

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Tomorrow is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, so we usually have the blessing of animals on the nearest Sunday. The blessing will take place about 10 minutes after Mass today; and also at 11:00 AM today for those who need to go home and return. As you know, Francis and St. Clare had a love for all of God's creatures, great and small.

The area of the Umbrian Valley has many "Hill Top" towns that were initially built to get away from the malaria and disease of the low lands; later they became a location for defending the towns. Orvieto is a good example. And, Gubbio located northeast of Assisi is where Francis tamed the famous Wolf that threatened the children and ate the chickens. There is a bronze statue of the Wolf with the words of Francis, "The wolf is now gentle but the people must feed him every day." Saints understand nature and the needs of animals and people - food and love.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL:** So far, three persons have offered to serve on the Council. For the past four years, we have had annual elections with 3 elected and one appointed. And that was the limit. So elections really are not necessary in our situation.

In 1980, the U.S. Bishops wrote, We are blessed indeed to have gifted and generous co-workers in the vineyard of the Lord to which we are all called. Lay Ministry refers to all those who participate in the liturgical, teaching, management and leadership roles of the church; and are not ordained or take religious vows as a priest, sister(nun), or brother. And, Lay Ecclesial Ministry refers to the work of the church within the structure and mission of church - meaning parish (pastor), diocese (bishop), and universal church (pope). By this relationship and spiritual bond we are united with Jesus Christ in person and structure. The unity and relationship with Christ remains a constant source of grace and strength whoever might be the pastor, bishop, or pope at any given time.

The Pastoral Council will meet on October 17th. The major agenda will be to consider the Diocesan Priorities in relation to Parish Priorities. Another Meeting will be necessary in November to prepare a report to the diocese.

The Council will meet four times during this Fiscal Year (July 2010 thru June 2011): October, November, during Lent, and before the Summer. The Council will be concerned with policy statements and future planning.

If you would like to serve for 1, 2, or 3 years, please E-mail or call me (numbers in the Bulletin).

Fr. Bob

**Music for Sunday's Liturgy:**

**Entrance:** # 529 Gather Your People

**Gloria:** # 47 Glory Be

**Psalm:** If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Celtic Alleluia

**Preparation:** # 575 Only This I Want

**Communion:** # 499 One Bread, One Body

**Song of Praise:** # 626 Shelter Me, O God

**Recessional:** # 714 If God Is For Us - vs. 1 & 2

*All other sung Mass parts are from Mass of Creation*

**"Hello, this is your Father calling..."**

"I gave you a good voice so you would sing. I gave you ability so you would play an instrument. I gave you a music ministry so you would serve me and my people. Now how about it?" Musician rehearsals arranged as needed - choir rehearsals Wednesdays at 3:30 here at the church. All are welcome! Please contact Linda Browning at 995-3662 or see her after Mass if you have any questions.

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the **Glory & Praise** at number **880**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** ~ Habakkuk 1:2 – 3; 2: 2 – 4

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** ~ 2 Timothy 1:6 – 8, 13 – 14

**Gospel Reading** ~ Luke 17:5 – 10

	<b>Our Stewardship</b>	
	<b><u>Buxton</u></b>	<b><u>Ocracoke</u></b>
Offertory	\$1175.00	\$293.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 460.00	
Parish Needs	\$ 472.00	
Attendance	250	22

**Today is the Annual Blessing of the Animals**



The Annual Blessing is always close to the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (October 4th). It will take place 10 minutes after the end of the 9:00 am Mass today; and also at 11:00 am today for those who need to go home and return.

**Visitors ~ our pews have envelopes in the pockets for your convenience, which you may take with you and mail back to us. Please mark the box if the donation should be for Parish Needs or Debt Reduction. Thank you for being with us.**

## We Take Request ~ Book of Prayer Intentions



Our church family can now make prayer requests by way of our Book of Prayer Intentions, which is provided specifically for that purpose. The dark blue book is in back of the nave near the baptismal font. Just write your intentions in it, and they will be remembered during the Prayer of the Faithful at our Sunday Masses. *"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving make your requests known to God."* -Philippians 4:6



**Ruegue por: Please Remember:** in your prayers all those on our **Parish Prayer List**, especially Richard Bacik, Robbie Bendula, Jim Benton, Jim & Linda Carolan, Carrie

Easley, Joe Gallagher, Keith Gardner, Delores Gilliken, Stephen Hissey, TQ Lewis, Grey McDowell, Donna Midgett, Elizabeth Moffit, Cliff Morrow, Ella Newmiller, Mackey Peele, Pat Rice, Ann Styron, Mary Van Severen, Megan Vayette, Kelly Willis, also the caregivers, homebound, hospitalized & those in special needs.

