

# THE PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS...

## The Shadow of Death

Greetings beloved "Rock" family! By the time you are reading this, I will be in Michigan enjoying my vacation (God willing!). Please keep me in prayer, and know that I will pray often for the parish even while I am away. (We never take a vacation from our vocation!) I hope that everything is "blessed and highly favored" while I am gone. I also want to take a moment to wish all the fathers in our community a very happy Fathers' Day. It is a great blessing to share wisdom and good example for the next generation. Remember that God used the relationship of "father" to describe His relationship with us.

In our readings this Sunday, we are already hearing about the impending suffering and death of Jesus. His death is prophesied in the reading from Zechariah, and predicted by the Lord, Himself, in our Gospel reading. Even though we are just beginning to get into Ordinary time after Lent and Easter, the Scriptures are bringing us back to the cross. The prophets foresee the horror of the cross, and the Lord calls us to share in the cross. The cross is presented to us as both an object of dread, and the doorway to salvation and victory. Death is overcome, but death is not easy.

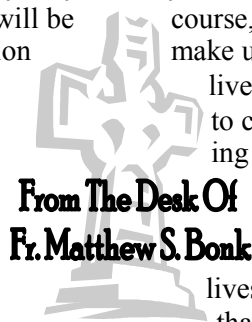
As Christians, we live in a very strange relationship with death. On the one hand, our faith tells us that death is not the end and that we can rejoice when others go to be with the Lord; on the other hand we experience loss, sadness, and pain when death strikes just like anyone else. We grieve, but we are also comforted. We suffer loss, but we also know there is gain. We leave this world behind, but we know there is a greater world to come. We weep at funerals, but we also sing songs of joy and hope.

Jesus calls us to embrace "death" in our Gospel today. He asks us to "take up our

cross". He assures us that if we lose our lives we will gain them and if we try to save them we will be lost. Of course, these words are not meant to make us choose to end our physical lives. The Lord is not asking us to commit suicide. He is speaking to us about laying our lives down for the Kingdom. For some, the martyrs, it may mean the loss of our physical lives, but for most of us it means that we have to choose God over this world. We have to be willing to lose everything to be closer to Jesus.

It is our nature to try to protect ourselves. When a car is coming toward me on the road, I try to swerve out of the way. When I am sick I go to the doctor and take medicine. There is nothing wrong with preserving our lives, as long as it does not lead to a perverse attachment to this world. We need to choose Jesus over everything else, including our own lives. This is called "dying to oneself" or "losing one's life for the Gospel" in the Sacred Scriptures. It is a process that is very painful and one that we never really finish.

All this talk about death in our readings could be considered morbid or depressing if we don't know the end of the story. The key is that Jesus rose from the dead. Now "to live is Christ and to die is gain." We are not people of death, but rather people who do not fear death. We know that Jesus has defeated death by His surrender and obedience. We will overcome death the same way. We obey the Lord, and surrender our lives to Him.



*Fr. Matthew S. Bonk*  
C.S.S.R.

## Mass Schedule...

### SUNDAY MASSES:

8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION  
(before each Mass)

7:30-8:00 a.m. and 10:15-10:45 a.m.


### DAILY MASSES:

(M.W. Th & F.) 5:30 p.m.  
Tuesdays: 7:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
Saturdays: 9:30 a.m.

### TUESDAYS:

Exposition & Benediction: 9:30 am-10:30 am (1st Tuesday) followed by our Perpetual Help Novena & Mass

## Weekly Readings...



**June 20, 2010 - June 27, 2010**

*Sunday:*  
Zec 12:10-11; 13:1 Ps 63:2-6, 8-9  
Gal 3:26-29 Lk 9:18-24

*Monday:*  
2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18  
Ps 60:3-5, 12-13 Mt 7:1-5

*Tuesday:*  
2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36  
Ps 48:2-4, 10-11 Mt 7:6, 12-14

*Wednesday:*  
2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3 Ps 119:33-37, 40  
Mt 7:15-20

*Thursday:*  
Is 49:1-6 Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15  
Acts 13:22-26 Lk 1:57-66, 80

*Friday:*  
2 Kgs 25:1-12 Ps 137:1-6 Mt 8:1-4

*Saturday:*  
Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19 Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21  
Mt 8:5-17

*Sunday:*  
1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21 Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11  
Gal 5:1, 13-18 Lk 9:51-62

**SCHEDULE OF LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

**PRAYER CORNER**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 20<sup>th</sup>**

ALTAR SERVERS

8:15 Tony Conte  
Robert Caldwell

PASTORAL AIDES

8:15 John Wright

EUCCHARISTIC MIN.

