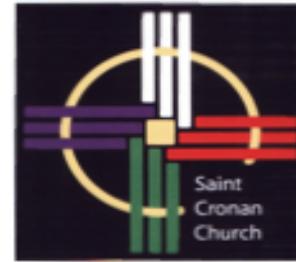


Pastoral Reflection
August 21, 2022
21st Sunday, Ordinary Time

In the Letter to the Hebrews this weekend it says: "Strengthen your drooping hands and weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed." I always cringed when I see an athlete whose ankle or knee undergo trauma by being crushed or disjointed. I also cringe now as our society and our institutional church seem to be going lame. In the face of all the acrimony and polarization there are many "drooping souls and weak hearts". What seems to matter is who can yell the loudest, whether it makes sense or not. It is blatantly obvious that healing is needed but "the how" alludes me. The other day when I received the Sacrament of Reconciliation the confessor invited me to meditate on Mary at the foot of the cross as I faced a "cross" in my life. As I have re-iterated often, "Pain that is not transformed is transmitted" (R. Rohr). As I see so many yelling and screaming in our society and our church, I can't help but see great personal pain. I just received a searing e-mail from an irate Catholic as he excoriated the Archbishop over the "All Things New" project - so much pain all over the message! So many hearts seem "disjointed" and healing doesn't happen overnight. Mary did not berate nor curse the executioners. Instead she "strengthened her drooping hands" by holding the tortured body of her son. She "strengthened her weak knees" by accompanying her son's body to the tomb.

I pray that we may "get a grip" and hold onto those in pain of heart.. And I pray that we walk to and through the tombs of life. As the Alleluia Verse says: "I am the way the truth and the life. No one comes to God except through me"

Be safe and be blessed,
Fr. Jack (he/him)



St. Cronan Catholic Church
Twenty-first Sunday, Ordinary Time
August 20-21, 2022

Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesdays – 8:00 a.m
Masks are suggested for all Masses

Live-streaming continues at the 10:00 am Mass. PLEASE BE ON TIME! Live-streamed masses are available on our Facebook page any time after the 10:00 Mass, <https://www.facebook.com/StCronan>

The Mass for Sunday, September 4, will be recorded and posted on our website on Saturday, September 3: <https://www.stcronan.org/>



Young adults, ages 18-39, single or married, with or without children, are invited to take the young adult survey. Take this opportunity to inform the church of St. Louis about your experience, hopes and needs.

<https://allthingsnew.archstl.org/Ways-to-Engage/Young-Adult-Survey>

Connect to young adults: <https://stlyoungadults.com/>

Seeds of Justice Network: Interested in social justice activities in our area? Visit www.seedsofjusticenetwork.org or use the QR code on the flyer in the Chapel to sign up for the Seeds of Justice Network newsletter! The weekly email features a justice-focused article of the week, a listing of local events, and a few national events & trainings.



St. Cronan Anti-Bias/Anti-Racism Survey: The St. Cronan Parish Council would like you to complete a survey regarding our work toward becoming an anti-racist parish. For further information, please read Andrew Viragh's letter on Cronan Talk. The Survey can be accessed here: [ABAR Survey](#)

Sock Angel Campaign: Starting this Sunday, you will have the opportunity to contribute to the St. Peter Claver Sock Angel campaign by providing adult-sized socks to be distributed to St. Louis homeless people in September. A bin and a sign will be in the chapel to receive your socks.

Welcome Neighbor Dinner will be held at St. Margaret of Scotland, 3854 Flad Ave. on Friday, September 23, at 6:30 pm. Cost: \$35 per person. For the menu and details, please see the flyer in the chapel. To register, please see the link on CronanTalk.

Archdiocesan Wedding Jubilee Mass will be celebrated Sunday, October 9, at 2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica. Archbishop Rozanski will preside. This Mass is for married couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 years of marriage in 2022. Please register by September 9: archstl.org/jubilee or call (314) 792-7171

Children's Faith Formation: Classes begin at 1100 a.m. on Sunday, August 28. We normally meet on the first Sunday of the month, but changed this time due to Labor Day. Further information will be shared via email. If you have not yet registered your children, Registration forms are on the table in the chapel, or contact Diane diane@stcronan.org.

