

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, April 17, 2010

5:00 pm **+Madeline & Frank Gallagher**, Req. Family
+John Ball, Req. Kathleen Christophersen
+Buoye & Sharkey Families,
Req. Alfred & Rita Sharkey

SUNDAY, April 18, 2010

7:00 am **Intention of Colin Wann**, Req. Lang Family
+Geraldine A. Hanke,
Req. Tom & Mary Anne Dilberger
8:30 am **+Christina Marsacano**, Req. Donohue Family
+Mary Donohue, Req. Donohue Family
10:00 am **Pro Populo**
11:30 am **Intention of the Family Rosary**,
Req. C. DeMarco
+Gloria Lenkevich, Req. Greg, Renee & Caitlin
5:00 pm **+James Walsifer**, Req. Dave & Rose Walsifer
+Mary Sweeney, Req. Carmen Garber
+Justin Colorusso, Req. Carmen Garber
+Amelia Fornicola, Req. Family

MONDAY, April 19, 2010

6:45 am **Special Intention**
9:00 am **+Jack McGarry**, Req. Sister, Patty
+Edward & Irene Bailey, Req. Ruth English

7:00 pm **Holy Hour**

TUESDAY, April 20, 2010

6:45 am **Special Intention**
9:00 am **+Richard Calascibett**,
Req. Frank & Marilyn Neigel
**+Deceased Members of the Cabucci
Family**, Req. Family

WEDNESDAY, April 21, 2010

6:45 am **Special Intention**
9:00 am **+Leonard & Christina Tomasello**, Req. Family
Intention of Alfie Sharkey, Req. Rita Murray

THURSDAY, April 22, 2010

6:45 am **Special Intention**
9:00 am **+Mary Catherine Tattam**, Req. Al Tattam
+Les Blaha, Req. Mary & Harvey Goodman
Intention of Kit Blaha,
Req. Mary & Harvey Goodman

FRIDAY, April 23, 2010

6:45 am **Special Intention**
9:00 am **+John Bergen**, Req. Bob & Sue Durkin

SATURDAY, April 24, 2010

7:45 am **+Roger Hall**, Req. Family
+Salvatore Melango, Req. Wife, Pat
2:00 pm **Nuptial: Ryan Whytlaw and
Jennifer Rovito**

5:00 pm **+Jimmy, Beil & Peter Marucca**,
Req. Rose, Tony & Mary Ann
+Geraldine & Edward Wagner,
Req. Daughter
+Mary McGowan, Req. Marlene Maxwell

SUNDAY, April 25, 2010

7:00 am **+Thomas Cush**, Req. Tom & Mary Anne Dilberger
8:30 am **+Teresa Alletti**, Req. Alletti Family
10:00 am **+Mary Andre**, Req. Eileen & Bill O'Connell
+David Casey, Req. Quinn Family
+Charles F. Layden,
Req. Maura McDowell & Family
+Les Blaha, Req. Rosemary Frosch
11:30 am **Pro Populo**
5:00 pm **+Nancy & Michael O'Donnell**,
Req. Carol Milich
+Eileen Addonizio,
Req. Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Bongiovanni
+Sophie Karasiewicz,
Req. Cathy & Scott Longano

Your Sacrificial Offerings

Number of registered families	2,159
Number of envelopes mailed	1,640
# of envelopes & ParishPay used	574
Average envelope & ParishPay donation	\$ 17.83
Total Weekend collection	\$13,297
Last year's total weekend collection	\$18,531

2010 BISHOP'S APPEAL

If you are one of the 114 families who sent in your pledge, THANK YOU!

Our goal for the Bishop's Appeal is \$50,000 this year. At this point 5 % of our parish families have pledged \$33,900. Last year at this time 270 families had given 37,800. **If you have not sent your pledge in yet, there is still time to help!**

The ROSARY FOR PEACE is recited each day at 8:00 am.

The MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA is celebrated on Saturday mornings after the 7:45 am Mass.

