Class on Southern Italian Folk Customs

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Knights of Columbus Mid Winter Concert

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Church Budget Envelope and Mailing Company

Some of you may be aware of delays in the offering envelope mailings over the past couple months. Due to supply chain and the inability to add employees at the rate necessary has created a slow draw on production and shipping. Recently both of those issues have been solved. However, the “catchup” would jeopardize long term delivery.

In order to get back to expected levels of timely deliveries, we are forced to suspend the production of your February envelopes. The offering envelopes will resume first Sunday in March.

If you do not have an envelope for Sunday’s, put in a regular envelope and please write your name on the envelope.

Confirmation Sacramental Prep

February 12th, Grade 10, Final Confirmation Session, 6/Mk 6:30-34
February 9th, Grade 11, Final Confirmation Session, 5:18a/Mk 5:1-20
February 5th, Grade 12, Final Confirmation Session, 32/Mk 5:21-43
February 4th, Grade 9, Final Confirmation Session, 10:33-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6

Healing Mass

Healing Mass with Praise and Worship will be held on Friday, February 3, 2023 at St. Francis Aloysius Church, 7911- Admiral Peary Highway, Cresson Pa. (Witness talk at 8:00 PM, Mr. David Manos, Associate Director of Penn State University, will be the speaker. Healing Mass at 7:00 PM with Father Julio Rivero TOR.

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In my parents’ bedroom there were on the wall two photos of my mom and dad from their early adulthoods. The photo of my mother entranced me when I was a boy. I loved looking at it, even though I saw her in daily life. Something about that picture captured her perfectly. It was an image of the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength that enveloped me from the start of my life. It was an icon of the woman who fed, taught, and encouraged me. I felt a deep pride that I came from such beauty.

The beatitudes of Jesus are a kind of self-portrait. But it is a strange picture. At first, the blessings of being poor, mourning, and hungering and thirsting for righteousness may seem bizarre or, worse, a religious delusion. Who wants to look like that? But if we look again, we begin to see the characteristics of Jesus’ form. He becomes poor and fills it with his riches for us, he weeps and mourns for us, and so satisfies us. And so on. It’s the way he appears on the cross.

Perhaps we should put on our bedroom room walls the words of the beatitudes next to a crucifix of the Lord. Then we can do what the beatitudes are designed for, to gaze at the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength of Jesus. Then we can do what the beatitudes are designed for, to gaze at the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength that enveloped me from the start of my life. It was an icon of the woman who fed, taught, and encouraged me. I felt a deep pride that I came from such beauty.

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The Blair County Garden Club is hosting a bus trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show on Wednesday, March 8. The bus leaves Lowe’s at 8:30 A.M. (park along the highway side of the lot.) You will leave from the Flower Show at 8:00 P.M. with an approximate return time of 10:30 P.M. There will be no dinner stops either way. If bringing food, no chocolate or orange crackers allowed. Drinks must have a sealed lid. The cost of $100 includes the bus trip, show ticket, and tip for driver. Make checks payable to: Blair Garden Club. Contact Emma Kowalski at 814-932-0375 or 814-942-0202 or at Emma Kowalski, 1722 32nd Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601.

Blessed Candles
A limited number of blessed candles will be available following Mass on Wednesday, the Feast of our Lord’s Presentation. The suggested donation is $5.00.

Blessing of Throats
Throats will be blessed during Mass on Friday, the memorial of St. Blaise. Throats will also be blessed following Masses next weekend.