8:15 Linda Kamp  
Helene Laberta  
Brenda Moore  
Angela Mullen  
Pat Quain  
Melba Smith

Host: Jean Latham

Host: Jean Nashville

ELDERS

8:15 Ruth Jones  
11:00 Dorothy Bennett

INCENSE BEARER

8:15 Angela Mullen  
11:00 Joy Camp

USHERS - Group 3

8:15 Beverly Thompson  
11:00 Faye Combs

**SUNDAY, JUNE 27<sup>th</sup>**

ALTAR SERVERS

8:15 Anastasia Wright  
John Wright

PASTORAL AIDES

8:15 Tony Conte

EUCCHARISTIC MIN.

8:15 Johnny Taylor  
Norman Williams  
Andrew Antherton  
Ann Conte  
Jacquie Crawford  
Martha Darris

Host: Michael Ellermann

Host: Maudelle Fite

ELDERS

8:15 Ernest Nashville  
11:00 Willie Goss

INCENSE BEARERS

10:00 Pat Garnett

USHERS - Group 2

8:15 Pat Quain  
11:00 Rosemary Fitzpatrick

ALTAR SERVERS

11:00 Jasmine Burt  
Alexis Hicks

PASTORAL AIDES

11:00 Sandra Branch

EUCCHARISTIC MIN

11:00 Henrene Brown  
Richard Buckley  
Joy Camp  
Cynthia Clayton  
Sharon Cooney-Smith  
Karen Madison  
Mary Middleton  
Pat Pou

Host: Pearlina Harris

Host: Donna Lane

Host: Pamela Leong

Host: Blondell Lucas

LECTORS /COMMENTATOR

8:15 Elizabeth Boykin-Moore  
Jason Thompson  
11:00 Bobby Cox  
Richard Lane

ALTER SERVERS

11:00 Daedra Wallace  
Desiree Wallace

PASTORAL AIDES

11:00 David Wallace

EUCCHARISTIC MIN.

11:00 Barbara Richter  
Nikki Taylor  
Edna Whitfield  
Jean Anthony  
Anita Banks  
Dorothy Brack  
Henrene Brown  
Donna Lane  
Richard Lane

Host: Richard Buckley

Host: Joy Camp

Host: Cynthia Clayton

Host: Deborah Grant

LECTORS /COMMENTATOR

10:00 Yvonne Ward



**“FOR THOSE STANDING IN THE  
NEED OF PRAYER”**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Poncey Brown, father of Lorry Mahone of our Parish Community and Lt. Col. William Holliman, former parishioner and Tuskegee airman.

May they rest in peace.

*(We are saying Special Prayers for persons and families living with HIV/AIDS.)*

**NOTE: Names will remain listed for 2 weeks unless the office is notified.**

INTENTIONS 06/09/10

Bentley, Barbara  
Cooney, Helen  
Gray, Corrine  
Gray, Joseph  
Green, Wendell & Family  
Hatchett, Shannen  
Hinton, Mary Ann\*  
McGrath, Renee

INTENTIONS 06/16/10

Cappoor, Kelly  
Myles Family

SICKNESS 06/09/10

Goodlow, Charles\*

HOSPITAL 06/09/10

Brown, Sylvia J.

