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John 6:14: When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world.."

Sharing the Good News

Notes from the Diocese of Quincy

Mission Sunday Joseph, who was also called by the apostles, a Levite, a native of Cyprus, sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet. Acts 4:36,37:

God calls each of us to a life of generosity. We love because He first loved us and we give because he gave so much for us! On **September 29th**, the diocese will be accepting a special "5th Sunday" offering that will be designated for the domestic and international missions of our diocese. Each parish in the diocese will be collecting this offering and presenting it to the Bishop at Synod in October.

Our church is a generous church! Please consider what you can give and bring your offering on September 29th, designated as "Missions Sunday."

If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3:17, 18.

(more diocesan notes on the next page)

FR. TOM'S SCHEDULE

Sunday 9:30 AM Bible Study in Parish Center
10:30 AM – **Mass**
followed by coffee hour; Mass at Villas of Holly Brook at 2 PM on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month

Wednesday

Office hours 10 AM – 1 PM; 1:30 PM – **2:30 PM** at Villas of Holly Brook
1st Wednesday – 10 AM. Church council mtg.

Thursday

Mass at 10:30 at Villas of South Park; 12:45-3 PM at Villas of South Park

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Have you signed up for a coffee hour in September yet?

If not, please do so on the Bulletin Board in the Parish Center.

Fr. Bill has generously donated some altar frontals for use in the upcoming holiday and penitential seasons. As usual, we are grateful to Fr. Bill for his loving generosity.

Diocesan notes, continued: Bishop Morales invites everyone to participate in the 142nd Synod of the Diocese of Quincy, October 17-19, 2019 at the Embassy Suites in Peoria, Illinois. This year, we will be hearing more from the Bishop on how the Diocese is becoming unified, being rooted in Jesus Christ, joining in His mission, and showing His compassion in the way that we minister.

We will have a series of presentations by **Fr. Chip Edgar** on how our story of faith combines with His story. How in looking at our faith story, we find how our story intersects with the story of Jesus. In addition to the traditional matters considering the governance of the Diocese, we will have periods of fellowship with each other, and worship together.

We will hear from the various missions and ministries of the Diocese, including a video on our ministry relationships with the Province of Myanmar, the St. Andrew's Orphanage, and the clergy of the Diocese of Hpa-An, a report from the Commission on Ministry, an update from the Strategic Planning Committee and the Generosity Team (formerly the Fundraising Committee). There will be time to learn about the opportunities for ministry and discipleship in the Diocese.

Various groups from within and outside of the Diocese will be at display tables sharing information about ways you can get involved in the ministries God is calling them to. **Please register early** and if you have questions, please don't hesitate to email synod2019@dioceseofquincy.org or call the diocesan office at (309) 688-8221.

ATTENTION: Note from Fr. Tom: As a mission of the Diocese, our only voice and vote is vested in myself. However, if you would like to attend as an observer, you are welcome to do so. And if you would like to come to East Peoria on Thursday or Friday night for one or both of the banquets, please see the information just below.

The registration fee covers the costs of Synod, lunches, dinners, and snacks but does not cover breakfast, which is included in your room price at the Embassy Suites, or alcoholic beverages at dinners (a cash bar will be available). If you have a spouse or friend who would just like to join us for dinner Thursday night or the Synod Banquet on Friday night, the cost is \$55 per guest per dinner. Please register any additional guest dinners by October 10, 2018. Also, please advise us as soon as possible of any food allergies.



Update: Board: St. Mary's advisory board will meet Wednesday, **September 4** at 10 am in the Parish Center. Members of the board are Fr. Tom, Vicar, Deacon Tom, Treasurer, and Graham McCoy. The board meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month at 10 am. All are welcome, and your input is coveted. The date of the October meeting is Oct. 2.

An important issue to be discussed this month is getting our church's name into the community. One issue that has been put forward is starting a movie night at our church.

Thoughts from the Vicar, 2nd edition

During any given week, I am in Chatham on at least two days during lunch time. When the lunch hour approaches, I am faced with the decision about where to get my food. There are plenty of choices, of course, but it used to come down to Hardee's or McDonald's. No longer. I go now to McDonald's over Hardee's because of the number of times that McDonald's has placed Bible verses on its sign. I am afraid that as far as lunch goes, I have a fast food mentality. It is cheaper; it is faster, and it is more convenient. Do you think the disciples could be accused of having a fast-food mentality as far as Jesus was concerned? We hope you will join us for Bible study on September 8 so we can discuss this further. **Fr. Tom**

Bible Study – Did you know that Bible study is held each Sunday at 9:30 in the Parish Center? We are studying and discussing the Gospel of John. Next week's lesson is over John 6: 1-15. We'd love to have you join us!

Parish Prayer List

For those fighting cancer: especially Margie, Jody, Bishop Jack, David, Muriel, Lois

For those in need of uplifting prayer: especially the Kopf family, Bruce, Bonnie, Jerry, Donna, Diane, Candi, Jonas, Zac, Reise, CeCe, Allan, Donna, Kathy

For those in long term care: especially Grace, Harold, Carol, Margery, Marilyn, Miriam, the residents at Holly Brook and South Park

For all persecuted Christians throughout the world and for those in danger because of their Christian faith: especially Mahendra, Dipendra, Reshma, Tirtha, Purna, their families and Churches; all the pastors in Nepal, and for the Transformation Spiritual Church

For the spiritual growth of St. Mary's Anglican Church

Fr. Tom and Sylvia ask your prayers for his sister, Kathy Joannides, who has recently been diagnosed with ALS

Readers for September Below you will find the lectors for the month of September. I will no longer be printing out booklets each Sunday, however, there will be a booklet on the podium from which to read the lessons.

September 1

OT – David
Psalm – Elisabeth
NT – Diane
Prayer – Tressie

September 8

OT – Sylvia
Psalm – Tressie
NT – David
Prayers – Diane

September 15

OT – Tressie
Psalm – Diane
NT – Elisabeth
Prayers – Sylvia

September 22

OT – Diane
Psalm – Elisabeth
NT – Sylvia
Prayers – Tressie

September 29 Mission Sunday

OT – Diane
Psalm – Sylvia
NT – Tressie
Prayers – Elisabeth

Would you like to be included on the Readers' schedule? If so, please notify Fr. Tom. It would be nice to give some of our faithful readers a break.