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The Most Holy Trinity

June 3, 2007

The love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

- Romans 5:5b

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RE-REGISTRATION 2007- 2008: Family Re-Registration Forms and Reports were mailed to the parents on Monday, May 14. If you did not receive this mailing please call the office at 656-7185. We ask parents to please return the Re-Registration forms AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Thank you.

NEW FAMILIES: We will WELCOME new families into our Parish Family and Religious Education Program. Parents are asked to call the office at 656-7185 regarding registration and to make an appointment. Children entering Kindergarten must be in Kindergarten in regular school.

CATECHISTS: Some of our Catechists have been dedicated to the instruction of our children for a number of years and would like to be replaced by other willing parents. Are you willing to give TIME to this important ministry? You are very much needed. Sister Imelda will be happy to hear from you (656-7185)

THANK YOU: It is with a very grateful heart that I give THANKS to God for ALL of you who came to share in my FAREWELL PARTY last Sunday and I know you enjoyed the wonderful "Irish Brunch" and entertainment, as I did, which was planned by the Parish Council. I have been very much a part of your Parish Family for nine years and saying "Good-bye" is not easy, however, when I spoke with Msgr. Rebman in January 2007 I knew it was time for me to be of service to God's people in a different capacity. I live in Our Lady of Angels Convent, Glen Riddle, PA which is our Motherhouse and my "first" home in the United States. What was our Novitiate Building is now a very active retreat facility, our Franciscan Spiritual Center, which "Welcomes" people of all ages and faiths. You too are "welcome," it is there you will probably find me. This is beginning to be a long THANK YOU message but I want you to know that I am not too far away and I plan to return from time to time to our beautiful church for Liturgy, concerts etc. It is my hope that I may be able to join a Franciscan Pilgrimage to Assisi, the home of St. Francis of Assisi, our Patron Saint. Once again, I say THANK YOU for your love, support, kindness and generosity to me. Know that you will always be remembered in my prayers and I ask you to remember me in yours. I pray that God always hold you in the Palm of His Hand. May you be aware of His presence, His Peace and His love. THANK YOU.

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The 2007 *Biennial Marian Pilgrimage* to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC is Saturday, October 20, 2007. Cost of the pilgrimage for those by bus is Adult: \$25; \$10 for children 12 and under; \$25 for 2 or more children by Gregg Bus Company from NCC parishes. Registration

can be made with Marge Danz (302) 994-3874 our parish representative. Departure from designated pickup points will be at 7 or 8 a.m., return to parish by 7 PM. Msgr. Rebman, assisted by Msgr. Barres and Fr. Piekarski are Pilgrimage Directors. Bishop Michael A. Saltarelli will be celebrant and homilist of the 11:00 AM Mass – Solemn Eucharist Exposition at 3 PM with guest homilist and procession of the Blessed Sacrament". St. Joseph's Adult Choir will provide liturgical music for the Mass and Holy Hour this year. Reservations for bus transportation are due by OCTOBER 1st.

PASTOR'S NOTES

Being At Home

All of us have a deep longing for union with one another and with the world in which we live. That longing is basic to who we are as sons and daughters of God. It is a wonderful longing and one that we must never put down as sentimental or just for those with poetic souls. That longing tells us in a very powerful way who we are and who God is. As God's creatures, we are truly sons and daughters of the One whom we call Love. That's what we are really celebrating today when we celebrate the feast of the Holy Trinity.

It's important to remember that being in church is only one expression of our connection with God and one another. Every sincere, authentic human longing for and expression of our union with one another comes from the deepest part of ourselves. Every time we give a word of genuine welcome or offer a gesture of sincere friendship and love to another, we are doing something that is in keeping with the most authentic part of ourselves.

We are, in effect, imitating the Trinity. God is not primarily the unmoved Mover, but is rather the infinite fountain of love, which flows between each of the persons in the Godhead – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. And this love flows over into creation, filling everything with the desire for oneness and love. The more we allow genuine love into our lives and the more we give genuine love, the more we become like God.

