

From The Pastor's Desk



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In today's gospel for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, we hear the Pharisees trying to trip up Jesus. MATTHEW 22:15-21 Jesus knows that they are trying to do so, so He is very clever in asking them to produce a coin which he tells them to give to Caesar that which belongs to Caesar and to give to God that which belongs to God. He knows that they will try to find fault with him if He supports paying the Roman Empire. If he does not, they will say he is not following the Law, causing dissension among the people. Jesus does find a way here to change the playing field, making his point in a very direct but authoritative way. Jesus bides his time to use the correct moment to move forward. He always finds a way to get his point across and speak with authority.

Saint Agnes Medal

I am happy to announce that Al Jung, a parish volunteer who has been working closely interviewing clients in the Food pantry and outreach office, is being awarded the Saint Agnes medal representing Saint Rosalie's parish by Bishop John Barres. Al has been such a joy welcoming those in need of food and other services, assisting Catherine on the front lines, welcoming strangers as Christ to our parish and our community. There is no task too complicated that Al cannot do. Al does many things under the radar such as picking up bread from Panera Bread and other tasks helping to provide sustenance to those who truly need it. Al identified a woman who came initially for food but he realized something more was going on. She actually needed much more help and because of Al's sensitivity and compassion, we were able to get the appropriate resources to help. Please congratulate Al when you see him for a job well done!

Senseless Tragedy

We continue to pray for all victims and survivors of the horrific senseless tragedy in Las Vegas. One thing we can do is pray. Prayer is a way of deepening our relationship with our God who loves us all in a way we cannot ever fathom. As people of hope we pray that good will overcome evil.

Natural Disasters

Again thanks for your continued help to our brothers and sisters in the Caribbean and throughout our country suffering from natural disasters. If you want to contribute supplies to those going through the disaster in Puerto Rico, our school at Our Lady of the Hamptons is collecting some items which will be shipped down there. Already we have shipped over seven cartons to this community. Thank you for all you do! God Bless you all – **The wonderful People of God of St Rosalie's.**

Father Ed