

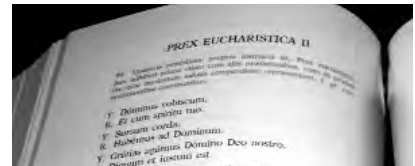


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GOOD NEWS

St. Albert the Great Parish Community

The new translation of the Roman Missal



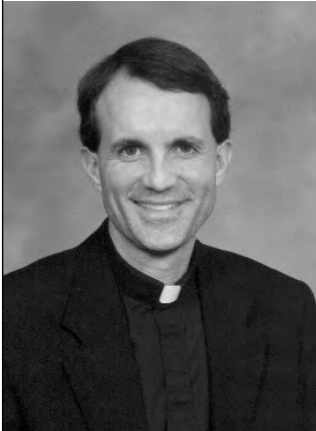
When the new Church year begins with the First Sunday of Advent on November 27, 2011, you will notice a change in the wording of the responses and prayers used at Mass. The new translation of the Roman Missal will be introduced on that date. It is designed to help us in our prayer, in lifting up our minds and hearts to the Lord, but it will require some adjustment on our part. Some forty years ago, the Latin of the Missal was translated into English. A general principle used in that translation was to use simple, everyday language. Recently, the Church has rendered the same Latin into a translation that is more literally connected to the original Latin. The new translation is designed to use language that is more sublime and that conveys the sacred nature of the liturgy.

For example, we currently pray, “Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I will be healed” before Communion. In the new translation we will pray, “Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.” The new translation is a literal rendering of the Latin and refers to the passage in Luke 7:6-7. In this passage, a centurion sends word to Jesus to come and cure his slave who is seriously ill. As Jesus heads toward the centurion’s home, the centurion sends messengers to the Lord. The messengers convey to the Lord the centurion’s words that he does not consider himself worthy to have Jesus come under his roof but that Jesus has only to say the word to heal the servant. Jesus praises the great faith of the centurion. The new translation brings out the connection of the words we pray to this biblical story of faith. We are reminded to approach the Lord in communion with the same humble faith and confidence of the centurion. We pray with the faith that Jesus’ healing power extends especially to our souls and strengthens our spirits to walk in unity with the Lord and to be faithful to his will.

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From the Pastor

SILENCE

When I was on the faculty at the Seminary, I heard many of the seminarians explain how they discerned God was calling them to the priesthood. I noticed that often it was some regular times of silence that enabled them to hear God's call in the depths of their hearts. I recall one seminarian speaking of how he had a job that required him to travel extensively. Away from his family and friends he had many quiet nights in hotel rooms. In the quiet of those times, he slowly began to hear the voice of God calling him to the priesthood. Mother Teresa of Calcutta said, "The fruit of silence is prayer, the fruit of prayer is faith, the fruit of faith is love, the fruit of love is service, the fruit of service is peace." Notice how it all begins with silence. If you want to grow spiritually, make a little time for silence in your life. Matthew Kelly, a noted Catholic speaker, says that if you spend ten minutes in silence each day, it will change your life. You will become attuned to God's presence within you and find peace.

GOLDEN JUBILEE

Plans are underway for the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of our Parish in 2012. Our parish was founded on June 6, 1962. One of the highlights of our year-long celebration will be a Mass celebrated by the Cardinal on October 14, 2012, followed by a formal dinner. Beginning this past Fall and continuing into 2011, we had six gatherings of parishioners to review the history and life of our Parish and to ask for input on the Parish as we approach our Jubilee. I am grateful to all who attended and especially to Sr. Marie for organizing the meetings. We viewed a brief video on the history of the Parish, which helped us to see how our Parish had been established and grown through the good efforts of our faithful parishioners. In particular, we saw how the founding pastor, Father McCullough, and the original parishioners worked together with patience and zeal for the greater glory of God and the good of all in the Church and the community. When the parish was founded, many in the area questioned the value of having a Catholic church here. Through the work of many, St. Albert the Great Parish is now recognized as a blessing not only to its parishioners but to the wider community.

MARY: A LIFE OF QUIET JOY

During the month of May, we particularly honor Mary, the Mother of God. One of the prayers we use at Mass refers to Mary's life of quiet joy. Mary lived a hidden life at Nazareth caring for her son, Jesus, and her husband, Joseph. She lived a quiet life, but her heart was filled with excitement – the joy of loving and serving God. However ordinary the circumstances of our lives may be, we are called to be filled with an inner joy, the joy that comes from trusting in God's love and serving him with all our hearts.



