

LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS FOR FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,
JULY 4/5, 2009



MINISTERS

(Follow this schedule only)

	Ministers of the Word	Ministers of Holy Communion
3:30 p.m.	Kristy Bruckner	Dan Allison Teresa Allison
12:00 p.m.	John Baal	Nancy Bennett Jim Block Betty Daugherty
2:00 p.m.	Hispanic Mass	



MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 28
12:00 noon Jim Burton (Burton Family)
2:00 p.m. Josefa Granera (Norma Cruz)

Monday, June 29
8:00 a.m. Azalea Corwin (Senior Citizens)

Tuesday, June 30
7:00 p.m. Communion Service

Wednesday, July 1
12:00 noon Mary Kowalsky (JoAnne Fitchpatrick)

Thursday, July 2
7:00 p.m. Communion Service

Friday, July 3
8:00 a.m. Evelyn Irusta and Patrick Souza (Pat Moore)

Saturday, July 4
7:30 p.m.** Larry & Diane Bangert (Barb and Dale Hidy)

Sunday, July 5
12:00 noon Bernard Kowalsky (JoAnne Fitchpatrick)
2:00 p.m. Hispanic Mass

****Before Fr. Frank went to heaven, he scheduled the Bihl Wedding (Mark and Paige) for 3:30 p.m. Saturday, July 4th. Therefore, since I have a 5:30 p.m. Mass in Hillsboro, the Saturday Mass for St. Benignus on July 4th has to be moved to 7:30 p.m. If that is too late for you, drive on down to Hillsboro and check out their priest.**



BENEDICTION every Wednesday Morning at 11:30 a.m.



STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Weekly Need\$2,100.00

Collection Week of June 21
Envelopes and Loose.....\$ 1,229.75
Peter's Pence\$ 139.00
Variance.....\$ 870.25
(nine ☹☹☹☹☹☹☹☹☹) Dad got the money.



Happy Birthday

June 25..... Katie Paugh
June 30..... Mary Lou Haines
July 1..... Margaret Marsh
July 3..... Dylan Rohde
July 4..... Lisa Dean
..... The United States of America



FR. MIKE'S SERMON FOR SUNDAY
(do not read before Mass)

I own a very rare TV set. It is a 1954 B/W Sparton brand TV. What makes it so rare is that when the average size of a TV screen in 1954 was just 12 inches, this set boasted a whopping huge 27-inch screen. Sparton made only 500 of these sets only for the wealthy as it was priced at \$799.99. Compare this to the price of a new car in 1954 at \$1,700.00 and one can see why very few bought it. I was watching an old TV show on this set called the "Cavalcade of Stars" which was a grab bag of jokes, dancing, and humorous skits. One skit I saw really grabbed my attention because it dealt with keeping faith in adversity. The scene opens with a father trying to please his son on his birthday. This seems like no big deal except that his son is in a wheelchair, crippled in both legs by polio. In 1950, 58,000 children a year died from polio. Thank God our youth today don't know about polio because of the cures of Jonas Salk from the University of Pittsburgh and Albert Sabin from Cincinnati Children's Hospital.

The dad did everything he could to cheer up his ten-year-old son. He bought him a toy gun that shot out sparks, made him a nice chocolate cake, and promised him a big lavish birthday party. The boy just sat there limpish as if he could care less. "Son, you've got to cheer up or the doctor says you won't get well." The father saw on his son's lap a *Life Magazine* front page picture of the famous baseball player Jackie Robinson, the first black man ever to cross the color line to play pro ball. The father knew that Jackie Robinson was this kid's idol. He says, "What if I can get Jackie Robinson to come to your party?" The kid lit up like a hundred light bulbs. "Geez dad, that would make me so happy!" That's the first time dad saw his son smile since he came out of the hospital. "You're my boy and I'll do anything to get him here for you!"

The father goes down to Ebbet's Field where Jackie plays second base for the Brooklyn Dodgers. He tried two times to sneak into the locker room to meet Jackie, but each time he was caught and thrown out on his rear. Dejected, he talks to his friend who runs the 10¢ hot dog stand. He says, "How can I tell my son I failed? How can I look him in the eye and tell him I couldn't get Jackie Robinson to come to his party after I promised him?" The dad spies a cute little boy eating a hot dog while he poured out his heart to the vendor. He goes to the boy and says, "Thank God everyday, son, you have legs that can walk." He turns away and leaves in sorrow.

