23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Sept. 4, 2016

Celebrates the Canonization of
Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta
1910-1997
LATIN ARCHDIOCESE OF TRIVANDRUM, INDIA  
Archbishop’s house, Vellayambalam, P.O. Box 805  
Trivandrum, Kerala, India - 695003  

August 21, 2016

Rev. Fr. Joseph J. Quindlen  
Epiphany of Our Lord  
3050 Walton Road  
Plymouth Meeting, PA - 19462

Our Dear Friends and Benefactors Rev. Fr. Joseph J. Quindlen, the pastor,  
Fr. James Kelly and Parishioners,

It is with immense gratitude that I write this letter. Thanks so very much for  
everything you have done to make my visit a successful one. I did enjoy every bit of  
my short visit in the parish: Beautiful Church, devotional liturgy and music, friendly  
atmosphere, lively community and great hospitality of you and your people! It was  
indeed a relaxing and prayerful weekend for me!

Allow me also to sincerely thank you and your parishioners for the generous  
sacrifice you would be making in the Appeal collection in support of our mission  
diocese. However helpless we are to repay you for your kindness, we pray that the  
good Lord bless you and reward your missionary zeal.

Dear Rev. Father Quindlen, the appeal was successful only because of your personal  
interest and repeated Ads. You are so faithful and committed to your parish  
community. Your deep love for mother Theresa and great desire to support the  
missions is much appreciated. Your loving faithful are very mission-minded and are  
so kind to me. Thanks again for providing me with everything I needed: very  
comfortable room, delicious dinner, inspiring conversations, generous gift. Your  
simplicity and commitment, approachability and friendliness, your love for the  
parishioners, have touched me. For everything the faithful of Trivandrum are  
grateful to you. Kindly give my sincere regards and prayers to father James Kelly.

May I also ask you to convey our gratitude to your parishioners, if possible,  
through the bulletin?  

Appreciating all that you have done to assist our fishermen community we are,  

Latin Archdiocese of Trivandrum  
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Prayer on the Canonization of Blessed Mother Teresa

O Living God, who uses the weak to lead the strong, who casts down the mighty and lifts up the lowly, the Church rejoices at the canonization of Holy Mother Teresa of Calcutta. By her humble service to the Poorest of the Poor, and staunch defense of unborn human life, she became a bastion for the culture of life. We ask, O Lord, that her heavenly intercession and earthly example continue to bless the world, now and forever.

Amen.

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Parish Office Closed
The Parish Office will be closed Monday, Sept. 5, in observance of Labor Day.

New Member Orientation Sessions
An Orientation Session for new Parish Finance Council members will be held Thursday, Sept. 8, at 7 p.m. in the rectory dining room. An Orientation Session for new Parish Pastoral Council members was held Tuesday, Aug. 30, at 7 p.m.

Black and Indian Missions Appeal
The second collection next weekend, Sept. 10-11, will be in support of the Black and Indian Missions.

Blessing of a Parish Council
Sunday, Sept. 11, at the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

Mass of Thanksgiving for the Canonization of Mother Teresa
St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Schwenksville, invites you to celebrate the Canonization with a special Mass on Sunday, Sept. 11, at noon followed by refreshments. For more information, call (610) 287-2525 x104 or send an email to badmin@stteresacalcutta.com.

Bob Koneski Memorial Golf Outing
Support Holy Rosary Regional Catholic School on Friday, Sept. 23. Golf starts at 10:30 a.m. at Meadowlands Country Club. BBQ starts at 5:30 p.m. at Mermaid Lake. Cost for both is $135; BBQ only is $35. Visit bkgolfouting.com to register. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Contact Chris Koneski at (610) 547-6194.

Youth Group Kick Off
Our first youth night is Sunday, Sept. 25, 6:45-9 p.m. in the Parish Center. Come out to hear about how members have experienced God this summer in their adventures to Steubenville, World Youth Day, and more! For more information, contact Kevin Kozeniewski at ymmin@eol.comcastbiz.net.

Order Form—Please Print

| Name:_________________ | Phone: ____________________ |
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| Total Amount Enclosed (number x 14)=_____________ |

Cake Choice | Quantity | Cake Choice | Quantity
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Van w/o icing | ____ | Marble w/o icing | ____
Van w/ vanilla | ____ | Marble w/ vanilla | ____
Van w/ choc. | ____ | Marble w/ choc. | ____

Thank you!
Homily by Fr. Raju Pilla—Missionary Cooperation Appeal
8-21-2016

In 1981 after my ordination my Bishop sent me to a village which had 10 mission churches. One day an elderly widow by name Myriam approached me with her three daughters and six grand children for some assistance to put up a small hut. They were all abandoned by their husbands. Unable to respond to their need I wrote to a priest friend of mine, then, working in Michigan. He sent me $200. In the letter followed he said, $50 was the gift of two school boys who saved that money for the missions by selling news papers. Thereafter I was sent to a fishing village which had two churches with three thousand families. One evening this young widow Beena came to me with her two kids crying. She just lost her husband while he was going for fishing. That happened during monsoon. The sea was so rough and dangerous. Despite the warning from the weather man he was forced to go for fishing by the hungry faces of his children. The family lost the only breadwinner in the sea waves. These kinds of accidents and requests are ordinary in my mission diocese. By the grace of God we do find sponsors from your great nation in support of these victims.