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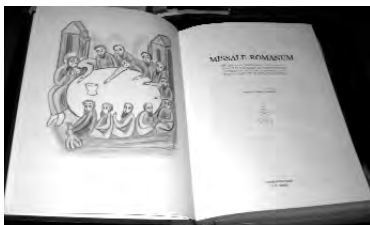
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Translation of the Roman Missal

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Another example can be found in the Confiteor. We now confess that we have sinned in thoughts, words, and in what we have done and failed to do. In the new translation, we will add “through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault.” In the Latin, this literary device of repeating a phrase is often used to convey greater drama and power to the meaning of the words. The repeated phrase helps to stress that we take responsibility for our sins and humbly confess them before the



Lord. The translation of forty years ago left out these phrases in the interest of a more simplified rendering and avoided this type of repeated phrasing that is not generally part of common English usage.

As further example of a use of repeated phrasing, the priest currently holds up the host before Communion and says, “This the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world....” The new translation reads, “Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world....” The repetition of “behold” further directs our attention to the Lord who comes to save us from our sins.

All change presents a challenge. Adapting to the new wording may initially cause us some uncertainty and discomfort. In time, though, we will become accustomed to the new translation and allow the power of the prayers to move our minds and hearts to an ever deeper knowledge and love of the Lord.

Too few in the pews – Inviting Catholics Home program



I would like to extend an invitation to each of you to be an evangelizer by participating in the “Inviting Catholics Home” program that will be offered in the Fall. The word “angel” is in the middle of the word evangelizer. We can all be that angel to someone else. Is there someone you know that just needs an extra little nudge from an angel like you to start thinking about renewing his or her relationship with God? Maybe it is someone in your family, a friend, or a neighbor. Maybe it is even you.

The “Inviting Catholics Home” program is a very practical, non-threatening program that invites one to renew and strengthen their relationship with God. It is a well-tested program by Sally L. Mews – one that has been used in many parishes with many success stories. The program consists of six sessions leading up to Christmas. The Six Sessions are:

- Welcome
- Sharing Stories of Faith
- The Church Today: Changes since Vatican II
- The Mass
- Explanation of the Sacrament of Penance/Confession
- Wrap-up and Discussion of the Creed.

We all know how important our relationship with God is both for ourselves and for our loved ones. Yet, our priorities and our busy schedules often squeeze God out of the picture. So, if you or someone you know has a need to return home to God, think about participating in this program. If you have any questions or would like more information, please call Sister Pat. In the meantime, please keep those preparing to launch this program in your prayers.

*“When you are DOWN to nothing.....
God is UP to something!”*



Looking back on the early days – Ed Shea remembers

Ed Shea became involved in parish life when he sat next to Father McCullough at the first men's meeting of the newly established St. Albert the Great Parish. After introducing himself, Father McCullough asked Ed to take notes of the meeting. Ed said "yes" and has been saying yes to requests for the past forty-nine years. Father appointed Ed the "Go To" man when the Marine Corps League Building was rented for Mass. He would say, "If you need anything, see Ed Shea." And that is what everyone did. Each request began the same way: "Are you Mr. Shea?" and would then be followed by "The toilet in the ladies' room is frozen (this was before the parishioners installed space heaters in the building)" or "the water cruet is frozen" or "my car is stuck in the mud." Somehow, all problems were solved. The weather warmed so there was no need for Ed to do anything to the toilet. He did take care of the cruet, however. Ed rotated the cruet in his hands, melting the water. But even Ed ran into a problem with the stuck car. He made the mistake of standing behind it as the wheels spun, splattering mud all over his new suit!



Ed Shea

One time, it was Ed's responsibility to find a station wagon for the Sisters of Notre Dame who taught at the school. He went to Liebold's dealership that was next to Ferrari's Sunoco Station on Philmont Avenue and Huntingdon Pike. He proudly drove up to the convent door and called to the sisters to take them for a ride in their new car. They said they could not do it until Father McCullough blessed the car. Once the car was blessed, Ed tried to explain its features while they were driving. Unfortunately, and to Ed's confusion, all the sisters wanted to do was sing!

Ed also found himself in charge of the Financial and Spiritual Reports. Father McCullough assigned them to Ed explaining that he (Father) had never done them before. It did not seem to matter that Ed had never done them before either. Part of the Spiritual Report requested the number of "souls," regardless of their religion, living within the parish boundaries. Having no idea of the number, Ed asked a female employee of the Huntingdon Valley Post Office. She had a "hard as nails" reputation, but she graciously gave him an area count.