BAPTISMS: In April, please welcome and keep in your prayers the newest members of our parish community through the Sacrament of Baptism: Lukas James Devaney, Michael Raymond Boulard, Tess Gennarelli, Hailey Rose Lanterman, Israel Fuentes, Charlotte Elizabeth Carson, and Kaitlyn Grace Moschiano.

CARE OF THE SICK: Receiving of the Eucharist at home may be arranged through our Consolation Ministry by calling Sr. Grace (Ext. 418) in the Parish Office.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: Our group meets on the first and third Thursdays of the month from September thru June and on the first Thursdays of July and August from 7:30 to 8:30 pm in the Parish Center. Please call Deacon Normand OR Rosemarie Reilly at 732-681-0512, Ext. 423 for information.

SCRIPTURE CLASS: Do you want to gain a greater understanding and insight into the Scriptures? Our scripture class meets on Monday evenings in the Parish Center at 7:00 pm. We will study Jesus' parables through June 7th. Contact Deacon Gene Malhame at 732-681-0512, Ext. 424 for information.

LEGION OF MARY

Meetings are held on Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Those interested are cordially invited to attend a meeting as a guest. Please call: Genevieve Semple at 732-681-1775.

CHOIR

We are looking for people to join or return to the choir. If you have sung before or would like to give it a try, please join us on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm in the choir loft. Maybe God is calling you to use your gifts to His glory. Email our Director of Music, Tim Novembre at: tnovembre77@aol.com

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

The next Rosary Altar Society meeting will be Monday April 26, 2010 with the rosary being recited at 7 PM in the church and a meeting in the parish center.



Pastor's Note From Father Doug:

I have been preparing all week for a day of prayer I am leading with the mother's group from Christian Brothers' Academy. I really enjoy these days of reflection and prayer with different groups. Most of the time I bet I end up getting more out of it than they do, but always in the preparation and in the sharing God gives everyone there something to draw them closer to His heart of love.

This one might be different. They have questions. I don't have any answers. I said "yes" to their invitation to speak before I heard the topic. It's not an easy one. They want to talk about connections, specifically their connection with Christ, their high school age sons' connections with Christ, and their connections with their sons. The first one isn't so difficult. But the real issue is about their children.

Many of you share the frustration and even the worry about children who have drifted away from the faith. I hear over and over again the question "Should I force my teenage child to go to Mass?" The only answer I can give, I guess, is -- gently. Drag, no. Encourage, ask, maybe bribe, but force, probably not. I too wish they wanted to go. I too struggle with how to reconnect young people with Christ. There are no easy answers. The most powerful thing I think is modeling. But it has to be real. Teenagers can spot a fake a mile away. If they see that faith is really important to the people they love and respect then it may grow to be important to them.

I recently reflected on the question posed to me by a concerned parishioner, "How can we make Mass more attractive to young people?" My initial reaction is that the Mass isn't something we market and sell. It's not about the packaging it's about the offering we make. Then I thought about what makes the Mass "attractive" or what draws people my own age to Mass? So, what do 47 year olds like? Well, like every other age, the only thing 47 year olds have in common is their age. The only thing teenagers have in common is their age. Some like contemporary music, while others are intrigued and drawn to the transcendence of chant and even the Latin Mass. Some young people relate more to priests who are closer to their own age. Others are drawn to the wisdom that comes with age. The frustrating thing for me is that there is no easy answer. They, like all of us relate in different ways to each other and to God. The most important thing is to encourage a connection, however tenuous it may be, with the things that are of God.

Many people seem to have answers for how to fill our churches. I am not sure that's even exactly the right goal. The goal is to bring people to heaven. At a funeral Mass the other day I heard again the best answer to the most profound question ever asked, "Why did God make me?" And of course we know it was "to know Him, to love Him and to serve Him in this world and to be happy with Him forever in the next." So I guess I still have more questions than answers.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME . . .

With Father Doug from October 25th through November 4th, 2010. Visit Rome, Assisi, Florence, Sienna, and Orvieto on pilgrimage. Meals are included in the price. Guided tours of each sight is included, and daily Mass will be offered. There are brochures available in the parish office, and flyers by the Church entrances. For reservations or more information contact Leslie at 212-752-8320 or 212-944-2121.