*Please let Fr. Bob know when a parishioner or family member is in the hospital or homebound. He would appreciate the opportunity to visit and offer his services. Also if you would like a Eucharistic Minister to visit you at home during an illness or when unable to attend Mass, please call Fr. Bob 252-995-6613 or Anita 252-995-7892.*

*Por favor comuníquese al padre Bob cuando un feligrés o un miembro de su familia está en el hospital o enfermo en casa. El padre Bob querría tener la oportunidad de visitar a los enfermos y de ofrecerles sus servicios.*

## A Lovely Memento...

Our parish's beautiful limited-edition fine art prints that you see on the cover of this bulletin make lovely remembrances of your wedding, anniversary celebration, child's baptism, or vacation. "The Welcoming Light of Our Lady of the Seas" is signed and numbered by the artist - Linda Browning, our guitarist/song leader. Each print comes sleeved, backed, and ready to frame in a 12"x16" mat. Price: \$39.50. Proceeds go towards our debt reduction. Please see Linda after Mass if you would like her to personalize your print for you. Thank you!



*When traveling and you need to know where the closes Catholic Church and the times for their masses please check out [masstimes.org](http://masstimes.org)*

## Liturgy Committee

Parishioners and visitors are reminded that we have a liturgy committee at Our Lady of the Seas, with the mission of enhancing our spiritual growth and parish life. Many times, through attendance at services in other parishes, we learn of practices which might be implemented in our own parish. If anyone has issues or questions, or ideas that they would like the committee to consider, please contact one of the Committee members. Listed here are the members of the Committee with their areas of responsibility, but feel free to bring any issue or question to any member:

- Mary Bisantz (Chair, Lectors)
- Linda Browning (Music)
- Gae Ann Gessner (Liturgical Ministers)
- Dee Jensen (Funeral & Wedding Coordinators, Hospitality)
- Rita Doerr (Altar Servers, Sacristans)



## Hatteras Island Food Pantry

Our pantry is still busy and requires regular replenishment. Please consider adding a few items each time you shop. Since the size of the families accessing the food pantry varies, please avoid bulk sized items. Shopping suggestions and items needed are on the bulletin board in the foyer.

### Items Commonly Needed by the Food Pantry

- Basic foodstuffs – flour, sugar, coffee, tea, rice, pasta, cooking oil
- Canned vegetables – beets, tomatoes and greens are local favorites
- Peanut butter and dried beans
- Cereals – both hot and cold, including oatmeal and grits
- Personal care items – toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, razors
- Cleaning products, including dish and laundry detergent
- Paper products
- Pet Foods

Don't want to pack the car again? Visitors are invited to leave unopened non-perishable items on our 24-hour drop-box for the Food Pantry, located on the front porch of our social hall. A second drop off location is at Frisco Rod & Gun located across from Billy Mitchell Airport Road in Frisco, (Ramp 49).

*Checks may be made out to United Methodist Men, PO Box 1591 Buxton, NC 27920.*

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## A Very Special Request

**Attendees please take your bulletin home with you or you may leave it in the vestibule when you leave after Mass. We greatly appreciated your cooperation with helping us keep the church clean.**

~ **Winter Schedule** ~

- Sunday 9:00 am
- Sunday 6:30 pm (Spanish)

**Year Round** ~

- Friday 8:30 am

**Ocracoke Island** ~

- Friday 6:30 pm

**Confessions before Mass or by Appointment**

“Almighty God, we stand before You, asking for Your divine mercy and protection. Embrace with Your invincible amour our loved ones in all branches of the service. Give them the courage and strength against all enemies, both spiritual and physical, and hasten their safe journey back to their homes and families. Amen.”  
*Please, also remember those killed or wounded and their families, friends and acquaintances.*



**Food coupons for the Military**



Any manufactures' coupons from the Sunday paper can be sent to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. This will help our military families overseas with living expenses. We would appreciate any help from our community family by cutting out coupons you don't use and place them in the basket in the vestibule. GaeAnn Gessner will take on the task of mailing them out weekly. If our visitors are interested in helping, the address is: N.M.C.R.S.  
875 N. Randolph Street  
Suite 225  
Arlington, VA 22203.  
**Thank you for your support.**

~ **February 25-26, 2011** ~ **Save the Date**

“Bringing to light the truth of the teachings of the Catholic Church and igniting in our hearts a love for our Faith”. The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Ignited By Truth Catholic Conference will be held at the NC State Fairgrounds in Raleigh. **www.IgnitedByTruth.com**

**Matthew Kelly**, Author of "Rediscovering Catholicism"  
**Dr. Brant Pitre**, Professor of Sacred Scripture at Notre Dame Seminary in Louisiana

**Bishop Michael F. Burbidge**, Vigil Mass Celebrant and Homilist

More speakers and details coming soon!

