "A Man's Way to God". I hope you will join me for this extraordinary adventure!

Stewardship

"...proclaim the word, be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient..." 2 TIMOTHY 4:2

Today's theme is perseverance — Moses keeping his hands upraised throughout the battle, Paul urging Timothy to stay with the task of preaching and teaching, and the widow appealing to the corrupt judge. To be faithful stewards of God's gifts, we, too, must persevere in the roles to which we are called. It is not always convenient to be a good Steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable!

Remember, God didn't call us to be comfortable. He called us to be faithful.

Stewardship Opportunities

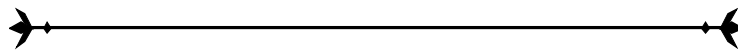
In this busy world, we strive to make St Vincent Martyr a place of welcome - a place where you can nourish your soul, immerse your children in the faith, deepen your friendship with Jesus, and form genuine relationships with others in your parish family. If this sounds like an experience that you would like to help grow, we need you!

We are looking for volunteers to plan some family-friendly parish activities.

We need people from many different skill sets:

- creative people to brainstorm and develop ideas
- organized people to tend to the details (Martha-types)
- outgoing people to spread the word and lead the activity (perhaps like Paul)
- reflective people to ensure the activity works to build and strengthen our relationship with Jesus through our relationship with each other (Mary's).

If you are a creative person, or see yourself as a Martha, Mary or Paul, please email your name and phone number to Stewardship@svmnj.org. An informational meeting will be set up based on volunteers' availability. We look forward to working with you!



SISTERS OF CHARITY HARVEST FESTIVAL – FATHER GEORGE TO BE HONORED!

The Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth are hosting their annual **Harvest Festival** at **The Madison Hotel, Morristown, NJ**, on **Tuesday, November 5th** from **6:30 – 10:00 p.m.** Come and enjoy cocktails, dinner, and dancing to the music of Tim Mc Loone and the Shirley's. Special honorees this year are Rev. Msgr. George F. Hundt, pastor at St. Vincent Martyr Church in Madison, for the Caritas Award and Joan Barron, retired co-principal at Mother Seton Regional High School in Clark, for the Mehegan Award. Cost of dinner tickets is \$200 per person. If you would like to attend this special event or place a journal ad congratulating this year's honorees, please contact the Sisters of Charity Development Office at 973-290-5409/5454 or email svail@scnj.org. The Sisters will be selling raffle tickets after all masses next weekend (October 26/27).

*Our 5th Women's Cornerstone is right around the corner.
November 1 - 2, 2019*

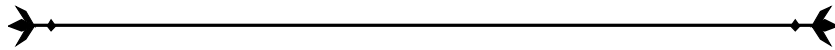
Cornerstone is a 26-hour parish-sponsored experience for women. It is a spiritual renewal that brings women together to grow in knowledge and love of God.



Cornerstone is about:

WELCOMING
SHARING
QUIET
DISCOVERY
LAUGHING
CONNECTING

At the same time, we are experiencing the Christian community in a very special way within our own parish forming life-giving friendships. We look forward to YOU joining us this year. You will not regret it! **Dive In! Space is limited!** Pick up a brochure at the doors of church or register online at <https://www.svmnj.org/womens-cornerstone>



FALL BIBLE STUDY

Jewish Roots in the Catholic Mass

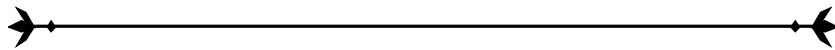
Our Study this Fall will focus on the beginnings of our Catholic worship. How did the Apostles celebrate and pray? What were the roots of their worship? How has the mass evolved in time? Where do we see experiences of worship in the Old and New Testaments?

If you wonder, "why we do what we do," join us for this 5-week series beginning this week.

Tuesday Dates: Oct. 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12 at 7:15 PM in the Parish Media Center

Wednesday Dates: Oct. 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13 at 9:15 AM in the St Peter's Room.

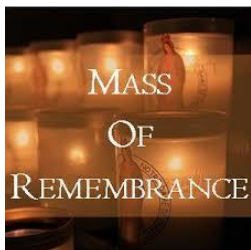
To register: Contact Jan at 973 377 4000 ext 253 or jan.figenshu@svmnj.org or www.svmnj.org.



MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

November 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed



Please join us to commemorate those of your family or friends who have died this past year. We invite you to bring an unframed photo of the deceased (4x6 or smaller) to share for the month of November.

(Please put your name on the back of the photo.)

All Souls Day Envelopes are available at the doors of the Church. If you would like your deceased loved ones remembered at our All Souls Mass on November 2 (8:30 am) please note the name on each envelope. Donations are welcomed.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

The main topics for discussion at the September meeting of the Pastoral Council included the liturgy changes at the 9:00 a.m. Sunday mass, the One Church/One Message initiative, security issues, and planning the listening sessions for specific age groups. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the library media center and will continue the discussions started in September. We will evaluate the start of the 9:00 a.m. mass changes and the implementation of the *One Church One Message* homily series. In addition we will receive a report on the parish finances, talk about confirmation issues, and hear Father's evaluation of the Stewardship Conference. The meeting is open to all parishioners.



Prayer

LOOKING FOR PEACE?

NEEDING HOPE?
SEEKING A PATH TO CHRIST?
WANTING TO CONNECT?



St. Vincent Martyr **RCIA** is here for you!

COME AND SEE.....

Contact Jan Figenshu at 973-377-4000 ext 253 or
Jan.Figenshu@svmnj.org

to discuss the RCIA process and how it can help you
to answer your questions
and find your path
through the Catholic Faith.

Weekly Inquiry Sessions begin in October!

Oct. 24 at 7:30 PM

Community Room – Parish Center

ROSARY SOCIETY

The Rosary is prayed daily at 8:00 a.m. followed by Mass at 8:30 a.m. Let us continue this devotion to our Blessed Mother. They meet every 2nd Monday of the month.

WEEKLY HOLY HOUR AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET



The weekly Holy Hour is on Friday after the Noon Mass.

During the Holy Hour we will recite the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and have some quiet time of reflection.

All are welcome to share in this Holy Hour.

Education

YOUTH NEWS

1.) The Rite of Entrance for all 9th graders will take place on October 20 at 10:45 a.m. - the required parent/teen session will conclude at 1:00 p.m.



2.) Alpha teams are both full for fall and winter. The next meeting is on Sunday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Center for both full teams. The theme will be voted on. Please bring your talk material.

3.) Wantioch team meeting Tuesday, October 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Center at St. Pat's, Chatham.

4.) Fantioch team meeting Wednesday, October 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Center at St. Pat's, Chatham.

5.) Looking for young adults and adults to assist with our retreat teams this year . . . sharing faith with our young people is a great way to keep your faith alive. Contact Anne Marie at annemarie.gisoldi@svmnj.org for details/commitment as soon as possible.

6.) Confirmation practice for teenagers and their sponsors on Sunday, October 27 at 6:00 p.m. for those whose last name begins with the letter "A" through and including "H" and at 7:15 p.m. for those whose last names begins with the letters "I" through "Z". Anyone who has been accommodated with a switch needs to attend the appropriate practice.

7.) The celebration of Confirmation will be held on October 28 and 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the church. All candidates and sponsors are to arrive at the church at 7:00 p.m.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Please mark your calendars for the next session for CF:

Traditional Monday Program: Monday, October 21 at 3:30 pm

Faith Family Sunday Program: Sunday, October 20 at 10:00 am

Hope Family Sunday Program: Sunday, October 27 at 10:00 am

6th grade Junior High Ministry Program: Sunday, November 3 at 9:00 am

7th grade Junior High Ministry Program: Sunday, November 3 at 10:30 am

8th grade Decision Point: Sunday, November 3 at 5:00 pm



First Sacraments Parent Meeting

We will be holding parent meetings for the families who are planning to prepare their children for their First Reconciliation and First Communion in 2019-2020.

We have set a mandatory meeting to be held on **Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at 3:30 - 4:30 pm and 6:00 -7:00 pm** in the Community Room/School Cafeteria.

