

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 6-7, 2006

Sunday Lectionary Readings

This Week's Readings: Acts 4: 3-12; 1 John 3: 1-2; John 10: 11-18
 Next Week's Readings: Acts 9: 26-31; 1 John 3: 18-24; John 15: 1-8

Scripture Reflection

Today's wonderful 2nd reading should bring us such comfort. "See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called children of God. Yet, so we are." So many times, we are tempted to believe that we have to earn God's love: that we have to act in a certain way in order for God to *really* love us. Worse yet, we believe that we have done something in the past that has caused us to lose God's love. God's love for us is not dependent on our behavior, for God's goodness is far larger than our flaws and sins! Because God loves us, we are God's children, and because we are God's children, God loves us. If a human parent can love his or her children, no matter what they do, then how much more can God love us? How we underestimate God and God's love; what havoc that underestimation can wreak. Let us all read...and believe... the passage from 1 John 3: 1-2. Better yet, let us memorize it, and repeat it when God seems far away.

Let Us Pray For Those in Need of Prayer

Simon Hatcher, Ann Sebring, Jim Sebring, Sandra Weiler, Andrew Bozzelli, Charelle Barnes, Laurie Comp, Paula LaSalle, Bishop Bill Newman, Bob Hartman, Audrey Davis, Andrew Anderson, John Grosskopf, Juli Kruhm, Paul Joop, Matthew Rice, George Danek, Daryn Strawberry, Louise Baptiste, Brother Benedict Simmonds, Wendy Luttrell, Brian Brandon, Thomas Healy, Andrew Bopp, Colette Danek, Barbara Cheles, Mary Smith, Earl Smith, Eve Seehusen, Ruby Strawberry, Anthony Caserta, Bob Twynham, Marionette Plummer, Edith Beard, John Garvey, Mary Kane, James Kane. *(Names will be listed for 6 weeks. If you would like a name listed for an additional 6 weeks, please notify the rectory.)*

This Week's Mass Intentions

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| Saturday, May 6, Dolores Conoscento, <i>deceased</i> | Friday, May 12, Joseph J. Luecking, <i>deceased</i> |
| Sunday, May 7, Loretta Burnham, <i>deceased</i> | Saturday, May 13, All Mothers, <i>living & deceased</i> |
| Monday, May 8, Thomas O. Wood, <i>deceased</i> | Saturday, May 14, All Mothers, <i>living & deceased</i> |
| Wednesday, May 10, Bill Sweeney <i>deceased</i> | |

Collection Update

Last Weekend's Offertory: \$ 2,201.15
 Last Weekend's 2nd Collection to benefit our Community Center and outreach ministries: \$ 938.60
 This Weekend's 2nd Collection will benefit Archdiocesan Seminarians.
 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection will benefit our Community Center and outreach ministries.

This Week at Corpus Christi

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| Sun, May 7, 9:00 am | Sunday School (last session for year) | Rectory & Midtown |
| Sun, May 7, 10:30 am | First Communion | Church |
| Mon, May 8, 7:00 pm | Liturgy Committee Meeting | Rectory |
| Sat & Sun, May 13 & 14 | Pastoral Council Elections at Mass | Church |
| Sun, May 14, 10:30 am | Hospitality – Mother's Day | Church |

Coming Up:

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| Wed, May 17, 7:00 pm | Finance Committee Meeting | Rectory |
| Sat & Sun, May 20 & 21 | Pastoral Council Elections at Mass | Church |
| Sun, May 21, 3:00 pm | Sunday School Mass & Picnic | Cromwell's Home |
| Mon, May 22, 7:00 pm | Pastoral Council Executive Committee Mtg | Rectory |

Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council welcomes input from the community both on matters on the council's monthly agendas and new issues that may arise. Council officers are Betsy Leighton (410-366-7059, President; Mike Chovonec (410-243-4870), Vice-President; and Avendui Lacovara (410-523-6847) Secretary. Council members wear identification badges to facilitate communication.

Congratulations Juan Linares and Lissette Aponte married this Friday at Corpus Christi!

CORPUS CHRISTI NEWS

Congratulations, First Communicants!

Congratulations to the following children who will receive Holy Communion for the first time this Sunday: Ania Flanagan, Paul Hager, Olivia Herbkersman, Nicky Imhoff, and Ben Sullivan. Thanks to their teacher, Maureen Sweeney, and to their families and friends for all their love and support.