The birthday party starts with the father doing his best to be positive, but knowing he had to break the sad news to his son. "Where's Jackie, Dad?" "Well, son, it's like this..." Before the father could finish his sentence, there's a knock at the door. In walks Jackie Robinson himself, accompanied by his son. The crippled boy tried to jump out of his wheelchair, but even the reality of his condition did not hinder his joy one bit. He screamed, "Jackie...Jackie, you made it! Dad, you kept your promise!" The father was in absolute shock, wondering how this miracle occurred. Then the little boy at Jackie's side approached the father. "I heard you at the hot dog stand today. Jackie Robinson is my dad. I got the address from the hot dog vendor after you left and I asked my dad to visit your son."

Jackie brought the boy a signed baseball glove. Jackie said to the polio-crippled boy named Billy, "Try it on. Let's go outside and catch some ball." The boy said with downcast eyes, "Mr. Robinson, I can't do that." Then he grabbed his two emaciated legs. "I already got two strikes against me." Jackie looked intently at the boy and said, "Billy, you have two choices in life. You can do nothing and just take the third strike or you can swing at that next pitch with all your might and hope for a home run. You keep swinging and God will take care of the rest." The final scene of the old TV program shows Jackie Robinson and the little boy Billy playing catch.

The Gospel today shows two very different people who with two strikes against them kept swinging. The two were alike because both were fighting for something very precious to them – the life a child and the end to constant affliction. Both were at the point of desperation. The Bible doesn't state it but Jairus also, like the woman, probably spent a fortune to save his daughter. It was only after they realized their best efforts were futile that these two turned to Jesus. It is at their lowest point, when their arms are too weak to swing any more, that the tremendous power of Jesus goes forth. Jesus transforms a probable strike three into a miraculous home run – the woman is instantly healed and a beautiful little girl of 12 rises from the dead. Jesus gives to us today the same advice He gave to Jairus, "Do not be afraid; just have Faith." May we have the wisdom to know when to stop swingin', know when to start believin' and know when to ask Jesus to bring the healin'. Blessings...Fr. Mike





IN OUR PARISH

June 30	6:45 p.m.	ROSARY
July 1	6:30 p.m.	SPANISH CLASS
July 2	6:45 p.m.	ROSARY
July 4	9:00 a.m.	ROSARY
	4:30 p.m.	CONTINUING EDUCATION WITH FELLOWSHIP



The St. Benignus Knights of Columbus meets the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Grand Knight John Baal (981-3102). E-mail squarerootman@roadrunner.com.



St. Vincent de Paul Society is open for business at these times:

1st and 3rd Thursday, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

2nd and 4th Thursday, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

If an emergency, call Fr. Mike at 937-403-2510.

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

1. Greenfield Church League Softball begins on June 28 and continues until August 9. Games are on Sundays from 1:00 until 6:00 p.m. Please contact Craig Campbell (this year's Manager) or John Baal if you would like to participate. Lady softball players are especially welcomed.



St. Benignus Softball Schedule 2009

June 28	2:15 p.m.	Emanuel
July 5	3:30 p.m.	South Salem Methodist
July 12	4:45 p.m.	Trinity
July 19	No Games	
July 26	6:00 p.m.	Fruitdale
August 2	2:15 p.m.	Church of Christ
August 9	3:30 p.m.	Greenfield Methodist

2. Ladies Auxiliary will be setting up a booth at the Wheels of Progress Festival in Greenfield on July 17th. Plans now are, for the kids, a duck pond and a wheel to spin for prizes. Workers are needed. If you can spare a few hours, please volunteer. Contact Kristy Bockrath at kbockrath4088@scpwildblue.com.



