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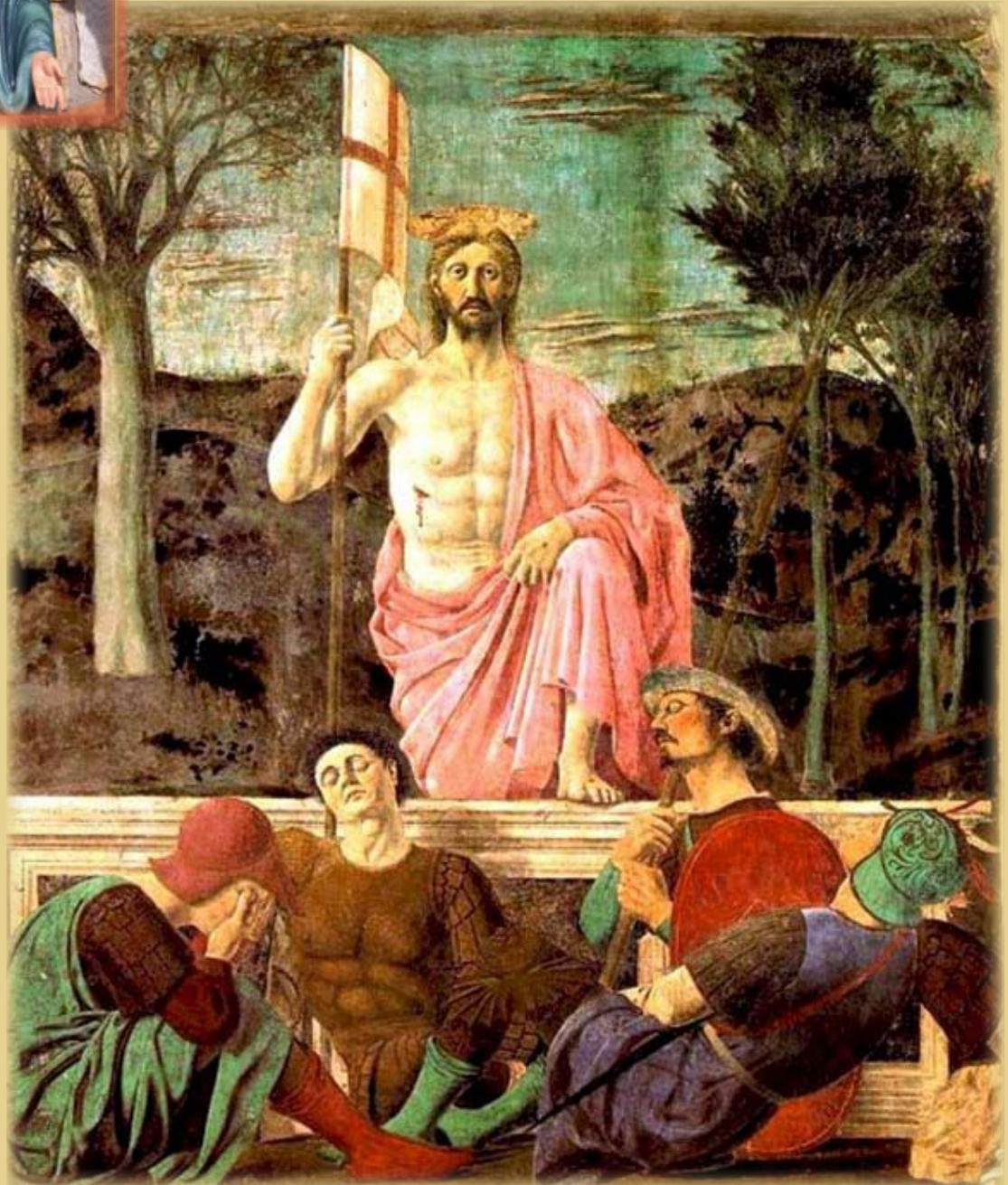
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Schedule of Masses and Prayers

Saturday

8 a.m. with Confession
at 8:30 (Nov. - May)
Vigil 4 p.m.
7 p.m. Spanish

Sunday

8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

Holy Days

8 a.m.
Vigil 5:30 p.m.

