



Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 13, 2008

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

On Sunday April 27, 15 students from our 10th grade class will be Confirmed by Bishop Saltarelli at the 12 Noon Mass. Please remember these students and their families as they prepare for this Sacrament.

The Women's Commission of the Diocese of Wilmington invites you to an afternoon of Prayer, Reflection and Story Telling.

The women of the Bible Alive is a traveling troupe dressed in period costume. They will bring to life the stories of women from the Old and New Testament. Where: Holy Cross Parish S.State Street Dover; When: Saturday May 3, 1:00-4:30 pm; Cost: Free will offering.

We still very much in need for substitutes for the Religious Program on Sunday mornings. Call 656-7185 if you can help.



Emmanuel Dining Room (EDR)—Dinners and Desserts Needed Help St. Joseph's on the Brandywine share Easter joy with the more than 200 people who depend on EDR for their hot meals each day. We need volunteers to cook chicken at home; we need others to prepare boxed stuffing at the Family Center. We also need volunteers to bake or purchase desserts. This month, we'll meet at the Family Center on Friday, April 11, at 8 a.m. Please bring the desserts no later than 9 a.m. Call Jeanne Harkin, 610-388-1845, or Ann Hapka, 610-388-1362, if you have questions



Friendship Coffee

Join us at the Friendship coffee today after the 9 and 10:30 masses. Come catch up on spring activities.



Just Get The Show on the Road!

This month the choir will leave for Italy with Msgr. Rebman as Chaplain April 15-24 with performances in Venice, Florence, Assisi and Rome. A farewell concert is planned this Sunday, April 13th in the church at 2 p.m. Join us. During the absence of the pastor and Fr. Connell's recovery from hospital treatment, Msgr., John Barres will be handling the spiritual needs of the parish.

PASTOR'S NOTES

Known And Loved

Jesus himself knows us in a way that no one else could ever hope to. He is closer to us than we are to ourselves. And Jesus loves us with an acceptance and a love that we are all

deeply yearning for. His love is always there, even though we may not be aware of it. Jesus says through our Gospel reading: "My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me."

Today is the *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. We need priests, brothers and sisters for many reasons. Many different needs exist and we need men and women in many different religious vocations to help fill those essential needs. But there is one need that is filled by everyone who is in a religious vocation, no matter what form that vocation may take. That is the need to be a living reminder of God's presence and care in the world.

Those in religious vocations remind us by their very lives that we all need to pay attention to the Divine in our lives. Life is so full of just getting through the day to day kind of stuff, that we can easily forget what it's all about. We all need to be reminded frequently that we are God's daughters and sons, known and loved by Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

We need to pray for vocations. Perhaps our prayer will be for others to recognize and be open to God calling them. Or maybe we need to pray to recognize our own calling from God. It takes courage to hear and respond to God asking us to follow such a call.

At times we may even need to ask God for the wisdom to step aside and allow a daughter or son to answer the call from God as they see fit. That would also be a good prayer

Adult Education Program on the Trinity Cancelled

Due to the illness of our speaker, we regret to announce that we have cancelled the adult education program "Spirituality of the Trinity" that was scheduled for April 22. We hope to be able to reschedule this program at a later date

“Revealing Jesus through our Works of Mercy”

Thank you to all who responded so generously to the 2008 Annual Catholic Appeal! Each year, the success of this campaign depends on you. The thousands of men, women, and children who the Annual Catholic Appeal helps each year by this important effort are deeply grateful for your willingness to care and share the resources given you by Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

If you have not yet responded to this year's campaign, please do so as soon as possible. It is never too late to help someone in need.

“Spare An Hour”

Ever since St. Joseph’s new cemetery opened, the purchase of graves have been handled by volunteer parishioners. They meet with families to determine location of the graves, and do a limited amount of paperwork. The time involved is usually one-two sales a week with an hour of time needed to service each family. Appointments can be scheduled at a mutually, convenient time to you and the family. Training will be provided by Charlie DesJardins (302) 984-1144 or Carl Lukach (302) 633-0320. We would like to have a pool of five volunteers. Call Charlie or Carl if you’re interested.



Emmanuel Dining Room

26th Annual Auction

April 26th, Chase Center

Event tickets are available for \$125 per person or \$175 per person patron. All of the money raised is needed to support the dining rooms, which served over 183,000 meals in 2007 to the poor and homeless. Call (302) 652-3228 to register.



Dollars for Volunteers!

Many local companies participate in programs designed to recognize meaningful and important volunteer efforts of their employees. BOA provides their employees an opportunity to gain financial support for non-profit agencies where they are regular volunteers. For every 40 hours an employee volunteers at an organization, the Company will donate \$500 to the organization in the volunteer’s name. Does your company have such a recognition program?

A Call to Priesthood or Religious Life?

Sometime we have an inkling that God might be calling us to something, but we’re either afraid or we’ve already decided something else. In the end, how can we really find satisfaction or fulfillment unless we’re doing what God created us to do? If you think you’re being called, try to listen to God’s gentle voice. Call Fr. Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Vocations.

Our Children’s Bulletin

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Don’t Leave Church Without It!***

Saturday (April 12)

5:00 p.m. Dr. Garrett Lyons, Sr., by Roni Young & family

Sunday (April 13)

7:30 a.m. Catherine Reese Hall by Jane Jones

9:00 a.m. Parishioners

10:30 a.m. Theresa Nicastro Wahl by Chuck

(April 14)

7:00 a.m. Mary Sayers by 7 a.m. group

12:05 p.m. Francis Kelleher by family

Tuesday (April 15)

7:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members of Laffey/McHugh families by family

12:05 p.m. Anne & John Shulli by Viola Shulli McLaren

Wednesday (April 16)

7:00 a.m. Paul & Frances Leahey requested by family of James S. Grant, Jr.

12:05 p.m. Bruce J. Christian by Mark Christian

Thursday (April 17)

7:00 p.m. Walter & Lucille Brady by Margaret Seitz

12:05 p.m. Mary Celia by family

Friday (April 18)

7:00 a.m. Brian Pierse by Dick Kaiser

12:05 p.m. Laird Stabler by Peggy Butler Baird

Saturday (April 19)

8:00 a.m. Open

5:00 p.m. Ray Carr by Marie Carr

BEFORE YOU GO TO THE HOSPITAL

If you’re going to the hospital, please let the Parish Office know so that we can visit. Because of the Privacy Act, the hospital cannot announce your presence without your permission. When registering, please register as a member of our parish. If you would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick prior to surgery or a hospital visit, please call the Parish Office.



LET’S KEEP IT CLEAN!

We welcome Easter flowers and decorations to our parish cemeteries; however, the Easter clean began last week in preparation for Mother’s Day.

The Prayer Chain!

The Silent Prayer Community, with the purpose of praying for your special needs as well as those written in the book of intentions in the back of church, is ready to serve you. Notify Cindy Clare (302) 654-6344 of your special intention.