

## GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

Habakkuk tells us the just man, because of his faith, shall live. Timothy asks us to listen to his words and have faith they are true. In the Gospel Jesus says, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to the mulberry tree, be uprooted and be planted in the sea and it would obey you."

A mustard seed is very small. It is so small you have to look closely to see it. Faith this size can change our lives.

Faith is not physical, social, emotional, or psychological. It is spiritual. We cannot see or feel it. Faith breaches the separation between the earth and heaven. It is a way humans comprehend those things which we cannot explain.

Take the Eucharist for example. We believe that a priest with the help of the Holy Spirit can change the bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ. We believe in this and have faith in this, and therefore it is a spiritual truth.

Spiritual truth is all of God's children taking on faith that something is true and believing for thousands of years that it is true.

Abraham fulfills the definition of faith in Hebrews 11:1: "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things not seen." Abraham was strong in his faith and became the "father of all who believe" (Catechism 146).

Our Catechism states that, Faith is the theological virtue by which we believe in God and all that God has said and revealed to us, because God is truth itself (Catechism 1814).

We can lose this priceless free gift of faith by not listening to our conscience. St. Paul indicated to St. Timothy: "Wage the good warfare, holding faith and a good conscience. By rejecting conscience, certain persons have made a shipwreck of their faith" (Catechism 162)

To live, grow and persevere in the faith until the end we must do the following: (1) nourish our faith with the word of God; (2) beg the Lord to increase our faith; and finally (3) our faith must be "working through charity," abounding in hope, and rooted in the faith of the Church.

Faith is a free gift from God. I have faith that there is life after death. I have faith that God is a loving God. I have faith that the Eucharist is truly changed into the body and blood of Christ. I believe faith strengthens us to be loving Christians. I have faith that the Holy Spirit lives within me. I have faith that the Catholic Church, through the seven sacraments, offers the best way to prepare us to meet God. I believe that strong faith can quiet a storm .

### STEWARDSHIP

Sept. 29,2013	\$6,609.95	Online \$ 810.00
Last Year	\$7,673.20	Online \$ 370.00
Sign	\$736.00	Online \$70.00

### Daily Mass Readings

#### **Monday Oct. 7**

Jonah 1:1-2:2,11 (Ps) Jon 2:2-5,8 Lk 10:25-37

#### **Tuesday Oct. 8**

Jonah 3:1-10 Ps 130:1-4ab,7-8 Lk 10:38-42

#### **Wednesday Oct. 9**

Jonah 4:1-11 Ps 86:3-6,9-10 Lk 11:1-4

#### **Thursday Oct. 10**

Mal 3:13-20b Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 11:5-13

#### **Friday Oct. 11**

J1 1:13-15;2:1-2 Ps 9:2-3,6,8-9,16 Lk 11:15-26

### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Oct. 5</b>
5:00pm	+ Rev. William T O'Connor
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Oct. 6</b>
9:00am	For the People of the Parish
11:30am	+ Earl Hopp
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Oct. 7</b>
9:00am	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Oct. 8</b>
9:00am	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Oct. 9</b>
9:00am	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Oct. 10</b>
9:00am	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Oct. 11</b>
9:00am	+ Peter Gorman



## FAITH FORMATION

Classes for Faith Formation and Confirmation meet on Sundays. Registration is on line. If you would like more information, contact the office.

## 1ST RECONCILIATION

Students must register in both Faith Formation classes and 1st Reconciliation classes.

## CONFIRMATION CLASSES 1PM

Scott and Val's Class meets in the All Saints Center; the New Class meets in the Social Hall.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

### GOOGLE QUESTION

St. Damien of Moloka'i was canonized on October 11, 2009. Where did he live?

## MINISTRY TRAINING—OCT 12

We will meet from 9:30am to Noon. Lunch will follow. If you can't attend please ask someone to fill out a card for you. Without a card, you will not be on the next schedule!!! Altar servers will meet Oct. 26 at 10am.

## WHY CATHOLIC?

Small faith groups will meet for 6 sessions to explore how we nurture our relationship with God in prayer. Sessions focus on prayer and how God communicates with us, different forms of prayer, some difficulties we experience in prayer, and a deeper look at the Lord's Prayer. The groups will be formed with people who wish to meet on the same day and time. Contact Jacque Briskey at [countess@gci.net](mailto:countess@gci.net)

## HOMESCHOOLERS

We will meet at 9am Mass on Friday, Oct 11th. activities, pumpkin carving and fun will follow Mass. Contact Andrea S. 376-1330 or Clarissa V. 864-0842

## OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL

During the upcoming week you will be receiving a letter from Our Lady of the Valley asking you to support our Annual "Faith and Knowledge Fund" Drive, formerly known as OLV's annual appeal. This fund plays a huge role in allowing us to continue offering a high quality Catholic education to the children of the valley. Donation envelopes will be included with the letter and may be mailed to OLV or placed in the basket during the second collection next weekend. The families, staff and students of OLV thank you for your support of our school and remember you daily in our prayers. OLV's Parent Volunteer Organization will be sponsoring a Halloween Fest at Sacred Heart on October 31st following the vigil mass. If you are interested in helping to make this event a huge success for our community please contact the school office at 376-0883 or email [tsand@valleycatholicsschool.org](mailto:tsand@valleycatholicsschool.org)

## COMING EVENTS

### OCTOBER

- 5 ACTS Oktoberfest
- 7 Centering Prayer 6:30pm
- 6/7 Blue Envelope 2nd Collection for the Sign  
Middle School Sandwiches for Br. Francis  
*Get My People Going!* Sign-up  
Why Catholic groups
- 10 Rosary 7pm
- 12 Ministry Training
- 12/13 *Get My People Going!* Sign-up  
Why Catholic groups
- 19 1st Reconciliation 9am-1pm
- 31 Halloween Fest 6:30pm Social Hall

### OKTOBERFEST—OCTOBER 5

The Oktoberfest and Silent Auction will be from 6-8pm in the Social Hall for music, food, and fun.

### ANNUAL OUTDOOR ROSARY—OCTOBER 12

The community is invited to an outdoor rosary at noon at the site of our new sign at the Bogard Rd. entrance.

### OLV VENDOR FAIR—NOVEMBER 9

The OLV Parent Volunteer Organization (PVO) vendor fair is Saturday, November 9th. If you are a home demonstrator and would like to purchase a table please contact Donna Green 373-1310 or Karena Foster 354-6824. Proceeds will help fund student activities. Thank you for your support!

### GET MY PEOPLE GOING!

*Get My People Going!* is rooted in Exodus; this 8-week individualized program invites you to select 2-3 areas of your life that you would like to improve. Sign-up dates are Oct 5/6 & 12/13. When you sign-up, you will receive participant materials. Come join us on the journey! Contact Parish Nurses: Donna Green, Maureen Silvan, and Ellen Betts. Sign up sheets are in the social hall.

### FOOD PANTRY

Items needed:  
peanut butter, jelly  
toilet paper,  
flour, sugar,  
cereal, oatmeal,  
all kinds of baby  
food  
357-3769

### SAFETY AND SECURITY

Children must be accompanied to the rest rooms by an adult. Due to meetings in the Church after Mass, please supervise your children closely and help keep the noise down. Thank you for your assistance.

### FURNITURE MINISTRY

The 1st Presbyterian Church has a large selection of furniture for individuals and families in need. Please call 355-9011 for an appointment and assistance.

### RETROUVILLE

This program for troubled married couples is hosting a weekend on Oct. 18-20. Please contact 1-800-470-2230 or [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)