

September 6, 2009

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint John Vianney

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Hello Fellow Parishioners,

Thank you all for your kinds words and cards for the loss of my sister. Equally nice was the congratulations on the birth of our grandchild. I shared this two major events in my family's life because I consider the parishioners of St. John Vianney to be my family also. Christ command us to "Love Thy Neighbor". This is all about being a community and what greater way to worship our Lord than to know your fellow parishioners. We have another upcoming Pot Luck at the end of the month. With the Pot Luck you can sit down and meet your neighbors while enjoying some great food. Our last Pot Luck was a soaring success and we look forward to an even greater attendance at our next one. Each Sunday you also have the opportunity to stop by the snacker table and grab a treat and drink and slow down and meet your fellow believers. Thank you all for being part of St. John Vianney's community. God Bless You and Your Family.

Carl E Beyer

Holy Rosary

20 Minutes before each mass

Holy Masses

Saturday4:00PM

Sunday.....8:00AM

Sunday..... 10:00AM

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday 3:00-3:45PM

Upcoming Events

9/06/09 After 10AM Mass Parent's Religious Education Meeting

9/13/09 After 10AM Mass Religious Education Classes Start

9/27/09 After 10AM Mass Pot Luck

1st Sunday of every month..... Food Collection for St. Felix Pantry

Baptism after the 8:00AM Mass

September 6th

Baby: Emilio Alejandro Padilla

Parents: José Luis & Ivette Padilla

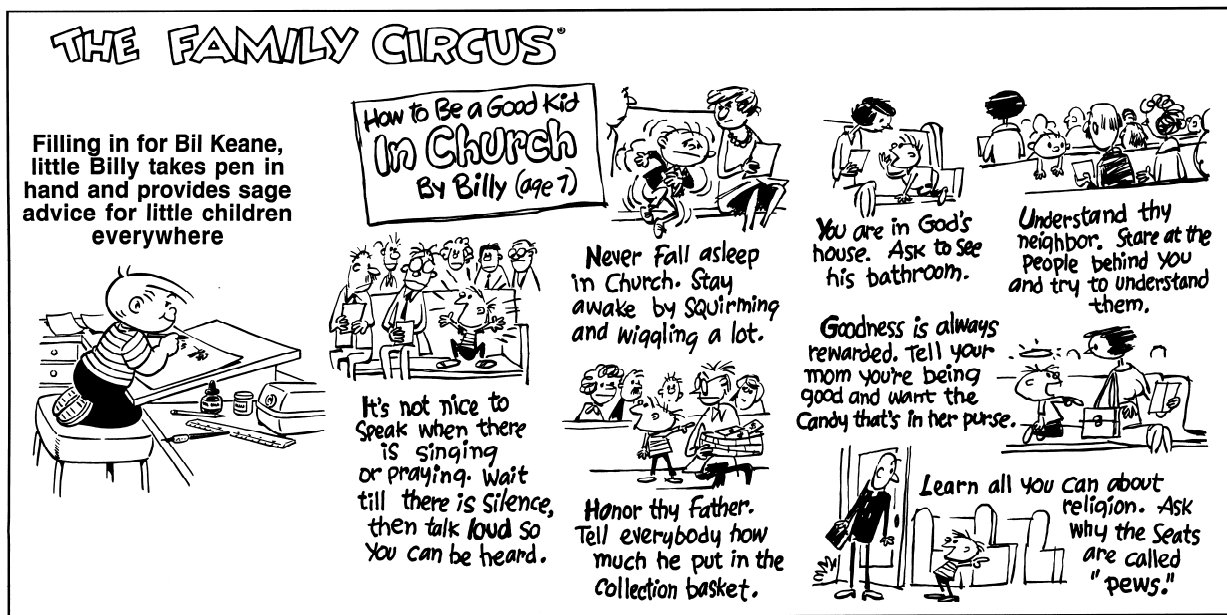
September 13th

Baby: Daniel Logan Schutten

Parents: David & Seveda Schutten

Baby: Analyssa Aaron Shainin

Parents: Donald & Ashley Shainin



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Religious Education Teachers:

Parent's Meeting: 09/06/09 after 10am Mass
Classes Begin: 09/13/09 at 11:15-12:30
Please register if you have not already done so.

Receive our bulletin via eMail

Visit our website at www.sjvnm.org and click on **Subscribe** to be added to the eMailing list.

Send in your new baby pictures, graduation pictures, wedding and/or anniversary pictures for posting in the bulletin. We welcome any community news for sharing with your fellow parishioners.

Thank you for reading our bulletin.

Any suggestions, comments, prayers or articles can be sent to bulletin@sjvnm.org.