Copies of THE MONITOR are being provided at the entrances of our church. And I encourage you to take a copy home with you. Please consider beginning a personal subscription to **THE MONITOR**.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registrations for New Students who will be attending public school next year (2010-2011) are being accepted at this time. The Religious Education program begins with Kindergarten and continues through Grade 8. Registrations will be accepted by phone. Please call the Office of Religious Education at 732-681-6266 for further information.

Rehearsals for Confirmation will take place on Saturday morning, May 1st at 9:30 for all the students who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 12 at 4:00. Students are asked to report to the church promptly on that date. A practice for Sponsors and students will be held on Tuesday evening, May 11th at 6:45. It is very important that these practice sessions are attended.

Catechists Needed: Catechists for grades 5, 6 7 and 8 will be needed for Religion classes beginning in September, 2010. These Classes will be small and will meet on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 pm until 8:15. These young Catholics really need you. Please pray about whether or not God is calling you to this ministry of teaching. When you hear Jesus' voice, call Sr. Cecilia at 732-681-6266 for more information.

RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults: Are you considering becoming a Catholic or in making up the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation that you missed when a child? Give Sr. Cecilia a call at 732-681-6266. This phone call will be the beginning of one of the most rewarding experiences of your life.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Are you interested in an awesome ministry? Come and see how you may help someone in need. The SVdP members will meet on Tuesday, May 4th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Library in the basement of the Parish Center. **Everyone is welcome!**

HISTORY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The class is examining the Church from the 17th Century to the present day that includes its worldwide expansion, how it was affected by the industrial period and Vatican Council II. For info, call Maureen Weber at 732-531-0919 or 732-433-6152.

SAINT ROSE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Visit the St. Rose Grammar School Website at www.srgs.org

SRGS 6 MONTH FIFTY/FIFTY TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE !! Please help our Grammar School by purchasing a book of tickets. You may be the lucky winner of ½ the profits!! Call the Parish Office to have yours sent to you! 732-681-0512 Ext. 415 OR come in and pick up the winning ticket!

CALLING ALL ALUMNI !

We are seeking to locate all the St. Rose Grammar School alumni in order to create an informational data base. The alumni are asked to forward their current e-mail address to PTzibrouk@LakeComoNJ.org. Please call 732-556-0501 or 732-259-2269 with questions.

SPIRITUALITY MINISTRY

For all programs, please RSVP to Tina DeVito at
Parish office: 732-681-0512 ext. 491
or email at: tdevito@strose.k12.nj.us

Morning Scripture Study: Parables of the Kingdom, Part 1

***Only 6 Tuesdays:
May 11th, May 18th, May 25th
June 1st, June 8th, June 15th***

9:45am--11:15am

Some of the most memorable teachings of Jesus were delivered as parables. In this study, we will examine the parables common to both Mark and Matthew.

However, in Matthew's Gospel, these parables appear with a slightly different twist. Come and find out why this is so!

*Cost: \$14.00 for study set
(please make checks payable to St. Rose Church)*

Please sign up by April 22nd!!

We'll Bring the Popcorn...

Faith and Film Nights Continue.....

***(for 18 years or older) All films will begin at 6:30 pm
in the Parish Center Community Room***

***Viewers will discuss films through the lens of
faith and gospel values.***

Wednesday, April 21st: *Angels with Dirty Faces*, 1938, starring James Cagney, Pat O'Brien & Humphrey Bogart and the Dead End Kids. A Classic 1930's Gangster film: Rocky Sullivan and Jerry Connolly, as childhood friends, robbed a railroad car. Rocky saved Jerry's life during the chase. Rocky was caught, but Jerry, who could run faster, escaped. One turns to a life of crime; the other follows a path to the priesthood.