St. Pius V Anti-racism & Equity Working Group is sponsoring The Slavery, History, Memory, and Reconciliation Project with Fr. Jeff Harrison, SJ, a workshop presented on Sunday, Sept. 18, 3:00-4:30 p.m. at St. Pius V Singler Hall. For further information, please see the flyer attached.

Rest in Peace, Willie: As most of you know our custodian Willie Knighten died suddenly last week. We were shocked and saddened at his passing. Willie was part of the St. Cronan-Midtown family. He loved St. Cronan and Midtown. I can't tell you how many times I came over to the office on holidays and found Willie here mopping floors. I would say, "Willie it is a holiday go home and relax". He will be missed. Both Sr. Chabanel and Mary took extra care of Willie and he liked that. Willie's family is not wealthy so we are setting up a fund to help pay for the funeral and hopefully to provide a little assistance to his daughter Nina. She lost her Mother this past year and now her Father. I ask those who are able to generously give to our fund for Willie. We are partnering with Midtown to support Willie's daughter and to pay for the funeral arrangements. Please help us assist Willie's family during these difficult times. Any checks should be made out to St. Cronan and in the memo section please write "Willie". – Fr. Jack
Please keep an eye on Cronan Talk for information on Willie's Funeral as arrangements are finalized.

Being Who You Are, Perfectly Well: An LBGTQIA+ Catholics, Families and Friends Retreat will take place November 18-20 at the Mercy Retreat Center. For further details visit this link: <https://marianistsjc.net/lgbtq-retreat>

MAKING A DIFFERENCE If you're looking for a way to make a positive difference in the lives of immigrant or refugee families in the St. Louis area, read on....IHELP (Immigrant Home English Learning Program) and the former ETP (English Tutoring Project) are merging time and talent to teach English in the homes of immigrant and refugee families. More volunteers are needed two days a week for one-hour sessions, during the day or in the evening. Training and materials will be provided. If you are curious and would like to know more, please contact Christina Rumbold at 314.390.5706, or send in a volunteer application on the website at <http://ihelpstl.org/volunteers>.

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Visitor Center – IN PERSON
The Well: Encountering Jesus and Finding Ourselves. Presenters: Fr. Mark Dean, OMI, Fr. Sal Gonzalez, OMI, Karen & Scott Seaborn Friday, September 9 – September 11 5 pm Fri– 2 pm Sun Come join us as a couple, to ponder, through the lens of the story of Lazarus, how Jesus once again steps into our world of loss and death and calls us to new life, while also entrusting us the continued task of unbinding and setting free...tasks which will lead us to a better future.
Cost: \$350 per couple (includes lodging and meals).
Register online at snows.org/programs, or call 618-394-6281 to register.

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Guild Center *A History of Sin: From Adam – Augustine* Presenter: Mark Etling, Ph.D. Saturdays, August 31, September 3, 10 & 17, 10 a.m. – 12 Noon At first glance it may seem odd to think that sin has a history - but it does. The saga of sin is a long journey with many twists and turns. In this series we'll see that there are several different meanings of sin in the Old Testament. And we'll trace the evolution of sin through some of the important theologians of the early Church. Join us for the history of sin from Adam to Augustine. Cost: \$40 for series; \$10 per session For more information, call 618-394-6281. Register online at <https://snows.org/ministries/spiritual-programs/>

Prayers Please: Kathy Bayless; Barry Buchek's wife, Mary; Trish Curtis' mother and brother; David Gaillardetz' father, Richard; Nick and Shirley Ambrose's daughter, Brigid Costello; Shelly Kurtz; Varrietta Anthony; Teresa Sullivan's friend, Caroline Bucci; Kathy Stock's niece, Jill; Fr. Jack's brother, Mike; Natalie Johnson and the Johnson family; Diane Calcaterra; Sr. Lynne's friend, Jan Berberich, SSND; Barb Sopp's friend, Joe Sinibaldi; Bob Barnicle; Paul Schmitt., Sr. Chabanel; Nick and Shirley Ambrose's cousin, Tammy Bayes; Tim and Else Hirzel's great nephew, Cameron Russell; Barry Buchek.
Celia Tackaberry's Brother's funeral was held yesterday. Please keep their family in your prayers.