



## Masses For The Week

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Monday May 10—St. Philip & St. James, apostles

7:00 AM Walter Wentzel/Carole Wentzel  
8:30 AM Raymond Hermida/Anne Hermida

#### Tuesday, May 11

7:00 AM Lucille Connelly/Family  
8:30 AM Frank & Rose Perno/Anna

#### Wednesday, May 12

7:00 AM Eileen Riley/Mary Jane Lake-Benning  
8:30 AM Carmen Della Pietro/Wife & Family

#### Thursday, May 13—The Ascension of the Lord

7:00 AM For the People of St. Joseph Parish  
8:30 AM Deacon Joe Goodrow/Carol  
7:00 PM Poor Souls in Purgatory/Julie

#### Friday, May 14

7:00 AM For the People of the Parish  
8:30 AM Joanne Lotosky/Husband & Family

#### Saturday, May 15

4:00 PM Dec'd Tucker & Formon Families/Family  
6:00 PM Mary Sullivan/Andrew Derechailo

#### Sunday, May 16—Seventh Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM Milton Jetter, Jr./Dave & Kathleen Vergaretti  
9:00 AM For the People of St. Joseph Parish  
10:30 AM Joseph Di Biase/Family  
12:00 PM Kay McAdams/John Donohue Family

### SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Health/Recovery of Michael Guariglia

### VOTIVE LIGHTS

Charles Cleary	Fred Della Pietro
C.. Family	Bertha Wise
Joanna Tanski	Mary Koyi
Alfonso Esposito	

### SPECIAL INTENTIONS

J.E. For Kathy Special Intention

Please PRINT your Votive Light offering clearly.  
Votive Light Offering is \$5

### Vocation View

Those who love me will be true to my word. My Father will love them and we will come to them. How will I respond to that love? Am I being called to priesthood or religious life? (John 14:23-29)

**St Joseph Parish Indoor Flea Market** on Saturday, May 15 in the Betty Madden Auditorium. Proceeds will benefit our Capital Campaign Fund. Tables are \$20.00 to rent. Please call 732-264-2114 to reserve a table. Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria.



### Offerings for the weekend of April May 1/2, 2010

1st Offering	\$ 6,731.00
2nd Offering :	\$ 1,319.00
Legacy Fund	

Special Offering for May 16: **Catholic Communication Campaign**

### Readings for May 16, 2010 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### First Reading: Acts 7:55- 60

Stephen was filled with the Holy Spirit, and described seeing Jesus standing at God's right hand. Then he was dragged away and stoned to death before many witnesses who did not believe his words. Before dying he cried, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them."

#### Second Reading: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

John hears a voice saying, "Remember I am coming soon!" This messenger for Jesus says that he will come to reward those who are deserving. Those who hear the call of the Spirit are encouraged to answer by accepting Jesus.

#### Gospel: John 17:20- 26

Jesus prays for all the people who will believe in him through the words of his disciples. His prayer is that the world will live in unity, with Jesus living in us as he lives in God. Although we have not known God, we know Jesus was sent by God because of his love for us. He prays that this love will live on in all people.

#### St. Vincent de Paul Society

All area seniors and shut-ins are cordially invited to join us for our Senior Mass and Luncheon on Saturday, May 22. Mass starts at 11:30 am, with a delicious buffet lunch following immediately in the school cafeteria. We will enjoy music during lunch. Please call our Help Line (732-290-1878) to let us know you'll be coming so we have enough food

Also, all parishioners are invited to join us for a Night of Reflection at the San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch on Wednesday, May 19. The cost is \$25 per person. We start at 6 pm with a delectable buffet dinner, then listen to an inspirational talk by a Redemptorist priest, followed by mass in their lovely chapel, which concludes about 9 pm. Confession will be available too. Again, please call the Help Line to let us know you'll attend and if you need transportation

Please remember us when you go grocery shopping. This week the pantry is low on canned meat, coffee, crackers and detergent.



#### Altar Rosary Society:

On May 26 through May 30 St. Joseph's will be having our Church Fair. The Altar/Rosary Society is asking for donations of cakes, brownies and cupcakes. Please bring these items to the food tent.

We will be having our June Dinner on June 6th at the Buttonwood Manor at 12 noon. Cost is \$25. Please call Beverly Beyers at 732-583-2577 or Cathy Graham at 732-264-8089. Please leave your name and Phone number. Call by May 23.

