

Bulletin Announcements

September 2009

ATTENTION BULLETIN EDITORS!

The monthly announcements can be downloaded from your PC

By logging onto the diocesan website at

http://www.diocesepb.org/communications/comm_bulletin.htm

POPE DECLARES YEAR FOR PRIESTS

Pope Benedict XVI has declared a "Year for Priests" which began on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 19, 2009. The year will conclude in Rome with an international gathering of priests with the Holy Father on June 19, 2010. With the announcement of this Year for Priests, the Pope has declared St. John Vianney the Universal Patron of Priests on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the death of the Cure d' Ars. On our Diocesan website you will find resources on how you may prayerfully participate in the activities for the Year for Priests. Please visit www.diocesepb.org. A printable month- to- month calendar has been created which includes a daily name of a Diocesan priest to pray for. We encourage all to pray each day for the Bishop and priests of our Diocese as well as for future vocations! In addition, this website includes a video message from Bishop Barbarito on the occasion of the Year for Priests... (*if you would like to share news about any parish events in support of the Year for Priests with the broader Diocesan community please contact the Office of Communications at awalkenstein@diocesepb.org or 561-775-9529

4TH ANNUAL BLUE MASS

We will never forget...

As the Eighth Anniversary of the horrific attacks on our nation that occurred on September 11, 2001 approaches, the Parish Family of St. Martin de Porres invites you to join their parish family to honor all the brave men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty on that terrible day in our history at our 4th Annual Memorial Blue Mass. The Mass will be celebrated by Most Rev. Gerald M. Barbarito, Bishop of Palm Beach. The Blue Mass refers to the blue uniforms worn by so many public safety personnel. It is meant to honor those who daily protect and serve us. At the Mass, we will remember law enforcement officers, firefighters and emergency rescue personnel who have fallen in the line of duty and pray for the safety of all officers. The tribute will begin at 11:30 AM at St. Martin de Porres Church, 2550 NE Savanna Rd, Jensen Beach, with a Solemn Video and Poetry Presentation which will include Posting of Colors by Honor/Color Guards of Police, Fire and Military Personnel. Bishop Barbarito will celebrate the Solemn Blue Mass at 12:00 PM. Immediately following Mass, all will proceed to a designated area outdoors where the tribute will continue with the traditional "21 Gun Salute" and "Taps". After the tribute, all participants are invited to gather for a luncheon. There will be special performances of patriotic songs by the acclaimed Jensen Beach High School Choir, "Jubilate" and their award winning Marching Band as well as other performers. St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church is proud to offer the *St. Martin the Charitable Scholarship* to a child of a Martin County Law Enforcement Officer, Firefighter or Emergency Recue First Responder will be attending a post-secondary educational institution. Children of New York City emergency personnel who took part in the September 11th rescue efforts are also eligible. The applicant must be a senior graduating from a local high school and will be judged on academic achievement, community service and financial need. The scholarship is funded by the offering taken up at our Blue Mass. Last year we were able to award three \$500 scholarships to local students. Firefighters, police officers and EMT's in Martin County as well as federal, state and local elected officials have been invited to attend. All members of the Diocesan community are invited to prayerfully join

together in remembrance of those who lost their lives on that dreadful day as we continue to pray for peace, protection from evil, and for the men and women who give in service each day in defense of our freedom.

SEMINAR ON POPE JOHN PAUL II'S "THEOLOGY OF THE BODY" FEATURING CHRISTOPHER WEST

The Diocese of Palm Beach Marriage and Family Life Office will host the seminar, "Theology of the Body" on **Friday, September 18th from 7 pm – 9:30 pm and Saturday, September 19th 8:45 am – 4 pm**. The seminar is based on our late and great Holy Father Pope John Paul II's teachings and is set to take place at St. Peter Church in Jupiter. This presentation is for anyone searching for their ultimate purpose in life, as it addresses the most basic truths and questions of human existence. Most of us have heard the "whats" of Catholic teaching, but very few have heard the "whys." With profound insight and humor, West demonstrates that the Church's teaching on sexuality and marriage makes sense, because it resonates with the deepest yearnings of the human heart.

In this presentation you will learn:

- *What it means to be created male and female in God's image
- *How to find and live out authentic happiness
- *How God's mystery is revealed through the body and spousal love...and much more!

As one of the most sought after speakers in the Catholic Church today, Christopher West has delivered over 1,000 public lectures on four continents, in over a dozen countries, and in over 200 American cities. His multiple books, study guides, and audio and video programs also reach an international audience. Christopher appears regularly on EWTN and has been seen by millions defending the faith on Fox News, MSNBC and most recently ABC News Nightline. We are honored to have Christopher West here in Palm Beach. Registration begins June 1st. Cost is \$35 per person (includes materials and meals) Seating is limited. For more information: call Meaghan at 561-803-7692, or e-mail her at dopbnfp@yahoo.com.

Attention Parishes: Downloadable flyer available on the Diocese of Palm Beach website homepage at www.diocesepb.org.

******ATTENTION PASTORS: CALLING YOUR ATTENTION TO BISHOP BARBARITO'S AUGUST 14TH COLUMN WHICH IS POSTED ONLINE IN THE FLORIDA CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER WHICH IT TITLED "THE EUCHARIST: A FAMILY EVENT" -- THIS COLUMN TIES IN BEAUTIFULLY IN PROMOTION OF THIS WONDERFUL EVENT HAPPENING RIGHT HERE IN OUR DIOCESE IN SUPPORT OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE.**

NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE SEPTEMBER 26TH

On September 26, 2009 the Catholic Diocese of Palm Beach will be first United States host of the National Grandparents Pilgrimage consisting of a Mass celebrated by Most Rev. Gerald M. Barbarito, in honor of all grandparents and the special role they play in family life and faith formation. All families are invited to "pilgrim" to the Cathedral for this special Mass scheduled for 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Ignatius Loyola, 9999 N. Military Trail, Palm Beach Gardens, FL. A light reception will follow in the Cathedral Hall. The National Grandparents Pilgrimage supports and encourages grandparents in the transmission of the faith. A Universal Prayer for Grandparents was composed by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI in 2008 for the National Grandparents Pilgrimage which has touched many countries around the world. For more information contact the Office of Marriage and Family Life at 561-775-9557 or visit www.diocesepb.org.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING – 25TH ANNIVERSARY

All are invited to join Bishop Barbarito and the priests, deacons, religious and lay faithful for a Mass of Thanksgiving and Celebration of Our Diversity on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the Diocese of Palm Beach, on Saturday October 24, 2009 at the Palm Beach County Convention Center, West Palm Beach. Mass begins at 11:00 a.m. with light refreshments following the Mass. If parishes are not planning special transportation, attendees are encouraged to carpool. Information about the 25th anniversary of the Diocese is available at www.diocesepb.org

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

The Catholic Diocese of Palm Beach is committed to the safety and protection of all God's precious children in its care. Victims of abuse are encouraged to contact the Diocesan Victim Assistance coordinator to begin necessary emotional, psychological and spiritual healing. The Diocese of Palm Beach Victim Assistance Coordinator, Ms. Theresa Fretterd, can be reached at 561-801-0999. For more information on Diocesan policies and procedures for reporting abuse as well as to view the *Charter for the Protection of Children* please go to www.diocesepb.org and click on "Protection of Children."

