

Reflection on Luke 10:25-37

Dear Family in the Lord,

The parable of the Good Samaritan is one of our Lord's best known short stories. When a lawyer approaches Jesus inquiring as to who his neighbor is, Jesus directs His attention to what being a good neighbor entails. He paints a portrait of a man who was robbed on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho and beaten within an ace of his life. The Priest and the Levite passed by on the other side of the road, because to touch the dead body would have meant their exclusion from religious service in the Temple. Their brand of worship was not inspired by the love of neighbor but by religious duty. The unlikely hero of the story turns out to be a Samaritan who, acting out of sheer love and generosity instead of a sense of duty, opened his heart and recognized a neighbor even in a despised Jew.



Neighborliness is not a general attitude of helping those who are good to us, but a matter of being ready to come to the assistance of those in need, even the perfect stranger. There is to be no picking and choosing or limit to the scope of our giving. Nobody is excluded from a claim on our help because we are all God's children. The story is easily understood and painfully true but difficult to put into practice. It forces us to think about ourselves and to reflect on the quality and quantity of our acts of charity - to ask the question: 'Are we doing what Jesus would want us to do in His name? When it is a matter of putting ourselves out for people we can all find suitable excuses to avoid unpleasant duties and let the opportunity to do good pass by. Our spark of compassion is easily snuffed out as we look the other way. The road from Jericho to Jerusalem runs through our neighborhood and is strewn with wounded people. There is a world crying out for mercy at our very door. If we are alert and sensitive we can come in contact with people who are lonely, hungry for love and attention, crushed by disappointment and failure, guilt-ridden and wounded by sin.

The Good Samaritan represents Jesus Christ who, reaching out in love, came to the rescue of the human race in its pitiful condition and healed our wounds by dying on the cross of Calvary. That act of love cost Him His life. He expects us to stop and help those in need even though it will cost us time, trouble and expense. The gospel is at pains to emphasize that there is no love of God without love of our neighbor who is in distress.

In His Love,

fr. Gary

Mass Intentions

Monday, July 12 (Weekday)

9:00AM - Monthly Requiem for Memorial Intentions

Tuesday, July 13 (St. Henry)

7:00PM - Harold Silva, by the Ciarletti Family

Wednesday, July 14 (Bl Kateri Tekakwitha)

9:00AM - Anne Schubert, by Family

Thursday, July 15 (St. Bonaventure)

7:00PM - For our Next Bishop

Friday, July 16 (Our Lady of Mount Carmel)

9:00AM - Intentions of our Benefactors

Saturday, July 17 (Weekday)

9:00AM - Lucille Cabana by her daughter and son in law, Lil & Dick Lawson

(Vigil: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

4:00PM - Donna & Leo Paul Lamothe, by Flo Lamothe

Sunday, July 18 (16th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:30AM - Marguerite LaGaccia, by her Daughter

10:30AM - Fr K, by Christine Haigis

6:30PM - Raymond Lantagne (6th Anniversary), by his Wife

Sanctuary Lamps in Church

In Memory of George Ivalis, by his wife, Shirley

PARISH SUPPORT

June 27th Offertory: \$11,732.55

Peter's Pence: \$ 1,523.00

Due to early printing deadline
July 4 offertory will be listed next week.

Thank You

Cut-a-thon Tomorrow!

Need a cut? We got a cause! Pete will be doing this month's cut-a-thon next door at Matibo's Hair salon this Monday, July 12 from 9AM to 9PM. Proceeds from free will offerings given for cuts between 9AM - 3PM go to our *Vocation Support Association*, and from 3PM-9PM for charities of our local Knights of Columbus Council. Give Pete a call at Matibo's (880-6310) to see if he can fit you in!



Need for Religious Ed Teachers

First, a BIG thank you to all who serve as catechists and assistants in our Religious Education programs! You are a wonderful gift to our community and our children in particular! You help parents fulfill the promise they made at the Baptism of their children to sow the seeds of faith! We still have a couple of needs. **Our 3rd grade children on Monday nights and our 5th graders, every other Sunday morning, are looking to you!** Please call Nancy or Mary in our office to find out more.



God Go With You, Sr Janet!