We also like to hear about births, baptisms, marriages or other news about our church members.

Patriot Day 2009

Does anyone need me to tell you when this is? Be sure and fly your flag at half-staff on this day. Just shy of 3,000 people were lost on September 11, 2001. That is a day we should never forget. How many are 3,000 people? Just imagine if everyone under 4 years of age disappeared in Rio Rancho. That is 3,000!!! If that does not make you pause to think of the evil done that day then I do not know what will. Pray for God's mercy for all the souls that passed that day. **We remember, we pray, we do not forget.**



KETCHUP

A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup out of the jar. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her 4-year-old daughter to answer the phone. 'Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. She's hitting the bottle.'

Baptism Notice

ALL paperwork **must** be turn in at St. Thomas Aquinas Office on Tuesday before the Sunday for baptism.

MOSES AND THE RED SEA

Nine-year-old Tony was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday School. 'Well, Mom, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt ... When he got to the Red Sea, he had his army build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then he radioed headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved.' 'Now, Tony, is that really what your teacher taught you?' his mother asked. 'Well, no, Mom. But, if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!'

Defending Our Faith - A Series on Apologetics and Evangelization by John Lombardo

Congressional Health Care Plans vs. Catholic Medical Ethics-Part 3- The Death Book Revised

The following is an article I took from The Sunday Journal entitled **Critics' Claims 'Phony'**.

"President Barack Obama is challenging critics of his push to overhaul the health care system to stop making "phony claims" about proposals now the subject of intense coast-to coast debate.

"This is an issue of vital concern to every American, and I'm glad that so many are engaged," Obama said in his weekly radio and Internet address Saturday. "But it should also be an honest debate, not one *dominated by willful misrepresentations and outright distortions, spread by the very folks who would benefit the most by keeping things the way they are.*"(my italics)

"So, today I want to spend a few minutes debunking some of the more outrageous myths circulating on the Internet and town halls across this country," "Obama said the overhaul would not cover...the use of taxpayer dollars to pay for abortions, and he does not intend a government takeover of health care - as critics have claimed..."

"He also took a swipe at "death panels"...As every credible person who has looked into it has said there are no so-called death panels - an offensive notion to me and to the American people," Obama said. "These are *phony claims meant to divide us.*" (my italics)-I.

My purpose in writing this commentary is simply to debunk every challenge this president has made against the right to life. I will discuss our euthanasia problem in both this article and possibly the next. I received an e-mail from Lifenews.com on 8/25/09 entitled "Senator Wants Hearings on Obama Admin Veterans Guide Promoting Euthanasia." Our Veterans Administration (VA) has apparently revived an end-of-life document called "Your Life, Your Choice. which originated in the Clinton administration. The author of this document is a promoter of euthanasia and supported euthanasia in a Supreme Court case.²

The VA is now advocating and using what it calls "the preferred living will throughout its vast network of hospitals and nursing homes". In plain English, the VA is counseling veterans to consider whether they feel they are a burden on their loved ones and therefore "not worth living".
2. When the VA uses its medical staff to "advise" its veterans that they are a burden on their families and therefore consider death over life, you have euthanasia on a grand scale. I had a conversation yesterday with a dear friend , a Korean War veteran with Parkinson's Disease, and his wife, concerning this VA problem since he is a VA patient. They believe as I do that the VA should not have the right to make its veterans feel they are burdens on their family to save some cash.

The VA is an institution of the federal government. As a result it obtains much, if not all, of its funding from the federal government. Therefore, any other federal government agency can do what the VA can do. Ergo, if the federal health plan becomes law it too will have authority to apply limits on who can receive health care, and determine how health care will be applied. This is where abortion comes into play, my next topic.

What is the Church's teaching on extraordinary care of the sick? The Catechism of the Catholic Church provides some general teaching in this area.

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Those whose lives are diminished or weakened deserve special respect. Sick or handicapped persons should be helped to lead lives as normal as possible. 3.

Whatever its motives and means, direct euthanasia consists in putting an end to the lives of the handicapped, sick, or dying persons. It is morally unacceptable.

Thus an act or omission which of itself or by intention, causes death in order to eliminate suffering constitutes a murder gravely contrary to the dignity of the human person and to the living God, his creator. The error of judgment into which one can fall in good faith does not change the nature of this murderous act, which must always be forbidden and excluded. 4.

Discontinuing medical procedures that are burdensome, dangerous, extraordinary, or disproportionate to the expected outcome can be legitimate; it is the refusal of "over-zealous" treatment. Here one does not will to cause death; one's inability to impede it is merely accepted. The decisions should be made by the patient if he is competent and able or, if not, by those legally entitled to act for the patient, whose reasonable will and legitimate interests must always be respected. 5.

