

From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Friends:

James and John had it all wrong. They wanted authority. They wanted to sit at the right hand and left hand of Jesus when the Kingdom of God was established on earth. They wanted to lord it over others. They wanted to be powerful and feared because of their power. They looked forward to being in authority. They had it all wrong. In the Kingdom of God, authority would come through service, not through power. Jesus is telling James, John and the other disciples that the true power, true authority, flows from service.

We are a Eucharistic people. You hear that expression all the time. But what does that really mean? We celebrate Jesus' Presence in the Blessed Sacrament. We receive communion. We adore his Presence in our tabernacles and during Eucharistic adoration services. But that is just one part of the Eucharistic dimension of our lives. To be a Eucharistic people, our celebration of the Eucharist must encompass washing the feet of the Lord's people. Remember that was what Jesus did before He gave His Body and Blood at the Last Supper. He washed the feet of his disciples and then issued the Mandatum, the mandate for them and for us: "What you have seen me do, you also must do." This was followed by the sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood. We celebrate the Eucharist through service to others and continually experience the Presence of Christ.

James and John had it all wrong. They wanted power, they wanted authority. Instead, Jesus called them to sacrifice and service. And when, after Pentecost, they sacrificed their lives for the sake of the Kingdom of God, they were, in fact, among the great gathered around Jesus' throne. It's the same for us. We sacrifice for others and the sacrificial love of the Lord gives us the authority to call ourselves Christian.

God Bless You!

Fr. Madanu Lourdu Raju

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCD: Catholic Christian Discipleship

Pope Francis canonized a young saint, St. Nunzio Sulprizio. He suffered a lot in his short life. He was born April 13, 1817 in Italy. His mother died when he was three and his father died when he was seven. He was taken in by an uncle, a blacksmith, who exploited him by not allowing him to go to school and forcing him to work in his shop even when he was sick. An untreated injury caused Sulprizio to contract gangrene in one of his legs. He was sent to the hospital in Naples where a soldier, became like a surrogate father and paid for his expenses. Despite his suffering, Sulprizio was known to be a gentle, patient soul who often kept Jesus company before the tabernacle. He contracted bone cancer and before he died said, "Be cheerful. From heaven I will always be helping you." He also said, Jesus suffered a lot for me. Why should I not suffer for him? He died May 5, 1836. St. Sulprizio, pray for

+ Confirmation meeting of candidates, sponsors and parents will be held next Sunday, October 28th after Mass.

Blessings and Peace,

~ Sr. Marianna

OUR WEEKLY GIVING

Ss. Peter & Paul	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,184.00
Loose	135.00
Total	1,319.00
Total from October 15, 2017	1,500.00
Building Fund	290.00
All Souls	10.00
St. Stanislaus	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 515.00
Loose	50.00
Total	565.00
Total from October 15, 2017	353.00
Energy	50.00
St. John	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 477.00
Loose	68.23
Total	545.23
Total from October 15, 2017	1,739.07
Building Fund	90.00
St. Michael	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 225.00
Loose	37.00
Total	262.00
Total from October 15, 2017	336.00
Building Fund	75.00

(Totals include only the basic collection)

Called to Become Saints
Catholic Services Appeal 2018-2019

Our annual Catholic Services Appeal has begun throughout the Diocese. The "fair share" responsibility for the coming year is listed below:

2018/2019 Catholic Services Appeal

	Assessment	Received	Amount Due
Ss. Peter & Paul	\$ 11,393.00	\$1,500.00	\$9,893.00
St. John	\$ 9,158.00	\$1,150.00	\$8,008.00
St. Stanislaus	\$ 5,234.00	\$1,695.00	\$3,539.00
St. Michael	\$ 2,789.00	\$ 325.00	\$2,464.00

Catholic United Financial Educational Workshop hosted at **Holy Rosary Parish-Medford** on Thursday, October 25th from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Topic: Medicare Supplement Insurance plans. Dessert to follow workshop. RSVP the Holy Rosary parish office at (715) 748-3336.

OUR SPONSOR THIS WEEK

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS
FR. KOLMAN COUNCIL - GILMAN

WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS
SHELDON - LUBLIN - JUMP RIVER - GILMAN