



Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 20, 2008

“I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.”
- John 14:6

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

PASTOR'S NOTES

On The Path Of Trust

The two eighth grade classes were combined on Sunday to watch the video about the life of Bernadette of Lourdes. This year celebrates the 150th Anniversary of the vision of the Blessed Mother to Bernadette in the year 1858 . The students found the story an inspiring story of spiritual conviction. I would like to thank our eighth catechist, Janet Staats for teaching the eighth grade classes about this powerful story.

Please continue to pray for our 10 th grade Confirmation class, who will be confirmed by Bishop Saltarelli on Sunday, April 27th at twelve noon.

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Everything New

The Dominican Nuns who have established a new monastery on the grounds of Holy Spirit Parish in New Castle, Delaware invite you to join them and Bishop Saltarelli for a Mass followed by a monastery blessing and open house on Tuesday, April 29, 2008 from 12 to 4 p.m. at the Caterina Benincase Dominican Monastery, 6 Church Drive, New Castle, Delaware. Please join them in celebration of their new home in the Diocese of Wilmington

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Share Your Time with Emmanuel Dining Room (EDR)

Please make room during this busy season for the next date St. Joseph's is scheduled to provide dinners and desserts for EDR. We need volunteers to come to the Family Center on Friday, May 9, at 8 a.m. to help prepare the boxed stuffing. We also need people to bring desserts to cap off the meal; the desserts do not need to be homemade. Won't you join us? Call Jeanne Harkin, 610-388-1845, or Ann Hapka, 610-388-1362, if you have questions

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NOTE THIS...

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.

Trust doesn't come naturally to any of us; trust has to be learned. In the same way we learn to trust our parents or other people in our lives, we must also learn to trust God. In some ways, we need to relearn trust with every new crisis that arises. Every new situation that threatens to disturb our peace or our security brings a new decision into our lives. And that decision is this: how am I going to respond to this new and fearful situation? Perhaps it's a job loss, sickness, financial problems, relationship difficulties or one of a hundred other things that life brings our way.

How will I respond to this new threat? Despair is always an option isn't it? We could just throw up our hands, shouting, "I can't handle this-I want out!" And then we lay down and allow this new threat to steam roll over us. We react this way because we can't see any way out of the problem. From a human point of view, that is, relying on our own power, we could be right. Maybe there is no way out of a situation that threatens to stop us in our tracks. That is exactly the point at which Jesus turns to us and says, "Trust in God. Trust also in me."

Sometimes giving up is easier than trusting. When we give up, we don't have to do anything-just give up. When we trust, we make the decision that we will walk the path of faith, not knowing exactly how things will turn out, but trusting that the Lord is walking the path with us.

Trust in God doesn't change life. Trust in God changes how we experience life. If we have perfect trust, then we will have perfect peace. I doubt if too many of us have perfect peace, but we need to at least be on the path of peace. Always living with a troubled spirit is not the way most of us want to live. And it's not the way Jesus wants us to live. That's why he said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled

IT'S PICNIC TIME!

Sunday, May 18th, 4 - 7 on the grounds of SJOB
Details in today's insert!



Everything Has It's Place

A friendly reminder to keep our church clean by placing books back in the racks and “blowing & throwing” tissues in the trash!

Let's keep “Our House” Neat-n-Tidy!



“Revealing Jesus through our Works of Mercy”

Thank you to all who responded so generously to the 2008 Annual Catholic Appeal! 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. To date we have \$170,553 toward our goal of \$241,600. Remember, our parish has a unique opportunity to raise funds for our own needs through support given to the Annual Catholic Appeal since the diocese will return to the parish for our own use 50 percent of the pledges collected over our target. 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.



Celebrate Solidarity Week - commemorating the fifth anniversary of the partnership between our diocese and the Diocese of San Marcos, Guatemala starting April 20. You are invited to a Bilingual Mass at Mary, Mother of Peace Church in Oak Orchard, Delaware on Sunday, April 20, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. The Mass will feature liturgical music in English and Spanish, a Guatemalan marimba band and a presentation of certificates of appreciation. A reception will follow with refreshments, fellowship and an update on the partnership projects. Come and enjoy! For more information call 302-893-1466 or email merriefroh@comcast.net

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

to benefit Little Sisters of the Poor: Monday, April 21, 2008, stop by Friendly's, 5331 Brandywine Parkway, (near Target). 10% of the purchase of all meals from 5:00-9:00 PM will be donated to the Little Sisters of the Poor in Newark, DE. Get FREE ice cream for the kids and sundaes for the parents. For information, call 302-368-5886.

Saturday (April 19)

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

Sunday (April 20)

7:30 a.m. Edith Giacco by family

9:00 a.m. “My very special intentions”

10:30 a.m. Parishioners

(April 21)

7:00 a.m. Open

12:05 p.m. Thomas Henry by the Henry family

Tuesday (April 22)

7:00 a.m. Open

12:05 p.m. Diane Alessandrini by Mark Christian

Wednesday (April 23)

7:00 a.m. Diane Alessandrini by Joni Lawruk

12:05 p.m. Brian Pierse by Gene & Francis Dolan

Thursday (April 24)

7:00 p.m. Open

12:05 p.m. Ruth E. McFarlane by Joan and Josephine Betz

Friday (April 25)

7:00 a.m. Open

12:05 p.m. John & Frances Brown requested by the family of James S. Grant, Jr.

Saturday (April 26)

8:00 a.m. Open

5:00 p.m. Rita Kearns by family

Have you been Confirmed? Confirmation is one of the three (Baptism & Eucharist being the others) initiation Sacraments. When an adult joins the church he/she receive all three sacraments at the Easter Vigil. For infants who are baptized, Confirmation is received in the Roman Rite as a teenager. If you missed receiving Confirmation as a teenager now you have the chance to complete your initiation into the church. Many people don't realize that a Catholic who has not been confirmed cannot serve as a godparent. Contact Deacon Ed Lynch @ 477-3200 or in the p.m. @ 654-7471 or by e-mail@ felynch@wlnglaw.com.

St. Elizabeth High School presents “A Night In Holl-E-wood,” a live and silent auction Saturday, April 26, at the St. E Center, Cedar Street. The event includes a gourmet buffet, open bar & music. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Admission is \$60/couple, \$35/individual, \$300/table for 8. Contact Kathleen Houghton 302-656-3369.