



## Easter Sunday

March 23, 2008

The Resurrection of the Lord

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

There will be no classes on Easter Sunday, March 23. Classes will resume on Sunday March 30. May you and your families have a blessed Holy Week and a joy-filled Easter.

#### "Late Nite Catechism 2"

Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2p.m. at Sallies School. Tickets \$30 pp.

Call (302) 234-2334 for reservations or e-mail

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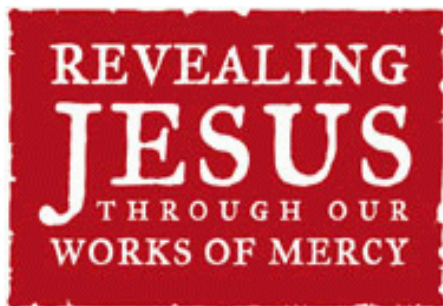
*Do you need someone to help you with prayers for yourself or others. Call the Silent Prayer Community 654-6344.*

#### MAKING THE WORLD A SHADE MORE BEAUTIFUL!

Our Parish Outreach Committee needs your help. We have had an urgent appeal from Sister Maria at St. Michael's in Georgetown. There is a real need for diapers of all sizes, particularly size 5. Any that you can contribute will be gratefully received! Please leave in the back of the church. Many thanks!

#### *In His Honor*

**A Jonathan Beech Memorial Concert:** Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 3 p.m., Kennett High School Auditorium. Combined choir of church and community members. Suggested donation \$10/adult, \$5 student. Donations tax-deductible, payable to Compassionate Care Hospice Foundation or Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church. Contact Donna Beech, Music Director, Lower Brandywine Church (302) 658-2326.



*2008 Annual Catholic Appeal*

### PASTOR'S NOTES

#### *Undying Hope*

Today's feast goes directly to the heart of life. The Resurrection, which follows the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ, is the most important event in the history of the world. As we contemplate this mystery, we begin to see that it contains all of life. Pain, suffering and death are never the last words. All of us will have experiences of these realities, but the promise made by the resurrection of Jesus is that pain, suffering and death will be transformed into new life. God, who is a God of life, has assured us that ultimately there is nothing to fear, not even death itself.

Our task as a Christian is to believe in spite of all that we see in the world around us. To hold this kind of unshakeable hope in the face of what we hear and witness every day may, to some people, be an act of insanity. They ask us to show them where that hope can be found. They want some logical answer to their anguished questions about the existence and meaning of suffering. Can we blame them? We don't have a reasonable and airtight argument for our position, for our hope. Instead of a logical answer, we have a person –Jesus Christ, risen from the dead.

Mary Magdalene also carried this hope in her heart. Jesus had freed her from seven demons. He had given her life back to her, and she, in turn, gave her life to him as one of his most faithful and loving followers. When she comes to his tomb, the two angels ask her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" Are we being asked the same question? When Jesus rose from the dead, all of us rose with him. Jesus' resurrection was the ultimate and final sign that life is stronger than death. We firmly hold and believe that death is not the end of who we are. Death is merely a stage that we go through. On Easter morning Jesus emerged on the other side of death into a new and eternal life. You and I have been given that same hope and promise.

Seamus Kennedy In Concert presented by the Knights of Columbus at St. Ann's. Saturday May 3, 2008 at St. Ann's Social Hall, 1851 N. Union St. Wilm. DE 19806. World famous Irish singer and entertainer, Seamus Kennedy, will be performing with special guests the MacLeer School Dancers. Doors open at 7:00 PM. Snacks, soda, wine and beer included in the \$20 ticket (\$12 for 12 and younger.) For information and tickets go to [www.seamusknight.com](http://www.seamusknight.com) or call Mike Montgomery 302-656-8699 or Dave Skillman 302-762-3239.

*“Revealing Jesus through our Works of Mercy”*

*2008 Annual Catholic Appeal*

During the weekend of April 5-6, our parish will participate in the Annual Catholic Appeal—a campaign conducted each year in the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington.

For the past 32 years, the Annual Catholic Appeal has responded and given hope to thousands of our sisters and brothers throughout Delaware and Maryland’s Eastern Shore. Your generous support has enabled the diocese to provide those in need with not only life’s material essentials, but also with spiritual and emotional assistance. *Every parish is assigned a target. Ours is \$241,600.*

In past years, our parish has always been generous to the campaign. Please give prayerful and thoughtful consideration to your resources and the needs of those served by the Annual Catholic Appeal. Kindly decide ahead of time the contribution you wish to make this year.

During Mass on Commitment Weekend, parishioners will be offered a pledge card. They will be asked to participate in this campaign by completing the card and pledging a specific amount of money over a designated period of time. Individuals unable to attend Mass on Commitment Weekend will be offered another chance to participate the following weekend.

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**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.

***Save the Dates: Adult Education in April***

The Communication and Education Committee has scheduled two excellent presenters from the Diocese of Wilmington to speak at St. Joseph’s in April:

On *April 9* at 7 p.m., Andy Zampini will give a presentation on “Catholic Social Teaching on the Environment.”

On *April 22* at 7 p.m., Sr. Sally Russell will give a presentation on “The Spirituality of the Trinity.”

More information will appear in upcoming bulletins. Our recent programs have garnered enthusiastic reviews from participants. Come be a part of our growing adult education program and learn more about your faith and your heritage as a Catholic Christian

*Saturday, (Mar.) One Mass only*

8:00 p.m. Parishioners

*Sunday (Mar. 23)*

7:30 a.m. Novena

9:00 a.m. Novena, Hall 9:00 Novena

10:30 a.m. Novena, Hall 10:30 Novena

*Monday (Mar. 24)*

7:00 a.m. Novena

12:05 p.m. Novena

*Tuesday (Mar. 25)*

7:00 a.m. Novena

12:05 p.m. Novena

*Wednesday (Mar. 26)*

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

12:05 p.m. Drs William & Stephen Butler by family

*Thursday (Mar. 27)*

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

12:05 p.m. Alfred J. P. Seitz by Margaret Seitz

*Friday, (Mar. 28)*

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

12:05 p.m. Anna Kowalski by Joan Neal

*Saturday, (Mar. 29)*

8:00 a.m. Madeline Reid by M/M Weaver

5:00 p.m. The Carr family by Marie Carr

*If you haven’t already done so, please return your Lenten Rice Bowl offerings!*



**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 new 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.