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MULL-ING THINGS OVER

Several years ago, I met a couple working at a local hospital. They were Asians and had come to the United States to study. They had finished their studies, met one another and decided to marry, and chose to work in the medical profession here in the United States. They had settled in the Finger Lakes Region and were putting down roots. They spoke of their backgrounds and where they had been raised. They were married, had three children and wanted those children raised in this country. Their education would make them contributors to the local community in the health care field. They saw much potential in living in this area.

I remember it was an energetic conversation. They had long looked to transform their lives. The fact that they met and fell in love here was a sign that good things would be happening here. They enjoyed their education experiences and found Americans friendly and welcoming. When they began having children, they were excited about the diversity of experiences their children would have and how they would be raised through Catholic Schools. Because they were both Catholic, they saw the Spirit of God working through the events of their lives and they were looking for a Church community that would nurture their family and help them realize all that God had in store for them.

I was sure that they were planning on making the transition because they had just bought a beautiful house at a substantial price and had toured our school as a possible school for their children. One of the things I noticed in our conversation was that they were forward-looking people. They seemed to love their history, but they were ready to grow from their past and create a new history for them and their family. This seemed to be a transfiguring moment for them as they began to put down roots, establish a lifestyle, and see where God would be leading them. It was an exciting but also challenging time in their lives.

Today is the Second Sunday of Lent. At Mass, we will hear the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus. Jesus takes three of his disciples up the mountain and there he is transfigured before them. Moses and Elijah (long dead) appear with Him. They are in dialogue about something. Moses was the man who lead the Israelites out of the slavery of Egypt to the freedom of the Promised Land. He was known as the great lawgiver who helped give order to the nation of Israel and set down the law that God had given them. Elijah was one of the prophets and he passed on his responsibility, as prophet to Elisha, before taking leave of the earth in a flaming chariot. It was Elijah who was to return to announce the coming of the messiah. In a way, we had the summary of Israel's early history in the presence of these two men, Jesus is transfigured with them as he launches the New Dispensation from that history which will soon be inaugurated by His Death and Resurrection. It is history's transfiguring moment.

Every year, the Church gives us the story of the Transfiguration on the Second Sunday of Lent. It serves as a reminder that we must be at work to transfigure our lives – we look back and reflect on our history, what we have learned and how we live; while doing that, we are also to listen to God and discover the direction in which He wants us to move and live. We are called to be transfigured more closely to Him as we serve our respective missions in the world. By opening ourselves to the graces of God given to us in this holy season, we are made stronger in our commitment to be disciples of Jesus Christ Sometimes we seek forgiveness and we change our lives; other times, we are confirmed in our direction and charged to press forward; and, still other times, we are asked to be quiet and listen to the Wisdom of our God!

Like the young couple I wrote about at the beginning of this column, we have a history and, for many of us, we are happy with that history. We have had our relationship with God, and we are happy with that relationship. We are, however, challenged to move on to make life better for ourselves and those whom we love. We look to the future with potentiality and realize we must make choices and choose. Transfiguration is not just a changing experience, it is a working agreement with God where God sets the destiny and waits for us to choose and say, "yes." Transfiguration is a joint experience with God which allows us to help create the future we, our family and friends, and others will enjoy. It is at once a happy occasion and a threatening one at the same time. Confident with faith, solid with a history, and excited in grace, our lives become permanently changed. So, ask yourself this year. Is it a year of reflection on the past, a year of charging forward, or a year of silent contemplation? Lent 2021 is on its way... Have a great week!

