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## THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

**Saturday** – June 12<sup>th</sup> – Rosary & Confession 6:30 p.m., Mass at 7 p.m.

**Sunday**, June 13<sup>th</sup> - Mass 9 a.m. – Members of the Parish

**Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday & Thursday** - Mass at 8 a.m.

**Friday** – Adoration at 5:45 p.m., Benediction at 6:45 p.m., Mass at 7 p.m.

**Saturday** – June 19<sup>th</sup> – Rosary & Confessions 6:30 p.m., Mass at 7 p.m.

**Sunday** – June 20<sup>th</sup> - Mass at 9 a.m. – Members of the Parish

#### Weekly Offering



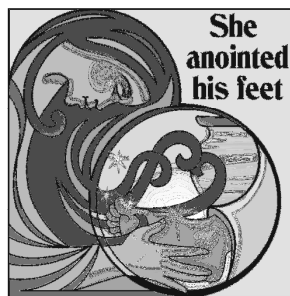
**Collection** – The Offertory Gift for last weekend was \$654.16. Thank you for being a “good steward” to your Church.

**Flowers** - There is a chart for June flowers at the entrance to the Church. If you wish to designate flowers to a loved one, please fill it in and it will be printed in the appropriate Sunday Bulletin and announcements.

**130 Year Anniversary Celebration** - We are now accepting donations for our 130 Year Anniversary Celebration on August 22, 2010. If you are interested please designate your donation for that purpose.

**Father's Day Breakfast** – Sacred Heart Altar Rosary Society will provide a free breakfast to all Father's on June 20<sup>th</sup> after the 9 AM Mass. All are welcome to attend. Cost for others is \$4.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children ages 12 and under.

**Funeral Services** – Rosary for Lillian Rafferty will be on June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. Funeral Mass will be held on June 19<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM. Immediately following the Mass a potluck luncheon will be served. Everyone is welcome.



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**Sacred Heart Altar Rosary Society** – All women of this parish are encouraged to become members of the Altar Rosary Society. Our meetings are normally held the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month at 12:30PM. Please join us.

**Volunteers Needed** – Volunteers are needed to staff the Thrift Store. If you can help, the Thrift Store is open on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10 AM to 2 PM. Contact Roberta Elford, manager at 457-2448.



**Vocations** – What is a brother? An answer to God's call. (For more vocation information, contact Fr. Sylvester Nwaogu, 457-3364)

**Right to Life** – On December 2, 2009, the Obama Administration approved the first use of human embryonic stem cells for experiments by federally funded researchers, using our tax dollars for an unethical destruction of human life at its early stage. Richard Doerflinger of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops told the *New York Times*, (12/3/09) that, “the tragedy of this is multiplied by the fact that no one can think what the problem is that can only be solved by these cells, in light of the amazing progress that has been made with adult stem cell research.”

**Stewardship** – Like Nathan in today's first reading, we sin when we begin to feel entitled and act as if what we have is ours by right, when we forget that everything we have is an unmerited gift from God. But God is gracious and forgiving – even when we use His gifts wrongly or squander them thoughtlessly – if, like Nathan, we confess our guilt and ask His pardon.

**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time** – Today we learn about another mystery – a small one, but a mystery nonetheless. It is the public pronouncement that there is no sin so bad that it cannot be forgiven. We learn about a woman, a public sinner, who washes the feet of Jesus with her tears of repentance, who is simply identified as “a sinful woman.” Right away, there is a tone of mystery. Her sins were public (no one ever says how public), and, since she was in a Pharisee's house, there had to have been some scandal. And if that weren't enough, she supplied the ointment for the anointing of Jesus' head.

The breadth of her love and repentance moves from the small patch of Semitic society to the world of a contrite heart so shaken as to debase herself with a home invasion and the audacity to pour very expensive ointment on Jesus – only after she had completed her task of bathing his feet with penitential tears. Apparently she did not do anything halfway. The task – washing his feet with her own tears – had to have grabbed the attention of the other dinner guests. No one has recorded what was going through their minds.

The irony is that Jesus did not receive the ancient ritual of washing a guest's feet upon arrival. Didn't happen here. No one knows why – another small mystery. Did the host forget? Did someone not warn the concierge that there might be some unusual surprises at dinner? One could speculate forever over this faux pas. But what we should do is quietly reflect on the compassion and enormous, indiscriminate love Jesus showed at this scene. Needless to say, it will be repeated countless times and probably over us. (*GIA Quarterly, Winter 2010*)

**HEAVEN – MADE** – *I have been made for heaven and heaven for me. –St. Joseph Cafasso*