HOSPITAL 06/16/10

Cherry, Glenda

INTENTIONS

Alexandre, Rosemary S.\*  
Allen-Smith, Queen\*  
Bell, Gilbert\*  
Brown, Eric\*  
Buckley, Darrell\*  
Cloyd Jr., Harvey Carroll\*  
Collins, Amy\*  
George, Roberta\*  
Latham, Darby Lashar\*  
Davis, Denise\*  
George, Roberta\*  
Glenn, Lesley\*  
Glenn, Rae\*  
Grant, Bernice\*  
Hatchett, Ann\*  
Howard, Yvonne\*  
Hughes, Goyia\*  
Hughes, Irene\*  
Jackson, Eulalia\*  
Jones, Harriett\*  
Kemp, Joanne\*  
King, Michael\*  
Latham, Darrian\*  
Martin, Linda\*  
McGinnis, Kathy

INTENTIONS CON

Mosby, Marvin\*  
Norflect (Rhodes), Marsha & Family\*  
Ortwerth, Maria\*  
Parran, Lauren\*  
Perkins, Ivory J.\*  
Raiford, Cheryl TSgt\*  
Smith, Queen\*  
Weekly, Ollie & Family\*  
Williams, Anita

SICKNESS

Anderson, Daryl\*  
Barry, Jack\*  
Coleman, Ken\*  
Crider, Joanne\*  
Crowley, Tammy\*  
Davenport, Jean\*  
Ervin, Keith\*  
Fisher, Bill\*  
Fitzsimmons, Karen\*  
George, Betty\*  
Hatten, Pam\*  
Hardin, Wilhelmina\*  
Howard, Yvonne\*  
Hudson, Edward\*  
Jackson, Eulalia\*  
Jones, Harriett\*  
Locke, Wilma\*  
Luster, Juanita\*  
McCoy, Steven\*  
McSpadden, Phillip\*  
Patin, Larry\*  
Perkins, Belinda\*  
Perkins, Charles Sr.\*  
Rankins, Gloria\*  
Reedy, Judith\*  
Reedy, Sidney\*  
Reichert, Mary Ellen SR\*  
Reichert, Matthew\*  
Remsberg, Corey Sgt.\*  
Scott, Mauri\*  
Thomas, Webster\*  
Vardiman, Katie\*  
Wallace, Eugene\*  
Washington, Yvette\*

SICKNESS CON

Weekly, Willie\*  
Williams, Ethel\*  
Wilson, Earl\*  
Worth, Shirley\*  
Zacher, Clarence\*  
Zikovic, Katrina\*

SHUT-IN

Anderson, Hortense  
Buckley, June  
Camp, Cynthia  
Carson, Donetta  
Chopin, Dave & Ann  
Clay, Irvin & Evelyn  
DuMaine, William  
Fowler, Queen  
Goodlow, Elizabeth  
Jackson, Margaret  
Johnson, Deacon Les  
Joiner, Ruby  
Jones, Mother Julia  
Kulhman, Ann  
McCoy, Carolyn  
Riley, Jerry  
Rinderer, Barbara  
Ringo, Maggie  
Roberts, Juanita  
Robinson, Vernita  
Turner, Thelma

HOSPITAL

Albright, Winston\*  
Crenshaw, Roscoe\*  
Gales, Mary Ann\*  
Holt, Christine\*  
Rodgers, Pearl\*



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC?

*The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)* is the process to assist prospective Catholics in their journey to become active members into the Roman Catholic Church. They hear the preaching of the mystery of Christ, the Holy Spirit opens their hearts, and they freely and knowingly seek the living God and enter the path of faith and conversion. The Sacraments of Christian Initiation are: *Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist*. The faithful are born anew by Baptism, strengthened by the Sacrament of Confirmation, and receive the Eucharist, the food of eternal life. They thus receive in increasing measure the treasures of the divine life and advance towards the perfection of charity. To enroll in the 2010 RCIA classes, please call: Donna L. Lane at 533-0304. Classes will begin September 26, 2010. Classes for Youth 11-16 years old (RCIC) who wish to become Catholic will start at the same time.

**Baptism Classes** for children (7-10 years old) will begin on October 30, 2010. Older children (11-16 years old) will be enrolled in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC) beginning September 26, 2010. Please contact Donna L. Lane at (314) 533-0304 to register.

