

# A Place for Singles Offers Spirituality

By John Dash

Patty Genco is single, a member of a growing group in the Church. And Patty Genco, with the help of Father Robert Werth, is the founder of an organization designed to offer singles social activities with a spiritual edge.

About a year and a half ago, she said last week, the group, Spiritual Singles, was founded. "At that time we decided the purpose of the group would be to offer singles a spiritual and social time together."

"The social events are always planned and thought up by the people in the 40-member group. Everyone is out-going, so we're always game for new things," she said.

"One of the beautiful things about the group is that everyone has different talents and ideas so every month something exciting is planned."

She said that the Lord has given her group a great gift in the friendships that have developed. "A lot of us have been together since the group started and we've been able to see so much of what has happened in each of our lives as far as growing together. When new people come into the group it's a great inspiration to all of us because we're all free to share our gifts as well as the gifts the newcomers have to share with us."



MS GENCO

She singled out a number of persons responsible for encouraging the work of the group, including Sister Kathy Kircher of the Ministry to the Divorced, Separated and Widowed, Frank and Sue Staropoli of the Office of Family Life, and Father Ed Palumbos former associate at the Church of the Annunciation.

"Most of all," she said, "I thank the Lord for the beautiful people who have touched the community." She welcomed any interested single to attend the group's next activity, a Sunset Mass on the beach at Webster Park, Aug. 29; or a special seminar on the Bible the weekend of Sept. 27 and 28 at the Prayer Center of the Sisters of St. Joseph on Mt. Vernon Avenue.

## Insights in Liturgy

### Ordinary Is Extraordinary

By Father Robert J. Kennedy

The "easy livin'" of the Summertime is a season of relaxation, refreshment and reflection. Life has a little slower pace and time is an opportunity for enjoying that life a little more fully. The Church, too, is in that same kind of season: Ordinary

Time. It is a time in the liturgical year, a period that covers almost two thirds of the year, which is outside the "strong seasons" of Advent and Christmas, Lent and Easter.

Without trying to downplay the importance of the Church's major feasts and seasons, the value of this Ordinary Time should not be underestimated. It allows a more "leisurely" celebration of the mystery of Christ in all its fullness, since, like the major seasons it has its own plan and purpose.

The season of Ordinary Time is a system of 34 Sundays, the first few of which run from the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord until Lent and the remaining ones on the Sundays after Pentecost until the Feast of Christ the King.

The readings for these "ordinary" Sundays are in a three-year cycle and are constructed in relationship to the Gospel readings. In Year A, we read Matthew; in Year B Mark, and in Year C (the current cycle), we read Luke. These Gospels are read on a semicontinuous basis, that is, during Ordinary Time, the whole Gospel is read pretty much straight through, with the exception of those passages that are directly related to a particular season. The Old Testament reading is chosen for its relationship to the Gospel and the Responsorial Psalm is a meditation on this first reading. In Ordinary Time, the second reading is generally independent of these other two selections. In this way, the Old Testament and Gospel readings provide one main

### NFP Class Scheduled

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### Singles Picnic

Friends Inc., the singles group sponsored by St. Charles Borromeo Church, has issued an invitation to a "Funday Sunday Picnic" at Webster Park, in Beeches Pavilion, Sunday, August 17. The event begins at noon. Admission is gained by presenting \$3 and a dish to pass. Further information is available by calling Chris, 442-5379.

Sarah Child



All in the Family

### Prefers Clods To Snobs

A book I once read (whose title, author and plot escape me now) had the heroine sneering at a would-be suitor who pretended to be well read. In reality the poor chump studied Bartlett's Quotations every night in order to impress his Lady Fair the next day. When she discovered the truth after some weeks, she gave him his walking papers.

I realized my sympathies lay with the clod and not with the snob as the author intended. I put the book aside unfinished.

I'm sure the author would have sneered at me, too. A penchant for Jane Austen

### 50th Jubilee

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Tuchrelo, of Avenue D in Rochester, celebrated their 50th Anniversary last week. An anniversary dinner was held in their honor at the Candlelight Restaurant with members of the family attending. Mr. Tuchrelo retired from Shuron Optical and Mrs. Tuchrelo retired from Bond's Clothing.

theme for celebration, the New Testament reading an auxiliary theme reflecting the way the early Church understood the living of the Gospel of Christ.

Ordinary Time is deliberately low-key, allowing congregations to focus now on this dimension; now that, of the teaching and ministry of Christ. This variety of passages is set against the background of Sunday, the original and central Christian feast day. Sunday is the Lord's Day, the day of the Resurrection, and, in Ordinary Time, it is the key feast of the week. Thus, the Sundays of Ordinary Time portray the words and work of Christ against the fuller backdrop of his saving death and resurrection, allowing their rich meaning to be intensified.

The season of Ordinary Time presents a challenge to parish liturgy committees. Committees often spend vast amounts of time the "stronger" feasts and seasons which, in many ways, run themselves. This forces a committee and its congregation to bypass some of the rich treasures that might brought forth in Ordinary Time.

With careful prayer and study of the texts from the Lectionary and Sacramentary, adequate preparation of themes based on the readings and the wise selection of the variety of options offered by the Order of the Mass, parishes will have good celebrations that will nourish and foster faith. They will use the ordinary season to grow in extraordinary ways in their knowledge and love of God, and thus will give Him greater glory as they go forth to serve others.

and the claim of reading Pride and Prejudice a dozen times (far short of Sir Walter Scott's record) doesn't disguise the fact that I am heartily grateful that the required reading of school days is far behind me.

That doesn't mean I don't like to appear enlightened, amused, amazed etc. And that's where Bartlett's come in. Ala Sidney Harris I am frequently gratified by discovering some choice bit on my way to looking up something else.

I thought of that nameless heroine the other day as I rifled the pages toward the section on the Bible and stopped inadvertently at page 975.

On this one page alone I sampled enough delights to keep me for a week. There was Fitzgerald's famous remark, along with Hemingway's retort; "The rich are different from us. Yes, they have more money.

This was followed by two phrases I grew up with, though ignorant of their origin, to wit: "We was robbed!" and "I should of

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stood in bed." both attributed to Joe Jacobs, fight manager to Max Schmeling who lost the heavyweight title to Jack Sharkey in 1932.

As if that wasn't enough there were two delightful bits of doggerel, one on Tobacco by Graham Lee Hemminger and another by Dixie Wilson entitled, "Next

Door Dog," whose profound sentiment stirred me far more deeply than Shakespeare ever did. It goes:

"He may look just the same to you, And he may be just as fine, But the next-door dog is the next-door dog. And mine-is-mine!

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