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CHURCH BULLETIN – Febr. 10, 2013 - 5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Put out into deep water!”

Readings: Is 6.1-2,3-8 1Cor 15.1-11
 Lk 5.1-11

Responsorial Psalm: „*Before the Angels
I sing your praise, O Lord*” (Ps. 138)

WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:

9:00 †szeretteik (Ilonka és családja)

11:00 az egyházközség (plébános)
Nikolas születésnapja (család)

Gábor Lascsák család (Sándor Margit)

†Nigriny Mária (családja)

†dr. Kienle Ernő (Csida Sándor és Zsóka)

†Kis Ferenc (Magyaródy és Jeney családok)

†Kolmann László (leánya és családja)

†Kapunári Cecília (Fodor Irén)

†nagy szülők, Padányi Mária és József (Borúss Éva)

†édesanya (leánya, Ildikó és családja)

†Szilárd István

†Antal Zsuzsanna (szülei, testvérei és családjaik)

†Rády-Péntek Zsuzsa (Nancy Frankovic)

†Hedley Margit, évf. (lánya, Koszak Éva)

†szülők (Teréz)

†Zydrón László, születésnap (családja)

†Navratil István (testvérei)

Monday (11) Our Lady of Lourdes

7:30 thanksgiving, recovery of Jonathan Paul
the intention of the Jesuit General

the repose of the souls of Erna and John Adams

Tuesday (12)

7:30 the special intention of Fr. Fred Foley
the souls suffering in purgatory (Szendi Ica)

our †Jesuits

7 PM Cursillo

Ash Wednesday (13)

7:30 Jesuit vocations
the special intention of Ilona Kauffmann Mali

7 PM béke a Kárpát-medencében

Thursday (14) Saint Cyril and Saint Methodius

7:30 world peace
the special intentions of Marriage Encounter 6

Friday (15) Saint Claude La Colombière SJ

7:30 end of abortion

†Cecelia Lee (Joanna)

the repose of the souls of Antonio and Guia Zarate

Saturday (16)

7:30 Etelka and Pál

†Ken Muto and Danny de la Cruz

3:00 Roma Hungarians in Toronto

Funeral: Kapuvári Cecília (90)

PARISH EVENTS

February 16 No Hungarian School and Scouts **17** Married Couples Club Cabbage Rolls Sale **18** Parish Family Day in the Hall and Gym between 10 AM - 4 PM **23** Student Mass of the Hungarian School at 11:45 **24** Schnitzel and Bake sale of Caritas **March 3** Lángos sale **6** All Day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament **9** Day Time Savings begins **❖** March Break – No Hungarian School and Scouts **10** Bake Sale to support the orphans of Fr. Böjte **❖** Trip of the Altar Servers to Omnimax, Science Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ To order cabbage rolls sold on February 17th, please call Emma Varga at 416-225-9024.

❖ Everyone is invited to our **Parish Family Day** in the Hall and Gym between 10 AM - 4 PM on Monday, February 18th. Bring your family and relax a little in the midst of this February Winter! The program is similar to the previous years: games and activities for kids and adults (Pictionary, Play dough, Musical Chairs, Puzzle, painting, etc.), puppet show, folk dancing, trivia questions, volleyball, basketball, soccer, ping-pong. Lunch: Potluck style, please bring lots of food for all those hungry kids!

❖ **LENTEN LISTENING: A Busy Person's Retreat.** Beginning Ash Wednesday, February 13, 6:30pm - 9:00pm, at Regis College, 100 Wellesley St, Toronto. Faith Connections, Regis College, and the Toronto Area Vocation Directors Association invite young adults (18-39) to experience the gift of Spiritual Accompaniment this Lent! The retreat will begin and

end with a group gathering. In the six weeks between these gatherings, you will be invited to meet with a spiritual companion in your area 3 times for 1 hour. Cost: \$25. Please register by February 6. To register or for more information call Héctor Acero Ferrer at 416-467-2645 or visit www.faithconnections.ca

❖ FATHER RON ROLHEISER, OMI will preach a **retreat weekend** for men and women on the theme "Solitude and Prayer" at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, 1617 Blythe Road, in Mississauga on February 15-17. For information or reservation please call 905-278-5229.

