



Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 20, 2007

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy; the Lord, amid trumpet blasts.

- Psalm 47:6

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PASTOR'S NOTES

Absence And Presence

RE-REGISTRATION 2007- 2008: Family Re-Registration Forms and Reports were mailed to the parents on Monday, May 14. If you did not receive this mailing please call the office at 656-7185. We ask parents to please return the Re-Registration forms AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. *Thank you.*

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. Children entering Kindergarten must be in Kindergarten in regular school.

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.

CATECHISTS: Some of our Catechists have been dedicated to the instruction of our children for a number of years and would like to be replaced by other willing parents. Are you willing to give TIME to this important ministry? You are very much needed. Sister Imelda will be happy to hear from you. (656-7185)

Salute to Sister Imelda

May 20th 2007

To celebrate and honor this amazing woman and her many years of service to St. Joseph on the Brandywine Church, Parish Council is hosting an "Irish Brunch" today following the 7:30, 9:00, and 10:30 Sunday Masses in the Family Center. Those who registered will enjoy a catered Irish styled hot breakfast. 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. If you did not sign up to attend and wish to come, stop by the Family Center. You may also email lauragim@aol.com or call 996-0123. To salute Sister Imelda, "Wear your Irish" with a splash of green!

Separation is something that all of us must deal with, many times in our lives. All of us experience so many separations as we go through life. Some separations are temporary and some are permanent. As we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus, perhaps we could reflect for a few moments on how we are dealing with our separation from Jesus.

Perhaps we could learn a simple lesson from those thousands of people who need to cope with the absence of a loved one. We need to do whatever we can to maintain the presence of Christ in our lives even though we can't see him or touch him. The very first thing we need to do is to remember Jesus. I hope that's the reason why we make such an effort to come to the Eucharist. We do this in memory of Jesus. As the community of his friends, we do what he told us to do. "Do this in memory of me". We also need to remember Jesus when we are not here.

There are many ways we can do this: prayer, spiritual reading, retreats, taking care of others, practicing gratitude, meditation and contemplation, small Christian communities or prayer groups. There are so many ways in which we can keep Jesus alive in our day to day lives. It would be a good idea to look at the ways by which we are now keeping the memory of Jesus alive. Perhaps we need to re-commit ourselves to some things we used in the past but have let slip. Or maybe we need to do something absolutely new that would help make Jesus more alive in our busy lives.

I hope that we will find that as we become more conscious of Jesus in our lives, we will experience his presence more and more. Isn't this what happens when we really love someone?

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

**"TENDING THE FLOCK
RESPONDING TO HIS CALL"**

Your help to support Diocesan ministries funded by the Appeal are deeply appreciated by the Bishop and Pastor. As of May 11 total pledges from SJOB were \$208,648.38. Our goal is \$252,100 for pledges, so we are still looking for additional pledges. Some have come in last Sunday and we know we will receive more this weekend. The Diocese would like all pledges in May 21 since the invoices for the first payment will be distributed May 31. If we haven't heard from you, please do so as soon as possible.

Mother's Day Roses for Birthright: Birthright thanks parishioners of SJOB for helping to make the rose day sale a success.

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.



Our offices will be closed Monday, May 28th for Memorial Day. In an emergency call 658-7107. We will celebrate one Mass @ 9:00 on Monday Thank you.

SPECIAL COLLECTION next Sunday will be for Seminary and Priests' Continuing Education. Your offerings help diocesan seminary and priests continue education. Your generosity is appreciated.



Whether you are enjoying the history and natural beauty of the towns and villages along the eastern shore of the Chesapeake Bay, or the family fun of a Delaware or Maryland Atlantic Ocean resort vacation; you'll find a Catholic community nearby ready to welcome you with open arms. We invite you

to worship with us this vacation season. Visit www.masstimes.org

A Church - The House of God Where We Celebrate Mass

Indeed a special place! More than anything dress and attire show our reverence and respect for the special presence of the Lord found in Church. So, a gentle reminder is needed at this time of the year that dress and attire, of both young and old, should show that we are not headed to the beach, gym, or the pool.

Bake Sale Fundraiser

Many people in Brandywine Hundred have heard about Sallies High School freshman, Andrew McDonough (also from St. Mary Magdalene parish) suddenly hospitalized at AI hospital in the winter for leukemia. Many prayers are being said for his welfare and his family. A group of 6th grade students from St. Joseph's will be hosting a bake sale after all masses on Memorial Day

weekend. Proceeds will benefit the McDonough family to help with medical expenses. Come out and support this charitable effort.



Saturday (May 19)

5:00 p.m. Harold Seer by members of Raskob Foundation

Sunday (May 20)

7:30 a.m. Edith Giacco by family

9:00 a.m. Parishioners

10:30 a.m. Irene Campanella by M/M Joseph F. Campanella

Monday (May 21)

7:00 a.m. William Kirk by Joe & Ann Marie Finch

12:05 p.m. Nicholas Colongelo, Sr., by Rosemary & Ted

Tuesday (May 22)

7:00 a.m. Eugene Onesi by Liz Stevens

12:05 p.m. Gilbert Gonzalez by Vanessa Gonzales
Wednesday (May 23)

7:00 a.m. Sally Reed by Arlene & Bernie Daney

12:05 p.m. William Mical by Cathy & Gene Kelleher

Thursday (May 24)

7:30 p.m. Joan White by the Raskob Foundation & staff

12:05 p.m. Matthew B. Speicher by Margaret T. Speicher

Friday (May 25)

7:00 a.m. John F. Grezlikowski, Jr. by Rita & Robert Gutekunst

12:05 p.m. Edward McCormick by the Homsey family

Saturday (May 26)

8:00 a.m. David O. Beatson from Lisa & David Beatson

5:00 p.m. Rita Kearns by family

Solidarity Retreat Prayer Day

You are cordially invited to attend a Solidarity Retreat Prayer Day with our brothers and sisters from San Marcos, Guatemala on Saturday, June 2, 2007 from 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at SJOB. The day will feature prayer, storytelling, faith-sharing and the screening of the film "Estamos Aqui - We Are Here." R.S.V.P. to Mary Jo Frohlich 302-892-2029 or Br. Chris Posch 302-655-0518.