

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

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**Twenty-Eighth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
11-12 October 2014**

NOTES FROM FR. FRED

Dear Catholic Community at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall:

“Many are called, but few are chosen.” That’s the last sentence in the gospel for this weekend on the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time. As I think of that sentence, I think of everyone who’s still asleep on a Sunday morning. I think of all those who won’t take any time this weekend to worship God. You’ve got to understand that I don’t judge them as bad people. That to me is not the issue. I’ve known people over the years, who have been in church every Sunday and I wouldn’t trust them as far as I could throw them, sadly enough! No, rather for me the issue is the fact that people kind of let their spiritual lives go. If there’s a crisis then perhaps God is brought to mind, but otherwise they just go along. God extends the invitation to faith, but too often it gets ignored. I ABSOLUTELY BELIEVE that if as much energy was put into our spiritual lives as is put into working out or whatever else we may focus on for self-improvement, we’d be amazed about the transformation in our lives. Too often we focus on the outside but forget about the inside. That’s why I’m glad you’re reading this and came to worship and celebrate Mass this Sunday. My challenge to YOU is this: Don’t see your practice as MAGIC. Don’t see your practice as preventing struggle or challenge in your life. Don’t think that if you practice your faith then everything will always be wonderful. You know better than that. RATHER, see your practice as recognizing YOUR NEED FOR GOD whether times are GOOD OR BAD. Be committed and stay committed. And, as St. Paul says: “My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father, glory forever and ever. Amen”

Blessings,
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Columbus Day: no noon Mass on Friday, **10 October** and on Monday, **13 October**
Designated Offerings: **18-19 October** for the Military Council of Catholic Women/CWOC
25-26 October Holiday Food Voucher Program (Thanksgiving)

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, Bob Daknis, Jimmy Daknis, Joseph Toth, Jeanmarie Jonston, Jim Campbell, Betsy Hendrix, Alfred Prados, Jim Egan, Len Trahan, Bob Bowen, Kevin Tighe

National Make a Difference Day is Saturday, 18 October. Please see the insert for more information.

4 SIGNS OF A DYNAMIC CATHOLIC SEMINAR: Once a month on Sundays from 1030 to 1130 hrs. NEXT MEETING WILL BE SUNDAY, 26 OCTOBER. If you are interested in being part of the class, please stop by my office to pick up a book. Class will be held in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Bible Study: Once a week on Thursdays from 1100 to 1155. All classes will be in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. All are welcome. If you miss a class – OK- come when you can!!

Offering for 4-5 October

1700 Vigil Mass: \$ 2328.00

0900 Sunday Mass: \$ 2681.05

Total: \$ 5009.05

ATTENDANCE: 371

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

Catholic Coordinator: Pam Ortiz pamortiz85@gmail.com

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.