This Week

SS = St. Stephen – SF = St. Francis Sunday, February 28—Second Sunday of Lent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (SS): 24/7 Second Collection—Cemetery Maintenance No Livestream Masses 9:00 A.M. (SFSS School) Religious Ed Grades K-5 12:00 P.M. (Parish Center) Confirmation 2 Monday, March 1 12:10 P.M. Livestream Mass **Tuesday, March 2** 12:10 P.M. Livestream Mass 6:30 P.M. (SFSS School) Religious Ed Grades 6-8 6:30 P.M. (SFSS School) Confirmation 1 Session Wednesday, March 3 12:10 P.M. Livestream Mass 12:30 P.M. (SF) Stations of the Cross Thursday, March 4 12:10 P.M. Livestream Mass Friday, March 5 12:10 P.M. Livestream Mass 12:30 P.M. (SF) Stations of the Cross 6:30 P.M. (SF) Vía Crucis Saturday, March 6 3:30-4:15 P.M. (SF) Confessions 4:30 P.M. (SF) Livestream Mass Sunday, March 7—Third Sunday of Lent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (SS): 24/7 Second Collection—SFSS School No Livestream Masses 9:00 A.M. (SFSS School) Religious Ed Grades K-5 12:00 P.M. (Parish Center) Confirmation 2

PARISH COUNCIL PROPOSAL

At the February 9th meeting of our Parish Council, a proposal was made and seconded that this year, 2021, the Council set aside the Constitutional Selection Process and allow all Parish Council members to serve an extra year. As you know, our weekly attendance is markedly low. Since we give out bulletins only at Mass, and our bulletins contain the nomination forms, a fewer number of nominations will be made. Since we are not gathering in groups as we did previous to the pandemic, we don't have the conversations we have had in the past, and the fact that our Council has only met every other month – and those have been zoom meetings, the present Council knows the situations, has been following the parish's activities and cooperation with COVID-19 protocols, and are willing to continue on for another year together, they are willing to accept this responsibility. What do you think? Feel free to share your ideas with any member of the Council. A formal vote will take place at the March meeting.

Mission Statement

We profess our belief that Christ sent His Spirit to bestow gifts on His followers according to their part in carrying out His mission. We are committed to be visible signs to each other, and to our community, of Christ's Presence among us: proclaiming and evangelizing the Gospel, witnessing to God's love according to the Roman Catholic Church's teaching; ministering to the needs of all; and, fostering the spiritual life and growth among parishioners.

Banns of Marriage

3rd Week: Cecilia Morse & Robert Seigendall Please keep them in your prayers.

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

There are only two days in the liturgical year that Roman Catholics are asked to fast - Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence. What do we abstain from? Meat. Who must abstain? Anyone baptized and over 14 years of age. Now, we must quickly add that for medical reasons, or other health reasons this obligation may be impossible for some people, they then are dispensed. But, if you are healthy, abstaining from meat is one of the ways we give thanks to God for his generosity to us, are willing to make sacrifices for God as He has made many sacrifices for us, and it is good for the soul and body. It is only six days of the year that the Church asks us to make this sacrifice!



Online Giving Now Available

Want to keep up with your weekly Online Giving donations to the parish? Now you can do that online at:

https://www.osvhub.com/ourladyofpeacegeneva/funds

You have a choice of one-time or recurring donations, and the option of donating to second collections as well.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE:	2/21/2021
TOTAL 1ST COLLECTION	\$7,277.00
Budgeted amount	\$11,038.46
Overage (Shortage)	(\$3,761.46)
Overage (Shortage) Year to date	(\$8,013.07)
SECOND COLLECTION	
Black and Native American Collection	\$806.00
Attendance	347
Catholic Ministries Appeal	
Goal	\$92,415.00
290 Donors as of 2/18 (61.65% of goal)	\$56,974.00

Rosary Society March Meeting has been cancelled.

Stewardship

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride, ego, money and possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, "Am I doing this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?"