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While the farmhouse was evolving into a rectory, Father McCullough lived at Our Lady of Good Counsel Rectory in Southampton. Ed's home phone became the parish telephone number, and his wife Marion acted as the Parish Secretary. Although non-Catholic, Marion answered all parish-related questions: Mass times, registration, wedding, and funeral information. For four years, Marion even counted and recorded the children's envelopes.

As happens in life, some memories are bittersweet. When Father McCullough's car needed to be replaced, Ed called Charlie Bott (now deceased) with specific instructions for the new car. The afternoon the car arrived at the dealership, Charlie called Ed to give him the good news only to be told that Father McCullough had died that morning.

The infant St. Albert the Great flourished because of dedicated parishioners who worked to make their parish a healthy, faith-filled community. This is just one man's memories of the early days of parish life at St. Albert's. If you are one of the pioneers, what are some of your memories?

When in Rome...

Father McCullough, Pastor of St. Albert the Great, leads a group of about twenty parishioners through St. Peter's Square in early November 1974. It was the first of three trips that St. Albert parishioners took over the years to the Eternal City. During the week-long trip, Father McCullough celebrated Mass at one of the side altars in St. Peter's Basilica and the group was granted an audience with Pope Paul VI.

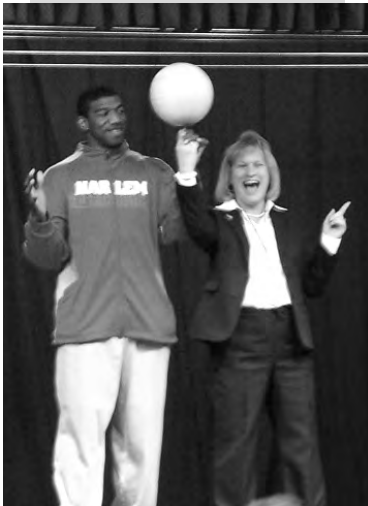




School news

Our students visited many wonderful places this year on their school trips. The second grade went to the Kimmel Center and the docent who prepared them for this visit did an excellent job as they all appreciated the concert. The second graders also took a trip to the Miraculous Medal Shrine. As usual, the fourth grade supplemented their year of studying Pennsylvania with a May trip to Harrisburg. The fifth grade went to the Camden Aquarium and also joined the seventh grade on a trip to the Constitution Center, courtesy of a grant from Verizon. The sixth graders visited the Franklin Institute and were very impressed with the exhibition on sports. They were also able to take a trip to the St. Katherine Drexel Shrine. Finally, in addition to a trip to the zoo with their first grade "buddies," the eighth grade celebrated their final year with a trip to Washington, DC. We are very grateful to our Parents' Association for providing the funds for these experiences for our students.

A visit from the Harlem Globetrotters



This year we implemented the OLWEUS Bully Prevention Program, the only research-based program in existence. We have found it very helpful to have Bully Boxes throughout the school for the students to use to report bullies. Our staff has worked very hard to follow the guidelines and we feel that it has definitely made a difference in our school. Our four rules about bullying are posted throughout the school.

1. We will not bully others.
2. We will try to help someone if we see them bullied.
3. We will not exclude students.
4. We will tell an adult if we see bullying in our school.



A visit to the Constitution Center

We want St. Albert's to be a school where kindness and tolerance proliferate and these rules have helped us along that path.

The third grade had their annual Adjective Cafés where they put their descriptive adjectives to work. The Zombie Café had Suspicious Liquid and Gooley Eyeballs – YUM! The kindergarten has been busy with creative writing as they cut funny pictures from magazines and wrote a sentence about them. The seventh grade delighted in reading them each day as they waited in line at the boys' room. The favorite seemed to be a picture of a young boy with cucumbers over his eyes with the caption "Who turned the lights out?" The second grade loved taking home Bridget the bear and they wrote about Bridget's visit in their journal. The fourth grade made love chains for their families when they studied the fourth commandment.

Two of the Harlem Globetrotters visited St. Albert's to show off their skills but the message that they left us with was that they had visited many countries but the United States was the best – and that is a message that I hope the students will all remember.

Having fun at the Adjective Café



A visit to the Camden Aquarium

The Gospel of Mark: the secret unfolds

In keeping with this year's parish theme of "The Word of God Strikes to the Heart," parishioners were treated to a Lenten Bible Study program focusing on the Gospels of Matthew and Mark. Led by Msgr. Dougherty and Sr. Pat, the sessions were based on the DeSales Catholic Adult Education program. The group met on Thursday mornings for an informative video presentation, interesting discussion, and prayerful reflection. Since we looked at Matthew in the last issue, let's turn our attention to what we discovered in Mark.

