

## **Holy Popes! The Canonization of John XXIII & John Paul II (Part 2)**

**St. John XXIII:** Angelo Roncalli was a man of international reach before he was pope. Although from a small village, from a family economically poor but rich in faith and love, his preparation for the papacy was international in scope. He worked as a diplomat at the peripheries of Catholicism, meeting with grace and peace the challenges of Orthodox Christianity (in Bulgaria), Islam (in Turkey), and secularism (in post-war France), long before ecumenism or interreligious dialogue were the order of the day. His mission was personal, human; he excelled in using his innate common sense, understanding, and warmth so mightily evident to all. His ministry flowed from his deep humanity, his joy, his trust in a loving Father.

From the very beginning of his papal ministry, Good Pope John taught us to see goodness in others, to love people and to hope beyond all hope when situations indicated otherwise. He won over the world, in many similar ways that Pope Francis is doing now because of his unabashed simplicity and genuine goodness and humor. He showed us that far more than realizing every project and program, we must dream bold dreams, nurture them, and hand them on to future generations.

**St. John Paul II:** In the life of Karol Wojtyla, holiness was contagious. Pope John Paul II was not only our Holy Father, but a Father who was holy. His experience as a young man in Poland of the oppression of the Nazi and then the Communist regimes fostered in him a deep love of freedom and the power of faith to transform a people. As the first non-Italian to be elected Pope in nearly 500 years, the "travelling Pope" brought the papacy to the world stage. He inaugurated World Youth Days. When the throngs of people began chanting "Santo Subito!" at the end of Pope John Paul II's funeral mass, what were they really saying? They were crying out that in Karol Wojtyla, they saw someone who lived with God and lived with us. He was the prophetic teacher who preached the Word in season and out of season. He looked at us, loved us, touched us, healed us and gave us hope. He taught us not to be afraid. He showed us how to live, how to love, how to forgive and how to die. He taught us how to embrace the cross in the most excruciating moments of life, knowing that the cross was not God's final answer.

Indeed, Saints John Paul II and John XXIII were gifts of God to the world at very specific moments in history: the Lord provides for the Church the shepherds we need at the right moments! The world is a better place because Angelo Roncalli and Karol Wojtyla handed their dream on to us. With our current Pope Francis, another outstanding model of holiness, let us take up their torch and embrace our call to holiness!

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### **PASTORAL REPORT FROM BISHOP TOM**

**All parishioners are invited** to come to a parish meeting with **Bishop Thomas Dowd** in the church on **Tuesday, May 6, at 7:00 p.m.** Bishop Tom returns to St. Monica's to share with us a PowerPoint presentation of his reflections on the health and vitality of our parish, and recommendations for future orientations, inspired by his pastoral visitation here (February 22 to March 2, 2014). It promises to be a fascinating evening! Ministry leaders, and all those who met with Bishop Tom in February, are particularly encouraged to attend.

### **PARISHES "NOT OUTDATED," FALL CONFERENCE PLANNED**

"The parish is not an outdated institution," Pope Francis says in *Evangelii Gaudium*, his apostolic exhortation on the New Evangelization. Without a doubt, your parish, its witness and vitality are vital to the New Evangelization. To support your efforts to sustain parish vitality and be a witness to God's love in the community, the Office for English Pastoral Services is organizing a parish-focused conference, Nov. 13-15. Open to everyone involved or interested in parish life, more details will be available in June.

### **ST. MONICA'S ELEMENTARY FUNDRAISER FOR OUR COMMUNITY GARDEN**

The students have planted and are caring for seedlings of vegetables and herbs that will be a great addition to your garden this summer. We are selling tickets for seedlings for \$3.00 each. The seedlings will be available for pick up when they are grown. All proceeds will go towards growing and supporting our community garden. **Students will be selling tickets Next Sunday, May 11, after the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses.** Please help support St. Monica's community garden.

## MASS INTENTIONS APRIL 26 TO MAY 4, 2014

	<b>Saturday, May 3</b>	<b>St. Philip &amp; St. James</b>
4:00	Iole Falciani Constance Duval	By the Family & Friends By Dolores Parsons
	<b>Sunday, May 4</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>
8:30	<b>In Loving Memory:</b> Natalina Donati Ceccucci, Soledad & Adolfo Gomez, Matteo John Palumbi.	
11:00	Flavio Ricci	By the Family
	<b>Monday, May 5</b>	<b>Weekday Mass</b>
8:00	Antonio Bei	By wife Gabriella Bei
	<b>Tuesday, May 6</b>	<b>Weekday Mass</b>
8:00	Ilario Maiolo	By the Family
	<b>Wednesday, May 7</b>	<b>Weekday Mass</b>
8:00	Luigi, Antonio, & Sanda Onesi	By Settimia Onesi
	<b>Thursday, May 8</b>	<b>Weekday Mass</b>
8:00	Deceased members of the Cinelli family	By Maria & Raffaele
	<b>Friday, May 9</b>	<b>Weekday Mass</b>
8:00	Hugo Ragazzon	By Niece
	<b>Saturday, May 10</b>	<b>Weekday/Sunday Mass</b>
4:00	Nicola & Stella Rotiroti	By the Rotiroti Family
	<b>Sunday, May 11</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>
8:30	Agnese Teodori	By Vivian Teodori
11:00	<b>In Loving Memory:</b> Joseph Onesi, Luigi & Rosa Mammone, Deceased members of the Cullen Family, Angela Massaroti, Maria Manna Romano, Domenico Abbatiello.	

### **Your Generosity...**

Thank you for your on-going support of our parish... Collection for the weekend of April 26/27, 2014 totalled \$3,401.00.

### **HOT DOG SALE**

Our Loyola boys will be selling hot dogs and drinks **after the 11 am Mass this Sunday, May 4**. Please come and support their parish project.

### **BAKE SALE**

This weekend May 3 & 4 after all the Masses

### **JEWELLRY & USED BOOK SALE**

Our Villa girls will be selling jewelry and used books **after the 11 am Mass** this weekend (**May 4**) in support of breast cancer prevention. Please come out and support their efforts!

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR  
MAINTENANCE (MAY 3 & 4)

## **FAITH FIRST – THANK YOU**

Thank you to all the wonderful catechists, catechist helpers, parents and children who come each and every week to make our Faith First program a huge success. I wish you all a warm and safe summer and look forward to seeing you all back at Faith First in the fall.

## **FAITH FIRST REGISTRATION**

Registration forms for the 2014-2015 Faith First season are now available at the back of the church and in the church hall. If you would like an electronic copy, please email Jennie Armstrong at:

[jennie.armstrong@bell.net](mailto:jennie.armstrong@bell.net)

### **PLEASE NOTE**

ALL returning students, as well as new students, must fill out a form.

## **LITTLE GIFTS**

Due to popular demand, our Little Gifts program on Sundays will continue until the 1<sup>st</sup> of June.

## **THE ROSARY**

The Rosary will be said every Saturday in the month of May starting at 3:30 p.m.

### **“MOTHERS’ DAY”**

**SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2014**

## **FIRST COMMUNION CEREMONY**

Saturday, May 10, at the 4:00 p.m. Mass  
Sunday, May 11, at the 11:00 a.m. Mass

## **CONFIRMATION CEREMONY**

Saturday, May 17, at 10:00 a.m.

## **SPRING CLEANING DAY**

**Saturday, May 24**  
**At St. Monica’s Parish**