OPERATION RICE BOWL

This is a story of hope from Timor-Leste. Many families in Timor-Leste work as farmers but changing weather patterns make it difficult to grow enough food. Hunger and malnutrition are big problems, and a lot of children don't grow to their full potential. With support from CRS, families are participating in community nutrition groups and starting home gardens built to withstand droughts and flooding. The gardens provide critical nutrients like vitamin A and iron that help children grow and develop. The families also learn new recipes they can make with the food they grow. Eliza and her husband Paulino have six children. After joining their community nutrition group, they started a garden and are growing crops like carrots, tomatoes, peanuts and watermelon. Eliza loves to use her fresh produce in her family's meals and knows it is helping to provide the nutrition her children need to thrive. Please support Operation Rice Bowl.

PRAYER FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

"O God, our loving Creator and giver of all good gifts, bless our parishes, strengthen our faith, and grant us the spirit of Christian Stewardship so that we may give generously of our time, talent and treasure to the building of Your Kingdom here in our Church and throughout the world. We pray for Your help in achieving success in this campaign, so that we can help others throughout our diocese. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, now and forever. Amen."

ADORATION CHAPEL

"The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this Sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet Him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease!" (John Paul II, Dominicae cenae, 3)

If anyone would be interested in joining this tremendous ministry of prayer please contact Dorothy Kalina (789-8099) or Mary Ann Lawson (789-7629).

Elmcrest Apartments

Looking for affordable senior citizen housing? Elmcrest Apartments, located at 99 Lewis St. in Geneva, now has newly-renovated 1 and 2 bedroom apartments immediately available. For a limited time only, the first month's rent is FREE. Rent payment is based on each resident's income, and ALL utilities are included. One person in the household must be at least 62 years of age, and annual income must not exceed \$26,750 for a one-person household, or \$30,600 for a two-person household. Please call the Geneva Housing Authority at (315) 789-8010 or visit <u>www.genevahousingauthority.com</u> for more information or an application.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We pray the Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays and Fridays of Lent after the 12:10 p.m. Mass at St. Francis DeSales Church. We cannot pass out booklets as we

have done in the past, but we can alternate telling the story and offering the prayer for each of the Fourteen Stations and ask you to reflect with us. These are the fourteen final stops in Jesus' life – a journey that opened, for us, the gates of heaven. Please feel free to join us. The Stations are also prayed at 6:30 p.m. each Friday night in Spanish in St. Francis DeSales Church.

If you or a loved one is homebound, or in the Geneva or Rochester hospital please call office at 789-0930 or 789-1124 so they may be visited.

Religious Education News

K-5: Classes will meet on Sunday, February 28th from 9:00-10:10.

Confirmation 2: Classes will meet on Sunday,
February 28th from 12:00-2:00 at the Parish Center.
6, 7 and Confirmation 1: Classes will meet on Tuesday,
March 2nd from 6:30-8:00 at the Parish Center.
Youth Group (Grades 7-12): No YG this week. I will keep everyone updated on the next YG!
Please check out OLP Youth Group Facebook page for information and updates or call or email Mary Olsen!

The Diocese is sending us **The Family Zone**, which is a newsletter that was created to give you things to do with your family each week. Within the pages of the newsletter you will find a weekly Gospel connection, a lesson adapted to all ages, prayer, important online links for further catechesis and support, and some "just for fun" activities for your family to enjoy. We are putting this on Our Lady of Peace Facebook page as well as www.ourladyofpeacegeneva.org.

We encourage families to take advantage of the Daily and Sunday live stream Masses that are being said. It is very important that we stay connected during this hard time. You can find the live stream Masses on Our Lady of Peace Parish Facebook page.

NO MORE CLIPPING Box Tops for SFSS School



The Box Tops for Education program now has a digital app that you can download. The Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the

-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online. While St. Francis-St. Stephen's still gladly accepts the old clip style box tops we are hoping for more participation with the new app. Box Tops are still worth 10ϕ each for our school with either method of participation. Go to <u>www.boxtops4education.com</u> for more information or to download the app.



Vía Crucis:

los viernes a las 6:30 p.m. en la iglesia San Francisco Estudio y Reflexión Bíblica por Zoom:

La narración de la **pasión y la resurrección de Jesús** según San Marcos y San Juan (necesitan sus biblias); los lunes a las 7:00 p.m.