Monday, May 17th: *Castaway*, 2000, starring Tom Hanks. Nominated for 2 Oscars! *He lives in a "world on time" and yet does not know how to discern the time. He lives in a world of unopened boxes, not realizing he has become one. He lives in a world he controls until he is Cast Away. (taken from Movie Glimpse.com)*

Monday, May 24th: *A Beautiful Mind*, 2001, starring Russell Crowe, Ed Harris, Jennifer Connelly. Directed by Ron Howard. Won 4 Oscars! *This movie is based on the life of John Forbes Nash, Jr., a Nobel Laureate in Economics. The flipside of Nash's brilliance is his pride. His struggle with schizophrenia causes him to lose touch with reality. Who will save him from this darkness? Who will show him the love that will restore him to the truth?*

Wednesday, June 9th: *Simon Birch*, 1998, starring Ian Michael Smith, Joseph Mazzello, Ashley Judd. *This inspiring film is loosely based on A Prayer for Owen Meany, by John Irving. Simon Birch was born with a disease that nearly killed him and stunted his growth. Because of his survival, he believes that there is a reason for his condition and his existence--that God has a special plan for his life, and he won't let anyone tell him otherwise.*

Women's Spirituality, Prayer and Discussion Group....

Come experience a gathering where our faith, the Sacred Scriptures and other spiritual readings, our imaginations, and our personal stories blend together in shared prayer.

*Next meeting: May 10th, 7:00 pm
in the St. Rose Parish Center*

You have an ongoing invitation to the

Ultimate Celebration on Earth!

Mass at your local Catholic Parish

At the Last Supper, Jesus sat down with his friends for what He knew would be their last meal together. At that supper, Jesus does something new, something never done before, and yet something which continues until the end of time. Come and join us for a deeper exploration of the Roman Catholic Mass!

We'll be viewing the DVD:

The Catholic Mass...Revealed!

Group discussion will follow.

Tuesday, April 20th 9:45 am--11:00am

MINISTRY TO FAMILIES

Join us for the **Monthly Family Rosary at 6:30**

May 12th & June 9th.

Bring your special intentions and your children too! For more information, please call 732-359-6983

ELIZABETH MINISTRY

Did you know that every baby baptized at St. Rose is given a gift bag with welcome items? Needed items for this ministry are: gift bags. Tissue paper, sample size items like baby lotion or shampoo and hand knitted or crocheted blankets. Please drop off your donations in the sacristy on Sunday or in the parish office during the week. Thank you!

ST. ROSE PARISH LIBRARY: We are located in the small downstairs room of the Parish Center. We offer books, magazines, newspapers, movies on VHS and DVD, spiritual brochures, rosaries and music on CD for parishioners of all ages! Our librarians are pleasant and helpful! We have a huge selection of children's books! We are open from 9:15 am to 1 pm on the 1st and 2nd Sundays of each month. Please contact the parish office to volunteer three hours per month in your parish library – it's easy and fun and we need you!

MOMMY & ME PLAYGROUP: We meet on **Thursdays, at 9:30 am in the Parish Center.** All are welcome. *Mommy & Me* is on the move for the winter. Call Kelly Lang, coordinator of the playgroup at 732-996-4587 to find out where the road will take us this week!

ENGLISH SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES

We are again offering Free English Language classes to the community. Adults 18 and older are invited on Thursday evenings from 6:30 – 8:30 PM, at the St. Rose Parish Center (rear door). All those interested in learning English are welcome and you may bring your friends.

La Parroquia de Santa Rosa sigue ofreciendo las clases de ingles basico para los que tienen mas que diociocho anos de edad. Las clases tienen lugar los Jueves por la noche en el Centro de la Casa Parroquial. Cada clase dura dos horas. El Centro esta al lado de la iglesia. Puede entrar por la puerta que da al estacionamiento. La clase empieza a las 6:30 por la noche and termina at las 8:30 por la noche. Todos estan bienvenidos. Les invitamos a venir con sus amigos y vecinos. Matriculación comienza el Jueves 17 de Septiembre a las 6:30 – 8:30 por la noche. Aproveche de esta oportunidad maravillosa. Es gratis!!!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month in the Parish Center at 7:00 pm. **All members are welcome!**