However, since the Tsunami hit many of our fishing villages, life changed for these fishermen. We lost many lives, homes and fishing equipments. As a community we are still struggling to help these fishermen to put their lives together and move on.

I have here to personally thank you for the outpouring of love and compassion you had shown at the time Tsunami to assist our people. I have come to thank you for all that you have been doing, year after year, to support various missionary groups. Your sacrifices, even the little ones, mean so much to us. And we are deeply grateful to you, to your families, to your Archbishop, to the Director of the Propagation of faith and in particular, to your loving pastor Father Joseph Quindlen for giving us this opportunity to address your congregation.

My diocese, Trivandrum, situated in the southern part of India, in the State of Kerala, has about 270,000 Catholics. 90% of our people are, by occupation, ill-equipped traditional fishermen and 10% are farm workers. Our ancestors were converted to Christianity by the toils and prayers of St. Francis Xavier 460 years ago, at a time when caste system was so prevalent in India and our people were not allowed to worship God. At this time of caste discrimination, the Christian understanding of God, religious freedom and equality, preached by St. Francis Xavier appealed to my people so much so the entire villages accepted Christian faith. Today everyone in these villages is Catholic.

Majority of our fishermen live in small clustered thatched huts along the coastal belt of Arabian Sea in an atmosphere of malnutrition, under nourishment and unhygienic conditions. These villages are densely populated- in one square mile there live more than 3000 families- in small huts. Their main means of livelihood is fishing. Poor they are, many fishermen cannot afford to have mecha- nized boats for fishing. So, six nights in a week these fishermen go deep into the Arabian sea in primitive sailboats, regardless of thunder, rain and lightning, whether they get fish or not, spend the whole night in the sea fishing, and come back to the shore next day morning. Then their catch is taken to market for sale by their wives and grown up daughters.

Fishing is seasonal only for seven months. Lack of resources and the scarcity of alternative employment make their lives miserable. Many days the children go to bed hungry. Added to that, during monsoon, the torrential rain washes away many homes from the shore, while the unbearable heat of the summer burn down several huts. This repeats every year. During these natural calamities, they are at the mercy of the state and religious organizations for their food and shelter. People being poor economically are backward educationally.
At the same time, faith life is thriving in my diocese thanks to your continued sacrifices and prayers for the missions. Nearly 90% of our faithful frequent Sunday Masses; every week almost 2600 Basic Christian communities gather in their neighborhood to study the scripture, to pray together and to find ways and means to support one another. The surplus of priests, religious and seminarians is a sign of increasing vocations to religious life. But often we are forced to turn down vocations because we lack funds to train them. The increasing number of new converts from low caste Hindus adds up our burden to establish local Churches, and to renovate the old church buildings that were built by foreign missionaries.

After the Tsunami my bishop started two Schools with the intention of providing up to High school education, with free food and lodge, selecting 40 boys and 40 girls every year, who are the brightest but the poorest, most of whom are the children of fishermen and widows. It is becoming increasingly a challenge for us to support these children with food and lodge! Wouldn’t you come to our aid?

In our missionary journey when we find our paths thorny, our future gloomy, when the widows come and knock at our doors with their kids for a pair of clothes to cover their nakedness, or for a few grains of rice to feed them in their hunger or for a few dollars to purchase note books to send them to school, we stand helpless. We could often get tempted to ignore these normal requests considering our inconveniences. Those are the times as we are reminded in today's scripture that kingdom of God is open to all, and everyone has to strive to enter it through the narrow gate, by disciplining ourselves in our faith, remaining committed to our Christian call. Since we are not strong enough, we need help from God and from the community. “Whatever we do to the least of our brethren we do to Jesus, and his promise that he will be with us till the end of time to support us, makes us persevere in our struggles. Moreover, our hope and faith in you that we are not alone in this journey, you our brothers and sisters in this country do care about us, adds to our strength. You give us hope to carry on Jesus’ mission among our people! At times I wonder if you stop helping the missions, how would they survive?

