September 9, 2007

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year “C”

Music
(All songs from Breaking Bread, 2007)
Gathering Hymn:
(# 369) City of God
Responsorial Psalm:
(Psalm 19) Lord You Have the Words
Preparation of the Gifts:
(# 394) Open My Eyes
Communion:
(# 518) Only this I Want
Recessional:
(# 514) All That is Hidden

Today’s Readings:
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wisdom: 9:13-18b
Philemon: 9-10, 12-17
Luke 14:25-33

Next Week’s Readings:
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Exodus: 32:7-11, 13-14
I Timothy: 1:12-17

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 3:45—4:10 pm and Sunday 3:30—3:45 pm University Chaplain’s Office (Rooke Chapel) or by appt. with Fr. Michael (7-3766) fr.michael.letteer@bucknell.edu

CCM INSIGHTS
Students, faculty or staff who are interested in receiving CCM Insights, a spiritual column by Fr. Michael sent via email twice a week, please e-mail ccm@bucknell.edu and ask to be added to the list.

Looking for Something to Do?

CCM Thursday Nights
Mass @ 5:30 pm, Dinner @ 6:00 pm, and Soul Smorgasbord @ 7:00 pm
Start the school year on the right foot and meet the upper class members of CCM! Join us for some great food cooked by students followed by Soul Smorgasbord, a discussion group lasting about 30 minutes. We average 80-100 students in attendance. Dinner is free and you can come for all three events or just for dinner. No RSVP is necessary—bring your friends! See you every THURSDAY for Dinner at Newman House—the Home of CCM!

Saturday Brunch Group
Saturday mornings this semester Father Michael will be joining us for brunch Saturday mornings at 10:30 in the Bostwick Cafeteria. Everyone is welcome to come. So if you happen to be up in the morning and everyone else is still in bed from a late night of studying, join us for a meal.

Wednesday Night Discussion Group
The Catholic Life Group will be meeting again this semester on Wednesday nights. The meetings will be held in the Newman house at 9:00 pm. This is a student-led group that deals with the challenges of living the faith at Bucknell. The meetings were great last year, and we hope to continue their success.

CCM Calendar
Thursday, 9/13—Spiritual Life & Evangelization Committee Fun Night, 7:00pm, Newman House
Saturday, 9/15—Admissions Day I
Friday, 9/28—Men’s Retreat, 5:00—9:00ish
Thursday, 10/4—Directors Meeting, 12:00 noon, LC 246
Saturday, 10/6—Community Service: Carmelite Apple Orchards, Carmelite Monastery, Elysburg
Sunday, 10/7—Respect Life Sunday
**Weekly Masses are at Newman House Chapel, 610 Saint George Street**

**Monday, September 10, 2007**  
Weekday  
8:00 am—Mass, Newman House  
[Special Intention]

**Tuesday, September 11, 2007**  
Weekday  
8:00 am—Mass, Newman House  
[Special Intention]

**Wednesday, September 12, 2007**  
Weekday  
The Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
No Mass

**Thursday, September 13, 2007**  
John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor of the Church  
No Mass  
6:00 pm—CCM Dinner Night, Newman House  
7:00 pm—Soul Smorgasbord, Newman House

**Friday, September 14, 2007**  
The Exaltation of the Cross  
No Mass

**Saturday, September 15, 2007**  
Our Lady of Sorrows  
4:30 pm—Mass, Rooke Chapel  
[Special Intention]

**Sunday, September 16, 2007**  
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
4:00 pm—Mass, Rooke Chapel  
[Special Intention]  
10:00 pm—Mass, Hunt Hall Formal  
[Special Intention]

**CCM Announcements**

**Sports & Special Events**  
Are you on a sports team or involved in any special events or organizations? Father Michael would like to try to attend some of the events. Email Fr. Michael to let him know!  
ccm@bucknell.edu

**Service**  
If you are interested in setting up for mass, becoming a greeter, Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, lector, altar server, cantor, member of the choir, instrumentalist, pianist, or organist, please email ccm@bucknell.edu this week or call Father Michael at 7-3766. We look forward to hearing from you!

**A Note From Father Michael**

How much does it cost to be a Catholic? There are many different costs. For some reason, people always seem to be wary of Catholics, as if we always have something sinister up our sleeve. We must suffer from the misunderstanding and condescension of others. Another cost is the commitment that we have to become virtuous and holy. And our virtue cannot be simply the usual virtues of this world. Loyalty to the Church means no sex outside of marriage. It means no artificial birth control. It means dedication to social justice. It means that we try to treat everyone as if he were Christ himself. There are costs of inconvenience: We must worship God each Lord’s Day at Mass. We must tithe -- or more than tithe -- we must put God first even in the disposition of our income.

Other costs are suggested by today’s readings: One of the costs is “unanswerable questions.” Another big cost is a struggle against some of the “sacred cows” of society. Philemon is asked to go completely against the customs of society. That is a big cost. But we Christians in the modern world are asked to do the same: The world preaches condoms as protection against AIDS and STDs. We must preach only purity and chastity; we cannot use immoral means even to a good end. Sexual promiscuity pervades every aspect of our society. We must say “no” by the way we live: By turning off that TV show which is delightful, but which is immoral...By refusing to go to those movies which violate our consciences....By refusing to buy products whose advertising promotes sex, violence, and even abortion.....By refusing to patronize businesses which pay low levels of wages even when that may benefit us! And on. And on.

If we are truly serious about following Christ, the cost is that we must constantly struggle against the ingrained customs of society. It doesn’t mean that we’ll be politically radical. It does mean that somehow we must be different. If a person doesn’t notice our faith by the way we live, we probably need to ask ourselves if we are following Christ.

**Special Note From Father Michael**

This coming week I will be leading a group of friends and family on a special pilgrimage to Poland. I will be leaving on Wednesday and returning the following weekend. While in Poland I will be following the footsteps of Pope John Paul II and many saints. CCM and the Bucknell community will be in my personal prayers as I celebrate Mass in places with great historical significance to our faith. I ask for your prayers for safety and spiritual renewal. During this time the Newman House will be on a different schedule in terms of Daily Mass and when Newman House is open in the evenings.

Next weekend we are most fortunate to have several priests who will be coming to Bucknell to lead the celebration of Mass in my absence. Fr. Dominic Mammarella will be here for the Sat., 4:30pm Mass, Fr. Fred Burns, O.S.B. will be here for the Sun. 4:00pm Mass, and I am proud to announce that Fr. Marty will come back to celebrate the 10:00pm Mass in Hunt Hall. I thank you in advance for the warm hospitality that you will extend to these priests.