



Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 29, 2007

I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth.”

- Acts 13:47b

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FIRST EUCHARIST: Twenty-eight children are preparing to receive the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist on Saturday, May 5th. Liturgy will be celebrated for the children and their families at 11:00am. The children are: Aemilia Acierno, Andrew Boyle, Brendan Coulter, Frances Crivelli, Kendal Crowley, William Daiger, Matthew Danz, James Fleming, Brynn Gray, Mary Claire Gugerty, Ann Guzetta, Jacqueline Kenny, Theresa Manganiello, Julia Mauk, Sean McConnell, Elyse Messick, Claire Mottola, Raleigh O'Connor, Christopher Pape, Adam Reynolds, Emily Rossi, Nicholas Salameda, Christopher Schmeck, Hannah Sheehan, Andrew Slomski, Kathryn Slomski, Sophia Truono, Hunter Tuite. Please remember the children and their families in your prayers.

CLASSES: Sunday, May 6th will be the last class for Pre-School through Grade 8. The last class is as important as the first, we like to encourage Mass attendance and Prayers during the summer vacation. Report cards will be mailed to parents with the Re-Registration Forms.

RE-REGISTRATION 2007- 2008: Family Re-Registration Forms will be mailed to parents in May. The following dates may be placed on calendars NOW: Sunday, September 9, Pancake Breakfast; Sunday, September 16, Classes for Grades 1-8 begin; Sunday, September 30, Pre-School and Kindergarten begin; Sunday, October 7, Confirmation Classes, Grades 9 & 10 begin.

TRY YOUR HAND AT PARISH COUNCIL!

Nominate yourself or someone else to Parish Council @ SJOB!. There are three vacant seats (three-year term.) The nominating committee is listed on the ballot forms in the entrance of church. You may speak with them directly or with Msgr. Rebman to serve or suggest a name of a fellow parishioner!

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. Bishop Saltarelli will be administering the Sacrament of Confirmation to adults on the Feast of Pentecost, May 27, 2007. Contact Deacon Ed Lynch @ 477-3200 or in the p.m. @ 654-7471 or by e-mail@ felynych@wlnlaw.com.

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.



**“TENDING THE FLOCK
RESPONDING TO HIS CALL”**

Last weekend, parishioners responded to the 2007 Annual Catholic Appeal – “*Tending the Flock – Responding to His Call*”. We are making good progress toward our goal, however to achieve complete success, we need everyone to participate. Therefore, everyone who has yet to make a pledge is asked to prayerfully consider supporting the ministries of our Diocese in addition to our local parish. The Annual Catholic Appeal is all about helping people. Over 100,000 individuals and families throughout our Diocese are helped each year through this campaign. The Annual Catholic Appeal provides those in need with not only life’s material essentials but spiritual assistance, religious instruction and guidance that is so crucial to overcoming life’s greatest struggles.

Whether or not you wish to contribute, it is important that you complete a pledge card. If you do not wish to contribute, simply indicate the words "No Gift" on the card. This will save the Diocese the time and expense of a follow-up contact. Pledge cards have been made available in the church. Thank you.

FATIMA, SPAIN AND LOURDES - Sept. 24-Oct 3, 2007

Join Fr. Anthony Giamello on a 10 day Pilgrimage to Fatima (Portugal), Spain and Lourdes (France). See the world renowned sites where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared. Visit the birth places of some of the greatest saints ever to live (St. Theresa, St. John of the Cross, St. Ignatius of Loyola, and St. Francis Xavier). Join in candlelight processions, bathe in the miraculous waters of Lourdes, and see the homes of the Fatima and Lourdes visionaries. Call 573-3109

First Friday coffee will be held May 4th after the 7 a.m. mass. Please join us to kick off spring! All are welcome. Bring a friend!

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 11, at 9 a.m. to help prepare the boxed stuffing and green beans. 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.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

If you have had a baby or you are going to have a baby and want to have the baby baptized at St. Joseph’s on the Brandywine it is necessary for the new parents (or parents to be) to attend a Baptism preparation class. The next class will be held after the 10:30 mass on Sunday May 6, 2007 in one of the classrooms on the first floor of the Family Center. The meeting will start at approximately 11:30. Please call or email Deacon Ed Lynch if you want to attend this class at 302-477-3200 during the day or at 302-654-7571 in the evening. His email address is felynych@wlnglaw.com.

Saturday (April 28)

8:00 p.m. Alice Mical by Cathy & Gene Kelleher

Sunday (April 29)

7:30 a.m. Dora & Draper Brown by Isabel & Ralph Pearce

9:00 a.m. Parishioners

10:30 a.m. Bill E. Kirk by St. Joseph’s choir

Monday (April 30)

7:00 a.m. John Borden by Jimmy Cullen

12:05 p.m. Paul & Elizabeth Hahn by John & Peter Hahn

Tuesday (May 1)

7:00 a.m. Jonathan Beech by M/M Robert Gutekunst

12:05 p.m. Paul Hanlon by Eileen Duke

Wednesday (May 2)

7:00 a.m. Jonathan Beech by Msgr. Rebman

12:05 p.m. John Jack Bannan, Sr. by Michael D. Butler

Thursday (May 3)

7:30 p.m. Col. & Mrs. George H. Seitz by Margaret Seitz

12:05 p.m. Margaret Healy by M/M Edmond Ianni

Friday (May 4)

7:00 a.m. Barbara Wheatby by Lucille Porter

12:05 p.m. Dr. William F. Butler & Dr. Stephen Butler by Peggy Butler Baird

Saturday (May 5)

8:00 a.m. George Rudkin by family

5:00 p.m. Ray Carr by Marie

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Our afternoon Bible study, led by facilitator Pamela Nash, resumed on Monday, April 16. We will meet four more Mondays before breaking for the summer: April 30, May 7, 14, and 21. Please join us for 90 minutes of meditation and discussion about the Sunday Gospels. We meet in the Family Center from 12:45 until 2:15. Bring a drink and bag lunch if you wish.

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

Please keep in your prayers all the men & women who are currently serving our country in the armed forces, especially our family members, friends and neighbors. We ask God’s blessing on them and their loved ones, and we pray they will return home safely and quickly.