**Fan the Diocese of Raleigh**



The Diocese is now on Facebook! Through this new form of communication, the Diocesan Facebook page is intended to share stories, photos and videos from across Eastern North Carolina. Also, the Diocesan website, **www.dioceseofraleigh.org**, now allows you to share news stories to your personal Facebook and Twitter pages and to easily email and print news stories.



**“OLS 2010 Fund Raiser Raffle”**

**Tickets on Sale Today**

Raffle tickets are on sale before and after the Mass which will support our church. Cost \$5.00 a ticket and 5 tickets for \$20.00. The drawing date will be Sunday, November 28, 2010

**Prizes are;**

- \* 7 Day Cruise to the Caribbean
- \* 2 Kayak trips and 1 Parasail ride
- \* Two day stay at the Comfort Inn in Buxton
- \* \$50.00 Gift Certificate to the Askins Creek BP in Avon. **(there are 2 of these gift certificates to be raffled off individually)**
- \* A weeks stay in an ocean front home in Frisco
- \* Gift Certificate for Conner's Market
- \* \$50.00 Gift Certificate to The Inn on The Pamlico Sound, Buxton.
- \* Dinner for 6 prepared by Father Bob at his house.
- \* A Picture Donated by Local artist Raphael Robinson
- \* Garmin GMR 21/41 closed array radar and GPS Map400 with 10-inch screen. All connections and manuals included.
- \* Rod & Reel ~ Ocean Master OM60 spinning reel 4.6:1 ratio mated to a OM20STB 7-foot Med/Heavy rod.
- \* Rod & Reel ~ Ocean Master OM80 spinning reel 4.6:1 ratio mated to a OM20STB 7-foot Med/Heavy rod.
- \* Rod & Reel ~ Okuma Titus TG 15 II Reel w/cover mated to Custom Powerstick 6-foot 20 – 40 pound line with roller tip. **(there are 3 of these rods and reels to be raffled off individually)**
- \* Penn International 50W Reel **(there are 2 of these reels to be raffled off individually)**
- \* \$100.00 Gift Certificate to Home Port Gifts, Rodanthe
- \* \$50.00 Gift Certificate from Birthday Suits (BS) at Hatteras Landing
- \* Fine art print of this beautiful church, numbered and sign by local artist Linda Browning
- \* A fishing trip to the Gulf Stream on the Miss Hatteras for one.
- \* A ½ day fishing trip inshore with Ken Dempsey Guide Service worth \$300.00
- \* North Carolina Basket from Lee Robinson's General Store in Hatteras.
- \* A White-Dove Release from Hatteras Doves (\$375.00 value) for your Hatteras Island celebration.
- \* REAL Kites 5 DVD Series & a Slingshot Trainer Kite worth \$300.00

**ALL** proceeds from the raffle will go toward reduction of the church mortgage.

**There's still time! Join us and hundreds of others at Catholic Convocation 2010.**

The Registration deadline has been extended so that you can take part in *The Sacred Liturgy: Proclaiming, Celebrating and Witnessing to the Mystery of Christ*, Cardinal Gibbons High School, Raleigh, on Saturday, October 16. Don't let finances keep you away, scholarships are available. Registration information is available through the diocesan website ([www.dioceseofraleigh.org](http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org)) or by calling 1-919-645-4447.

**Walking with Faith: Support Group for Those Living with Cancer**

St. Michael the Archangel Parish Pastoral Care is organizing a support group for those living with cancer. The opportunity to meet together is tentatively planned for Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM- 8:30 PM in the Archangel Center, Room V, 830 High House Road, Cary. At this time, *there is no start date. Instead, we ask for your feedback.* If you are in need of such support, OR if you have experience in a group elsewhere and have feedback that may be helpful to us, OR if you have facilitation experience and want to be involved, please contact Amy Daniels, Director of Pastoral Care, 468-6108.