Today we say goodbye and ask the Lord to richly bless Sr Janet Eppolito as she heads out tomorrow for her first assignment as a professed Sister of the Presentation of Mary. Sister will be part of the community at the Our Lady of Hope House of Prayer in New Ipswich, NH. We'll look forward to seeing you every now and then, Sister, on your visits home! Our prayers go with you!

The Week At A Glance ...

Sunday - July 11th

HS Scripture Class/RM 2 (4:45 - 7:45 PM)

Monday - July 12th

HS Scripture Class/RM 2 (8 - 9:45 AM)

Cut-A-Thon/Matibo's (9AM - 9PM)

HS Creed Class/RM 3 (5:15 - 7:15 PM)

Tuesday - July 13th

Crafters Workshop/Craft RM (6:30 PM)

Wednesday - July 14th

Adoration/Chapel (5:30-8:45 AM, 1 - 7 PM)

HS Scripture Class/RM 2 (8 - 9:45 AM)

Bible Study Exodus/RM 1 (7:30 - 9PM)

Friday - July 16th

Young Adult BBQ & Beliefs/Rectory Yard, RM 1

Sunday - July 18th

Baptisms/Church (12N)

Religious Ed Registration

All the students in grades one through high school should now be registered. Since the deadline has past (as of 6/30) we may not be able to honor first choice requests for class options. Some classes are filled. *If you have not registered please contact the office right away to do so.* Remember, Catholic school and Home schooled students entering Grades 2 or 9 this Fall need to be registered here in order to be prepared for Sacraments: Penance & Eucharist (Gr 2) and for Confirmation (High School). Michele McCormack, Religious Ed secretary can help you with info and registration materials.

Holy Land Pilgrimage Meeting

To get a 'feel' for interest, over the past few weeks we have asked that you call in if you might consider joining us for a *May 18-26, 2011* pilgrimage. *We did not collect a list of names, simply noted numbers interested.* There is a great interest! So, we have an Info Night planned for **August 11th at 7 PM** in the parish hall. At the meeting you will be able to book your reservation and make a deposit to hold your space. We can not save a space without deposit. *A flyer that outlines the trip can be found on the corner narthex table.* Plan to be with us for the meeting if what you see on the flyer catches your interest!

Clothing for Kenya

The great need still remains. A parishioner is willing to help make our connection with that need happen by packing and arrange for shipping, so, we are having a drive once again **from now until July 15th (this Thursday).** New or used *light weight* clothes for adults and children, shoes, sneakers, sandals, underwear, bed sheets, light blankets, light jackets (no winter items). Please bring clean and useable items, in boxes or bags, and leave in the office entry (door open from 6AM weekdays (8AM weekends) to 9PM daily).

Thank You!

Your prayers in the days of our recent Pilgrimage to Poland were most appreciated and were a source of many graces! Know that there was not a day that passed without our prayerful lifting up of all of you as well! I am deeply grateful to the parish staff for seeing to the day-by-day operation of the parish in my absence, and to Deacon Ray for overseeing the house and property, and, most especially the TLC he gave Buddy! A special word of thanks to Fr Isaac for Mass coverage last weekend, and to the very kind and generous Fr Ademar Deveau who took every other Mass and Confessions while I was away, enabling us to not have any day without Holy Mass. I ask the Lord to bless you all for making it possible for me to lead this pilgrimage!

-Fr Gary

BBQ, Beliefs, & Fun Night

Come and join us for this great night on Friday, **July 16th** hosted by our Young Adult Ministry. The BBQ starts at 6 PM in the rectory yard. After, around 7:15 PM, seminarian Ryan Brady will offer a short reflection on the meaning of 'vocation' in our lives. This will be followed by an 'ask anything' Q & A forum with Ryan and Fr G. Open to young adults, college age and families too! Childcare and activities will be offered...so bring the kids! **Please RSVP by July 12** for a proper head count. Respond to Jen at jennifer.burda@gmail.com. See you there!

Welcome to the Parish!

