



## *Pentecost Sunday*

May 27, 2007

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same spirit.  
1 Corinthians 12:4

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**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

**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)

**THANK YOU:** It is with a very grateful heart that I give THANKS to God for ALL of you who came to share in my FAREWELL PARTY last Sunday and I know you enjoyed the wonderful "Irish Brunch" and entertainment, as I did, which was planned by the Parish Council. I have been very much a part of your Parish Family for nine years and saying "Good-bye" is not easy, however, when I spoke with Msgr. Rebman in January 2007 I knew it was time for me to be of service to God's people in a different capacity. I live in Our Lady of Angels Convent, Glen Riddle, PA which is our Motherhouse and my "first" home in the United States. What was our Novitiate Building is now a very active retreat facility, our Franciscan Spiritual Center, which "Welcomes" people of all ages and faiths. You too are "welcome," it is there you will probably find me. This is beginning to be a long THANK YOU message but I want you to know that I am not too far away and I plan to return from time to time to our beautiful church for Liturgy, concerts etc. It is my hope that I may be able to join a Franciscan Pilgrimage to Assisi, the home of St. Francis of Assisi, our Patron Saint. Once again, I say THANK YOU for your love, support, kindness and generosity to me. Know that you will always be remembered in my prayers and I ask you to remember me in yours. I pray that God always hold you in the Palm of His Hand. May you be aware of His presence, His Peace and His love. THANK YOU.

### *Making A Connection*

"This weekend we celebrate Memorial Day and commemorate those who served in our armed forces, especially those who gave their lives for the freedoms we are all privileged to enjoy. A list of the almost 300 veterans who rest in our St. Joseph on the Brandywine Cemetery is enclosed in the bulletin. Their service spans the period from the Civil War through Viet Nam.

A flag donated by VFW Post 2907 has been placed on each of their graves by the Cub Scouts of Pack 959, Wolf Den 8, Grace Lutheran Church, Hockessin. As you contemplate the current world situation in which we find ourselves, please take a moment to remember these patriots and say a prayer of thanksgiving for them. " A mass intention in honor of all veterans buried in St. Joseph's cemeteries will be celebrated on *Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.*

### **PASTOR'S NOTES**

#### *Gentleness*

Today we are celebrating the presence in our world of the Spirit of God, the Holy Spirit. Today's feast encourages us to focus on the fruits of the Holy Spirit – qualities so needed by our world: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Our age doesn't seem to value gentleness very much. We applaud the strong and rugged survivor who practices the art of ruthlessness and domination so that he or she ends up in top spot.

The gentle person doesn't run you down with his or her untimely and inappropriate words and judgments. It takes a certain strength to control our desires to punish and put down people. A weak person has no self-control. They react all over the place. Whenever anything is said or done that doesn't please or suit them, the weak person loses control of himself and lashes out in anger with words or even with physical violence.

If we want to find traces and signs of the presence of the Holy Spirit, we look for signs of gentleness and caring. We all value gentleness when we find ourselves sick and need someone to look after us. We seek out the friend who will comfort us when we are depressed or deeply saddened by something that is going on in our lives. We instinctively want to be with the gentle person who will be kind and caring. Gentleness in others attracts us. It's something we all value.

The Holy Spirit is a spirit of gentleness. As we try to live out our lives with that same kind and thoughtful spirit, we will be helping to heal our own little corner of the world, and perhaps even bring that gentleness to God's wider world all around us.

#### *Silent Prayer Community*

This powerful ministry of prayer at SJOB intercedes to Jesus and Mary for your intentions; prays at all hours of the day and night; does not have formal meetings; is in addition to the Book of Prayer in the back of church; is honored to be of service; and welcomes additional prayer partners. Contact Cindi Clare 654-6344.



*"Remembering your parish in your will helps ensure the continuation of the Lord's work in our community."*

*“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 \$211,723.38. 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.

MEMORIAL DAY FIELD MASS

Please join us as we celebrate the 48<sup>th</sup> annual Memorial Day Field Mass at All Saints Cemetery, Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day. In an emergency call 658-7107. We will celebrate one Mass @ 9:00 on Monday. Thank you.

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



Congratulations to the parishioners who are graduating from pre-school, kindergarten, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, high school, college, graduate school. We wish we knew all the graduates so we could salute you by name. However, you seem to be shy and don't tell us. Be assured of a prayerful remembrance by the parish priests, deacon, DRE and entire staff. Whether you are moving up the educational ladder or out into the business world know you have a sense of accomplishment and your parents and family members are proud of you. A mass for the intention of all graduates will be celebrated on June 20<sup>th</sup> at the 12:05 mass.

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 6<sup>th</sup> grade students from St. Joseph's will be hosting a bake sale after all masses on Monday. Proceeds will benefit the McDonough family to help with medical expenses. Come out and support this charitable effort.

Spring Clean Up - The spring clean for our cemeteries is complete. The attention of lot owners relative to the Rules & Regulations for grave decorations, posted at the entrances of our cemeteries and given in print to lot owners at the time of purchase should be adhered to. The cemetery may remove items contrary to regulations and no longer appeal to the dignity of the cemetery and are not responsible for items removed.

Saturday (May 26)

5:00 p.m. Rita Kearns by family

Sunday (May 27)

7:30 a.m. Noel Schmidt (living - return to good health) by Claire Hanavan

9:00 a.m. Theresa Nicastro Wahl by Chuck Wahl  
10:30 a.m. All Parishioners

Monday (May 28) *Memorial Day One Mass Only*

9:00 a.m. For all veterans in St. Joseph's cemeteries by the Old Cemetery Committee

Tuesday (May 29)

7:00 a.m. Allen Cloud by Mary Cloud

12:05 p.m. Michael A. Sheehy by Mary Roberts

Wednesday (May 30)

7:00 a.m. Kevin Coughlin by the Romanowski family

12:05 p.m. John & Frances Brown requested by the family of James S. Grant, Jr.

Thursday (May 31)

7:30 a.m. Carmine B. Tomaine by Margaret T. Speicher

12:05 p.m. William Kirk by M/M Edmond M. Ianni

Friday (June 1)

7:00 a.m. M/M George H. Seitz, Sr., by Margaret Seitz

12:05 p.m. Jacqueline Gallo by M/M Peter Eason

Saturday (June 2)

8:00 a.m. Dolores Insunza by Vanessa Gonzalez

5:00 p.m. William Mical by Cathy & Gene Kelleher

*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.