Few details are available about Mark. He was not an Apostle or an eyewitness to the events of Jesus' life. But as one of Peter's disciples, he does have apostolic authority. Mark, or John Mark as he was sometimes called, was also an associate of Paul, accompanying him for part of his first missionary journey and later joining him again in Rome.

A number of clues within the Gospel indicate that Mark was writing primarily for non-Jewish Roman Christians. Mark routinely explains Jewish customs, translates Aramaic words and phrases, and uses Latinized terms unlike Matthew, whose Gospel was written for a Jewish audience.

Most believe Mark's Gospel was written before 70 AD and the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple. If it was written in the mid- to late-60s as many believe, it is likely that his audience was experiencing intense persecution by Nero. With both Peter and Paul recently martyred, Mark would have set out to preserve their teaching while

offering encouragement to his audience by reminding them of all that Jesus went through and what true discipleship really entailed. Lacking an infancy narrative, the first half of the Gospel focuses on the active ministry of Jesus while the second half deals with his suffering, death, and resurrection.

Written in a simple and direct style, Mark also uses literary devices to frame central points in his Gospel. The main theme relates to who Jesus is and how people react to him. It is in Mark that we find Jesus trying to keep his true identity a secret. Even the parables are more like riddles to be understood by a select few. Why? Because the people were not yet ready for a suffering Messiah and a heavenly kingdom; they were expecting a political/military leader who would reestablish an earthly kingdom.

Mark emphasizes the humanity of Jesus who experiences emotion, is misunderstood, rejected, and suffers greatly. At the same time, he repeatedly refers to Jesus as the Son of God. His Gospel begins with that pronouncement, God the Father proclaims it, and Jesus speaks of it but few understand it, including the disciples. They are dense and misunderstand almost everything. Jesus' true identity is only acknowledged at his death – by a Roman centurion.

Mark's Gospel is fast-paced. Jesus is constantly on the move performing great works of healing and service. The shortest of the Gospels, Mark recounts more miracles than any of the other Gospels and is best when read in one sitting to fully appreciate all the action and drama.

The traditional Latin Mass celebration at St. Albert the Great Parish

The traditional Latin Mass, also known as the Extraordinary Form and based on the 1962 Roman Missal, has been celebrated at St. Albert the Great Parish now for over a year! Many older members of the parish may well remember the Latin Mass from their childhood. I, for one, was an altar server in the days when all prayers were said in Latin. One of the hardest transitions I made as a youth was when our prayers were translated into English and everything had to be memorized over again!

Although not generally well known, various churches throughout the Archdiocese have celebrated the traditional Latin Mass on a regular basis since 2007. In July of that year, Pope Benedict XVI issued the Apostolic letter "Summorum Pontificum" that provided for a wider usage of the Roman Missal as promulgated by St. Pius V and reissued by Blessed John XXIII in 1962. This was the last version prior to the changes following the Second Vatican Council.

In his letter, Pope Benedict stated that the Roman Missal published by Pope Paul VI in 1970 and twice reissued by Blessed John Paul II is the normal or Ordinary Form of the Eucharistic liturgy in the Catholic Church of the Roman Rite. It is the one that we are all familiar with and it is also the one discussed in the front page article of this newsletter. However, Pope Benedict also noted that the older form had never been abrogated, meaning it was never abolished or outlawed, and that some of the faithful "adhere with great love and affection to earlier liturgical

forms." Therefore, he stated that it was permissible to celebrate the Sacrifice of the Mass following the 1962 Missal "as an Extraordinary form of the Liturgy of the Church." He added that there is no contradiction between the two forms as they are "two usages of the one Roman rite."

Services of the traditional Latin Mass at St. Albert the Great are held in the rectory chapel on the First Friday of each month at 7 p.m. and the First Saturday of each month at 9 a.m. The priests who celebrate these Masses for us come from other and often distant parishes. Among some of our rotating celebrants are Father Dennis Carbonaro from Our Lady of Consolation, Father Richard McFadden from St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Bucks County, Father Francis Sariago of the Capuchin order, and Father Dominick Finn.

The availability of these Masses here serves to enrich our community. In addition, their scheduled times are beneficial for those who wish to observe the First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart or the First Saturday Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. If you are unable to attend the Ordinary Form Masses on those days, these services will also fulfill the requirements that include a novena, confession, and reception of Holy Communion at Mass. I hope you can join the small group of dedicated individuals who often come from miles around to attend the celebration of the traditional Latin Mass here at St. Albert the Great.