3. Please pray very hard for Ron Campbell, husband of Linda Campbell, who is suffering from pancreatic cancer. Also remember Carter Campbell (no relation), who is having tests for a brain surgery, possibly in July. Virginia Finnegan is recuperating at her home on Lafayette Street. Henry Fisher has made it back to church. Sherri Wilson will begin treatment soon for her liver cancer.



PARISH COUNCIL

St. Benignus needs to fill two "at-large" positions on the Parish Council. These are three-year elected positions. If you would like to serve on the Parish Council, please contact Fr. Mike. We have not had an election for years. It would be nice to have new people come forth to serve their church.

TODAY IN HISTORY

50 YEARS AGO, JUNE 28th...Fr. Lawler was panicking. St. Benignus had \$30.00 dollars in the bank and \$110.00 dollars in bills due by July 1st. He did not want to take money from the reserve fund at the Archdiocese amounting to \$2,200.00 dollars. Father Lawler stated, "every Catholic is bound under *pain of sin* to bear his fair share of the financial burden...of the parish." I guess Father was using guilt to produce the giving.☺

25 YEARS AGO, JUNE 24th...The "new" ceiling fans were installed in the church. They were the result of the bequest of Aurelia Uhl in memory of her mother and father, Emile and Margaret Uhl. Mr. and Mrs. John Mertz also contributed to the fans.

10 YEARS AGO, JUNE 27th...St. Benignus would have a Special Parish Fellowship after the 4:30 p.m. and 11:00 a.m. Mass to welcome visitors and former parishioners attending the church during the July 4th weekend. St. Benignus would also sell special memorabilia after the Masses – Ladies Auxiliary Cookbook, St. Benignus Xmas Ornament, and stationary with the picture of the church on it.

HUMOROUS TIDBITS

I was in the express lane at the store quietly fuming. Completely ignoring the sign, the woman ahead of me had slipped into the checkout line pushing a cart piled high with groceries. Imagine my delight when the cashier beckoned the woman to come forward, looked into the cart and asked sweetly, "So which six items would you like to buy?"

Wouldn't it be great if that happened more often?

Because they had no reservations at a busy restaurant, my elderly neighbor and his wife were told there would be a 45-minute wait for a table. "Young man, we're both 90 years old," the husband said "...We may not have 45 minutes..." They were seated immediately.

The reason congressmen try so hard to get re-elected is that they would hate to have to make a living under the laws they've passed.

All eyes were on the radiant bride as her father escorted her down the aisle. They reached the altar and the waiting groom; the bride kissed her father and placed something in his hand. The guests in the front pews responded with ripples of laughter. Even the priest smiled broadly. As her father gave her away in marriage, the bride gave him back his credit card.

Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea.

Three friends from the local congregation were asked, "When you're in your casket, and friends and congregation members are mourning over you, what would you like them to say?" Artie said: "I would like them to say I was a wonderful husband, a fine spiritual leader, and a great family man."

Eugene commented: "I would like them to say I was a wonderful teacher and servant of God who made a huge difference in people's lives."

Al said: "I'd like them to say, 'Look, he's moving!'"

Smith climbs to the top of Mt. Sinai to get close enough to talk to God. Looking up, he asks the Lord... "God, what does a million years mean to you?" The Lord replies, "A minute." Smith asks, "And what does a million dollars mean to you?" The Lord replies, "A penny."

Smith asks, "Can I have a penny?" The Lord replies, "In a minute."

John was on his deathbed and gasped pitifully. "Give me one last request, dear," he said. "Of course, John," his wife said softly. "Six months after I die," he said, "I want you to marry Bob..." "But I thought you hated Bob," she said. With his last breath, John said, "I do!"

A man goes to see the Rabbi. "Rabbi, something terrible is happening and I have to talk to you about it." The Rabbi asked, "What's wrong?" The man replied, "My wife is poisoning me." The Rabbi, very surprised by this, asks, "How can that be?" The man then pleads, "I'm telling you, I'm certain she's poisoning me, what should I do?" The Rabbi then offers, "Tell you what. Let me talk to her, I'll see what I can find out and I'll let you know." A week later, the Rabbi calls the man and says, "Well, I spoke to your wife. I spoke to her on the phone for three hours. You want my advice?" The man said yes and the Rabbi replied, "Take the poison."