**Poor Prenatal Diagnosis of Lethal or Non-lethal Conditions & Disability: Threats to the Life of People with Disabilities**

Research indicates that 90% of women who receive a prenatal diagnosis of Down syndrome, for instance, decide not to carry their child to term. Yet when parents receive appropriate information and support—that percentage drops significantly. We have an opportunity this October to learn how to support parents so that they choose life. The Pro-Life Secretariat is co-sponsoring an online training that will be available to you free on the first Tuesday in October, October 5 at 1 p.m. St Michael The Archangel Parish Pastoral Care department is hosting the NCPD webinar “Poor Prenatal Diagnosis of Lethal or Non-lethal Conditions & Disability: Threats to the Life of People with Disabilities, Part I, on Tuesday, October 5, 2010, from 1:00-2:30 PM at St Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Cary. The webinar will be broadcast live from Catholic University of America by the National Catholic Partnership on Disability (NCPD) in partnership with the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities. All interested in attending this *free* webinar, please RSVP to Amy Daniels, Director of Pastoral Care, 468-6108 or [adaniels@stmichaelcary.org](mailto:adaniels@stmichaelcary.org) The webinar will be shown in the Trinity Center of St Michael Parish, 804 High House Road, Cary

**Bishop Michael F. Burbidge invites you to join him**

and Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory from the Archdiocese of Atlanta, and over 50 exciting speakers for Catholic Convocation 2010, **Saturday, October 16**. Focusing on “The Sacred Liturgy: Proclaiming, Celebrating and Witnessing to the Mystery of Christ”, workshops will help us deepen our faith and celebrate as a community before going forth to witness more fervently to the Good News. Register by September 30<sup>th</sup>; \$40/individual; \$35 each/groups of 5 or more; \$50 day-of (walk-in, late registrations). Don't let finances keep you away, scholarships are available. Registration information is available through the Diocesan website ([www.dioceseofraleigh.org](http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org)) or by calling 1-919-645-4447.



**Marriage – Love and Life In The Divine Plan: From Marriage Flows Children**

Marriage is not merely a private institution, however. It is the foundation for the family, where children learn the values and virtues that will make good Christians as well as good citizens. The importance of marriage for children and for the upbringing of the next generation highlights the importance of marriage for all society. Look what the United States Catholic Bishops are saying about marriage <http://www.usccb.org/laity/loveandlife/>

**~ 4 Stages of Marriage ~**



The 4 stages of marriage are: (1) Romance, (2) Disillusionment, (3) Misery, and (4) Awakening. Many marriages experience the first 3 Stages. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the 4<sup>th</sup> Stage of Awakening. Don't give up without learning about the 4<sup>th</sup> Stage of Awakening. If your marriage suffers from Disillusionment or Misery please contact **Retrouvaille** (pronounced retro-vi with a long i). For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on October 8-10, 2010 call 434-793-0242, email: [retrouvaille@msn.com](mailto:retrouvaille@msn.com), or visit the web site at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

**Does Your Marriage Need A Boost?**

The Third Option is a support group for couples who want to work on their marriage. The Wednesday, October 13 meeting will be at St. Francis of Assisi, 1140l Leesville Road, Raleigh, NC 27613 from 7-9 in Laverna (log cabin house). For more information go to [www.dioceseofraleigh.org](http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org) or call 919-821-9753. The topic for this meeting will be “Ending the Blame Game”.

# Project Rachel

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## **Project Rachel Retreat**

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the love of Jesus Christ at a Project Rachel weekend retreat October 22-24. The weekend retreat, for both women and men, will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, the sacrament of reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of the Resurrection. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. For more information or to register for the retreat, email Project Rachel at [projectrachel@nc.rr.com](mailto:projectrachel@nc.rr.com) or call (919) 852-1021. The cost is \$125 for lodging, meals and all retreat materials. If you have a financial burden, assistance is available. Brochures are available at [www.projectrachelnc.org](http://www.projectrachelnc.org). Registration deadline is October 14, 2010.

**Marriage Enrichment: 6 Great Date Nights**, based on the book, *Happy Together* by John Bosio. Great Date Nights are an opportunity for couples to have time out to build their marriage and to enrich their relationship. It's a unique program that combines fun dates and marriage education skills. Each session begins with a short date launch (approximately 20 minute segment on DVD) where the theme or skill for that particular date is introduced. Then couples go off to experience their own "great date" and discuss the particular theme or skill. Dates will be on: October 8 and 29; November 12 and 19. They begin at 7:00 pm in Founders Room at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 11401 Leesville Rd. Registration is required and child care is provided (included in the cost of the program -\$35.00). For more information, you may call Gladys Whitehouse at 847-8205x244 or visit our website at [www.stfrancisraleigh.org](http://www.stfrancisraleigh.org).

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**FLOWER ORDER FORM**  
**Our Lady of the Seas Catholic Church**  
**(Please print legibly) I wish to donate flowers...**  
**\$15.00 donation, checks payable to:**  
**Our Lady of the Seas**

**In thanksgiving**

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***If the flowers are for a particular Sunday, please write the date here:*** \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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