CSI – Christian Stewardship Involvement



Our Junior High students have been gathering the second Sunday of each month. During the course of the year, we have reached out to many groups and individuals. Our CSI group even hosted an Alex's Lemonade Stand.

This special fundraiser took place after all the Sunday Masses on May 8th and involved much preparation on the part of the group. Thanks to all who came down to the hall after Mass to enjoy a glass of lemonade and to donate to this important cause of fighting childhood cancer that was started by one little girl named "Alex."

"March Madness" at Christmastime

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT CYO BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

In 2003, St. Albert the Great hosted the first "Christmas vacation" basketball tournament for area fifth and sixth graders. Our CYO recognized a need to have a basketball tournament for JV level teams over the holiday break. The current tourney accommodates 16 teams – 8 girls' teams and 8 boys' teams. The teams are guaranteed three games over the three-day tournament. The interest to play in our parish tournament has grown over the last eight years. This past year, 35 teams requested a spot to play and two teams already prepaid their fees for 2011! The level of competition is amazing and the championship games never disappoint! Admission is free and crowds fill the stands in our gymnasium for each of the games.

The tournament is run by families and students from the parish and special shout outs go to the Drumm and Leighton families for their support. Students volunteer their time and receive community service hours for their participation. Donations from local high schools offer the boy and girl selected as MVPs (most valuable players) of the tourney a week of basketball camp at their respective schools. Past

donations were received from Archbishop Wood, Father Judge, North Catholic, and St. Basil. A team spirit award is donated by Mr. Steve Melchiorre from Portraits to Remember.

The championship games are the highlight of the three-day event. Mr. Rob McCabe generously donates his time and music for the games. He provides sports commentary and, of course, great songs during the games. The atmosphere is electric! The players and fans get caught up in the excitement and many of those not on the court find themselves on their feet dancing. Proceeds of the basketball tournament fund a CYO scholarship, which is given to a graduating student from St. Albert the Great who best exemplifies the CYO athlete.

The avid basketball fan does not have to wait until March to feel the excitement of tournament play. It is a tradition now at St. Albert the Great, and it happens every year at Christmas time right here in our gymnasium. It is inspiring to see the parish support at work, the enthusiasm of the teams, the proud families cheering on their players, and the student community involved at all levels to make this event a success every year!

March for Life trip



Cardinal Rigali at the March for Life with Joe McDonnell, President of St. Albert's Respect Life Organization.

This past January, the St. Albert the Great Respect Life Organization sponsored its second annual bus trip to the March For Life in Washington, DC. We were joined by members of four other parishes – St. Cecilia, Our Lady of Calvary, St. Joseph (Cheltenham), and Presentation B.V.M. The participants from St.

Cecilia included Father James McCabe and two school students. A second bus made up of parishioners from nearby St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Catholic Church accompanied us on our trip.

We departed shortly after 6 a.m. and arrived at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in time to attend a 10 a.m. Mass for members of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. After Mass, we were driven to the

National Gallery – the rallying point for marchers from the our Archdiocese. We were amazed at the size of the gathering crowd, especially considering the bitterly cold temperatures and cloud-filled skies. An estimated 400,000 individuals participated in this year's march from the National Mall to the Supreme Court. A large majority of them were young people, from middle-school age through college age, proudly carrying banners proclaiming their school's commitment to the pro-life cause.

Our experience participating in the March for Life is best expressed in an excerpt from a thank you letter we received from one of the St. Cecilia students: "I will never forget it. I feel so good and appreciate that I can say I walked for baby's lives and attempted to change the world. It was mind blowing to see how far people traveled to come here and support the walk."

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Benjamin Nicholas Nazarian	Layla Marie Luckangelo	Dominic Martin Sheeron
Ava Rose Gorman	Lucy Mara O'Rourke	

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DATES: JULY 11 TO 15, 2011
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Each day your children will be a part of fun Bible learning they can see...hear...touch...and even taste! Keepsake craft items, team-building games, lively Bible songs, and healthy treats are just a few of the PANDA MANIA activities that help kids discover Jesus' love.

As always, the success of our Vacation Bible School depends on all of our helpers. If you would like to help, please give Sr. Pat a call or email her at srpat107@hotmail.com. Teenagers are needed as well as adults. So, check your calendar and please plan to join us if you are free.

Registration forms will be sent home with the school and CCD children in May. Forms will also be available in church and on our parish website.