We extend a warm welcome to these folks who recently registered and are the newest members of our parish family: *James, Karen, Aislinn & Benjamin Plumley; Cynthia Jasper; Tom, Kathleen, Brendan, Sean and Justin Cryan; and Ann Miller.*



Give a Spiritual Gift

Our greatest prayer is the Holy Mass. Having that great prayer offered for the intentions of someone living (for a birthday, anniversary or other special occasion), or for the soul of a deceased loved one, is therefor, the greatest gift we can give! We have Mass Cards and Spiritual Bouquet cards in our office. If seeking a specific date we suggest you contact Lauraine ASAP since dates are already filling up fast in 2011's Mass Book. You can also have the Sanctuary lamps burn for a week in church or Emmaus chapel for a departed soul or any intention. We have cards that you can send to inform the person they have received this gift. Lastly, we have cards to send if you wish to have someone remembered in one of the shrines of the church with the special votive lamps burning there - Black Madonna, Divine Mercy, Our Lady's Shrine in front, or St John Vianney (wonderful place to offer the lamps for a living or deceased priest). Again, cards are available for all of these. The offerings requested: For Mass Intention (\$10), Shrine Candles for a month (\$25), Sanctuary Lamps (3) for a week (\$15).

Zach's Stadium

Bracelets will be on sale after Masses today weekend to support the Zach Tompkins Memorial Stadium that is in the works! This has really become a full community effort to remember Zach and to provide a wonderful facility for our youth and community. For more info go to www.zacharytompkins.org.

Seminarian Summer Addresses

Blue sheets on the corner narthex table have contact info for our five seminarians. Mike Z is in Nebraska at the Priestly Formation Institute, Brian Shook is in Honduras, and Peter Naranjo is in Holyoke. Ryan Brady is with us and Mike Sartori, who will enter this Fall, is living at home. Those away would certainly enjoy a note letting them know they are in our prayers!

Fr G's Summer Cookout Raffle

We open the summer season with the Red Sox Raffle and we wrap it up as Fr Gary invites the winner of the 'Cookout Raffle' and their five guests to the rectory for a BBQ cooked and served by him and our seminarians. The date & menu are decided by Fr G and the lucky raffle winner! It's been a really fun event each year, with proceeds going to help support our seminarians in these years of formation. The tickets (\$10 ea) are on sale in the office and after weekend Masses with a July 25th drawing.



Weekly Adoration Day

Every Wednesday we invite you to come to the 'cool and quiet' to spend some one on one time with the Lord present before us in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament offers you the chance to drop in for a time of adoration from 5:30 to 8:45 AM and from 1 - 7 PM in the transept chapel wing of the church. **(No Evening Prayer and Benediction in July and August.** The Eucharist is simply reposed at 7PM). A good weekly habit to develop!



Welcome Home!

We welcome our youth and the adults who just returned home from a week of service with Workcamp in Belfast, ME! We are proud of the witness you give us in taking Christ at His Word and giving of your time, talent and treasure in service to the poor. Thanks to all the adults who supported our youth, worked beside them, and made this possible once again!

Check out Photo Gallery!

Have you visited our parish website recently? We've added some great pictures in the 'gallery' from Sr Janet's Profession of Vows, Fr Gary's 25th Ann. Mass & Reception, and our recent trip to New Bedford. Check it out!

Autumn Pilgrimage

In October we are planning a 4 day/3 night Pilgrimage for Vocations right here in the United States! We will fly into Baltimore, the first diocese established in the US. We'll enjoy shopping and lunch in the Inner Harbor area upon arrival, then tour historic sites from the early foundations of Catholicism in Baltimore,



with dinner that night in 'Little Italy'. The next day will include a visit & tour of St Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, where two of our seminarians, Mike Zgonc and Mike Sartori are studying. We will join the

seminarians for Mass and lunch as well. Then, off to Washington DC to tour the Basilica of the Nat'l Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Our tour guide will be our own Sr Miriam (the former Julia McLean)! Following dinner we will tour the Dominican Monastery and then join them for chanted Night Prayer. Our tour guide will be Brother Reginald (the former Brendan Lynch, who served here a summer when he was a diocesan seminarian). The next day we head to Emmitsburg, MD and visit the beautiful National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes and the campus of Mt St Mary Seminary (where Fr Gary was a seminarian), along with the St Elizabeth Seton Shrine and lunch in Gettysburg, PA (just down the road). Father G will offer a 25th Anniversary Year Mass of Thanksgiving at the Grotto and at the Seminary Chapel the next day. A morning of reflection will take place on the closing day, then head back. If you might want to join us, be sure to **take a flyer from the corner narthex table, fill out the attached form** and we will contact you about an info night to firm up plans, take deposits, etc. This area is breath taking in autumn, these holy sites are awesome, it's a 'trip down memory lane' for Fr G and a chance for us to see our seminarians on their turf. Our prayers throughout these days will be for vocations as we visit those who have responded to vocations to priesthood and religious life.