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS



The outgoing Parish Pastoral Council would like to Thank You for giving us the opportunity to serve you the past three years 2007—2010.

During our term the Council reached consensus on the following items:

- ✦ New parish mission statement (located on the front cover of the bulletin)
- ✦ Planned and implemented parish re-opening ceremonies
- ✦ Updated the status of our commissions and ministries
- ✦ Re-established and hosted the Annual New Parishioner dinners in 2009 and 2010
- ✦ Revised the new members policy

## LITURGY NOTES

### INTERCESSORS WANTED

**"My soul clings fast to You; Your right hand upholds me." —Psalm 63:9**

Zechariah prophesies that one day we will take our sins seriously. We will begin to cry and mourn over the fact that we have thrust Jesus through and had a part in crucifying Him. This outpouring of repentance and contrition will be preceded by an outpouring of "a spirit of grace and petition" (Zec 12:10).

At this point we see few serious intercessors, but this is beginning to change. Christians of all denominations are yielding to "a spirit of petition" (Zec 12:10). A worldwide symphony of intercession is mounting in intensity. This will prepare for a wave of repentance that will turn this world around.

Will you by interceding go back into labor for the Church? (Gal 4:19) Will you deny your "very self, take up [your] cross each day, and follow" Jesus into the garden of Gethsemane? (Lk 9:23) Can you not watch one hour with Him? (Mk 14:37) Will you be a part of the birth pangs of a new and mighty movement of the Holy Spirit? Will you wrestle and contend with self and Satan for the sake of Jesus and His Church? (Col 4:12) The Lord is searching for intercessors, for people to stand in the breach (Ez 22:30). Will He find you?

**Prayer:** Jesus, great Intercessor and High Priest, use me day and night for Your purposes.

**Promise:** "There does not exist among you Jew or Greek, slave or freeman, male or female. All are one in Christ Jesus." —Gal 3:28

**Praise:** Praise Jesus Who loved His enemies, prayed for them, and opened heaven for them.

(2010) *One Bread, One Body Summer*. Volume 26, No. 4. Presentation Ministries, Inc. Cincinnati, OH Retrieved from website: <http://www.presentationministries.com>

SAINT OF THE WEEK...

John the Baptist
Feastday: June 24th

John the Baptist was the son of Zachary and Elizabeth, a kinswoman of Mary. He was probably born at Ain-Karim southwest of Jerusalem after the Angel Gabriel had told Zachary that his wife would bear a child even though she was an old woman. When he was thirty, he began to preach on the banks of the Jordan against the evils of the times and called men to penance and baptism "for the Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand". He attracted large crowds, and when Christ came to him, John recognized Him as the Messiah and baptized Him, saying, "It is I who need baptism from You". When Christ left to preach in Galilee, John continued preaching in the Jordan valley. Fearful of his great power with the people, Herod Antipas, Tetrarch of Perea and Galilee, had him arrested and imprisoned at Machaerus Fortress on the Dead Sea when John denounced his adulterous and incestuous marriage with Herodias, wife of his half brother Philip. John was beheaded at the request of Salome, daughter of Herodias, who asked for his head at the instigation of her mother. John inspired many of his followers to follow Christ when he designated Him "the Lamb of God," among them Andrew and John, who came to know Christ through John's preaching. John is presented in the New Testament as the last of the Old Testament prophets and the precursor of the Messiah. The feast for his beheading is August 29th.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Alphonsus Vacation Bible School
June 21-25, 2010

Classes for children 1st thru 6th grade will begin Monday, June 21, at 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. Class size is limited. For registration information see Ms. Reola Weaver or call Roberta George, the parish secretary at 533-0304.



North Deanery Unified Choirs

The North Deanery Unified Choirs under the direction of Simeon Layne will hold their monthly rehearsal here at Rock Church on Saturday, June 26th. The rehearsal will start at 11am in the church. All interested people are encouraged to join the choir.

ATTENTION:

We are accepting nominations for our Parish Pastoral Council. Nomination forms are located at the usher's table or you can call the office and submit your name. All people that are nominated will be invited to a meeting on Sunday, July 11th, 10:00 a.m. The deadline for nominations is Sunday, June 27th.

