

August 31, 2014

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

WE GATHER

Sunday 10A Eucharist
 Tuesday 10A Communion Service Adult Home
 7P 2014 Golf Committee "Wrap Up Meeting"
 8P AA Jaracz Hall
 Wednesday 6:30P "Council Membership" Meeting
 Thursday 12N AA Jaracz Hall
 6:30P Communion Service - Spanish (welcome!)
 Friday 8A Eucharist
 Saturday 4P Reconciliation 4:30 P Eucharist
 Sunday 10A Eucharist

9/10 6:30P Pastoral Council Meeting
 9/21 11A Catechetical Sunday ... K-6 Parent Meeting
 9/28 11A 7-12 Parent meeting
 9/25 10A Craft Fair Meeting "Show and Tell"
 10/11-12 Mary Beth Gallagher— Bake Sale for Cilia

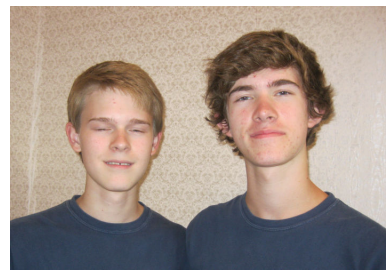
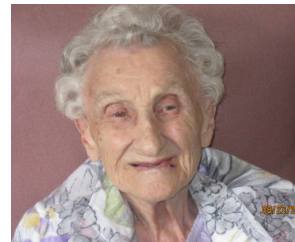
COLLECTING FOR KIDS IN NAMIBIA BATHING SUITS FOR K-8 DEADLINE = OCTOBER 5



Mary Beth Gallagher with Parents Sue and John of Ossining and Trout Lake

Sister Catherine Schuyler says "Gracias" for all the BIRTHDAY CARDS on the occasion of the beginning of her 104th year!!

(Note: Sister is well... And vacillates between wanting to return to Warrensburg and wanting to go home to God!!)



PATRICK and MICHAEL MOREY are eleventh graders, sons of Barbara and Mike, and are preparing for the Sacrament of CONFIRMATION!

WE WORSHIP

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 8/30 4:30P Brenda Beadnell Req. Lorry O'Connor
 Sunday, 8/31 10A Joe and Lillian Req. by The Family
 Friday, 9/5 8A 8A _____ (available)
 Saturday, 9/6 4:30P Brenda Beadnell Req. Bob & Joan Lamagna
 Sunday, 8/24 10A Drew Smith Req. Hickson Family

Opportunities for Mass Intentions:

Saturday: 9/20 Fridays: 9/5,12,19,26

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesdays, 8:30am – 9pm Sacred Heart Church, Lake George
 Chaplet Divine Mercy - Wednesdays 3pm



Prayer Chain: Contact Alice Damp 623-3618 or edaldamp@yahoo.com

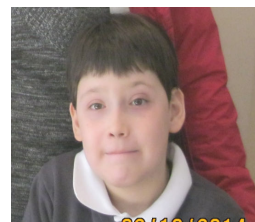
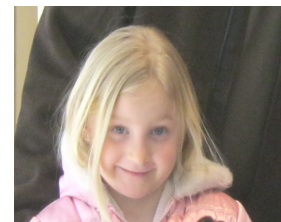
The August Tabernacle Candle will burn in memory of Katie Griffith requested by mom, Maggie Bammert. In September, the candle will burn in memory of Katie Beadnell and Brenda Beadnell, as requested by John, grandfather and husband.



WE TEACH

A Community Goal for the year:
 Call each child by name!

(Do you think they will want to come again if everyone in the church smiles at them and calls them by name?)
 This week's kids are Emma and Gabe Belanger!



(Note: Two weeks ago we met Jimmy, Erin, and Danny Cunniffe.)



Faith Formation helps to build a strong foundation

Needed... (See bulletin board for details)
 Story Tellers (30 Minutes—once—All info provided)
 Catholic Culture (15 Min—few times—Assist Leigh Cain)
 Snack Makers (the best part! Sign up as often as you want.)

