



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Classes will resume this Sunday, March. 30<sup>th</sup>. Hope all families had a joy-filled Easter.

### *Saying it Without Saying it!*

We offer special thanks to all those who made Holy Week and Easter such a prayerful experience for our community here at St. Joseph's. We are grateful for the beautiful music provided by the Youth and Adult Choirs, their Director, Mary Ellen Schaubert, the cantors and the many musicians who accompanied them. We appreciate the participation of the various liturgical ministers, altar servers, lectors, special ministers of the Eucharist and ushers. We thank those who participated in providing such a beautiful and prayerful environment in the church and family center for our celebration. We offer a special thank you to Michael Marinelli, Director, Liturgy & Music and John Kojro, Liturgy Chair, who makes worship at St. Joseph's throughout the year such an enriching experience.

### *Music is A Vision to Be Shared By All*

**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.

### *YOU'RE IN THE KNOW*

The Most Reverend Michael A. Saltarelli, D.D. has issued "Celebrating the Year of Saint Paul, June 28, 2008 - June 29, 2009", in Celebration of the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle and in Anticipation of the Year of Saint Paul proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI. Msgr. Rebman will be leading the Diocesan pilgrimage to Greece October 14-22, "In the footsteps of St. Paul." Mark your calendar!



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## PASTOR'S NOTES

### *Treasures from our Tradition*

Long ago, the custom of sending some pieces of consecrated bread from the Lord's table began to take hold. Originally it was a way of assuring the sick and imprisoned of their bonds of faith and affection with the community from whom they were separated. By the third century, at least in Rome, we have evidence that the bishop would consign some of the sacred elements to presbyters or deacons.

There was a crisis in the unity of the church early on, called the quartodeciman controversy, since some people wanted to celebrate the Pasch on the fourteenth day (quartodecima) of the Jewish month Nissan, even if it didn't fall on a Sunday. The debate so fractured the church that the historian of the era, Eusebius, reported a new development to the pope. He wrote that the churches holding to the Lord's Day sent out consecrated bread to the disgruntled people of the quartodeciman pastors with whom they were quarreling. Meanwhile, bishops complained about people taking the Eucharist home. St. Cyprian told a cautionary tale of a sinful woman who tried to open the "casket" containing the consecrated bread in her home. She was deterred from receiving, he said, by flames erupting from the box. Clearly, he wanted people to think twice before bringing Communion home!

The Council of Nicaea defined the "old rule of the church" as allowing for reserving the Eucharistic bread for the sake of the dying. The same council could foresee circumstances of persecution when people might have the Eucharist on hand to administer to one another in a time of great danger, literally, at the point of a sword. The first and enduring purpose for reserving the Eucharist is viaticum for the dying.

Listen to Catholic Forum every Sunday morning at 10:05 a.m. on 1150AM WDEL. Next Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, tune in to learn about Solidarity Week when Br. Chris Posch and Mary Jo Frohlich from the Diocese of Wilmington's Global Solidarity Partnership with the Diocese of San Marcos will be interviewed. Catholic Forum is a production of the Office of Communications of the Diocese of Wilmington

*“Revealing Jesus through our Works of Mercy”*

*2008 Annual Catholic Appeal*

Next weekend, our parish will participate in the Catholic Appeal. It's at this time each year when Bishop Saltarelli appeals to us on behalf of the Diocese of Wilmington to support the works of the Church within the diocese. Funds from the campaign help provide pastoral, charitable, and educational programs and ministries to tens of thousands of people in our 12-county diocese. We are proud to be part of the Church of Wilmington. As members of the Diocese of Wilmington, it is important we reach out and serve others by sharing our resources. Just as we are one in the body of Christ, we must remember we are one with the other parishes and with our diocese. The Appeal offers us the opportunity to work together to care for the Church by sharing the gifts God has granted us. Our parish campaign target is \$241,600. Once we reach our target, 50 percent of the pledges collected over our target to the parish for our own use. Please look for the special Annual Catholic Appeal insert in this coming week's edition of *The Dialog*. The insert provides important information about the campaign and the distribution of collected pledges.

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, and come to Church next weekend prepared to complete your pledge card.

**Bring Easter Joy to Emmanuel Dining Room (EDR)**

Share your Easter joy with the more than 200 people at EDR who depend on us each month. 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, April 11, at 8 a.m. to help prepare the boxed stuffing. We also need people to bring desserts to cap off the meal. Won't you join us? Call Jeanne Harkin, 610-388-1845, or Ann Hapka, 610-388-1362, if you have questions.

*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. 29)

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

Sunday (Mar. 30)

7:30 a.m. Edith Giacco by family  
9:00 a.m. Theresa Nicastro Wahl by Chuck Wahl  
10:30 a.m. Parishioners

Monday (Mar. 31)

7:00 a.m. Paul & Elizabeth Hahn by John & Peter Hahn  
12:05 p.m. Mary Glaser by Jack & Jackie Graff

Tuesday (April 1)

7:00 a.m. Diane Alessandrini by Diane Snyder  
12:05 p.m. Cazenove C. Seitz by Margaret Seitz

Wednesday (April 2)

7:00 a.m. Mary Josephine Perregrini by Mary & Al Forester  
12:05 p.m. Lucia Benicky by the Svindland family

Thursday (April 3)

7:00 p.m. George Maier by Edward Donegan, III  
12:05 p.m. David McAndrews by Lois Parry

Friday (April 4)

7:00 a.m. M. Cecilia VanDerhoef by 7 a.m. mass group  
12:05 p.m. Gerald S. Garey by Tim & Stephanie Hurley

Saturday (April 5)

8:00 a.m. Marie R. Ficca by family  
5:00 p.m. James & Helen Grant & James S. Grant, Jr., requested by his family



Due to overwhelming demand, the Diocese of Wilmington is no longer accepting requests for tickets to the Holy Father's April 17th Mass in Washington, D.C. Please check back often at [www.cdow](http://www.cdow) for information regarding television coverage of the Holy Father's visit.

**FOR OUR TROOPS!**

Keep in your prayer 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.