Daily Mass

Monday - Friday 8 a.m.

First Friday

Mass and Holy Hour
8 a.m.

First Saturday

Mass at 8 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday 3:30 p.m.

from our Pastor's desk



Dear parishioners: the Hollywood epic film director Cecil B. DeMille tells a story about reading a book while drifting in a canoe on a lake in Maine. For a brief moment he looked away from the book and down toward the lake. There on the water were beetles at play. DeMille watched as one of the beetles crawled up the side of the canoe. As the beetle got half way up, it dug its talons into the wooden side of the canoe and died. DeMille was fascinated by the action of the water beetle. Then, he returned to reading his book. Three hours later he took another timeout from reading. He looked back to the spot where the beetle attached its talons to the side of the canoe and was astonished by what he saw.

The beetle had dried up and its back had begun to crack open. The closer he watched, he noticed that there was some movement: something was trying to force its way out through the crack in the shell which coated the back of the dead beetle. First a small moist head appeared followed

closely by rainbow colored wings. Finally, a beautiful butterfly emerged with resplendent colors. DeMille sat there amazed at the epiphany unfolding. The mini-creature began to move its oversized wings. It took flight and hovered over the water where the other beetles were at play. None of the beetles recognized the butterfly. They did not realize that it was the same beetle they played with just hours earlier. DeMille took his finger and moved the dried-out shell of the beetle. It looked like an empty tomb.

Image and metaphor, is a door, a window, into mystery. There are similarities between the story of the beetle and the death and resurrection of Jesus. The water beetle died fastened to a wooden canoe. Jesus died nailed to a wooden cross. The water beetle went through an amazing transformation three hours after its death. Jesus also underwent an amazing transformation three days after his death. The water beetles did not recognize the transformed beetle as it flew over the water where it had played three hours before. In the Gospels we are told that Jesus was not recognized by those who had been with him three days before. The beetle could now fly and soar; no longer confined to crawl on water and land.

Belief in the Resurrection sustains a mother and her seven sons in the face of torture in the book of Maccabees. Jesus used the argument by the Sadducees to give a clear teaching on the resurrection.

Fr. Nicholas McLoughlin

at our Parish

Art Lessons

Art lessons by noted local artist, Anne Watson, are being offered in the Parish Youth Center. For information call Anne Watson, (863)453-4181 & (863)449-0822.

Collection for CCHD

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is a collection taken up in all 22,000 Catholic Parishes around the U.S. to support the following programs:

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- Create affordable housing for low income families.
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- Help those in poverty achieve self-reliance and self-sufficiency.
- Educate Catholics about poverty and Catholic social teaching.

75% of the collection goes to the National Office for CCHD to provide seed money for the above mentioned programs. 25% stays here to assist self-help initiatives in the Diocese of Venice. Envelopes for the CCHD collection are in your packet of envelopes. The collection will be taken up next Sunday.
Bishop Frank Dewane

'Thank-you' Angels

Last week, Doreen Pearlman, a parishioner and teacher in a local elementary school, made an appeal for financial assistance to take four Kindergarten migrant children to Disney world with the rest of their class. She received a very generous response from parishioners. All four migrant children will go on the field trip with the rest of their classmates. A big "Thank-you" from the children and from Doreen.

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Our Lady of Guadalupe Pilgrimage

There will be an informational meeting for those interested in travelling to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mexico, April 1-6, 2008, in the Youth Center, at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 11. Call Mary Hutchison, 453-0450. The cost is \$1,550.00.

Our Lady of Grace Women's Guild

invites all women of the Parish to its meeting on Wednesday, November 14, at 1 p.m. in the Youth Center. It's a great way to come to know women in the Parish. Come and bring a friend.

