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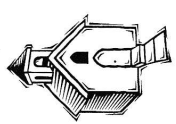
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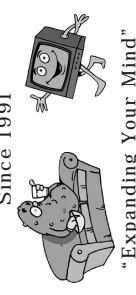
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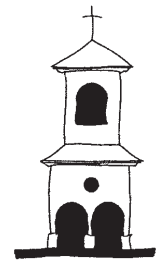
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June 9, 2007 — The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

PASTOR'S CORNER

In one of his homilies, Pope Benedict XVI noted that "the word 'respect' derives from the Latin word respicere, to look at, and means a way of looking at things and people that leads to recognizing their substantial character, not to appropriate them but rather to treat them with respect and to take care of them" (Pope Benedict XVI, homily, February 6, 2006). The Holy Father's insight on the meaning of "respect" helps us better to understand what the Roman Catholic Church means when she teaches "respect for life." In the same homily, the Holy Father also clarifies that "recognizing the substantial character" of things and people is acknowledging that they are God's own creature. That is to say, "respect for life" is acknowledging that God is the Creator and Lord of life, and this is the central reason why we, believers, respect life, in all of its expressions--because God created it. This recognition implies that each of us (a human being), "is not the master of life; rather, [each of us] is its custodian and steward, and under God's primacy" (Pope Benedict XVI, homily, February 6, 2006). As the Holy Father further states: "In the final analysis, if creatures are deprived of their reference to God as a transcendent basis, they risk being at the mercy of the will of man who, as we see, can make an improper use of it ['it' refers to the human will]" (Pope Benedict XVI, homily, February 6, 2006).

— Fr. Marcellus

STEWARDSHIP

"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be. Much will be required of the person entrusted with much." —Luke 12:32-48

Collection for June 2 \$198.50
 (Amounts reported do not include restricted funds)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, July 7: Parish picnic.

ANNIVERSARY CORNER

Monday, June 11: Rich & Renee Smith, 47 years.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Glenn: Glenn has been put to sleep due to complications related to acute pancreatitis. Thank you for having prayed for her in the past. *Fr. Marcellus*

CHURCH AND STATE

"The Church cannot and must not take upon herself the political battle to bring about the most just society possible. She cannot and must not replace the State. Yet at the same time she cannot and must not remain on the sidelines in the fight for justice. She has to play her part through rational argument and she has to reawaken the spiritual energy without which justice, which always demands sacrifice, cannot prevail and prosper. A just society must be the achievement of politics, not of the Church. Yet the promotion of justice through efforts to bring about openness of mind and will to the demands of the common good is something which concerns the Church deeply." —Pope Benedict XVI, in his encyclical *God is Love*, #28 a

LIFE

"I think that the vast majority of human beings spontaneously have the same concept of life as the Prodigal Son of the Gospel [See Lk 15, 11-32]. He had his share of the patrimony given to him and then felt free; in the end, what he wanted was to live no longer burdened by the duties of home, but just to live. He wanted everything that life can offer. He wanted to enjoy it to the full - living, only living, immersed in life's abundance, missing none of all the valuable things it can offer. In the end he found himself caring for pigs and even envying those animals - his life had become so empty and so useless. And his freedom was also proving useless. When all that people want from life is to take possession of it, it becomes ever emptier and poorer; it is easy to end up seeking refuge in drugs, in the great deception. And doubts surface as to whether, in the end, life is truly a good." —Pope Benedict XVI, Homily, July 9, 2006

FREEDOM

"The Prodigal Son's departure [See Lk 15, 11-32] is linked precisely with the themes of life and freedom. He wanted life and therefore desired to be totally liberated. Being free, in this perspective, means being able to do whatever I like, not being bound to accept any criterion other than and over and above myself. It means following my own desires and my own will alone. Those who live like this very soon clash with others who want to live the same way. The inevitable consequence of this selfish concept of freedom is violence and the mutual destruction of freedom and life." —Pope Benedict XVI, homily, July 9, 2006

PRAYER

"And we ask of him: Guide us on the paths of our history! Show the Church and her Pastors again and again the right path! Look at suffering humanity, cautiously seeking a way through so much doubt; look upon the physical and mental hunger that torments it! Give men and women

bread for body and soul! Give them work! Give them light! Give them yourself! Purify and sanctify all of us! Make us understand that only through participation in your Passion, through "yes" to the cross, to self-denial, to the purifications that you impose upon us, our lives can mature and arrive at true fulfilment. Gather us together from all corners of the earth. Unite your Church, unite wounded humanity! Give us your salvation! Amen." —Pope Benedict XVI, homily, June 15, 2006

ANGEL STORIES

Ignatius

Location: Poland, OH USA

by: Theresa Smaroff

I had often heard that whenever you are in between being asleep and awake, if you ask your angel their name, they'll tell you. The name I got was "Ignatius." Perhaps, my husband thought I was crazy. My husband is a surgeon and believes much of medicine is based on science. Ignatius was about to prove him wrong. When science ends, that is sometimes where faith begins. And I believed Ignatius.

My husband came home late one night. He said that there was a patient bleeding in the Surgical Intensive Care Unit and he was worried he might die. So I told him, "I'll send Ignatius to him to help him."

Within 15 minutes, the patient's bleeding stopped. Eventually, he had made a full recovery. Many times, I send Ignatius out to the sick. He never ceases to amaze me. And because I send him to the sick patients, he keeps my husband home at night. My husband, who now believes in angels.

Dead church

A new Pastor in a small Oklahoma town spent the first four days making personal visits to each of the members, inviting them to come to his first services.

The following Sunday the church was all but empty. Accordingly, the Pastor placed a notice in the local newspapers, stating that, because the church was dead, it was everyone's duty to give it a decent Christian burial. The funeral would be held the following Sunday afternoon, the notice said.

Morbidly curious, a large crowd turned out for the "funeral." In front of the pulpit, they saw a closed coffin, smothered in flowers. After the Pastor delivered the eulogy, he opened the coffin and invited his congregation to come forward and pay their final respects to their dead church.

Filled with curiosity as to what would represent the corpse of a "dead church," all the people eagerly lined up to look in the coffin. Each "mourner" peeped into the coffin then quickly turned away with a guilty, sheepish look.

In the coffin, tilted at the correct angle, was a large mirror.

If one hasn't loved an animal, part of one's soul hasn't yet awakened. —*Author unknown*