As of this typing, Maggie Bammert, Jane Skorko, Richelene Morey, Leigh Cain, and Irene Harrison have offered to help with Faith Formation 2014-15. About 20 more are needed.



Labor Day

WE SERVE

SHARING TREASURE

August 16 & 17 (Two weeks ago): Church Support= \$2,078.51 Make Up= \$215
 Gifts=\$156 Maintenance/Repair = \$3
 Parishioners Needs = \$130 No. Cntry Min = \$5
 Faith Formation= \$92 Persons in Need= \$125
 Mito = \$25 Catholic Home Missions = \$1016.55
 Feast of the Assumption = \$498.28

August 23 & 24 (Last Week): Church Support= \$1,542.70
 Gifts=\$375 Parishioners Needs = \$35 Guatemala Stoves = \$10
 Faith Formation= \$25 Mito = \$25 Catholic Home Missions = \$128
 Feast of the Assumption = \$15

Mucho Gracias

Thank you to Judy Rozell for hanging all the bathing suits (and for keeping the church and hall so clean!!) Thank you to all who contributed school supplies for the recent collection. Over 125 children were given their required notebooks, rulers, erasers, pencils etc!! Thanks so much!



12 FOOT EXTENSION LADDER

.... can Sister Linda borrow yours?
 Why? West Wing needs to be power washed then scraped and then painted then chinked. If you don't have a ladder, could you give some time to the project? (We owe it to the Mombachs to keep the property in good repair. Don't you think?)

FREE FOR THE TAKING....

Would you like the propane gas grill that is currently standing outside the parish garage? The only thing wrong with it is that the electric start does not work. One needs to light it by hand. It belonged to Phyllis Welsh who gave it to SLH who seldom uses it. If you would like it, just take it.

LEFT BAY OF GARAGE IS FILLING UP FAST!!

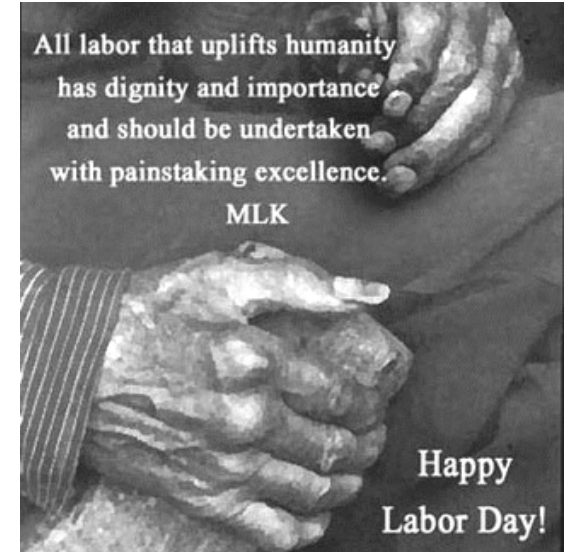
Do you have donations for the October Garage Sale? (No tvs or electronics, please) Just put your donation in the left side of the garage at your convenience. Thanks!!

Job Opportunities

Although their headquarters are in Saratoga, "Home Helpers and Direct Link" have many clients right here in Warren County. They are looking for two types of employees: One to be a Caregiver/Companion and the other to be a Personal Care Aide. The job descriptions are on the bulletin board on bright green and on salmon colored paper. Contact SLH and she will make or email you a copy. (This is God's work because you would be helping those in need.)

STAFF

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 Parish Nurse / Maintenance: Judy Rozell
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Happy Labor Day!

News From Neighbors

Sister Joan Chittister, OSB

'Prophets of a Future Not Our Own'
 The call and response of six prophets from the Hebrew Scriptures lay the groundwork of our own call and response to the challenges of our church and world today from Vatican II to the present"



Thursday, September 18, 2014 7PM
 St. Joseph Provincial House Chapel
 385 Watervliet Shaker Rd. Latham
 \$20 Advance Ticket \$25 at the Door

For reservations, call 518-783-3616 or email lvendetti@csjalbany.org

(Further details on the poster on the bulletin board.)

