



Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
February 3, 2019

Dear Members and Friends of St. Mary's/
St. Patrick's, and St. Peter's Cathedral:

"All you need is love." That refrain from the 1967 Beatles' song resounds through our culture – both as an idea and as a tune. It is true only as far as it goes like any cliché or stereotype.

On the one hand it seems to echo today's second reading, St. Paul's marvelous hymn to love in I Corinthians 13: *So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.*

On the other hand, we live in a world that has profoundly debased the meaning of love, reducing it to an emotion or to any intense attachment, no matter how fleeting. When love is thus misunderstood, it can become dangerous. If love is misunderstood as merely an emotion, it can be used to justify anything.

It is not this of which Paul speaks. He uses the Greek word *agape*, and we might be better off if we relied on the older translation of the word as 'charity.' Charity implies the care of others, as we use the term today. And that really is the point of Paul's argument. He wants the Corinthians to cease their quarreling and divisiveness and to deal with one another in charity. As St. Thomas Aquinas, on whose feast day I am writing this letter, taught: true love means seeking the genuine good of the other.

Love is of course not merely lust – another error our society makes – but neither is it a matter of over-

looking sins and dangerous errors. Because real love seeks the good of the other, it is closely integrated with God's justice and his commandments. To use a most obvious example, love cannot justify adultery or any other violation of Christian chastity. Nor can love be served by denying the truth. When Jesus challenges the people of Nazareth in today's Gospel, he is acting out of love, calling on them to repent and not to presume on God's favor merely because they are Jewish.

It is certainly not loving to behave like a bull in a china shop. But authentic love seeks the good of the other and not merely the sentimental tolerance that characterizes our age.

In Christ,

Fr. Klein
Rector

Additional item

In reviewing the finances for the first six months of the fiscal year, I discovered that we are running several thousand dollars behind in regular offering income. During the last fiscal year, on which the budget is based, we were on target in this critical area.

The finances of the Cathedral are always tight, and so I ask you to examine your stewardship and to increase your giving as you are able and in response to God's blessings to you.

Pray for the Sick

Darlene Bargelski, Facenda Burton, Michael Dineen, Helen Dugan, Cal Fuhrmann, Jaxon Gardner, Valencia Giannantonio, Ann Hagan, David Kidd, Kathy Kingsley, Fr. Leonard Klein, Rita Lynam, Bill Marshall, Barbara Mondzelewski, Francesca Olivere, Alice Goetz O'Neill, Teresa Rodriguez, Earlene Roles, Howard Scott, Cheryl Smith and Olga Yapo.

A Warm Welcome

Congratulations to **Noelle Katherine Cantarera**, daughter of Gwendolyn Menton Cantarera and Kyle Cantarera, who will be welcomed into the Christian community through Baptism this weekend at the 4 PM Mass. May we continue to be examples of a faith-filled community.

Masses/Services for the Week

Saturday, Feb. 2	4:00 PM	Parishioners
Sunday, Feb. 3		(Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)
	8:00 AM	Frances Licki
	11:00 AM	Jim and Sonyia Brake (L)
Monday, Feb. 4	12:10 PM	Peter J. Hahn
Tuesday, Feb. 5		(M, Saint Agatha, Virgin, Martyr)
	12:10 PM	Leonard R. Klein (L)
Wednesday, Feb. 6		(M, Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs)
	12:10 PM	John Sarnecky
Thursday, Feb. 7	12:10 PM	Jose Prado
Friday, Feb. 8		(m, Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin)
	12:10 PM	John Sarnecky
Saturday, Feb. 9	4:00 PM	Mary C. Blackwelder
Sunday, Feb. 10		(Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)
	8:00 AM	Parishioners
	11:00 AM	Ushers at the Cathedral

St. Blaise Blessing

This Sunday, February 3 is the Feast of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr. The traditional blessing of throats will follow all weekend Masses.

Altar Flowers

The beautiful flowers which adorn our sanctuary this weekend were provided by Joe Hannas in memory of Joan Hannas.

Birthday Wishes

Prayers and warm wishes for the following parishioners who have birthdays this week: **February 2:** Diane Giardinelli; **February 4:** Evon Minott; **February 5:** Ruth Marshall

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for February

Pope's Intention: Human Trafficking. For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

Catholic Forum

Listen to *Catholic Forum* anytime at www.cdown.org/Catholic-Forum, or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts. Next Sunday, February 10, tune in to meet St. Thomas More Academy teacher and Miss Delaware 2018, Joanna Wicks.

Word of Life

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you" (Jeremiah 1:5).

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Vocation Reflection

What was spoken to you long ago that you still try to hear? God speaks to His people through the prophet Jeremiah: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you. Before you were born I dedicated you." Our God knows us intimately; our God has a plan for each of us. What are you doing to discover God's plan for *your* life? Could it be that He's calling you to a life of religious ministry for the good of the Church? If you think so, call or write Father Norman Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302) 573-3113, vocations@cdow.org. Be sure to visit our website: www.cdown.org/vocations!

St. John Vianney Heart Relic

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a tour for the incorrupt heart of St. John Vianney at Corpus Christi Church, 909 New Road in Elsmere on Monday, February 4. The Shrine of Ars, France, has made this major relic available for a national tour in the U.S. The relic will be available throughout the day for private veneration. A Mass with Bishop Malooly as celebrant and homilist will begin at 8:30 AM. Rosary and prayer services are scheduled throughout the day. Visit cdow.org/Vianney for more details.

Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities **Stock the Pantry Drive** gears up this month. Throughout the month, each Catholic Charities location will accept donations of nonperishable food, such as canned meats, vegetables, fruits, shelf-stable milk, baby food, even peanut butter and jelly. We also welcome donations of cleaning products, dish detergent, paper goods, and personal care items like shampoo and soap. You can find the nearest Catholic Charities service center at www.cdown.org/charities, or call (302) 655-9624.

Book of Sacred Liturgy

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Readings/Responsorial Psalm Pg. 561

God is Love #992

Christ Be Our Light #958

Now Thank We All Our God #974