

REFLECTION

Today's reading presents an interesting picture of the priest Ezra standing above the people to deliver his interpretation of the law of God. His reading goes on for hours and saddens the people as they consider how much they need to reform their lives. Perhaps their weeping finally convinces Ezra to "take it easy on them." He and Nehemiah, the governor of Judah, then encourage the people to celebrate their observance of the law. The people, they say, should have a great feast because "rejoicing in the Lord" will be their source of strength.

We have trouble staying "tuned in" to a long sermon. How could these people be attentive for hours? They are accustomed to listening... the only way they could learn the scriptures, before the invention of printing, and most couldn't read. We can be sure that they felt the significance of this assembly. This is a holy day -- a day when the Lord is present with them -- a day when they can begin to rebuild their spiritual heritage. The proper response to such a day is joy, not sorrow. So too, in our lives, the law of the Lord brings refreshment, and wisdom even today.



Celebrants Next Weekend

Saturday, Jan. 30, 4 PM- Fr. Gerry Bowen  
 6 PM- Fr. Gerry Bowen  
 Sunday, Jan. 31, 7 AM- Fr. Gerry Bowen  
 8 AM- Fr. Phil Brown  
 9:15 AM- Fr. Phil Brown  
 10:45 AM- Msgr. Chet  
 12:15 PM – Msgr. Chet  
 5:00 PM – Fr. Gerry Bowen



**Please pray for all our faithful departed  
 May they rest in peace with the Lord Jesus.**

**Please include the sick of our parish in your prayers that they may experience Christ's comfort and healing.**

Jesse Albright  
 Dolores Burton  
 Norris Bush  
 Mary Cugle  
 Lawrence Davenport  
 Lee Duerr  
 Robin Duff  
 Robert Fabian  
 Frances Gick  
 Jerry Hansen  
 Kendra Hendrickson  
 Helen Hitchcock  
 Agnes Jaeger  
 MaryEtta Jeske  
 Frances Jones  
 Anna Johnson  
 Robert Judge



Bissett Koesterer  
 Shirley Lauer  
 Sean McCann  
 Colleen McDowell  
 Robin Miller  
 Diane Morrison  
 Raymond Mox  
 John Murray  
 Charles Neubauer  
 Joey Opiekun  
 Maria Pittas  
 William Preston  
 Julia F. Sablowski  
 Bruce Schutt  
 Jennifer Soverns  
 James Stephens  
 Colson Tackett  
 Raquel Tenaglia



For The Week of

Sunday Jan.24	7:00 am	Edward Filar
	8:00 am	Frances Miller
	9:15 am	Michael Blom
	10:45 am	Cecilia Kobylski
	12:15 pm	Linda Chiota
	5:00 pm	Parishioners
Monday	7:00 am	Roger Neubauer
Tuesday	7:00 am	Deceased of Meyer Family
Wednesday	7:00 am	Jay Herbert
Thursday	7:00 am	Baby Obrocki
Friday	7:00 pm	James Edward Borke
Saturday	8:00 am	Donald Jackson
	4:00 pm	John Stitak
	6:00 pm	Barbara Ritchie
Sunday Jan. 31	7:00 am	Parishioners
	8:00 am	Lyle Martin
	9:15 am	Robert Parsons
	10:45 am	Brian Meise
	12:15 pm	Sophia Kupnicki
	5:00 pm	Larry Smith

**"OVER THE PEW" CONVERSATIONS AND "HOUSE MEETINGS" INFORMATION**

You talked to each other over the pew a few months ago and we tabulated what you had to say. We want to expand on your ideas and concerns from those conversations. You may easily get a tabulation by going to [www.staugustinechurch.org/community\\_building.htm](http://www.staugustinechurch.org/community_building.htm) OR go to our website [staugustinechurch.org](http://staugustinechurch.org) and click on Community Building. We are planning on a series of small "house meetings" and you are invited. Details will continue to be provided in the Bulletin and short announcements from the altar.

**ST AUGUSTINE SCHOOL FUNDRAISER**

Please come have breakfast at Daniels Restaurant to benefit St. Augustine School on Sunday, January 31 from 8 AM – 1 PM. A portion of the proceeds during these hours will be donated to our parish school. Please call 410-796-4678 for reservations! Daniels is located at 5854 Washington Blvd./Route 1. Thank you for supporting this special event!



**POOR BOX CONTRIBUTIONS**

Last weekend you contributed \$1636.thru the poor box to help the earthquake victims in Haiti. Thank You.

**COLLECTION FOR RETIRED PRIESTS**

Last weekend you contributed \$2680.00 in this collection. Thank you for your generosity.



**RELIEF FOR EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS IN HAITI**

This will be the purpose of the second collection next weekend, January 30 and 31. Your contribution will help with the humanitarian efforts in Haiti.



**THE GIFT OF TREASURE**

For the weekend of Jan. 17, 2010

With gratitude for the gifts they have received, parishioners, and visitors made a joyful return to the Lord of the following:

	Current	YTD
Offertory Collection/Holy Days	\$ 14,773.51	\$ 460,300.24
Maintenance/Youth/Qtrly/Senior	-	\$ 62,738.32
Budgeted Amount Needed:	14,590.72	\$ 538,504.18
<b>DIFFERENCE</b>	<b>\$ 182.79</b>	<b>\$ (15,465.62)</b>

*This is based on the fiscal year, which begins July 1, 2009 and ends June 30, 2010*

**ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

This appeal is now underway. Many parishioners have received a mailing from Archbishop O'Brien. He has asked that you make a pledge to the 2010 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. As you know, this appeal not only funds the operations of the Archdiocese, it also funds services provides right here in the parish. In-pew contributions will take place soon for anyone who did not receive a letter in the mail.

**CORRECTION CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS**

We inadvertently missed some names on the Christmas flower list. Albert & Sarah Biancucci, Wilbur Thomas, Dorothy Ullrich, Ray and Elva Michalski, Kate and Joseph Kalinowski were left off the remembrance list. We regret this error.

**OUR DAILY BREAD**

Next drop off date for casseroles will be Saturday, January 30 from 9 am – 10 am

**LOVE THY NEIGHBOR ONE RIDE AT A TIME**

Neighbor ride is a volunteer-based nonprofit dedicated to helping seniors maintain their independence by providing transportation for medical appointments, social outings, shopping, religious services, volunteering and other personal needs. Volunteer drivers may choose schedules that are convenient to their homes and daily routines.

**ST. VINCENT DEPAUL**

Our cold winter weather has moderated a bit, but there may still be many days ahead of bitter cold weather. The St. Vincent DePaul Society continues to ask for our help in clothing those who may be caught in the current economic downturn. The Blue Bin on our back parking lot is for your donations to this month's worth cause. Thank you for your help.