



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 21, 2019

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

Today's Old Testament account of the three mysterious visitors to Abraham has been understood through the centuries by Christians as a revelation of the Holy Trinity. In the Eastern Orthodox tradition the Holy Trinity is often depicted in icons as the three angelic visitors to Abraham. The location of Mamre, near the city of Hebron in the southern part of the West Bank, is, not surprisingly, the site of a Russian Orthodox monastery.

In the Western Church the image is not used quite as much, but the fact that Abraham receives three mysterious visitors (not one or two!) is for us also a revelation of the trinitarian nature of God. And there is no doubt at the end of the story that the visitors are divine, for one of them promises Abraham that Sarah will have a son within the year. God visits Abraham to repeat the promise that he will have a legitimate son, through whom God will fulfill his promise to make Abraham the father of many nations. He trusts this unlikely promise (he and Sarah are old!) and thus he becomes 'our father in faith,' as he is named in Eucharistic Prayer 1, the Roman canon.

God makes himself known and he makes promises that are trustworthy. Few beliefs are more central to the Christian faith than that. He makes himself known through St. Paul who sees his sufferings as

"filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ" and thus reminds us that our sufferings unite us to Jesus.

God makes himself known when Jesus in the Gospel reminds Martha and us to seek the one thing we really need, the Lord himself. He makes himself known in the Gospel for today's Latin Mass, the feeding of the multitude. That and the hospitality of Abraham point to the Eucharist, where the Lord makes himself known and available. The intimacy with God that we see in the visit of the three divine beings to Abraham is ours in the Mass.

At my visit to Penn on July 10, day 92 post-transplant, I learned that the staff had decided to make that the equivalent to day 100 and to begin tapering off the dosage of the anti-rejection drug. If all goes according to plan, the last day will be September 19. As the drug is tapered off my energy level should improve, although I will at that point need to be alert to any symptoms of rejection. Those too can be managed and are not a sign that the transplant has failed. Since my energy is already improving little by little, I have scheduled myself for one Mass a day beginning at the end of July and will begin also to spend more time in the office.

I thank you for the prayers that have helped to make this journey far less arduous than I ever had reason to expect.

Fr. Klein

Pray for the Sick

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

Pray the Rosary

The daily Mass attendees at the Cathedral will pray the Rosary on behalf of Fr. Klein's recovery at 11:30 AM on Wednesdays before the 12:10 PM Mass. All are welcome.

Vocation Reflection

"It is He whom we proclaim." Are you being called to proclaim Christ and the word of God? Call Fr. Norm Carroll at (302) 573-3113 or visit vocations@cdow.org.

Masses/Services for the Week

Saturday, July 20

4:00 PM Cornelius James Erickson
(*Rev. Daniel Gerres, Celebrant*)

Sunday, July 21 (Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:00 AM Parishioners
11:00 AM Living Intentions of Seminarians
of the Diocese
(*Rev. Jeffrey Cesarone*)

Monday, July 22 (F, Saint Mary Magdalene)

12:10 PM Gertrude Callahan

Tuesday, July 23 (M, Saint Bridget, Religious)

12:10 PM Irene Hannas

Wednesday, July 24 (M, Saint Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest)

12:10 PM Carole Corcoran (L)

Thursday, July 25 (F, Saint James, Apostle)

12:10 PM Tom Friel (L)

Friday, July 26 (M, Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

12:10 PM Daniel Mahoney

Saturday, July 27

4:00 PM Parishioners
(*Rev. Daniel Gerres, Celebrant*)

Sunday, July 28 (Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:00 AM Carmen and Theresa Facciolo
11:00 AM Jane Moran

Birthday Wishes

Prayers and warm wishes for the following parishioners who have birthdays this week: **July 20:** John Kirk; **July 22:** Margaret Consiglio, John Cahill; **July 24:** Clayton Minott; **July 25:** Katherine Cahill

Special Collection

The Cathedral of Saint Peter is in need of our help. On the weekend of August 17-18, a special collection for the maintenance and preservation of the Cathedral of Saint Peter will be taken up in all parishes in our diocese. Please be as generous as you can. For more information about the Cathedral, please visit www.cathedralofstpeter.com. For a video tour of the Cathedral, and a tour of the Cathedral's 100 year-old pipe organ, visit the diocesan website at www.cdow.org/cathedral. Together, we can help assure that our Cathedral will remain a place of beauty and prayer for generations to come.

Credit Card and Cash Contributions

Check out our website for alternate safe methods of contributing to the Cathedral. There is a section for one-time gifts or an option to setup regular donations. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office.

Word of Life

"As a mom who had my first baby in college, I know that an unexpected pregnancy can sometimes bring fear, shame, and doubt. However, I also know that an unexpected pregnancy can bring joy, excitement, awe, gratitude, and deeper love than I knew was possible—not to mention the little bundle who inspires these sentiments!"

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting"

Pamphlets On Order

Additional copies of Bishop Robert Barron's small book "Letter to a Suffering Church" have been ordered. It is his brief but powerful address to the current situation. We will let you know when they arrive.

Prayer Vigil

On Monday, August 19, from 12 noon to 1 PM, the same date and time of the 4th Apparition of Fatima, a public Prayer Vigil will be held for our Bishop, ourselves, and Holy Mother Church. Following the Prayer Vigil, Bishop Malooly will consecrate our Diocese to Mary's Immaculate Heart. This special event will take place near Our Lady of Peace Statue outside of Holy Spirit Parish in New Castle. All are welcome to attend.

Bishop's 5K Race

Please join Catholic Charities for the Bishop's 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, August 24 at 9 AM at Glasgow Regional Park, 2275 Pulaski Highway, Newark, DE. Pre-register for the event by visiting Bishops5K.com. Registration is \$20 until June 30, \$25 from July 1 to August 22 and \$30 until race day, plus an event fee of \$2.50. All registered runners/walkers will receive a t-shirt and be in the running for prizes. All proceeds will benefit Catholic Charities outreach efforts. Call (302) 655-9624 with any questions.

Marriage Help

Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. The next program begins on the weekend of August 9-16 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information or to register for one of the weekend programs, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

Book of Sacred Liturgy

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Readings/Responsorial Psalm Pg. 586

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say #928

Christ Be Our Light #958