NORTH COUNTRY MINISTRY

623-2829 Clothing Center and Baby's Place... 3933 Main Street Open Monday and Tuesdays 9A-12N and on Wednesday thru Friday 1-4PM. Volunteers are always needed.

The Priory in Chestertown 494-3733

www.prioryretreathouse.org for full list of offerings or check the bulletin board

Dominican Retreat House in Niskayuna

www.dslcny.org to see their many offerings. Check the bulletin board for the September offerings.

NORTH COUNTRY MINISTRY GOLF TOURNAMENT - AT CRONINS' Date: September 14, 2014

Fees: \$90 per golfer, if paid by Sept. 5 \$95 after 9/5 and the day of event Tee-off: 1 pm Steak Bake: 5 pm Included in the golf fee or \$30 to just attend the Steak Bake Day's Activities: Golf, cart, light lunch, beverages, Steak Bake for dinner, prizes, gifts and the opportunity to assist one of the most important charities in the North Country.



10% BACK!!! When you bring this bulletin to dinner at Lizzy Keyes, 10% of the cost of the entrees will be donated back to St. Cecilia's Church, kindness of Tom and Amber Grace.

Labor Day Statement



Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski of Miami
Chairman, Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops September 1, 2014

This year Pope Francis canonized Saint John XXIII and Saint John Paul II. Both made immense contributions to the social teaching of the Church on the dignity of labor and its importance to human flourishing. St. John Paul II called work “probably the essential key to the whole social question” (*Laborem Exercens*, No. 3) and St. John XXIII stressed workers are “entitled to a wage that is determined in accordance with the precepts of justice” (*Pacem in Terris*, No. 20).

Pope Francis added to this tradition that work “is fundamental to the dignity of a person... [It] ‘anoints’ us with dignity, fills us with dignity, makes us similar to God... gives one the ability to maintain oneself, one’s family, [and] to contribute to the growth of one’s own nation.” Work helps us realize our humanity and is necessary for human flourishing. Work is not a punishment for sin but rather a means by which we make a gift of ourselves to each other and our communities. We simply cannot advance the common good without decent work and a strong commitment to solidarity.

Labor Day gives us the chance to see how work in America matches up to the lofty ideals of our Catholic tradition. This year, some Americans who have found stability and security are breathing a sigh of relief. Sporadic economic growth, a falling unemployment rate, and more consistent job creation suggest that the country may finally be healing economically after years of suffering and pain. For those men and women, and their children, this is good news.

Digging a little deeper, however, reveals enduring hardship for millions of workers and their families. The poverty rate remains high, as 46 million Americans struggle to make ends meet. The economy continues to fail in producing enough decent jobs for everyone who is able to work, despite the increasing numbers of retiring baby boomers. There are twice as many unemployed job seekers as there are available jobs, and that does not include the seven million part-time workers who want to work full-time. Millions more, especially the long-term unemployed, are discouraged and dejected.

More concerning is that our young adults have borne the brunt of this crisis of unemployment and underemployment. The unemployment rate for young adults in America, at over 13 percent, is more than double the national average (6.2 percent). For those fortunate enough to have jobs, many pay poorly. Greater numbers of debt-strapped college graduates move back in with their parents, while high school graduates and others may have less debt but very few decent job opportunities. Pope Francis has reserved some of his strongest language for speaking about young adult unemployment, calling it “evil,” an “atrocious,” and emblematic of the “throwaway culture.”

The situation is even worse in other parts of the world, with young adult joblessness reaching up to three and four times the national average even in places like England and Australia. In some countries, three-fourths of young people who work have resorted to the unstable and sometimes dangerous informal economy in an attempt to make ends meet. Pope Francis has said young people “call us to renewed and expansive hope, for they represent new directions for humanity and open us up to the future.” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, No. 108). We

need to do more to nurture this hopefulness and provide our young adults with skills, support, and opportunities to flourish.