Teens and Young Adults meeting

Come and meet teens and College age young adults on Wednesday evening, 6:30-8:30 p.m., in the newly renovated Youth Center, over a game of pool, ping pong, air-hockey, touch football or soccer, racquet-ball, dance-dance-revolution. The evening begins with hamburgers, pizza and drink.

Safe Environment Training

The Diocese of Venice mandated safe environment training for all people working in any capacity with Parish youth or vulnerable adults will take place on Tuesday, November 13, 7:00-8:30 p.m., in the Religious Education Center.

Spaghetti Dinner

The Ladies Guild will have a spaghetti dinner after 4:00 p.m., Saturday, November 17. The word 'companion' means making a friend while breaking bread. Let's come, meet fellow parishioners & make friends.

Bible Study Wednesday, Nov. 14, at 7:30 p.m. The theme will be the Beatitudes. This will be the last of the series. The next series on the Sermon on the Mount will begin in January.

Sacramental Life of the Parish

Baptisms:

Baptismal orientation is the first Sunday of each month. Ceremonies are performed on the second Sunday.

Marriages:

Adequate preparation is required. Call the parish office six months in advance.

Ministry to the Sick:

Arrangements can be made to have a priest and/or a Eucharistic minister visit on a regular basis, if necessary. Call the parish office.

Registration

Permanent and seasonal members are encouraged to register. Registration cards are available at the main church entrance.



Our Lady of Grace Catholic Charismatic Prayer Meeting

A prayer meeting is a weekly gathering to give praise, thanks, honor and glory to Jesus through song, prayer and teachings. Our purpose is to worship and honor God and to build up the Body of Christ as brothers and sisters in the faith. All are welcome to come and grow in love of Jesus and one another. We meet Sunday evenings at 6 p.m. in the Youth Center and begin with the Rosary. For more information contact Paul and Justine Devlin, 453-5327.

News Briefs

Saudi King and Pope Discuss Need to Aid Families

VATICAN CITY, NOV. 6, 2007 (Zenit.org).- For the first time in history, a Saudi Arabian king visited a Pope today; the two discussed the need for collaboration among Christians, Muslims and Jews, especially in supporting the value of the family.

King Abdallah bin Abdulaziz Al Saud met with Benedict XVI today for about 30 minutes in the Vatican. The Saudi Arabian leader then went on to meet with the Pope's secretary of state, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, and Archbishop Dominique Mamberti, secretary for relations with states.

"The meetings took place in a cordial atmosphere and provided an opportunity to consider questions close to the heart of both sides," the Vatican press office reported. "In particular, the commitment to interreligious and intercultural dialogue aimed at peaceful and fruitful coexistence between individuals and peoples was reiterated, as was the importance of collaboration between Christians, Muslims and Jews for the promotion of peace, justice and spiritual and moral values, especially in support of the family."

The Vatican authorities expressed their hope for the prosperity of Saudi Arabia's inhabitants, the communiqué stated. They also mentioned the positive and industrious presence of Christians. "Finally," the statement continued, "views were exchanged on the situation in the Middle East and on the need to find a just solution to the conflicts affecting the region, especially that between Israelis and Palestinians."

The 84-year-old king is the custodian of the mosques of Mecca and Medina. Saudi Arabia and the Holy See do not maintain diplomatic relations.

Pope: New Strategies Needed for Families

VATICAN CITY, NOV. 4, 2007 (Zenit.org).- Benedict XVI called for the development of innovative strategies to meet the needs of the modern family as he encouraged the work and initiatives of the Italian-based New Families movement. The Pope also called the family a "sacred and sanctifying place" when he met Saturday with some 400 participants in the International New Families Meeting, which marked the 40th anniversary of the organization's foundation.

The New Families movement, sponsored by the Catholic lay Focolare movement, is a network

of 800,000 families living in 182 countries. In his address, Benedict XVI began with a salute to the founder of the Focolare movement, Chiara Lubich, who the Pope said "continues to guide the great family of the Focolare with wisdom and firm adherence to the Church."

