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BEING ALERT AND READY: THE PARABLE OF THE BRIDESMAIDS



We do not need reminding that Christmas is fast approaching. For many Christians, this means that the season of Advent is also getting closer too: the time when we prepare for the *advent*; that is the coming of the Lord both at the first Christmas and also when Jesus returns at the end of time. At one stage, the season of Advent was longer than the four weeks that we now have. (In fact, this year, the season of Advent is the shortest length that it can be as the fourth and final Sunday of Advent is actually Christmas Eve!). Over the next few Sundays, our readings reflect this former longer time of Advent as they focus very much on “advent” themes such as the end of time, of judgment and of being ready and vigilant to meet the Lord when he comes.

We see this in the Gospel for this weekend where Jesus uses the parable of the ten virgins or bridesmaids to teach about the need to be prepared and ready for when the Lord comes to us. The parable reflects to some degree the customs and culture of the time. Jesus’ listeners all those centuries ago would have been familiar with these customs, but perhaps we are not so familiar. So, perhaps a few background points might help us understand the parable better.

At the time of Jesus (and still in some cultures today), when a young woman was betrothed to her husband, there was often a long period of time before she would actually get married and go to live with her husband (a bit like our idea of an engagement today). She would stay with her parents until the time when her husband would call at the house to take her to his home as his wife. When this happened, there would be a joyful procession from one house to the other; often with all the village taking part. It was the job of her unmarried friends (the bridesmaids or virgins referred to in the Gospel) to escort the bride on this life-changing

journey. In a way, the procession of the bridesmaids and then the bride in church that we have at weddings today is a rather lower key version of this idea.

In the Gospel, Jesus talks about five bridesmaids who were sensible (or better put *prepared and ready* to perform their key role) and five who were foolish, or unprepared and not ready. The bridegroom comes at an unexpected time; in fact in the middle of the night! Because five of the bridesmaids were all set and ready, they could answer the call and accompany the bride and groom to the festivities. The other five were not ready and we can imagine them rushing around in a panic trying to get prepared. They even ask the other five to lend them some oil for their lamps. By the time the five foolish or unready bridesmaids have got themselves sorted out, it is too late. Worse still, they have failed to carry out their key role in the ceremony (remember the procession) and they arrive too late at the wedding feast.

The teaching that Jesus wishes to give through this colorful parable is really quite a simple one; but also an essential one! Like those bridesmaids, he has given us a task or role to do during our life. We call it our *vocation*, or how God asks us to make a difference. This is the whole center and purpose of our life. We need to be ready and prepared to do this each and every day. We never know when God will call at our “house” (like the bridegroom) and call us forward to do His will. This is why Jesus concludes the parable with the words: “therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

This is really what we mean by “wisdom” when we use this word in a faith or religious sense. It means knowing what God wants us to do and also being ready to do it! Wise people then, are those who are ready and prepared (and not necessarily those who are clever or smart). Let us be like the five prepared or ready bridesmaids so that we can respond right away to whatever that call may be. If we are not ready, we may then, in a panic, have to rush around trying to prepare for the task; but, by then it may be too late. So, a great prayer to say at the beginning of each day is a very simple, but profound one: “here I am Lord, I come to do your will.”

Fr. Anthony

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY, November 13

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, will hold its next meeting on Monday, November 13, at St. Mary's Academy at 6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, November 14

■ **Christian Service Committee Meeting**

12:00 noon at St. Mary's Academy

■ **Pastoral Council Meeting** 5:15 p.m. at St. Mary's Academy

WEDNESDAY, November 15

■ **The Friendly Kitchen:** 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 15th.

■ **The Gathering:** 7:30 at St. Mary's Academy.

THURSDAY, November 16

■ **Our Lady of Grace Prayer Group** will meet at 6:30 p.m. in Church.

■ **Bible Study:** 7:00 p.m. St. Mary's Academy

NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

This Wednesday, November 15th, eleven teens of our parish will board a bus to make the 17 hour ride to Indianapolis and the National Catholic Youth Conference.