Corpus Christi Celebration – June 4

The final event in our 125th year will be our annual Corpus Christi party, on Sunday, June 4, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m., in MICA's Meyerhoff House, one block west of the rectory. Children are welcome. In addition to *great* food, memorabilia from our first 125 years will be on display. Save the date and make plans to join the fun.

BEYOND CORPUS CHRISTI

Planning Your Summer?

"Welcome to Micronesia," a new musical written by Jonathan Gourlay, with music and lyrics by **Dan Meyer**, our former Director of Music, hits the stage in the US this summer and follows the wacky and thrilling adventures of US, Canadian, and Philippine expats who have moved to the Pacific Islands of Micronesia. At the Baltimore Theatre Project on July 7-8, 8:00 pm (410-752-8558).

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

A Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion trauma will be held in Baltimore, MD, May 19-21. The retreat is a confidential and emotionally safe environment for those struggling after abortion. For more information, call 1-800-286-4224 or email projectrachel@archbalt.org. You may also visit www.rachelsvineyard.org or call 1-877-HOPE-4-ME.

Bereavement Series

For seven consecutive Mondays starting May 15th the Pastoral Care Department of Mercy Medical Center, 301 St. Paul Place, will present a seven-week bereavement group session focusing on emotional and spiritual feelings and physical symptoms that follow the death of a loved one. Sessions run from 3:00 to 4:30 pm in the Pastoral Care Conference room. Contact Brenda at 410.659.2875 to register by May 12th, the fee is \$70.

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Women's Retreat

Saint Ann's Sodality is sponsoring a Women's Retreat on June 9 – 11 at the Holy Family Retreat House in Hampton, VA. \$150 cost includes transportation, boarding, meals, activities, and gratuities. Bus leaves at 11:30 am on the 9th and returns at 5:30 pm on the 11th. See the bulletin board in the vestibule or call Sarah Randolph (410.685.2395) or Bessie Price (410.783.4206) for more information.

St. Thomas Aquinas School

St. Thomas Aquinas School in Hampden is accepting applications for preschool thru 8th grade. The school offers full and half-day preschool, full day kindergarten, small class sizes, before and after school care, and a challenging curriculum. Tuition assistance and multi-child tuition discounts are available. Call 410-889-4618 for more information or to make an appointment to visit the school.

Volunteer Visitors for Sick and Homebound

Basic introduction of pastoral visiting for parishioners who are new to it or have begun with limited skills; also found useful by experienced visitors. (This does not include liturgical rubrics). Sponsored by Catholic Charities Parish Social Ministry. Presented by Dr. Patricia Fosarelli. Saturday, May 20, 2006. 9:30am-12 Noon at St. Casimir. For more information, to register, or to sign up to host a session in your area, contact Allison Stone 410-261-6781 or astone@cc-md.org.

National Health Care Ethics Program

The National Catholic Bioethics Center recently launched The National Catholic Certification Program in Health Care Ethics and is offering a one-year, web-based distance learning experience to provide a systematic formation in applying the Church's moral tradition to difficult ethical questions in medicine and the life sciences. For more information, contact Julie at jkelly@ncbcenter.org or 215-877-2660 ext.213.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Couples who make encounter weekends rediscover the joy, intimacy, and romance in their relationships. Let us help you recharge your good marriage and make it great! Upcoming weekends are August 11-13 and November 10-12. For more information or to register call 1.877.558.LOVE or visit www.wwe.net.

Mentor Basic Training

This course equips Christian mentors to have a positive impact on a prisoner, ex-prisoner, or adult family member of a prisoner/ex-prisoner, helping him/her to reach his/her God-given potential. Topics include: establishing a mentoring relationship, applying basic mentoring skills, and maintaining an accountability relationship. June 24, 2006, 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM, MD Correctional Institution for Women (MCIW), 7943 Brockbridge Road, Jessup, MD 20794, 410-379-3800. Participant fee - \$15.00 to cover the cost of materials. (Please make checks payable to Prison Fellowship Ministries.) Lunch will be provided. Questions? Call the Prison Fellowship office in Baltimore, MD, (800) 578-4196 or (410) 296-4909.