

J.M.J.

Dear Parishioners,

This labor day weekend I would like us to strongly reflect upon two paragraphs of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI's encyclical *Caritas in veritate*:

“*Caritas in veritate*” is the principle around which the Church's social doctrine turns, a principle that takes on practical form in the criteria that govern moral action. I would like to consider two of these in particular, of special relevance to the commitment to development in an increasingly globalized society: justice and the common good.

First of all, justice. *Ubi societas, ibi ius*: every society draws up its own system of justice. Charity goes beyond justice, because to love is to give, to offer what is “mine” to the other; but it never lacks justice, which prompts us to give the other what is “his”, what is due to him by reason of his being or his acting. I cannot “give” what is mine to the other, without first giving him what pertains to him in justice. If we love others with charity, then first of all we are just towards them. Not only is justice not extraneous to charity, not only is it not an alternative or parallel path to charity: justice is inseparable from charity, and intrinsic to it. Justice is the primary way of charity or, in Paul VI's words, “the minimum measure” of it, an integral part of the love “in deed and in truth” (1 Jn 3:18), to which Saint John exhorts us. On the one hand, charity demands justice: recognition and respect for the legitimate rights of individuals and peoples. It strives to build the earthly city according to law and justice. On the other hand, charity transcends justice and completes it in the logic of giving and forgiving. The earthly city is promoted not merely by relationships of rights and duties, but to an even greater and more fundamental extent by relationships of gratuitousness, mercy, and communion. Charity always manifests God's love in human relationships as well, it gives theological and salvific value to all commitment for justice in the world.

Another important consideration is the common good. To love someone is to desire that person's good and to take effective steps to secure it. Besides the good of the individual, there is a good that is linked to living in society: the common good. It is the good of “all of us”, made up of individuals, families and intermediate groups who together constitute society. It is a good that is sought not for its own sake, but for the people who belong to the social community and who can only really and effectively pursue their good within it. To desire the common good and strive towards it, is a requirement of justice and charity. To take a stand for the common good is on the one hand to be solicitous for, and on the other hand to avail oneself of that complex of institutions that give structure to the life of society, juridically, civilly, politically and culturally, making it the *pólis*, or “city”. The more we strive to secure a common good corresponding to the real needs of our neighbours, the more effectively we love them. Every Christian is called to practice this charity, in a manner corresponding to his vocation and according to the degree of influence he wields in the *pólis*. This is the institutional path — we might also call it the political path — of charity, no less excellent and effective than the kind of charity which encounters the neighbour directly, outside the institutional mediation of the *pólis*. When animated by charity, commitment to the common good has greater worth than a merely secular and political stand would have. Like all commitment to justice, it has a place within the testimony of divine charity that paves the way for eternity through temporal action. Man's earthly activity, when inspired and sustained by charity, contributes to the building of the universal city of God, which is the goal of the history of the human family. In an increasingly globalized society, the common good and the effort to obtain it cannot fail to assume the dimensions of the whole human family, that is to say, the community of peoples and nations, in such a way as to shape the earthly city in unity and peace, rendering it to some degree an anticipation and a prefiguration of the undivided city of God.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
 Father Newcomb



Celebrate the start of the school year and our Blessed Mother's birthday with St. Mary's Little Lambs! Join us Tuesday, September 8th at Rudy's Yogurt Cafe located at 111 Hulst Drive in Matamoras. Rudy's will donate 10% of all sales made between 4pm and 8pm to Little Lambs. Please note, because this is a fundraiser, Rudy's will not be giving the usual discount for showing your St. Mary's bulletin.

In observance of Labor Day, the parish office will be closed on Monday, September 7th

Sign-ups for the 40 Days for Life will take place after all Masses this weekend, September 5th and 6th. For more information contact: Nancy Smith 856-4610.

The Town of Deerpark would like to invite everyone to the Memorial Tribute to our September 11th victims. The service will be at 8:30am at their town hall, 420 Route 209 in Huguenot.



All children are welcome to join us for a Backpack Blessing on Sunday, September 13th at the 8:30am Mass. Moms and dads, please be sure your children bring their school backpack to church that day. During Mass, Fr. Newcomb will give a special blessing and families will receive a backpack tag with a special verse, and 10 blessing cards to use throughout the school year. We hope you will join us as

we send our children into a new school year, encouraged by God's word.

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Parish Picnic- Sunday, September 20th at 1pm

Family Name: _____

Number of Adults: _____
Children: _____

Bringing: _____

Telephone#: _____

Please return the reservation form to the parish office no later than **Monday, September 7th.**

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Save the Date- Annual antique appraisal day and holiday fall craft fair Saturday, October 17th at St. Mary's church hall. Doors open at 9am until 3pm. Appraisals will be from 10am until 1pm by Flannery's Auction and Estate Services and Sales. Donation is \$4 per item.

Need help caring for yourself or someone else, but not sure where to turn with questions? Call **Archcare**. They can assist with caregiver support groups, food and nutrition, housing for seniors and disabled, access to healthcare, dementia care, etc. They are available 7 days a week from 8am until 8pm. Call 855-951-CARE.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

- Monday, September 7**
9:00am Betty Lynch, by the Muro family
Rex Horan, by Dick and Barbara Drew
- Tuesday, September 8 (Nativity of the BVM)**
9:00am Rex Horan, by Earl and Jean Miller
Betty Lynch, by Jack and Dorean Reilly
- Wednesday, September 9 (Peter Claver, priest)**
9:00am Intentions of Dan and Theresa Kavanagh
- Thursday, September 10**
9:00am Joseph Macchiarolo, by Maria Macchiarolo
- Saturday, September 12 (Most Holy Name of Mary)**
4:00pm The parishioners of St. Mary's
- Sunday, September 13**
8:30am Fritz Klostermeier, by Irene and family
11:30am Julius and Mary Rose Portella, by Joseph and Angela Portella

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in the Church this week in honor of Dan and Theresa Kavanagh's 50th Wedding Anniversary.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Ida Lissner, Joann Wilcox, Jonathan Saletto, Marion Rohner, Nick Moscatiello, Jeff Sauschuck, Anna Onuschak, Jackie Mundy, Theresa Fuller, Kelly Quick, Sandy Osbourne, Jose Maldonado, Allan Van Starrex, Donald Wolff, Walter Szpakowicz, Michael Barnes, William Lincoln, Vada Glass, Joe Brennan, Betty Brennan, Richard Samek, John McKean, Andrea Fedoruk, Lisa Donahue, Angela Portella, Pauline Portella, Florence Marino, Maureen Hildebrandt, William Quinn, Mary Ellen Piper, Jeannine Lincoln, Mary Platania, Tonya Addy, and Gloria Hicks.

This year's annual **C.R.O.P.** walk will be Sunday, October 18th at 2pm. If you are interested in being a walker to help support our food pantry and other local food pantries, please call the parish office.

The collection for August 29th /30th was \$4,877.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

Liturgical Ministers for September 12/13

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	L. AVELLA	K. FLYNN, J. FLYNN, D. MURO	K. EPPS, J. LEGATO, J. LEGATO
8:30AM	T. ROMBOUSEK	A. STASILLI, N. STASILLI, W. CARMODY	T. LAMOREAUX, S. MOREJON, J. MARCONE
11:30AM	D. COTUGNO	B. DENNINGTON, D. LIVINGSTON, T. MARION	K. CULLENY, J. MALDONADO, S. PHILLIPS