They will spend three days with 25,000 Catholic teenagers listening to dynamic Catholic speakers, worshipping and performing service.

Please pray for our teens and chaperones.

Fight Poverty in America.

Campaign for Human Development Collection next weekend

Next week's Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) needs your support. CCHD was founded to end the cycle of poverty in America by funding organizations that help individuals help themselves. With the tradition of improving education, health care, and economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact in communities nationwide. **poverty in America. Defend human dignity. Give to the CCHD Collection.**

FROM FATHER ANTHONY'S DESK.... (mentioned in last week's homily)

Lord, help us to...

Watch our thoughts, for they become our words

Watch our words, for they become our actions

Watch our actions, for they become our character

Watch our habits, for they become our character

Watch our character, for it becomes our destiny



KEEP THE DATE

YOU ARE ALL INVITED

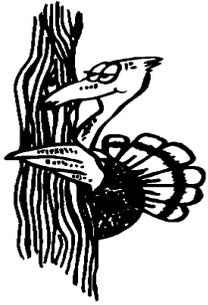
to an Open House

at the Rectory (Hudson

on Sunday, December 10

Dining Out For Others

Help Catholic Charities fight hunger by "Dining Out For Others" every Wednesday in November at local partner restaurants. Go to www.catholiccharitiescg.org for a list of participating restaurants and dates.



Operation Pilgrim

Beginning the weekend of October 28 and 29 we would appreciate donations of non-perishable foods for the Thanksgiving baskets that we put together for the less fortunate in our communities. This food drive will continue right up until Thanksgiving. Last

year the Germantown Community Cupboard in conjunction with all the local churches put together 45 baskets for Thanksgiving. And Catholic Charities in Hudson assisted another 100 families.

Each week bring to Mass at least one item for a Thanksgiving dinner. **Hams or frozen turkeys are greatly appreciated.** In November all the groceries collected will be presented to our local food pantries. Last year over one hundred families were helped; so please help continue to respond to these needs.

CASH: We also accept monetary donations, just specify that it is for either Operation Pilgrim, Hudson, Operation Pilgrim, Germantown, or the Germantown Food Pantry.

To arrange to drop off turkeys, hams, or frozen goods in **Germantown**, call Arlene Liepshutz at 828-1334. To drop off items in **Hudson**, call Catholic Charities at 828-8660

Thank you for caring

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Pies or other Desserts Needed

Every year, for the past 30 years, Holy Trinity has helped the First Presbyterian Church offer a free Thanksgiving dinner for all by supplying pies or other desserts. Homemade items are a treat, but store bought are perfectly acceptable!

We need at least 30 pies. **Please..** drop your contribution off **Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 12 noon,** at the *Christ Episcopal Church Hall* (located at 431 Union St.)

Thank you so much for your help in this wonderful service! If you have any questions, please call



Advent Giving Tree

This weekend we have out our Advent Giving Trees decorated with name tags of residents of our local nursing homes and health care facilities.

We invite parishioners to take a name tag and get some kind of token gift for that person. Then **bring it in**, (and leave it in one of the Church vestibules) attractively wrapped, — with the name tag easily visible on the package — **around the weekend of December 8th**. The Christian Service Committee will then bring the gifts to the various facilities. If you have any questions, please call Arlene in Germantown at 518-537-6136, or Ann Drew in Hudson at 518-828-3242.

Here are some suggestions for what to get:

WOMEN

MEN

Caress body wash

Aftershave

Dove Body Wash

White socks

Cologne, body mist

Lotions

Hand creams, lotions

Shaving mirrors

Knee Hi's & Thigh Hi's

with

stands

Scarf

Ball caps

GENERAL SUGGESTIONS: Battery operated wall

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

The most happy and joyful people are those who have come to a point in their lives where they can share generously.