Nominations can be placed in the locked box at the usher's table.



Calling all men and youth of the Rock we need your help in setting up for the rock church parish gathering and also for clean up and breakdown after the gathering. We will all meet in the church backyard on Sunday at 8:00 a.m. to set up. The gathering ends at 6 p.m., so we will again meet in the backyard to start the clean up work. Please contact Mark Kamp at 314-575-5966 if you are interested.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

JUNE 21-25th
Conquest Vacation Bible School
Sponsored by Catholic Charities
9am-3pm

JUNE 22-JULY 2
Olin Mills

JUNE 26
North Deanery Unified
Choir Rehearsal

JUNE 27 (ONE MASS)
10:00 Parish Gathering

AUGUST 8
Jane Brown Retirement Mass 3pm

SEPTEMBER 12
St. Peter Claver Day Celebration
Archbishop Carlson, celebrant
8:15am Mass

NOVEMBER 6
Trivia Night

NOVEMBER 7
Annual Card Party

NOVEMBER 25 (ONE MASS)
10:00 Thanksgiving Mass

BREAKFAST IN THE GYM

Please support the Ladies of Peter Claver's, breakfast. It will be served Today after both Masses. Breakfast include scrambled eggs, bacon or sausage, hash browns or pancakes, toast, coffee, tea and juice.



ATTENTION:

The Reverend Renee L. Fenner will be installed as Pastor of St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church 2900 St. Catherine St. Florissant, MO 63033. The installation will take place Thursday, June 24th, 2010 7:00pm.

Reception to follow.

**Financial Corner...**

Offerings and Tithes

JUNE 2010	
Date	Amount
6	\$ 9,452.55
13	\$ 9,997.70
20	\$
27	\$
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$19,450.25</b>
<b>Wkly Avg.</b>	<b>\$ 9,725.13</b>



**ACA REPORT**

**Challenge Goal:** \$22,911  
**Challenge New Donor Goal:** 49  
**Parish Progress Report June 2<sup>nd</sup>** \$25,090  
**New Donors:** 76

*Pledge cards are still available in the Church office. Please consider giving any amount.*

**Amount needed each week to meet budget: \$12,000**

**STEWARDSHIP PRAYER**

That we may learn to deny our own wants a little more so that we can more fully follow Our Lord's example of giving and service to others.

*If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." - Luke 9:23*

We are not very good at "denying ourselves" in this society. Our current economic situation is evidence of what happens when people think they can have everything they want. Jesus calls us to set our own personal "wants" aside so that we have the resources to follow Him instead.

**Dear Parishioners,**

I would like to thank you for your most generous response to our ministry Cross International Catholic Outreach during my weekend visit on March 6-7, 2010. Your donations of \$925.00 will have a direct impact in the lives of the poorest of the poor.

May the Lord continue to bless all of you for your love and support!

Sincerely,

Father, Thomas Wantland

<b>E-Scrip card YTD</b>	<b>\$ 736.57</b>
<b>May 2010</b>	<b>\$ 55.86</b>

**ANNOUNCEMENTS...**

**Protecting God's Children**

There will be a training for those of you who work with children in the Parish. All workers have to be "cleared" through the Archdiocese of St. Louis. The Training will be on Saturday, June 26, 2010 at 12:00pm (Noon). Please contact Donna L. Lane at 314-533-0304.

**ATTENTION:**

The church cleaning crew, cleans on the last Saturday of each month at 8a.m., we welcome anyone that is available to help on a regular basic or occasionally. Please contact the church office and leave your name and number.

**2010 CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY**



Sign-Up deadline is drawing to a close. Please contact Roberta, parish secretary in order to schedule an appointment if you have not done so.

Parish Commissions we are especially looking for your participation. Again, every family who participates will receive a free 8X10 portrait and a free church pictorial directory. Olan Mills Studio will be here in the gym June 22<sup>nd</sup> - June 26<sup>th</sup>, June 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup> - July 2<sup>nd</sup>, times vary. Please call the office to schedule an appointment time. Olan Mills posters depict the dates and times of the sittings. The posters are located at the Grand and North-side entrances.