Service

HONORING JIM PENDERS

Long-time Loyola Retreatant From Madison Honored For Faith and Service. James P. Penders of Madison was recently honored at the 28th Annual Loyola Jesuit Center Golf Outing at Spring Brook Country Club in Morristown. Jim has been going on retreats for over fifty years with the Morris County #1 retreat group and has been a parishioner at St. Vincent Martyr for fifty-eight years. At the dinner following the golf, Jim was recognized for his dedication and support of Loyola's mission to provide one-of-a-kind retreat experiences and spiritually-enriching programs to the community. Visit www.loyola.org.



SVM SEMINARIAN OUTREACH 2019

Time for the SVM Annual Seminarian Outreach with 'goodie bags' prepared for our Seminararians at Immaculate Conception Seminary and Bartimeaus House. All bags are due back to the church vestibule by Sunday, October 20 at Noon. Thank you for your generosity. Reminder - whether you contribute or not - prayers are the most important thing you can give to our Seminararians!

HOPE HOUSE FOOD COLLECTION

This weekend, October 19/20 will be our monthly food collection for Hope House, Dover. They have gratefully acknowledged our previous donation of over 675 lbs. of non-perishable food. This program supports clients in their personal struggles to enhance their quality of life. The result is not simply a stronger individual or family, but rather a stronger community. Catholic Family & Community Services is stronger and better able to serve the on-going needs of the community because of our support. Please be as generous as your means permit.

WEE WEDNESDAYS

Free Fun for Tots and Caregivers

Toddlers and their caregivers are invited to enjoy these FREE events at St. Vincent Martyr School. Space is limited. Event registration is required. No admission without a ticket. Register online at www.eventzilla.net/user/svmsnj or visit our website at svmsnj.org to learn more. All sessions begin at 10:00 a.m.

October 23 -

Halloween story time & pumpkin painting

November 6 -

Autumnal story time and tot-friendly craft

November 20 -

Bubble fun time with visiting "bubbleologist"

December 4 -

Christmas story time and tot-friendly craft

December 18 -

Dickens-era holiday magician

ROSARY SOCIETY BUS TRIP

The Rosary Society is planning a bus trip to see A Christmas Musical Spectacular, "The Three Scrooges" at the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse, Hampton, NJ on Saturday, November 16. The bus will depart from St. Vincent's Parking lot at 10:00 a.m. sharp. The day includes a show and dinner. The cost is \$95.00 per person (includes show, complete dinner, buffet dessert, bus transportation and tip). Full payment is due no later than October 25. Make checks payable to Ann Marie Brady, 67 Woodland Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07960.

A Family Perspective

The widow in today's gospel is praised for her perseverance. In our homes perseverance is a critical ingredient to resolving differences and teaching lessons and skills to children. Perseverance is always an act of faith in the goodness of the other person.

In the Community

Seton Hall Prep, West Orange, New Jersey's oldest Catholic prep school, will hold an Open House for prospective students on Sunday, October 27 between Noon and 3:00 p.m. Visitors will tour the campus, and the new Kelly Athletic Complex, learn about application process, enjoy a bar-b-que and meet with teachers, coaches, parents and current students. For more information contact Michael T. Zinsmeister, Director of Admissions at 973-325-6640 or visit www.shp.org.

Madison Health Department, will be offering flu clinics for residents of Madison on Monday October 21 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. No appointments necessary. Immunizations are free, seniors with Medicare part B card are requested to bring it with them. Wear short sleeves if possible.

Madison Ambulance Women's Auxiliary Bus Trip, to Wind Creek Casino Bethlehem (the old Sand's) on October 27 at 9:00 a.m. sharp leaving from the Ambulance Squad lot on Prospect St. Cost is \$35.00 per person (\$25.00 back). For tickets call Berkis Oliveras at 973-452-0176.

St. Catherine of Siena, Mt. Lakes will host a free Anthony Newman Organ Recital on Sunday, November 3 at 4:00 p.m. in the church. Newman is one of America's leading organists, harpsichordists and Bach specialists. He has more than 170 CDs and has performed at Lincoln Center collaborating with many of the greats of music. Admission is free and a light reception will follow in the all purpose room.

K of C Family Knight Chess Club, for families with children in grades 3 - 8. All 3rd - 5th grade children must be accompanied by at least one parent/guardian. The main goal is to learn chess, ask questions and then play. There is no charge, bottled water will be available. Please do not bring snacks/soda. The group will meet in the St. Peter's Room on Monday evenings 11/11, 11/18 and 12/2 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Please register by October 18 by email at JoeOB84@Yahoo.com or 973-301-1864.

