



Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 9, 2008

“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.”

Psalm 23:1

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Congratulations are in order for the 4th grade call and Pamala Barry.

The students attended the “Breakfast of Champions” on Sunday where they received 2 awards :1st place for total giving in Religious Ed and 1st place per capita in Religious Education. All of the money collected goes to the Holy Child hood Mission.- they will bring the plaques back to the parish on Sunday March 9.

Many thanks to all of the parents who attended the Confirmation meeting Sunday.

We will continue to keep you informed as we move closer to April 27 which is the date of Confirmation.

On Sunday the first grade class made pretzels. For lent. - this is a german custom which reminds us of the cross of Christ. Good job first graders!!

The sixth grade combined on Sunday to watch parts of the Film the Passion of Christ.

AN ESSENTIAL PEACE!

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.

JOIN THE PRAYER CHAIN!

Get Swept Away this Spring!

There are still openings on the choir trip to Majestic Italy April 15-24, departure from Philadelphia to Venice, Florence, Assisi and Rome. Join Msgr. Rebman, Michael Marinelli and Mary Ellen Schaubert and the choir’s SATBs in what will be a memorable spiritual and culturally rewarding experience. Contact Mary Ellen at (302) 888-1556 or Peter’s Way Tour (516) 997-6508, Anne Liddell.



Living the Season of Lent at work, after work, at home and within is the theme of the 2008 Lenten *Theology on Tap* discussion series for young adults, in their twenties and thirties, married or single, that brings talks on religious topics into a local bar. *Theology on Tap* focuses on topics of faith and contemporary issues that directly affect the lives of young adults. www.cdow.org

PASTOR’S NOTES

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion. We commemorate Jesus triumphal entry into Jerusalem initiating the people who welcomed him with Palms and hosannas, but we like them at the end echo the words, “Crucify Him” of the passion of St. Matthew’s gospel. Monday of Holy Week priests, deacons, and lay representatives go to Holy Cross Parish in Dover to join the Bishop for the Chrism Mass and celebrate the blessing of oils for use in the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and anointing of the sick.

We then enter into the Easter Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday to remember the institution of the Holy Eucharist (Christ’s parting gift to us) his death on Good Friday, his resurrection on Holy Saturday evening and Easter Sunday.

Many people come to church only on Palm Sunday and Easter. They miss out on the mid-week ceremonies where the church is stripped of decoration and then reborn again. Many people forget to renew themselves in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

I hope this Holy week will be different for you and your family. Registered parishioners have received the Holy Week schedule by mail. May we see you and others in the pews as often as you can be with us during this great week? *****

Volunteers (of all ages) are welcome to fill the twelve chairs for the foot-washing ceremony at the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord’s Supper. Please call the rectory 658-7017 to reserve a seat. Don’t wait for a personal invitation from the pastor or his agent.

What do you do with a Blessed Palm?

Many display palms behind a crucifix or religious picture in their home. It’s a tradition for some to weave palms into the form of a cross. An old Italian custom worth receiving is to present your palm branch to someone as a sign of reconciliation. Return your palm next year on Palm Sunday and we’ll burn the palm for ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Emmanuel Dining Room (EDR)—Dinners and Desserts Needed

Catholic Social Teaching calls us to take care of the most vulnerable members of society. You can answer this call by helping us minister to 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 Tuesday, March 11, at 8 a.m.; deliver desserts no later than 9 a.m. Call Jeanne Harkin, 610-388-1845, or Ann Hapka, 610-388-1362, if you have questions. Thank you

NOVENA OF MASSES FOR EASTER

Those who wish to remember their loved ones, living or deceased, in a Novena of Masses may do so by filling out the envelopes in your parish envelope packets, or located in the pews. Thank you.

HOLY WEEK/EASTER HAPPENINGS

Palm Sunday: Usual masses. Vigil 5 p.m. Saturday & Sunday.

Confessions: M, T, W: 11:30-12:00 & after 12:05 mass or by appointment anytime.

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30 p.m. This moving Liturgy will include the "Washing of the Feet." The Church will remain open until 11 p.m. for the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Good Friday: Celebration of the Lord's Passion with Veneration of the Cross & Communion - 3 p.m. Stations of the Cross 12:05 & 7 p.m. Confessions 11:00 - 12:00 and after 7 p.m. stations

Holy Saturday: The Vigil of Easter - 8 p.m. There will not be a 5 p.m. Mass.

Easter Sunday: *The Resurrection of the Lord* - 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 There will be two additional Masses at 9:00 and 10:30 in the Family Center to provide for the overflow. The Children's choir will perform at the 9:00 Mass; the Adult Choir at the 10:30 Mass.

Operation Rice Bowl

PRAY with your families and faith communities;

FAST in solidarity with those who are hungry;

LEARN about the joys and challenges in the lives of our brothers and sisters around the world, and;

GIVE sacrificial contributions to those in need around the world.

Rice bowls are due back next weekend, place in bins in the back of church or in the collection basket.



The Couple-to-Couple League, one of the largest and oldest associations of Natural Family Planning practitioners and teachers, will hold classes on Natural Family Planning this spring at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Wilmington. *The classes will meet on Saturdays, March 29, April 26, and May 17 from 9:30 a.m. to noon in the grade school cafeteria. Free babysitting is provided. The cost is \$135 and there is some scholarship money available. Contact Cecilia and Gonzalo Escobedo at 302-832-3442.*



Register today for the Worldwide Marriage Encounter, a perfect give of love. Registration forms in back of church or call 1 (800) 688-9963 or www.wwme-demd.org.

The *Sunday Coffee* will be held after the 9:00 and 10:30 masses on March 9th. All are welcome to join the crew! Take a friend, make a friend. *Continue On Your Lenten Journey!*

Mass Intentions
For The Week



Saturday (Mar. 8)

5:00 p.m. Pasquale Petrillo by Bernard & Arlene Daney

Sunday (Mar. 9)

7:30 a.m. Parishioners

9:00 a.m. Gerald A. Micallef by family

10:30 a.m. Venita Beachboard by Henrietta Romanowski

Monday (Mar. 10)

7:00 a.m. Helen Charneski by Carole Curtis

12:05 p.m. Walter Bergenn by Tiney McGuire

Tuesday (Mar. 11)

7:00 a.m. Pauline & Florence Seitz by Margaret Seitz

12:05 p.m. Mary Cloud by family

Wednesday (Mar. 12)

7:00 a.m. M. Cecilia VanDerhoef by 7 a.m. mass group

12:05 p.m. Dolores MacMahon by Mr. & Mrs. Weaver

Thursday (Mar. 13)

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

12:05 p.m. Dec members of family and friends of Pacini family by family

Friday (Mar. 14)

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

12:05 p.m. Dec. members of Kerr & Phillips families by Eleanor & Bob Kerr

Saturday (Mar. 15)

8:00 a.m. Gwen O'Malley by Charles & Lais O'Reilly

5:00 p.m. Rita Kearns by family

The Rush is On!

Members of the Saint Paul School Development Committee will be selling tickets for the annual car raffle after all masses this weekend. 1st prize is a Ford Mustang or \$15,000, 2nd Prize is \$3,000, 3rd Prize is \$1,000. Tickets are \$100 each but only 700 tickets are sold! Proceeds benefit the scholarship assistance program for low-income families. Thank You!

Hop to It!

The Parish Picnic is returning. We are looking for creative individuals willing to help plan our upcoming picnic, May 18th. Please contact Virginia Kirkwood with your willingness to help. 691-5152 or

rkirkw9270@aol.com

*Let's Turn the Clocks forward 1 Hour!
YIPPIE!*