So may I request that you make a one-time sacrifice according to your means, may be one meal of your family, with 40 dollars you could pay one month expense of a seminarian, or one month expense of a girl or boy in this high school, with $125 one month expense of a priest. Whatever you contribute would be a great blessing to us. Thank you for your generosity. Thank you for your prayers. In return we have nothing to offer you materially except our continued prayers and gratitude, and the Gospel promise: that you are fortunate because the poor cannot repay you. But the repayment will be done when the virtuous rise again.
Catholic Charities Appeal Update

We’re over half-way there!
Archdiocesan Goal $ 15,000,000
EOL Goal: $ 95,031
As of 8/26/2016 $ 76,073
Percentage of goal 80%
Number of Gifts 279
Thank you for your generosity to the appeal!

Boy Scout Troop 117
Troop 117 meets **Thursdays year round** at 7 p.m. in the Holy Rosary School Gym.
Contact the Scoutmaster: Roger Milton—rgm1@msn.com; Visit: http://www.troop-117.net. For cub scouts: https://beascout.scouting.org/.

Electronic Giving
Simply fill out the form, available at http://epiphanyofourlord.com. Select E-Giving from the Supporting the Parish drop down menu, print, complete and return to the parish office.

From the Pastor:
“O God, Creator of all things, who have commanded the human race to bear the burden of labor, grant that the work we are beginning may bring progress in this life and, by your favor, advance the spread of the Kingdom of Christ.”
—Mass for the Sanctification of Human Labor

From the Children:
Helped my mom change the baby’s diapers.
Cleaned up my toys. Cleared my dishes after dinner.
Made sure my cat had a good first birthday.

Mass Intentions
Memorial Day, Monday, Sept. 5
9:00 a.m. – Joseph Mirabile

Tuesday, Sept. 6
8:30 a.m. – Nicholas Maiale

Wednesday, Sept. 7
8:30 a.m. – Maryanne Koehler

Thursday, Sept. 8
8:30 a.m. – Carlotta Talarico

Saturday, Sept. 10
8:30 a.m. – James Goering

Adoration Chapel Votive Candles are Dedicated for:
- Sept. 4
  - Maryanne Koehler
  - Josephine Parker
  - Anthony Vigna

Wedding
Congratulations and prayerful best wishes
to the families of
Judeth Macrina
Robert Smith
who were married Saturday, Aug. 13

Back to School Prayer
Lord God, your Spirit of wisdom fills the earth and teaches us your ways. Look upon these students. Let them enjoy their learning and take delight in new discoveries. Help them to persevere in their studies and give them the desire to learn all things well. Look upon these teachers. Let them strive to share their knowledge with gentle patience and endeavor always to bring the truth to eager minds. Grant that students and teachers alike may follow Jesus Christ, the way, the truth, and the life, for ever and ever. Amen.
Book of Blessings, 529.

Stewardship is a way of life.
Tithing is God’s Plan for Giving.
Our Sunday Offering 8/21 $ 10,087
Last Year’s Offering $ 10,841
Children’s Offering $ 21.12
Catholic University $ 805
Thank you for your continued support!

Pregnancy Hotline
Pregnant and need help? Call the hotline at 610-626-4006, 24/7, for assistance with pro-life options, supportive counseling and other resources.

Please Pray For The Sick
Miriam Beaumont*
Walter Bohn
Bartholomew Cahan
Maureen Cahan
Stacy Callahan, 8ys old
Joseph DeLuca III
Aubrey Fells
Esperanza Galshack*
Christopher Greuters, 7ys old
Steven Hedricks
Mark Hines*
Barbara Jean
Kathy Kane*
John P. Kelly*
Norine Lawlor
Carol Lawrence
Bob Miller
Helen Miller*
Mary Mirabile*
Mike McCullough
Sybil Nahrgang*

Janet O’Connor*
Michael Parrillo
Mary Pizzico*
Margaret Reinehr
Jill Ramos
Gloria Scandale*
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Wowen: 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m.
Saturday: 5 p.m. Vigil; 8:30 a.m.
Sunday: 5 p.m. Vigil, 8:30 a.m., 12:05 & 7 p.m.

Confessions
Saturday: 3:30-4:30 p.m. & by appointment

Parish Office Hours
Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; and, by appointment
Closed for lunch: 12 p.m.-1 p.m.
Saturday: By appointment only
Sunday: By appointment only

A mail slot is located in the parish office front door.

Parish Office Requests
To register in the parish, arrange for a baptism, or request a Certificate of Eligibility for sponsorship at Baptism or Confirmation, contact the parish office during office hours.

Marriage
Notify the priest of your intention to marry at least six months before the date of the wedding to assure sufficient preparation and to arrange for Pre-Cana sessions.

Miraculous Medal—Perpetual Novena
After 8:30 a.m. Mass every Saturday.

Healing Mass
1st Saturday of the month at 8:30 a.m.

Holy Communion for the Sick and Homebound
If you or a member of your family is ill and unable to attend Sunday Mass, our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available to bring Communion to the sick and homebound. Call the Parish Office at (610) 828-8634 and provide the office staff with the name, address and phone number of the sick or homebound parishioner.