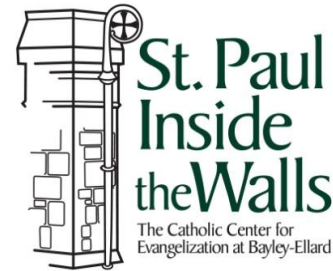


Religious Teachers Filippini, Morristown will hold their **annual** Senior Sisters Christmas Bazaar at Villa Walsh, Mother Ninetta Hall, Western Ave. on Sunday, November 3 from 12:00 Noon - 5:00 p.m. There will be many unique gifts, crafts, raffle, baked goods as well as luncheon packages of homemade Italian sandwiches and desserts. Come and show your support for the retired teachers and Senior Sisters.

Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology announces two new online graduate-level courses --

Ministry of Justice and Charity, an on-line graduate-level course from October 21 - December 9. Taught by Rev. W. Jerome Bracken, C.P., Ph.D., Associate Professor of Moral Theology. Deepen your understanding of the Church's social teaching and be better prepared for your ministry and service. **Christian Anthropology**, October 21 - December 17. Taught by Patrick Manning, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology. Gain helpful insights for spirituality, relationships and ministry. Develop a better understanding of yourself and others and how the dynamics of sin, grace and redemption influence the ways we live our lives and relate to one another.

Dominican College, Orangeburg, NY will hold an Open House on Saturday, October 26 with check-in at 9:30 a.m., the program starting at 10:00 a.m. Attendees will have the opportunity to discuss financial aid, learn about the admissions process and their generous scholarship and grant programs that offer up to \$18,000 per year. To register go to dc.edu/register or call 845-359-7800.



Scripture and the 12 Steps, Recovery with Christ, moderated by Fr. Paul Tomczyk and MaryTheresa Conca on most Sundays from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. All are welcome who wants to live in solution that includes God and people within recovery.

Federal Judge Thomas Hardiman of the United States Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit, will speak on October 30. Judge Hardiman will take about embracing your vocation no matter where you are in life.

2019 Diocesan Women's Conference: Feminine, Faithful Fearless on Saturday, December 7. Join fellow Catholic women as they stand firmly in faith and focus on using our God-given gifts to fearlessly fulfill our vocations. Join speakers Jenny Hubbard, Jenny Pankow and Sr. Graceiela Colon. To register for any events at St. Paul go to: www.insidethewalls.org.

San Vicente Mártir

Octubre 20, 2019

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SERIE

**RESPONS
ABILIDAD**

¿CÓMO RESPONDES CUANDO LA ORACIÓN NO TIENE RESPUESTA?

Muchas veces no oramos porque, francamente, no vemos que haga ninguna diferencia. Si alguna vez te has sentido así, no estás solo, no eres el único que alguna vez ha sentido un fracaso en la oración o esa oración fue una pérdida de tiempo. Esta semana en las Escrituras nos fijamos en un juez deshonesto y una viuda persistente. En la oración nunca debemos rendirnos; lo más probable es que te suceda una de dos cosas, o Dios responderá tu oración específica o Dios ayudará a purificar nuestros corazones y nos ayudará a crecer.

Desafío para la semana

Trata de orar todos los días en agradecimiento antes y después de las comidas.

Devoción Mariana



Mayo y octubre son los meses dedicados a la Virgen María.

Desde el **sábado 6 de octubre** comenzaremos nuestra Devoción Mariana con nuestra Virgen Peregrina, elegiremos a cuatro o cinco familias que deseen abrir sus casas para acoger a la Virgen durante una semana, rezar

el Santo Rosario y vivir nuestra fe en comunidad. Los motivo para que nos unamos a esta grandevoción mariana y extiendan esta invitación a sus familiares y amigos para que también experimenten el amor maternal de la Virgen María y sus grandes bendiciones. ¡Participa en familia!