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### *from the Pastor's Desk*

#### IMMIGRATION POLICY AND LAW

Last weekend witnessed significant nation-wide demonstrations on behalf of Immigration Law Reform. The new energy for this movement was supplied, in large part; by reaction to the recently passed immigration laws in Arizona which many feel inappropriate for a state since, historically, immigration has been a Federal responsibility. The Arizona law is widely seen as "mean-spirited," harsh, and likely to encourage ethnic and racial profiling etc.

The immigration issue was most recently considered in the last term of the Bush administration. President Bush favored an overhaul but was unable to pass such legislation. Among the major points made by proponents for immigration reform both then and now are; 1- the "system is broken," its unenforceable, unjust, anti-family, un-American, and a negative influence on the economy. Further, it is argued that many complaints about undocumented immigrants are simply untrue, for example: that they take away jobs that Americans want, that they do not pay taxes, and that they are a burden to our social structures, draining our social network resources without any benefit to our communities.

The record shows that, historically, anti-immigration movements take life when the economy is in a downward cycle. We are now in such a cycle and the frustration and fear it engenders is once again leading many to scapegoat immigrants. The economy is good: "Come, we have lots of work opportunities for you." The economy is bad: Go home; we have no work for you. Don't come, we have no work for you." Such attitudes must be countered by reason, sound analysis, and moral principles.

As Catholics, our faith teaches us and impels us to see and understand and celebrate our common humanity with all persons and peoples across all the dividing walls of culture, race, ethnicity, religion and gender. We must be on the side of the poor and oppressed who come to America not with sinister motives but rather with the ennobling hope and resolve to make a better life for themselves and their families.

Next week I would like to share the guidance Catholic Social Teaching offers us on this issue of immigration and some ways to participate in the national discussion and decision making that face us. Peace, Fr. Ron

### **BINGO**

**EVERY SUNDAY AT 2 P.M.  
AND WEDNESDAY AT NOON**

**Bingo jackpot!!!  
Join us for the fun!  
Cafeteria is open for lunch**



### HAITI UPDATE

We greet all of you who have so generously assisted in our earthquake relief projects. It will be a long time before we can be certain which direction the reconstruction of Haiti will take, but we see small signs of hope. In Port au Prince schools have opened again, many outside or in tents, but the children are happy to reestablish some sort of routine, and the adults enjoy seeing children laughing and playing. The airports are open, and several hotels are operative, so relatives and aid workers are arriving every day. Several doctors and EMT technicians, whom we know, have returned and report that medical services and supplies have reached the most needy, but the poverty that was there before the quake is still abysmally evident. The difference is that there has been a super effort, especially by religious orders, to address the formerly passive acceptance of this situation, and perhaps things will change. A lot of money has been collected for Haiti by the Red Cross and other NGO's (non-governmental organizations), and we are waiting to see how it will be administered. There is a big concern among Haitians that many who previously worked for various NGO's are being excluded from the relief effort. This is a big waste of their experience and language skills.

On the other hand, the tent city at our guesthouse/clinic, Matthew 25 House, is organized and run completely by Haitians, and the reconstruction of the building is underway. So, while there are large areas, like Matthew 25 House, where people have tents and food, there are many smaller, less publicized areas where people are sleeping in rubble, and just surviving on one meal of rice a day.

In Pignon, our sister parish, the refugee children have been integrated into the various school systems, and thanks to the generous monetary assistance we have received from all of you, the children in our schools (about 1200 children) are receiving a hot lunch of rice and beans or spaghetti every day. That will continue till the end of the school year. Thanks to your donations, our medical clinic continues to provide free care and medicines to the injured and ill.

The college students we have been sponsoring in Port au Prince lost not only their universities, but also their homes, computers, books, clothes and part time jobs. They are back in Pignon while they wait to see if and when the universities will reopen. A list of those professionals who died in PAP shows us that many of the university professors have been killed, so this compounds the problem. In the meantime, our students have each received \$500 to replace what they lost and are working in our parish facilities helping out where needed. They will be the future leaders in Pignon, so we are anxious to get them back to school. Aid has also been extended to seminarians from Pignon who were victims of the earthquake, and hundreds of bags of rice, beans and corn have been distributed. Unfortunately, some persons in Haiti have taken advantage of the food shortages caused by the earthquake, and so the price of food has risen to the point that many find it a burden.

The rebuilding of Haiti will take time, but in Pignon, we hope to move it along by giving microcredit loans to some of the refugees. Employment, supported by education and healthcare, is always preferable to a handout when possible. We believe that in the long term, this is the most responsible way to invest your generous donations, and we are working at it. Thank you all and God bless you!