The Holy Father praised the commitment to "silent and profound evangelization" that New Families promotes, and the organization's four guiding principles: spirituality, education, sociability and solidarity. He said that New Families teaches that "it is only family unity, gift of God-Love, that can render the family a true nest of love, a welcoming home of life and school of the Christian virtues and values for children." The Pope asked New Families to identify strategies for "meeting the growing needs of the contemporary family and the multiple challenges that it faces, so that its unique mission in the Church and society not falter." "In the face of so many social and economic, cultural and religious challenges that contemporary society must deal with in every part of the world," Benedict XVI said, "your work, truly providential, constitutes a sign of hope and encouragement for Christian families to be the privileged 'space' where there is proclaimed in daily life the beauty of putting Jesus Christ at the center and of faithfully following the Gospel."

Cover Picture of the Resurrection

The **Resurrection** on the cover is a painting by the Italian Renaissance master Piero della Francesca, finished around 1460. It is housed in the Museo Civico of Sansepolcro (Tuscany). Jesus is in the centre of the composition, portrayed in the moment of his resurrection, as suggested by the position of the leg on the parapet. His figure, depicted in an iconic and abstract stance is hanging over four sleeping soldiers, representing the difference between the human and the divine spheres (or the death, defeated by Christ's light). The landscape, immersed in the dawn light, has also a symbolic value: the contrast between the flourishing trees on the right and the bare ones on the left alludes to the renovation of men through the Resurrection's light. The painting illustrates the transforming influence of the Resurrection.

Zeffirelli Recalls Paul VI's Help with "Jesus of Nazareth"

Pope Thanked Director for Work

ROME, NOV. 5, 2007 (Zenit.org).- When the television miniseries "Jesus of Nazareth" was released 30 years ago, Pope Paul VI personally thanked Franco Zeffirelli for his work; but the series was a success only because of the Pontiff's help, the director said. At an Oct. 25 lecture marking the new academic year at the Pontifical Lateran University of Rome, Zeffirelli recalled some of what went on behind the scenes during the filming of the more than six hours of "Jesus of Nazareth."

As a youth, Zeffirelli studied at St. Mark's Convent in Florence. There, Cardinal Giovanni Montini, then archbishop of Milan and the future Paul VI, visited a group of Christian university youth involved with Catholic Action. It was at the school that Zeffirelli got to know the future Pope. Cardinal Montini went there frequently, the director recalled, spending what the cardinal called "the most happy hours of his day." The 84-year-old director related how the cardinal, who knew of the youth's aspirations to the theater, told him jokingly, "In a different era, they would have kept you from being buried in consecrated land, but now the Church has changed, so much so that we welcome you as an instrument for spreading good ideas and good hope." "Later," Zeffirelli said, it was the Pope who, "with his discreet network of influence, brought 'Jesus of Nazareth' forward through some difficulties. In the end, this order was given: 'Zeffirelli or no one.'"

A career

As the Italian director embarked upon his career and advanced in it, he said he realized "the weapon I had in my hands and how it could be decisive for the lives of thousands of people, as much for good as for evil." "When you have the possibility of encouraging men who suffer and of broadening their horizons of hope, you feel a responsibility that is too big for the poor man that you are," he said. "Jesus of Nazareth" is just one of the some two dozen productions that Zeffirelli directed. Since its debut, he affirmed, letters of thanks and affection have been nonstop. And a few notes have even recounted a decision to follow a religious vocation, thanks to the inspiration received through the film. "I only did what I could do as the Christian that I am in the depths of my spirit," the director said.