**La colecta del Pasado 13 de
Octubre fue de 561. dólares.
Dios multiplique su generosidad.**

El Papa en la catequesis: Perseguir a un miembro de la Iglesia es perseguir al mismo Cristo

La “pascua personal” que vivió Saulo, quien perseguía a los cristianos, fue el corazón de la catequesis del Papa Francisco del miércoles 9 de octubre: el Santo Padre subrayó el impacto del amor de Dios en la vida del futuro apóstol Pablo, que transformó su corazón de piedra en “corazón de carne capaz de acoger los sentimientos de Cristo”

Griselda Mutual - Ciudad del Vaticano

En el marco del Sínodo de los Obispos sobre la Región Panamazónica, el Papa Francisco mantuvo su cita con los peregrinos del mundo en la Audiencia General del día miércoles. El tema de la catequesis sobre los Hechos de los Apóstoles, fue la iluminación que recibe el joven Saulo, que vive su “pascua personal”, de la muerte, a la vida en Cristo Jesús.

Después del episodio de la lapidación de Esteban apareció la figura de un joven llamado Saulo, que aprobó la muerte de Esteban y, con la autorización del sumo sacerdote, perseguía a los cristianos, siendo intransigente con los que pensaban diferente a él.

Saulo era intransigente, pensando en servir la ley del Señor.

El Papa Francisco remarcó que el joven Saulo “era un ideólogo”, puesto que en él “la religión se había transformado en ideología”. Una “ideología religiosa, social y política”. Perseguía a los cristianos y los capturaba, y lo hacía “pensando en servir a la Ley del Señor”. Estaba “enojado”, y en él había un aliento que olía “a muerte, no a vida”.

Esta condición de enojo y de conflicto que vivía Saulo, invita a todos a preguntarse: ¿cómo vivo mi vida de fe? ¿Salgo para encontrarme con otros o estoy en contra de los demás? ¿Pertenezco a la Iglesia universal (buenos, malos, todos) o tengo una ideología selectiva? ¿Adoro a Dios o adoro las formulaciones dogmáticas? ¿Cómo es mi vida religiosa? ¿La fe en Dios que profeso me hace amigable u hostil a los que son distintos de mí?

Perseguir a un miembro de la Iglesia es perseguir al mismo Cristo

El Romano Pontífice destacó que mientras Saulo estaba ocupado en extirpar la comunidad cristiana, el Señor ya estaba en su camino para “tocar su corazón y convertirlo a Sí mismo”:

En el camino hacia Damasco, el Resucitado se manifestó a Saulo y le pidió cuentas de su furor fratricida, preguntándole: «Saulo, Saulo, ¿por qué me persigues?». Así, el Señor Jesús dejó claro que perseguir a un miembro de la Iglesia era hacerlo a Él mismo. Después de ese encuentro personal con Cristo, Saulo perdió la vista, quedó ciego, y pasó de ser un hombre fuerte e independiente a estar limitado y necesitado de los demás. Y comenzó para

él una transformación, como una “pascua personal” que va de la muerte a la vida: lo que antes estimaba gloria se transformó en “basura”, porque su verdadero tesoro ya era Cristo.

Experimentemos el impacto del Amor de Dios en nuestra vida

Retomando las palabras de Benedicto XVI, el Papa Francisco hizo luz sobre lo que representa la ceguera de Saulo: representa exteriormente “lo que era su realidad interior”, es decir, su ceguera “respecto de la verdad de la luz que es Cristo”.

Ananías bautizó a Saulo, y al imponerle las manos le devolvió la vista. El bautismo fue para Saulo el comienzo de una vida nueva, en la que se ve a sí mismo y a los demás según la mirada de Dios: los enemigos pasaron a ser amigos; y el ímpetu por perseguir a los que no pensaban como él, cambió en pasión por evangelizar, suscitando la fe en muchos corazones.

El bautismo marca así para Saulo, como para cada uno de nosotros, el comienzo de una nueva vida, y se acompaña de una nueva mirada sobre Dios, sobre sí mismo y sobre los demás, que de enemigos se hacen hermanos en Cristo. Por eso el Santo Padre al concluir su catequesis, saludando a los peregrinos de lengua española, invitó a todos a experimentar, como Saulo, “el impacto del amor de Dios en nuestra vida, que transforma nuestro corazón de piedra en un corazón de carne, capaz de acoger los sentimientos de Cristo y hacerlos llegar a los que nos rodean”.

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