



Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 13, 2007

May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you!
- Psalm 67:6

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RE-REGISTRATION 2007- 2008: Family Re-Registration Forms and Reports will be mailed to parents very soon. 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 14, Confirmation Classes, Grades 9 & 10 begin. Please NOTE the change of date for Confirmation Classes.

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.

CLASSES: All classes are held on Sunday morning. Grade 7-10, 8:45-10:00am. Pre-School during the 9:00am. Liturgy. Kindergarten-Grade 6, 10:00-11:15am.

THANK YOU: We THANK the Catechists who so willingly and lovingly shared their FAITH and the GOOD NEWS of JESUS with our children in the Religious Education Program. Their dedication and presence is greatly appreciated. We also thank the young ladies who assisted in some of the classes. Siobhan Riley, Maria Elena Marinelli, Audrey Walker, Paige Gugerty and Zoey Hudson as well as the class substitutes and parents who helped with the dismissal and special projects. Our Religious Instruction Year was a success because of the interest and assistance of many people. May the Peace and Blessings of Jesus be with your families ALWAYS.

Farewell Brunch for Sister Imelda

May 20th 2007 after all three Sunday Masses

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. 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. Join us for a catered Irish styled hot breakfast, Irish music, and entertainment. The renowned *McAleer Irish Dance Troop* will perform at the brunch following the 9:00 am Mass in Sister's Honor. 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. RSVP with your name, number in party, and which Mass time you will attend to be sure we have accurate numbers for the caterer. RSVP via e-mail to lauragim@aol.com, phone 996-0123, or via the clip boards in the back of church. *To salute Sister Imelda, "Wear your Irish" with a splash of green!*

PASTOR'S NOTES

Jesus' Gift of Peace

Today let's take a brief look at two realities that we all must deal with. Both of these things are mentioned by Jesus in today's Gospel reading – fear and peace. Just as we often choose the wrong foods to nourish ourselves with, so we often choose those things, which can lead to fear. This is so because fear is most often associated with losing things. If our looks, our name, our security, our finances are the most important things in our life, then when we perceive that any of them are threatened, then fear arises within us. And so, even though we would not choose fear if it was offered to us directly, we often choose what can lead to fear. None of us would choose fear, and yet our choices often take us down the fearful road.

Choices have consequences. Our food choices bring specific results, and our life choices also bring specific results. If we ignore this fact, then we will surely suffer. We will suffer physically if we continually choose the wrong foods, and we will suffer spiritually if we continually make the wrong life choices.

As Christians, the more we put on the mind and heart of Christ, the more we will make the choices that bring peace rather than fear. And prayer is an absolutely necessary road we need to take if we are to imitate Jesus Christ. Nothing external can give us the peace we so desire. It is only when we are able to fully welcome our Lord into our lives that we will finally know what peace really means. Jesus has been making this offer of a peace that the world cannot give for a long time now. May each of us have the willingness and courage to accept it.

THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD is celebrated next Sunday, May 20th in our Diocese NOT Thursday, May 17th as listed on some liturgical calendars. The change was made a few years ago. Only a few dioceses still keep the Thursday date (Philadelphia Archdiocese).

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

Thanks to all who responded so generously to the 2007 Annual Catholic Appeal! 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. It's never too late to help someone in need. Cards are available in church. We still need more pledges to meet our goal of \$254,200!

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's 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.

MEMORIAL DAY FIELD MASS

Please join us as we celebrate the 48th annual Memorial Day Field Mass at All Saints Cemetery, Monday, May 28th at 10 a.m. This year our celebrant and homilist is Most Rev. Michael A. Saltarelli. Protection from the weather and seating are provided.

HEALING MASS

Sat., May 19th at 10 a.m., St. Anthony of Padua, 9th & DuPont Streets. All are welcome. Call (302) 421-3715 for details.

PROJECT RACHEL is a Catholic Charities' program for women and other family members who are suffering from having had an abortion. Confidential services are provided at Catholic Charities' offices in Wilmington, Dover, and Georgetown, DE, and in Salisbury, MD. For more information, call Jennie at (302) 472-0649.

Catholics Honor Mary in a special way because God honored Mary by choosing her to be His mother. During the Middle Ages, the faithful saw reminders of Mary, the Mother of God, in the flowers and herbs growing around them. Violets were symbols of her humility, lilies her purity and roses her glory. They called her “Flower of Flowers,” and named plants after her. Marigolds were Mary's Gold, Clematis was the Virgin's Bower and Lavender was Our Lady's Drying Plant. Devoted to Mary, people decorated her altars with flowers on her feast days. Poets and popes praised her in hymns, as in this 15th-century Ave Maria; *Heil be thou, Marie, that aff flour of all As roose in eerbir so reed.* In the last century, prior to the Second Vatican Council of the early 1960's, the faithful also honored Mary with flowers. May crownings were the tradition in Catholic schools during Mary's month (May), and make-shift home altars bearing an image of Mary were decorated with the choicest home-grown blossoms. The flowers that grow in our gardens can be reminders of Mary, the Mother of God. Visit www.americancatholic.org

Saturday (May 12)

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

Sunday (May 13)

7:30 a.m. Parishioners
9:00 a.m. Helen Tatlar by Mike & Mary Jane Walker
10:30 a.m. Novena

Monday (May 14)

7:00 a.m. Novena
12:05 p.m. Novena

Tuesday (May 15)

7:00 a.m. Novena
12:05 p.m. Novena

Wednesday (May 16)

7:00 a.m. Dr. John L. Kron by family
12:05 p.m. Novena

Thursday (May 17)

7:30 p.m. Novena
12:05 p.m. Novena

Friday (May 18)

7:00 a.m. Novena
12:05 p.m. Sam Maloney by Joan & Ron Olivere

Saturday (May 19)

8:00 a.m. Robert R. Roehm, Jr., by Eleanor & Bob Kerr
5:00 p.m. Harold Seer by members of Raskob Foundation

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.