HUDSON

Regular Offertory Last Weekend (Nov. 5).....	\$6,078.00
Heat and Fuel.....	\$ 434.00
Seminarians.....	\$ 112.00
All Saints.....	\$ 150.00
Nov. 2nd deposit.....	
\$1,298.00	
All Souls.....	\$ 65.00
Nov. 2nd deposit.....	\$
997.00	
Evangelist.....	\$ 48.00

GERMANTOWN

Regular Offertory Last Weekend (Nov. 5).....	\$1,452.00
Seminarians.....	\$ 20.00
All Saints.....	\$ 187.00



SACRAMENTS

The sacraments are wonderful gifts from God to us. Through outward, visible signs; the sacraments are channels of God's love and mercy and so they draw us in to the life of the Trinity. They therefore also continue the saving mission and ministry of Jesus Christ in and through His body, the Church. Below is some information on how to make contact regarding the celebration of the sacraments.

BAPTISM: Congratulations! If you would like to arrange preparations and a date for Baptism, please contact the Parish Office.

RCIA: For those enquiring about the Catholic Faith or wishing to complete their sacraments: welcome! Please contact the Parish Office and we will be very glad to help you further.

RECONCILIATION: Celebrated on Saturdays 2.30-3.45 pm in Hudson, before and after Masses in Germantown, or at anytime by appointment. (Note: it is best to call ahead first to check on the availability of a priest)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Priests regularly visit the hospitals, nursing homes and the homebound. Please do contact the Parish Office if you or someone you know is in need of the anointing of sick.

MARRIAGE: Congratulations! So that proper arrangements (paperwork, preparations etc.) can be made, please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Anthony at least six months before the desired date.

VOCATIONS: If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life, please contact Fr. Anthony to share thoughts and prayers further.

READINGS AND HYMNS (HUDSON)

Reading: p. 242 Opening Hymn: # 487 Closing: # 451

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

MONDAY: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin (Nov. 13)

7:15 AM Helen Mills Bruff - Mike & Kathy Nabozny
Carmella Maturi - Kathy & Jim Curcio

TUESDAY: Weekday (Nov. 14)

7:15 AM Samuel Clemants - Charles & Mary Ann Vieni
Lenore Whitbeck - Betty Keeler

WEDNESDAY: Weekday (Nov. 15)

7:15 AM Dec'd. Nabozny & Fedyk Families - Mike & Kathy

Nabozny

John & Helen Halloran - Daughter, Dawn

THURSDAY: Weekday (Nov. 16)

7:15 AM Thomas Nanke - Joann Thulen
Mary Jane Fisher - Jack & Mary Ann Nytransky

FRIDAY: St. Elizabeth of Hungary (Nov. 17)

7:15 AM Leo & Viola Pulcher - Family
(HUD) John C. Halloran - Mr. & Mrs. Robert Donahue
9:00 AM Elizabeth Nanke - Joann Thulen
(G'TWN) Felix & Edith Krein - David & Mary Krein

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: (Nov. 18)

4:00 PM Mr. & Mrs. Anthony D'Onofrio - Daughters
(HUD) Philip L. & Ada C. Grand - Family
Gail Marie Gabriele - Ron & Arlene Gabriele
5:30 PM Antonina Piszak - David & Lucy Krein & Family
(G'TWN) John Griffin - Joanne Walker
Living & Deceased of Parish

SUNDAY MORNING MASS: (Nov. 19)

9:00 AM Salvatore L. Alessi - Mom & Dad
(HUD) John & Eva Pankoski - Granddaughter ,
Marlene &

Charles Poliski

Edward Kealy - Janet Kealy

Readings for the Week of November 12

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2-8/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/
Mt 25:1-13
Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-10/Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Wis 7:23—8:1/Ps 34:2-3, 16-19/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175/
Lk 17:20-25
Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-5ab/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/
Lk 18:1-8
Dedication: Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/Ps 98:1-6/Mt 14:22-33
Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-5/1 Thes 5:1-6/

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