Considering Catholicism?

You? A spouse? Relative or friend? You can call in your name, address and phone number to Fr Gary, or email the information to him at fgary@stkathryns.org if you would like more info about our RCIA Inquiry Sessions that will get underway in early September. *Show this announcement to someone you know. Offer to come with them!* The Inquiry sessions are held on Tuesday nights and give an overview of Catholic life and teaching. There's no commitment or obligation - just some good information. Those who then desire to continue on in the process, and feel called to become Catholic Christians, can remain in the RCIA as other stages unfold. Giving us the contact info requested above will allow us to mail out an info brochure, more specifics and an invitation to a late August 'Come & See' night. This process has welcomed so many over the years!



It's for...

- Adults who have never been baptized
- Those baptized in another Christian church
- Baptized Catholics who never had religious education, never received First Communion or Confirmation. If the person does decide to join the Catholic Church we celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist - at the Easter Vigil

RCIA for Children

A similar process as described above is offered for children, ages 7 and up, who have never been baptized or were baptized in another Christian denomination. Sometimes these are children of non-Catholics who are entering the church, or from families who were away and have returned to the practice of the Catholic faith. If interested, please contact Nancy Schulz in our office, or email her at nancy.schulz@stkathryns.org.

Seminarian Ryan's Musings II

On Tuesday, **July 20 at 7:30 PM** Ryan will give another talk, followed by some Q&A time. His topic will explore PRAYER. Efforts, successes, methods, failures, hopes and desires effect us all as we pray and seek to develop relationship with the Lord. Come and reflect with Ryan on some aspects of this process of prayer!

Connecting to the Homebound

We need your help in order to step up our connection with our homebound parishioners. The only way we can connect with them and know their needs is with your help. Do you have a relative, neighbor or friend who is unable to attend Mass? Could they if we could connect them with a ride? Or, do you know someone unable to attend Mass who could be brought Holy Communion regularly? When someone has a chronic health condition, or is debilitated through advanced age or frail health, they also should receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick periodically. *This is NOT a sacrament simply for those on death's door!* It can be a source of strength, comfort and healing as one lives with the cross of illness. Its sad when we are notified of the death of a parishioner, but were never notified that their health was deteriorating. They die without having received the Sacraments. One should not wait till the very last minute to let us know, since, with only one priest, we may not reach them in time. So, please call in the name, address and phone number of those who could be added to our 'communion call' lists. We will see to it that they receive a friendly visit, periodic anointing, and are nourished with the Bread of Life! Deacon Ray, our Pastoral Associate, who now coordinates this outreach, wants to be sure no one is left out...so...we're asking you to help! You can call and leave the info with Lauraine in our office and she'll get it to him!

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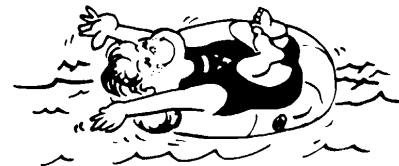
DEBT STATUS

The outstanding balance on our loan with the Diocese as of June 30th stands at \$2762,077.97. The balance on hand in our savings account from which we withdraw monthly mortgage payments of \$9,700.00 is \$58,942.83.



Votive Candle Shrines

We often get remarks from visitors about how wonderful it is to be able to light a candle at one of the shrines in our church. Our votive shrines include areas honoring the Sacred Heart of Jesus, St Joseph, our Lady, and, in the transept chapel wing, the 'Parent shrine' with Mary holding the body of her Son. This shrine is for parents who are concerned about their children, who have lost a child, or seeking her intercession for their children. The candle you light after offering a prayer is a quiet sentinel that 'spends itself' burning in the House of the Lord as a sign of your petition or thanksgiving, remaining long after you need to leave this place and resume your daily routine. What a wonderful family prayer moment it could be if, after Sunday Mass or during a weekday visit, you gathered the family, prayed your petitions together and then kindled a candle. *It's part of our Catholic Faith ... let's live it!* This little act can do much to instill the value of prayer and the 'special place' the church is, in the hearts of our children.



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