Favor de dar a Hermana Kay su dirección de email para que ella le envíe el enlace.

Candle Memorials

Altar Candles



At St. Francis are in memory of Luis Carlos Sanchez requested by Joan C. Gilbert At St. Stephen's are in memory of John Church requested by Carolyn Antinelli **Sanctuary Candle**

At St. Francis is in memory of Dick Guinan requested by Cynde Depew

At St. Stephen's is in memory of Edward Pelko requested David Pelko

Our Lady of Peace Chapel is in memory of Violet Guererri requested by Florence Stajura

Blue Candle at Our Lady of Peace Chapel will burn in memory of Anthony Guidice requested by Cynde Depew Adoration Chapel

At St. Stephen's one candle will burn in memory of Helen & Peter Liberatore by Patty Bruni and one candle will burn for the intentions of Anna Marie Giardino with prayers of a friend.

We Are Called

Our faith community joins with more than 12,000 Catholic parishes/schools/campuses across the United States in a life-changing Lenten journey with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on how hunger and malnutrition affect our human family and our call to take action to end this global injustice. Jesus told us that whatever we do for one of these least brothers or sisters of his, we do for him. Please pick up a cardboard rice bowl/daily Lenten calendar when you come to church. Or, if you are unable to go to church, place an empty bowl on your table instead and call the parish office to ask that a Lenten calendar be mailed to you. Visit <u>crsricebowl.org</u> to learn more.



Viviendo la Cuaresma Activamente

Ya estamos viviendo la Cuaresma. ¿Cómo le va en sus intentos de acercarse mas a Dios? ¿Se acuerda de la lectura del profeta Joel el día de Miércoles de Ceniza? El Señor dice: "Vuélvanse a mí de todo corazón, con ayunos, con lagrimas y llanto, enluten su corazón y no sus vestidos. Vuélvanse al Señor Dios nuestro, porque es compasivo y misericordioso." Así es la meta de este tiempo de Cuaresma. Dios hace la invitación a nosotros de cambiarnos, de volver a Dios. Es importante reconocer que Dios es misericordioso y lento a la colera. Dios perdona y desea que volvamos a formar una amistad con El.

Hay distintas maneras de poder formar esa amistad. Siempre la comunicación con Dios por medio de oración tiene valor. Dios escucha, Dios está a nuestro lado, Dios es misericordioso y clemente. Dios nos ama. Siempre se habla de los pilares de la Cuaresma siendo el ayuno, la oración y el dar limosna—la caridad. En el pasado la gente más frecuentemente pensaba en el avuno solo como una regla de la Iglesia-sacrificándose sin pensar en cómo era una ayuda de conocer a Dios Jesucristo mejor. La disposición interior del cristiano tiene importancia: las cosas del espíritu son superiores; no debemos limitar nuestras preocupaciones solo a las preocupaciones de este mundo. De a poco podemos aprender lo que significa cómo vivir por cada palabra que sale de la boca de Dios. El avuno también debe ayudarnos a mostrar nuestro amor a los necesitados. Podemos experimentar mas lo que es ser pobre.

San Agustín había dicho una vez que, si el pueblo quería hacer su oración volar a Dios, tenía que darla dos alas: el ayuno y la limosna. En nuestro tiempo el ayuno no es muy estricto y quizás por eso la gente olvida hacerlo o no piensa en su importancia espiritual. Pero en estos tiempos más modernos seguramente usted ha escuchado de la idea de ayunar de cosas, por ejemplo: ayunar del tiempo de pantalla, o de twitter o de Facebook o de televisión o de su siesta... Pero llene ese tiempo con otra cosa, por ejemplo: ayudar a alguien con un trabajo o por una visita, leer un libro espiritual, escuchar una canción cristiana y reflexionar sobre ella, tome tiempo para estar consciente de su día—dónde encontró a Dios...