Falling in place

According to Zeffirelli, "Jesus of Nazareth" progressed as if "it had wind in its sails." He recalled that Elizabeth Taylor was to play the part of Mary Magdalene. But when she fell ill, Anne Bancroft replaced her. Bancroft accepted less pay than what she was accustomed to, thus saving the production money. The director also remembered the role of Monsignor Peter Rossano, former rector of the Pontifical Lateran University, who acted as consultant during the preparation and filming in Morocco. Zeffirelli said his own faith was invigorated with the film. He described one moment, in particular: "During the scene of the Last Supper, there was a climate of absolute silence and deep spirituality in the room, while outside, a sandstorm raged. The moment was broken by the sobbing of my co-workers. 'I want to think there was an energy outside of us, which was invoked in order to make that sublime moment. And in effect, it is one of the most beautiful and spine-tingling moments of the film.'" "We suspected the intrusion of a supreme force guiding us," he added, and because of this, "every-one knew that we were doing something very important."

Thank you

Zeffirelli spoke of the moment when the Pope expressed his gratitude for the movie: "When Paul VI received me in a private audience after viewing the film in 1977, he thanked me and asked me what the Church could do for me. I told him: 'I would like this work to be brought to Russia as well.'" "He looked at me and told me prophetically: 'Have faith; soon the flag of Our Lady will wave above the Kremlin, in place of the red one.'" "On Dec. 8, 1991, the feast of the Immaculate Conception," Zeffirelli recalled, "the red flag with the sickle and hammer that waved above the Kremlin for decades was replaced with the Russian Federation flag."

**Readings for
the Week of
Nov. 11, 2007**

Sunday

2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14
2 Thessalonians 2:16—3:5
and Luke 20:27-38

Monday

Wisdom 1:1-7
Luke 17:1-6

Tuesday

Wisdom 2:23—3:9
Luke 17:7-10

Wednesday

Wisdom 6:1-11
Luke 17:11-19

Thursday

Wisdom 7:22b—8:1
Luke 17:20-25

Friday

Wisdom 13:1-9
Luke 17:26-37

Saturday

Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9
Luke 18:1-8

Next Sunday

Malachi 3:19-20a, 9-14
2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
and Luke 21:5-38

Attention, please!

The 2008 Sunday Missals
have arrived and can be
purchasd at the office for \$4.

Please Note: Names
will be left on the prayer list for
one month. If you would like
a name to be kept longer on
the list, please call the parish
office.

Mass Intentions for The Coming Week



Saturday, Nov. 10

4 p.m..... † Hayden Thurber by Thunderbird Hill Homeowners' Association
† David Laya by Jeanne Miltner
† Ray Deininger by Don & Lillian Mellske
7 p.m..... Mass in Spanish

Sunday, Nov. 11

8 a.m..... † Loreen Eds by the Dumont family
† Kate Greene by friends and family
10:15 a.m..... † Craig & Brian Dumbleton by their family
Special Intention for Nick Petrone
by ushers at the 10:15 a.m. Mass

Monday, Nov. 12

8 a.m..... For those who are remembered in the book of remembrance

Tuesday, Nov. 13

8 a.m..... Souls in Purgatory, especially those
mentioned by name, by Julius

Wednesday, Nov 14

8 a.m..... For our parish family

Thursday, Nov. 15

8 a.m..... † Marianna King by Ken & Nancy Heiring

Friday, Nov. 16

8 a.m..... † Jonathan Borgese by George & Marilyn Halkyer

Saturday, Nov. 17

4 p.m..... † Ronald Keppler by Elaine Keppler
† Arlene Naida by her husband
† Joffre Nassour by Helene Nassour

Sunday, Nov. 18

8 a.m..... Special Intention for Kathleen & Ben Muesel (50th Anniversary)
† John Arrico by Susan Arrico
10:15 a.m..... † Joseph Accardi by Helen Accardi
Deceased members of the Columbiettes
† Esperanza Jacobo

Please Pray for...

Art Paek
Carol Neill
Joann Vanisacker
Noreen Buckley
Joyce Hoenicke
Tyler Maxey
Serfino Catalano
Charles Lindsey

*Holy Mary,
Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the
hour of our death.
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