Meaningful and decent work is vital if young adults hope to form healthy and stable families. Work and family life “must be properly united and must properly permeate each other. In a way, work is a condition for making it possible to found a family, since the family requires the means of subsistence which man normally gains through work” (*Laborem Exercens*, No. 10). Research is bearing out the consequences of neglecting this relationship: marriage rates have declined by close to 20 percent in the last 40 years, and the birth rate is the lowest on record. Among young adults, the decline in marriage has been steeper, at 40 percent. Although not the only reason, many young adults, because they are unable to find decent work, are delaying marriage and starting a family.

Our challenge this Labor Day is to rise to the challenge of solidarity posed by Jesus when he commanded, “[L]ove one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another” (Jn 13:34). The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches, “Socio-economic problems can be resolved only with the help of all the forms of solidarity: solidarity of the poor among themselves, between rich and poor, of workers among themselves, between employers and employees in a business, solidarity among nations and peoples” (No. 1941). Since each of us is made in the image of God and bound by His love, possessing a profound human dignity, we have an obligation to love and honor that dignity in one another, and especially in our work.

What would our communities, parishes, and country look like if we all recommitted to each other and the common good? If, instead of lamenting the dwindling hopes of our young people, we create institutions, relationships, and an economy that nurture human flourishing? If, instead of bickering about ideologies, people acknowledged the human dignity of others and worked together?

At their best, labor unions and institutions like them embody solidarity and subsidiarity while advancing the common good. They help workers “not only *have* more, but above all *be* more... [and] realize their humanity more fully in every respect” (*Laborem Exercens*, No. 20). Yes, unions and worker associations are imperfect, as are all human institutions. But the right of workers to freely associate is supported by Church teaching in order to protect workers and move them--especially younger ones, through mentoring and apprenticeships--into decent jobs with just wages.

As a nation of immigrants, we recognize that a vibrant and just economy requires the contributions of everyone. Those who come seeking decent work to support their families by and large complement, rather than displace, American workers. But we need to fix our broken immigration system to stop the exploitation and marginalization of millions of people as well as address the development needs of other countries. In doing so we would also level the playing field among workers, provide more opportunity for all who can work, and bring about a needed “change of attitude toward migrants and refugees” (Pope Francis, *Message for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees*).

Supporting policies and institutions that create decent jobs, pay just wages, and support family formation and stability will also honor the dignity of workers. Raising the minimum wage, more and better workforce training programs, and smarter regulations that minimize negative unintended consequences would be good places to start. In doing this we follow the lead of Pope Francis in rejecting an economy of exclusion and embracing an authentic culture of encounter. Our younger generations are counting on us to leave them a world better than the one we inherited.

Economic policy debate neglects human, social, moral aspects of everyday life

Howard Hubbard | Aug. 30, 2014

Commentary

As we approach our national observance of Labor Day, it is good to remember the importance of work in our lives. Faith tells us that work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of contemporary participation in God's plan of salvation and of being co-creators with God in bringing the world to its fulfillment. It is a means of growing, sharing and enhancing one's own life and that of one's family and the wider community.

Because work is so essential for the well-being of the individual, the family and society, the dignity of work must be protected and the basic rights of workers are to be respected: the right to productive work, to a decent and fair wage, to safe working conditions, to organize and join unions, to private property, and to economic initiative.

Labor Day 2014 shows some gains over the past few years; for example, economic growth is up and [the unemployment rate](#) [1] has fallen from 9.5 percent in July 2009 to 6.2 percent this July. The housing market is recovering, and some states or cities have raised the minimum wage, [most notably Seattle](#) [2] to \$15 per hour.

However, the situation continues to remain dire for far too many working men and women. Millions of working people are struggling to pay their monthly mortgages, thousands of college graduates are struggling with crushing student loan debt, formerly middle-class folks are now feeding their families with food stamps. And over the past 30 years, there has developed a growing income inequality that has led researchers to conclude that [the United States is the most economically unequal country](#) [3] in the advanced world.