**POT LUCK**

Attention, all parishioners: Please bring a dish to serve 10-12 people to our parish gathering.

**ATTENTION:**

**One Mass June 27th, 2010**

# PARISH INFORMATION

**PASTORAL STAFF**

Roberta George, Secretary

**SUPPORT STAFF**

Bro. Terry Burke, C.Ss.R., Manager  
Terrance Gipson, Maintenance

**PARISH COUNCIL**

Chair: Angela Mullen  
Vice Chair: Michael Page  
Secretary: Rosalind Hood  
Assist. Secretary: Alice Cummings  
Member-at-Large I: Eugene Wallace  
Finance Liaison: Jeffrey McDonald  
Lois Scott  
Brenda Moore-Jones  
Christine Bluett  
Garnetta Thames  
Jerilyn M. Bell

**COMMISSIONS & CHAIRS**

Christian Formation—TBD  
Christian Service - TBD  
Family Life Comm. - TBD  
Finance & Adm. - John Wright  
Liturgy - Richard Buckley  
Social Life - Hilliard Phillips

**MUSIC MINISTRY**

8: 15—Malcolm Speed  
11:00—Danny Dumaine

**COMMUNITY HELP**

M.A.T. Social Ministry Center  
Wilhelmina Hardin, Dir of M.A.T.  
(Emergency Aid) (314) 531-1040

Community Health In Partnership  
Services (C.H.I.P.S.) (314) 652-9231

Community Women Against Hardship (CWAH)  
(314) 289-7523

HIV/AIDS: 314 531-0304 Ext. 1502

Birthright (Crisis pregnancy) 314-962-5300  
Abortion Recovery Help: 877-HOPE-4-ME.

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION**

Religious Ed.: 314- 533-0304 Ext. 1311

Children's Bible Class  
every Sunday: 10:30 - 11:45 am.

Central Catholic/St. Nicholas  
School - (314) 231-6254

Baptismal Preparation (314) 533-0304  
(ask for Donna Lane)

St. Charles Lwanga Center  
(314) 367-7929

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Rev. Matthew S. Bonk, C.Ss.R., Pastor  
Rev. Thé Pham, C.Ss.R., Associate Pastor  
Joyce Jones, Business Manager  
Donna Lane, Dir. Religious Education

**REDEMPTORISTS IN RESIDENCE**

Rev. Kyle Fisher, C.Ss.R.  
Rev. Dave Polek, C.Ss.R.  
Deacon Rick Fischer, C.Ss.R.


Athletic Office: 314 533-0304

Ext. 1002


Teen Ministry: 314 533-0304

Ext. 1002





**OFFICE CLOSING**  
**JULY 5, 2010**  
**Independence Day**



**Church Etiquette**  
Before entering Church:

- Please turn all cell phones, electronic toys and pagers off
- Please, no eating or chewing gum in church
- Please do not stand in the aisles around the walls
- Please refrain from moving during the consecration
- Please do not litter the church, church yard, parking lot or the street

**Bulletin announcements must be in the office by 12 noon Tuesday's. Please fax items to 314 533-4260 or e-mail to parish130@archstl.org**

**ATTENTION**

If your telephone number or address has changed, please contact the office at 533-0304. You may also put your updated information in the locked multipurpose box located on the north-side entrance ushers' table.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK & VISITS**

*"Is anyone sick among you? Call in the priests of the church and they will pray for the sick person and anoint them with oil." (James) This is the sacrament of the sick. ARE YOU SERIOUSLY SICK, GOING TO THE HOSPITAL OR HAVING AN OPERATION? Inform one of the priests, and they can anoint you after Mass. Call and leave your hospital information at the office; a priest will visit you.*

**STANDING IN THE NEED OF PRAYER????**

St. Alphonsus Rock has prayer ministry after each Mass every Sunday. Go to the choir area after Mass, and there will be members there to pray with you and for you. Feel a heavy burden? Need a healing? Have a thankful heart? Worried?