Postscript - To date we have received \$60,964.00. \$10,000 was sent to Matthew 25 House, the Parish Twinning Program's guesthouse in Port au Prince. \$20,000 was sent to Pignon for direct aid; food, shelter, medicine and clothing. \$9,000 was sent to Pignon for school lunches. \$1894 was spent for the shipping or airlifting of over 65 boxes of emergency supplies to Pignon and to

Matthew 25 House. We expect to reserve the balance for microcredit loans for refugees. Thank you!

Donations to St. Joseph's Haiti Program, P.O. Box 6, Middletown, NJ 07748.

Antonia Malone Coordinator

**Health Ministry: Happy Mother's Day!** May is "**Mother's Month**". The best gift mothers can give their families is the gift of your good health. We're all role models to our children and grandchildren, nieces and nephews, friends and neighbors. **What we do is much more important than what we say.** Our model of strong healthy women, partners in marriage, and women who live their faith is important to pass on to your children, grandchildren. The life span is lengthening especially for women, so many of us may in fact, become role models for our great grandchildren. To do this, healthy minds, bodies and spirits are essential. "When we set an example of honesty our children will be honest. When we encircle them with love, they will be, loving. When we practice tolerance, they will be tolerant. When we meet life with laughter and a twinkle in our eye, they will develop a sense of humor." (Wilford A. Peterson)

**...be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. 1 Timothy 4:12** Your Parish Nurse, Wendy.

**The Monthly Blood Pressure Screening is scheduled for next Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am-12:00 at the gym entrance of the school. Take the time and have your pressure checked.**

**Also, prayer shawls and prayer afghans will be available during this time for those in need.**

### Mother Prayer

Dear Lord,

today we pray for mothers--  
our own mothers, and mothers everywhere,  
who have made such a major contribution  
to the good qualities we have,  
sometimes through genetics,  
more often through great effort and patient instruction,  
and who have done their best  
to gently polish away our rough edges.

Lord, please bless our mothers  
for the endless hours of time they spent  
and the boundless energy they invested in us.  
Bless our mothers for their sacrifices on our behalf  
as they often gave up or deferred their own dreams  
so that we could have ours.

Bless our mothers for always being there for us,  
for being the person we know we can turn to  
when we need comfort, encouragement, or just a hug.

Bless our mothers for making a home for us  
where we could feel safe, where we felt we belonged.

Most of all, Lord,

bless our mothers for their unconditional love,  
for loving us no matter what,  
and for frequently showing love  
in ways that make us feel valued and cherished.

Lord, please bless our mothers mightily.

Strengthen them, soothe them,  
wrap them in Your infinite love  
and shower them with blessings

too numerous to count, too magnificent to describe.

We love them, admire them, respect them,  
and we wish that You would give them back  
many times the good they gave to us.

In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

By Joanna Fuchs

### 2009 Ministry of the Word Report, Lector

**Mission:** The lector's mission is to make the Word of the God come alive by proclaiming the Scriptures to the assembly at each liturgy. The proclamation of the Word of God is an opportunity for all present to encounter the Lord and to deepen the relationship with God. It is the lector who is called to make this happen.

**Members:** There are currently 25 lectors with 2 on college sabbatical. New lectors from high school age and up are invited to the Ministry of Lector. Training, mentoring and a study workbook are available for each lector.

#### Activities:

- meetings are called by rectory on an as-need basis
  - training is provided for new lectors either individually or in a group
  - mentors are provided for new lectors
- 7 new lectors were trained within this year

#### Goals for 2010:

- to recruit new lectors
  - to encourage lectors to take advantage of other liturgies, workshops etc. for spiritual growth and preparation either within our parish or at other parishes
  - to include the lector schedule on the parish Web site
  - to conduct a morning of reflection and spirituality for lectors once or twice a year
- to disseminate information about spiritual workshops in a timely fashion and with sufficient notice so interested lectors might attend

Description of Work	Cost
Church sidewalk cement and tile	\$11,824
New church A/C condenser	\$51,355
Replaced Roof over Church Machine Room	\$24,129
Replaced Duct Flex Connector on church HVAC system	\$1,800
Replaced Water Heater in school bldg.	\$1,975
Replaced Roof over school bldg boiler room	<u>\$8,579</u>

Contact Carol Kreig, through the Rectory, for more information about becoming a Lector



## ST JOSEPH CARNIVAL

MAY 26th - 30th

WE NEED

**VOLUNTEERS!!**

**Rectory 732-264-**

**0322 or**

**Colleen Vecchio 732-888-1916**