La práctica del ayuno tiene que estar basado en el amor de Dios y de los demás. Si no, el ayuno ha perdido su meta. No debemos ayunar sin conectarnos con Dios, sin poner lo espiritual primero. Espero que el ayuno que usted hace sea una ayuda en su oración y en su cercanía con Dios. ¡Feliz Cuaresma!

Hna. Kay

Liturgies for the Week

SS = St. Stephen – SF = St. Francis—PC = Parish Center Sunday, February 28

7:30 A.M. (SS) Peter & Helen Liberatore—Req. by Family

9:00 A.M. (SF) Joanne Kane—Req. by Mary Kerr 10:30 A.M. (SS) Frank Modaffari—Req. by Joyce June 12:00 N (SF) Genevieve Cancilo—Req. by Fela Candelario

Monday, March 1

7:00 A.M. (OLP Chapel) Crisanti, Orofino, Poso & Daugenti Families—Req. by Mary

12:10 P.M. (OLP Chapel & Livestream) John Greco-Req. by Louise Bailey

5:00 P.M. (OLP Chapel) Mike Powers—Req. by Linda Turturro

Tuesday, March 2

7:00 A.M. (OLP Chapel) Luis Carlos Sanchez—Req. by Rosary Society

12:10 P.M. (OLP Chapel & Livestream) Donna Hirons— Req. by Family

Wednesday, March 3

7:00 A.M. (OLP Chapel) Josephine Venuti-Req. by Family

12:10 P.M. (SF & Livestream) Mary Bonacci—Req. by 1960 DHS Classmates

Thursday, March 4

7:00 A.M. ((OLP Chapel) Tom & Mary Long—Req. by Family

12:10 P.M. (OLP Chapel & Livestream) Catherine Giardino Aponte—Req. by Family

Friday, March 5

7:00 A.M. (OLP Chapel) Eta Tracey—Req. by Carol DeVaney

12:10 P.M. (SF & Livestream) Mike Butler—Req. by Pete & Lynn Butler

5:00 P.M. (OLP Chapel) Rodolfo Orozco-Req. by

Crescencia Aguilera Saturday, March 6

8:00 A.M. (SS) Anthony Marciano—Req. by Bill & Kelly Hart

4:30 P.M. (SF & Livestream)) Frank & Emily Rinaldo— Req. by Family

Sunday, March 7

7:30 A.M. (SS) Charlie McCann—Req. by Mary Jo Smith 9:00 A.M. (SF) Bill Gallagher—Req. by Gary & Donna Baxter

10:30 A.M. (SS & Livestream) June Brown—Req. by Joan Doeblin

12:00 N (SF) Rodolfo Orozco—Req by Crescencia Aguilera

4:30 P.M. (St. John's Chapel) Jack & Marion Bero—Req. by the Venuti Family

Prayer Line - call 789-0930 between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and many will pray.



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At SS

Sunday: 7:30 and 10:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m.. (HWS) (St. John Chapel) 630 S. Main St., Geneva (Except summer)

At SF Saturday evening: 4:30 p.m. Sunday: 9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

Daily: Monday-Friday: Masses are at: OL of Peace Chapel at St. Francis 7:00 a.m. & 12:10 p.m. Saturday, 8:00 a.m. at St. Stephen's Church

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

at OLP Chapel-11:45-12:00 Noon (M-F) at SF—Saturday: 3:30-4:15 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call for a pre-baptismal interview with a priest. **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:**

Couples should contact a priest at least nine months in advance of their date. A year or more notice is advisable to secure the church and time desired. If one of the couple is divorced, a church annulment will be required. Circumstances of the prior marriage determine whether or not an annulment might be possible. Consult a priest at least a year in advance.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING THE SICK: In an emergency, any time. At other times by appointment. SICK AND SHUT-INS:

Please call the office immediately so that they may be visited.





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