If we believe all of this, then it means that in our own lives, community, friendship and love must never take a back seat to anything else. Our position in life, our possessions, our skills, our intelligence, our talents – important as all of these are, must never overpower our desire for oneness with God's people and creation.

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

As of May 22 total pledges from SJOB were \$212,885.19 toward our goal of \$252,100. There are still some Circle of Honor participants to be heard from. First payment invoices were scheduled to be distributed this week. A follow-up letter will be mailed to all parishioners who did not turn in a card with “No gift this year” on it. Remember, many of diocesan ministries depend on your support. Thank you for those who already responded to the pledge.

Summertime at Emmanuel Dining Room (EDR)

Please remember that our mission to EDR continues through the summer months. Mark your calendars now for Monday, June 11. Call an EDR Committee member if you have questions: Jeanne Harkin, 610-388-1845, or Ann Hapka, 610-388-1362.

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST FEAST: Parishes of the Brandywine Deanery are proud to present a dinner fiesta on Saturday, June 23, 5:30 PM to 9:30 PM at Holy Rosary Parish, Claymont. Highlights include a delicious dinner, folkloric dancing, live music, testimonies, children's activities and lots of fun! Free admission. We will provide the main meal and beverages. Each individual or family is asked to bring a salad, appetizer, or dessert to share, pot luck style. For further information, please contact Gloria Perez (981-2019), Ubel Velez (478-6126), or Br. Chris Posch (655-0518).

Bake Sale Fundraiser

Many people in Brandywine Hundred have heard about Sallies High School freshman, Andrew McDonough (also from St. Mary Magdalene parish) suddenly hospitalized at AI hospital in the winter for leukemia. Many prayers are being said for his welfare and his family. A group of 6th grade students from St. Joseph's will be hosting a bake sale after all masses on Monday. Proceeds will benefit the McDonough family to help with medical expenses. Come out and support this charitable effort.

Spring Clean Up - The spring clean for our cemeteries is complete. The attention of lot owners relative to the Rules & Regulations for grave decorations, posted at the entrances of our cemeteries and given in print to lot owners at the time of purchase should be adhered to. The cemetery may remove items contrary to regulations and no longer appeal to the dignity of the cemetery and are not responsible for items removed.

Saturday (June 2)

5:00 p.m. William Mical by Cathy & Gene Kelleher

Sunday (June 3)

7:30 a.m. Parishioners

9:00 a.m. Vivian Sassone Kelleher by M/M Edmund Ianni

10:30 a.m. Mary Cochran by Ann Lynch

Monday (June 4)

7:00 a.m. Mary Jane Grant by Michael & Maureen Murphy

12:05 p.m. Gilbert Gonzales by Vanessa Gonzales

Tuesday (June 5)

7:00 a.m. John Rose by The Raskob Foundation & staff

12:05 p.m. Albert Gervais by family

Wednesday (June 6)

7:00 a.m. Frederick Pierse by family

12:05 p.m. William H. Melis by Rudy & Shirley Angelo

Thursday (June 7)

7:00 a.m. Living & deceased members of Laffey/McHugh families by Marie Louise McHugh

12:05 p.m. David Moorehead, Sr., by Mary Reese

Friday (June 8)

7:00 a.m. Gregory Johnson (liv) by Maureen Johnson

12:05 p.m. Sam Maloney by Msgr. Joseph F. Rebman

Saturday (June 9)

8:00 a.m. George Rudkin by family

5:00 p.m. Joseph Battle Vinson by The Dougherty children

St. Paul's Raffle

The Development Office of St. Paul's parish will be at SJOB next Sunday, June 10th to sell chances for the 2007 Ford Mustang or \$15,000 (1st prize) \$3,000 (2nd prize) and \$1,000 (3rd prize). Drawing will be June 24th. Raffle benefits catholic education to students from low income families. Your support is appreciated.

Jesus House Prayer & Renewal Center is offering a retreat entitled, "The Road to Holiness," led by Fr. James Wheeler.