Pre-Lenten festivals and Ash Wednesday

Wednesday next week is Ash Wednesday, in the Western Church the first day of Lent, the 40-day period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline before Easter. On Ash Wednesday, ashes are blessed, mixed with either holy oil or water, and placed upon the head with the sign of the cross, or sprinkled on the forehead. The ashes are made from burning palm branches blessed the previous year on Palm Sunday. When the priest imposes the ashes he says either "*remember man you are dust, and to dust you will return*" (see Genesis 3:19), or "*turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel*" (Mark 1:15).

The ashes serve a dual purpose. First, as the above words imply, we are reminded of our mortality and humanity as we begin the Lenten Fast. Second, the ashes are a Biblical symbol of repentance, sorrow, and humility. There are many cases in the Scriptures of wearing ashes as a sign of penitence, often while wearing sackcloth. In 2Samuel 13:19, Tamar puts on ashes and tears her clothes as a sign of sadness and repentance. In Esther 4:1-3, after learning of the king's decree to kill all Jews, Mordecai tears his garments, and puts on sackcloth and ashes. His fellow Jews do the same thing, as well as beginning to fast. The prophet Jeremiah (6:26) urges his readers to "gird on sackcloth and roll in ashes."

The traditional carnival celebrations which precede Lent in many cultures have become associated with the season of fasting if only because they are a last opportunity for excess before Lent begins. The most famous pre-Lenten carnival in the world is celebrated in Rio de Janeiro; other famous Carnivals are held in Trinidad & Tobago, Venice, Cologne, Mobile, AL and New Orleans. It is known by the name Mardi Gras, Shrove Tuesday, Fat Tuesday, or Húshagyó Kedd in Hungarian.

Carnival (farsang in Hungary) starts with Epiphany and lasts until Ash Wednesday, but is especially festive from the Sunday before Ash Wednesday until

Tuesday evening, which is generally called the "tail of Farsang" (*Farsang Farka*). This is one of the joyful holidays of spring, which had overcome winter, cold, and darkness.

At the end of Carnival the names of those girls who had not succeeded in getting married were shouted out. The young men, amidst a great deal of noise, recited different songs and rhymes in front of the houses where such girls lived:

In the western part of the linguistic region, the custom of stump dragging (*tuskóhúzás*) falls at the end of Carnival, a mocking ceremony organized by the young men. An 1820 description says as follows: "In the past, on Ash Wednesday, in Hungary, those marriageable girls who had not got married during the days of farsang were made to drag tree stumps like some unbroken mares." In some parts of the Great Plain the young men raised a great clamour with pots and pieces of iron under the window of the girl and shouted the following:

*Pancake Day! Shrove Tuesday!
Some girls would now maidens stay.
Those who have a girl to wed,
Lead her to the herd instead.*

Alongside the great many mummeries of Carnival there also occur the customs of driving out evil and working magic on the crop. At such times they threaten the fruit trees with an axe that if they do not yield enough, they will cut them down.

At the northern edge of the linguistic region the *kiszehajtás* comes about at the end of winter and beginning of spring, generally on Palm Sunday. The word *kisze* originally means a typical Lenten food: sour fruit- or bran-soup, which people became very tired of through the winter and want to get rid of. The girls dress up a straw doll in the clothes of a young wife who was married in the previous year (this symbolizes the *kisze*) and carry it singing to the nearest river, stream, or lake. They take the clothes off the straw doll and throw the doll into the water. At this time they foretell the marriages, of those present from where and how the water carries the straw and doll.

They ridiculed the young wife who had refused to give her clothes. They also believed that by taking the *kisze* out they put a stop to illness and fog. There are also data showing that at some places they burned the straw doll instead of throwing it in the water:

*Kisze burns, it burns anew,
Wisps of smoke a-twining;
Spring is near, the sky is blue,
Warm the sun is shining.
When its smoke does disappear,
Frosty fogs we need not fear:
Spring is come and stayeth here.*