Even if death is thought immanent, the ordinary care owed to the sick person cannot be legitimately interrupted. The use of painkillers to alleviate the suffering of the dying, even at the risk of shortening their days, can be morally in conformity with human dignity if death is not willed as either an end or a means, but only foreseen and tolerated as inevitable. Palliative care is a special form of disinterested charity. As such it should be encouraged. 6.

Pope John Paul The Great made it clear that feeding tubes should be considered ordinary care so long as they serve their intended purpose:

The administration of water and food, even when provided by artificial means, always represents a natural means of preserving life, not a medical act. Its use, furthermore, should be considered, in principle, ordinary and appropriate, and as such morally obligatory insofar as and until it is seen to have attained its proper finality, which in the present case consists in providing nourishment to the patient and alleviation of his suffering. 7.

1. The Sunday Journal, August 23, 2009, by Darlene Superville, The Associated Press

2. Lifenews.com, August 24, 2009, by Steven Ertelt, Editor

3. CCC, 2276

4. CCC, 2277

5. CCC, 2278

6. CCC, 2279

7. Address by Pope John Paul II - International Congress on Life-Sustaining Treatments and Vegetative State: Scientific Advances and Ethical Dilemmas (March 20,2004) -noted in Lifenews.com, Aug.24, 2009, by Steven Ertelt, Editor

The Helpers of God's

Precious Infants



JOIN US FOR THE 3RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE HELPERS OF GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS

*Monthly Mass and Procession
Saturday, September 12, 2009
With Fr. Stephen Imbarrato*

*Mass begins: 8:00am
Followed by Exposition of
The Blessed Sacrament*

*San Ignacio Church
1300 Walter St. NE
Albuquerque*

*Procession to nearby abortion mill
Return to church for Benediction*

*Pot luck social to follow in
the park across the street
from the church.*

*Call Project Defending Life
at 266-4100
for more information or go to
www.defendinglife.org*

Bring your family and friends to this peaceful and prayerful event.

	Sacristans	Ushers	EM of Holy Communion	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors
Sat Sep 5th 4:00PM	David Crawford	Therese Lopez Phillip Griego Juan Serna	George Parascandola	Anna Sellman	Josh Storms Chase McMillan	Bill McCarty Pam McCarty
Sun Sep 6th 8:00AM	Julie Burnside	David Schutten John Christensen Tom Anderson James Sandoval	Eddie Crespín	Sheila Howard	Peter Lucero Charles Lucero Albert Ibarra	Julie Burnside April McClellan
Sun Sep 6th 10:00AM	Margaret Chavez	Tony Quinones Aaron Quinones Gary Vigil Nick Coca III	Jose Guillen Margaret Chavez Geri Hoover	Rochelle Quinones	Amanda Vigil Gary Vigil Rocky Peyton Jordan Juarez	Rochelle Quinones Connie Dudon
Sat Sep 12th 4:00PM	David Crawford	Ed Uhrich Bill Deneen Frank Charles	Esther Wilcox	Mary McMillian	Chase McMillan Emilio Crespín	David Crawford Peggy Riley
Sun Sep 13th 8:00AM	Julie Burnside	James E Dory Karl Lucero Jim Cutler Eddie Crespín	David Schutten	Frances Perko	Sergio Guillen Albert Ibarra Delaney Kast	Jose Guillen Geneva Torres
Sun Sep 13th 10:00AM	Geri Hoover	Tony Quinones Ariana Eck Juan Serna Mike Philbin	Loretta Tafuro April McClellan John Lombardo	Pinky Bjornstad	John Reynolds Jen Reynolds Jessica VLS Jamie VLS	Pinky Bjornstad Michael Tafuro

Prayer Corner

Let us join as a community in prayer for our fellow parishioners and/or their family members.

- ◆ For the soul of Sgt. Joseph “Joe” Anthony Harris and for his family members. (7/22)
- ◆ For the soul of Bill Rounds, and for his wife, Vickie, healing and peace. (9/03)
- ◆ For Fr. Whorton on his deployment, and his family, that they all remain under God's loving care. (Till he returns)
- ◆ For the strength and courage of the disabled, sick, elderly, and dying
- ◆ For our country leaders to make the right decision for the well being of our country.
- ◆ For guidance to our leaders for the removal of the stain of abortion from our country.
- ◆ All our brave men and women of the world keeping their country free.
- ◆ For the lonely that they find comfort in the heart of Our Blessed Mother Mary as she too suffered the loneliness of Christ's death.

Prayers are kept on the list for a month then need to be resubmitted.

Thank you for your prayers.

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