



Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 6, 2007

Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race.

- Revelation 21:3

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.

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.

Farewell Brunch for Sister Imelda *May 20th 2007 after all three Sunday Masses*



As many of you know, Sister Imelda will step down as our long standing Director of Religious Education this July. She will be ministering at "The Glen" to the needs of the Sisters of Saint Francis at their Mother House. In order to celebrate and honor this amazing woman and her many years of service to St. Joseph on the Brandywine Church the parish council will host an "Irish Brunch" on May 20th 2007 following the 7:30, 9:00, and 10:30 Sunday Masses in the Family Center. Please join us for a catered Irish styled hot breakfast, Irish music, and entertainment. This will be a great opportunity to offer your personal well wishes and gratitude to Sister, and have some good old Irish fun with your fellow parishioners. Please RSVP via e-mail to lauragim@aol.com to let us know which brunch i.e. the 7:30, 9:00. or 10:30 you will attend so we can be sure to have plenty for everyone. Please put this special occasion on your calendar.

PASTOR'S NOTES

Do you remember your First Communion? The white dress and veil or the white suit which you wore. The preparation and the mystery behind the sacrament you received. The nervousness that accompanied you that day. What it was like to receive the Eucharist for the first time. We continue to share those memories as continue to mature as we look at old pictures or recall our experience. This week at the 11 a.m. mass on Saturday, our parish community welcomes to the table of the Lord 28 young people who have been preparing for the past several months to receive the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time. We prayerfully congratulate each and everyone of them and their parents who have taken seriously their commitment made at their children's baptism - *to train them in the practice of faith.* Thank you to Sister Imelda, Director of Religious Education as well as the Catechists and helpers who helped with the formation sessions for the children and their parents.

Occasions like this in the life of a parish are wonderful moments for us to focus on our own understanding and reverence for the Eucharist. How important is the Eucharist in your life? How does the Eucharist nourish you to live the gospel? When receiving the Eucharist what is reverence like for the Eucharist? As we see our young people receive for the first time, let this moment serve as time of reflection for each of us. May we, continue to deepen our personal love and reverence for the Eucharist and thus be models for our young people to imitate.

May we also recommend for spiritual reading the recent letter of Pope Benedict on the "Eucharist as the Source and Summit of the Church's Life and Mission." Copies of a condensed pamphlet of this apostolic letter are free and on the tables at the entrance of church.

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

Thanks to all who responded so generously to the 2007 Annual Catholic Appeal! Each year, the success of this Appeal depends on you. The thousands of men, women and children who are helped each year by this important effort are deeply grateful for your willingness to care and share the resources given you by Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

If you have not yet responded to this year's Appeal, please do so as soon as possible. It is never too late to help someone in need. Cards are available in church.

Emmanuel Dining Room (EDR)—Dinners and Desserts Needed

Help St. Joseph's on the Brandywine continue ministering to the more than 200 people who depend on EDR for their hot meals each day. We need volunteers to cook chicken at home and to bake or purchase desserts; we need others to prepare boxed stuffing and green beans at the Family Center. This month, we'll meet at the Family Center on Friday, May 11, at 9 a.m. Call Jeanne Harkin, 610-388-1845, or Ann Hapka, 610-388-1362, if you have questions.

Mother's Day Roses for Birthright: SJOB parish will sell roses to benefit Birthright on Mother's Day. Birthright is an organization that counsels pregnant women to give birth to, rather than abort, their babies and provides emotional, physical, and financial support to pregnant women who need it. It is a worthy charity. Please plan to buy a rose in honor of your mother and in support of mothers in need after all Sunday Masses on Mother's Day.

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

The next class will be held after the 10:30 mass on Sunday May 6, 2007 in Family Center @ 11:30. 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 (felynych@wlnglaw.com.)

SPRING HAPPENINGS!

Besides church windows, we've contracted for structural repair to the parapet and its roof over the sacristy, painting of the church external woodwork, replacement of bell tower floor and loose slates on the steeple. There is always work to do on a historical building! We thank you for your patience!

Saturday (May 5)

5:00 p.m. Ray Carr by Marie Carr

Sunday (May 6)

7:30 a.m. Victor Higgs by Lucille Porter

9:00 a.m. Ann & Clover Knotts by daughters
Carol & Bev

10:30 a.m. Parishioners

Monday (May 7)

7:00 a.m. Joseph McCann by Msgr Rebman

12:05 p.m. Rita McGrath by Ann Alfieri

Tuesday (May 8)

7:00 a.m. Robert Knowles by Michael &
Maureen Murphy

12:05 p.m. Peguesse/Ridgway families by family

Wednesday (May 9)

7:00 a.m. John G. Merkel, IV by Dick Kaiser

12:05 p.m. Anna L. B. Wolfe by Lisa & David
Beatson

Thursday (May 10)

7:30 p.m. Mary Jane Grant by Msgr Rebman

12:05 p.m. Richard & Jeffrey Reese by family

Friday (May 11)

7:00 a.m. Concetta Villacari by James & Rebecca
Landon

12:05 p.m. Dolores Insunza by Vanessa Gonzalez

Saturday (May 12)

8:00 a.m. Mary R. Cilia by Henrietta
Romanowski

5:00 p.m. Living & deceased members of
Laffey/McHugh families by Marie
Louise McHugh

Mother's Day Novena of Masses

Those who wish to remember their loved ones, living and deceased, in a Novena of Masses beginning on Mother's Day will find envelopes for this purpose in the pews.

Help Honor our Veterans

Each year, we honor those who served in the military and are buried in SJOB cemeteries by placing flags on their graves for Memorial Day. If a flag *has not been* placed on the grave of your loved one in the past and you would like to do so, please call 658-7017 giving the name and location. The flags are donated by the VFW and placed by Cub Scouts from Grace Lutheran Church. If you see the boys at work, let them know we appreciate their efforts.