The rich are getting richer as the top 1 percent took 95 percent of all new wealth created in the United States between 2009 and 2012, while median income has fallen not since the beginning of the recession in 2009 but since 1999. [The Atlantic](#) [4] reported [4] in 2011 that the richest 1 percent of households in our nation earned as much as the bottom 60 percent put together; they possess as much wealth as the bottom 90 percent.

Equally if not more distressing are the tax loopholes that allow huge corporations to pay little or no taxes and permit their wealthy executives and board members to command salaries that are obscene in contrast to employee wages. For example, in 1970, the wage differential between the CEO was 25 times that of the typical employee; in 2013, [it was 330 times more](#) [5].

There is also the problem of wage theft. A recent national survey found that two-thirds of low-wage American workers experience at least one pay-related violation each week in the form of failure to receive overtime pay, to accrue sick leave, to have a rest break, to be denied their tips, etc. Further, women receive only 70 cents for every dollar men receive for doing the same job. This amounts to half a million dollars over a woman's working life.

Hence, the new question needed to be asked of the economy, specifically and of political arrangements generally, is about the dispositions necessary for a healthy society, one in which everybody flourishes because the economy cannot be measured only by the maximization of profits but rather in accord with the common good.



Labor activists hold signs during a Seattle City Council meeting June 2 in which the council voted on raising the minimum wage to \$15 per hour. (CNS/Reuters/David Ryder)

While there are a variety of remedies, which must be brought to bear upon this critical situation, let me focus on one: unions and workers' associations.

It is not coincidental that in the wake of the economic challenges and inequities our nation faces that union membership is down, [representing 11 percent](#) [6] of the overall workforce and 7 percent of private sector workers in 2013. In 1983, unions represented 20 percent of the overall workforce.

Further, the voice of the worker has been muted. In a study by Kay Lehman Schlozman, Sidney Verba and Henry E. Brady titled [The Unheavenly Chorus: Unequal Political Voice and the Broken Promise of American Democracy](#) [7], the authors document that in the corridors of power in Washington, [for-profit corporations outnumber those representing labor unions](#) [8] by 50 to 1. About 72 percent of all expenditures on lobbying originate with organizations representing businesses.

That is why John Dilulio Jr., who served as the first director of Faith Based Initiatives in the administration of President George W. Bush, [wrote in America magazine](#) [8] that "without a rebirth of the American Labor movement our nation's interwoven economic and political inequalities will only become more sizable -- and more sinful."

Echoing the same sentiments, [the editors of America point out](#) [9]: "Middle-class and working-class people throughout the United States owe much to the 20th century union movement. It deserves better than to be served up as a scapegoat for a national economic crisis that has been cleverly exploited by forces eager to accelerate the demise of organized labor."

It is imperative, therefore, that we promote workers' organizations that defend their rights and ward off those forces of capitalism that can be exploitive and dehumanizing.

Unfortunately, far too often, the debate over economic policy tends to neglect the human, social and moral dimensions of economic life, and that is why the formulation and implementation of solutions to our economic woes cannot be left solely to the technicians, special interest groups and market forces. For what is at stake is not really economic theories or political programs, but human life.

Behind every statistic and chart that seeks to define the problem lie individual tragedies and families trying to cope with unemployment and poverty. Our present crisis is a moral as well as an economic one and must be addressed as such. May Labor Day 2014 prompt us to do so.

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[2] <http://www.natlawreview.com/article/seattle-minimum-wage-increases-go-effect-april-2015>

[3] <http://www.businessinsider.com/most-unequal-countries-in-the-world-2011-10?op=1>

[4] <http://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2011/09/can-the-middle-class-be-saved/308600/>

[5] <http://www.aflcio.org/Corporate-Watch/Paywatch-2014>

[6] <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/union2.nr0.htm>

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