

**CATHOLIC FAITH COMMUNITY
JOINT BASE MYER-HENDERSON HALL
FORT MYER, VIRGINIA 22211**

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**Twenty-Fifth
Sunday in Ordinary
Time
20-21 September
2014**

NOTES FROM FR. FRED

Dear Catholic Community at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall:

That's not fair!!! Have you ever made that statement? Sure, we all have. Every one of us believes that there should be a certain justice in the world; and we get angry when our expectations are not met. Do we feel the same way about our faith? I think the answer is generally - YES! I believe that deep inside ourselves we believe that if we've been faithful to the Lord our entire life, then we should receive something more than a person who has not. That's what the gospel is about today and what do we notice? God's ways are NOT our ways! What the Lord does seems unfair. God's generosity can appear to be a little ridiculous. Why treat those who came last in the same way as those who came first? The answer is: because God is a God of love who celebrates that the person came around. Whether early or late, God rejoices when we come to Him. Ultimately, our decision to be faithful and serve the Lord should not be based on the other guy or gal. It should be an expression of our own conviction that following the Lord now is what you or I must do. The earlier we come, the more we get to experience what the Lord has waiting for us on this side of life. Why wait!? In conclusion, let's not spin our wheels worrying about fairness. Let's just rejoice in serving the Lord.

Blessings,

Fr. Fred

New Registrations: Welcome to the Pelczynski, Morgan, and Kahn families

Designated Offerings: 4-5 October for the Archdiocese for the Military Services

Mark Your Calendars: SAT 27 September 1500-1700 hrs – CHAPEL PICNIC

Pastoral Council Meeting: Sunday, 5 October

CRE begins this **Sunday, 21 September**. **RCIA** has begun and meets in the library at 1030 hrs.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER--for Vocations to the Priesthood and the Military Chaplaincy; for our deployed troops and their families; for our parishioners who are ill; and for our deceased:

Deployed: FC2 Joseph Reed, USN; Carol Yannarella, USAF; CPT Mike Mobbs, USA

Deceased: Ivan Pierce Jr. (father of Ivan Pierce), George Fries, Joseph E. Nestro

Healing: Buddy Craven, Sue Higgins, Jimmy Daknis, Larry Hanson, Amy Baillargeon, Joseph Toth, Jeanmarie Jonston, Jim Campbell, Betsy Hendrix, Alfred Prados, Ray Egan

Many thanks to those who have volunteered this school year to be catechists teaching in our Religious Education program. It's such an important ministry. Please keep all in your prayers. Passing on the faith is a gift and a call. THANKS ALSO to Peg and those who took care of our meal last Saturday evening for the Liturgy workshop. Much appreciated!!!!

4 SIGNS OF A DYNAMIC CATHOLIC SEMINAR: Once a month on Sundays from 1030 to 1130 hrs. **FIRST MEETING WILL BE SUNDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER.** If you are interested in being part of the class, please stop by my office to pick up a book. We'll meet at my office to begin with and then decide the room we'll be in.

Bible Study: Once a week on Thursdays from 1100 to 1155. Fr. Fred will lead this. First class will be this coming **Thursday, 25 September**. All classes will be in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Offering for 13-14 September

1700 Vigil Mass: \$2347.00

0900 Sunday Mass: \$2781.11

Total: \$5128.11

ATTENDANCE: 388

Please make checks payable to "CTOF"

Parish Contact Information

Pastor: Fr. Fred Wendel 703-696-5688 or alfred.w.wendel2.mil@mail.mil

Mass: 5PM Saturday Vigil, 9AM Sunday, Noon M-F. All at Memorial Chapel.

Reconciliation: 11:30-11:45AM Tuesday-Friday in Room 112 of Memorial Chapel.

Emergency Contact: Marshall Desk SGT 703-696-3525

Parish Registration: See usher for form.

Advance E-bulletin: Available on website; e-mailed each Thursday

Sacraments and sponsor letters: Requires registration. Fr. Fred has pastoral jurisdiction only for active duty military and their family members.