The Knights of Columbus Msgr. Thomas U. Reilly Council 5611 of Spring Lake are selling 50/50 raffle tickets on behalf of the Monmouth County Chapter of Birthright after all Masses. Birthright helps any girl or woman regardless of age, race, creed, marital or economic status, who feels distressed by an unplanned pregnancy. Last year's raffle winning share was over \$ 10,000.00

The Knights of Columbus Msgr. Thomas U. Reilly Council 5611 of Spring Lake is sponsoring an OPEN HOUSE for new membership on Tuesday April 27 at 7pm at the St. Rose Parish center. Any Catholic male 18 years of age or older can apply. Join us to make a difference in your parish community and support our Catholic principles, which are being attacked by outside forces.

THOMAS MERTON DISCUSSION GROUP

Thomas Merton Discussion Group – 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. On May 12 we will complete our discussion of *The Intimate Merton: His Life from His Journals*, a single-volume compilation of journal entries dating from 1939 (before Merton entered the monastery) to 1968 (within days of his accidental death), available in paperback. All are welcome. There is no pressure to speak. Active listeners are most welcome! Information: 732-681-6238.

ST. ROSE HIGH SCHOOL

St. Rose High School presents **Annie** on Thursday, April 22 at 8 pm; Friday, April 23 at 8 pm and Saturday, April 24 at 1 pm & 8 pm in the school's McCann Activities & Athletics Center located at 607 Seventh Ave, Belmar. General admission tickets for evening performances are \$10 each and can be purchased the night of the show or in advance by calling 732-681-2858 ext. 329. General admission tickets for the Saturday Matinee at 1 pm are \$8 and children 10 and under are \$5. Premium reserved seats are sold at the St. Rose Box Office only on April 13, 14 & 15 from 7-8:30 pm.

TEEN ACTION GROUP

Youth Ministry- Mark your calendars:

The High School TAG will meet on Sunday, April 18th from 6-7:30 in the Annex.

The Middle School TAG will meet on Friday, April 30th from 6:30-8pm in the Annex

For information, please email jlevans@strosebelmar.org or call (leave a message) Jessica at 732.681.0512 ext. 418.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CALLING ALL CREATIVE SPIRITS: Celebrating the 100th anniversary of St. Mary by-the-Sea, Cape May Point, NJ, the Sisters of Saint Joseph are inviting painters, poets, writers and photographers to a creative art weekend, June 4-6, 2010.

The "**Lifting the Creative Spirit : Tapping the Artist Within**" weekend will offer a variety of workshops including drawing, photography, gouache, gouache,

watercolor, figure drawing, collage, and creative writing/ poetry for both beginner and intermediate levels. All the presenters are professional artists. The weekend will integrate prayer, reflection and workshops to nourish your creative spirit. What makes this experience even more unique is the chance to work with models attired in Victorian Dress and some Sisters in their original habits.

Space will be limited. You may attend the entire weekend or come just for the day. If you would like more information or a brochure, please e-mail celestemssj@Msn.com or call (609) 923-3112.

Weekly Christian Meditation Group - Mondays 7:00-7:45 p.m. – "Meditation is a way of breaking through from a world of illusion into the pure light of reality. The experience of meditation is that of becoming anchored in Truth, in the Way and in Life. In the Christian vision that anchor is Jesus. He reveals to us that God is the ground of our being, that none of us has any existence outside of him. . . . The great illusion that most of us are caught in is that we are the center of the world and that everything and everyone revolves around us. . . . But in meditation we learn that this is not true. The truth is that God is the center and everyone of us has being from his gift, from his power and from his love. [. . . .] Meditation is the great way of liberation. We are liberated from the past. . . and become open to our life in the present moment. . . . We learn that we are because God is, [and that] simply being is our greatest gift." John Main OSB, "Commitment to Simplicity," *MOMENT OF CHRIST* (New York: Continuum, 1998), pp. 26-27. Information: 732-681-6238 | GJRyan@wccm.org | www.WCCM.org

Tuesday, April 27th, 7-9pm at St Mark Church, 215 Crescent Pkwy, Sea Girt. **HUMAN SEXUALITY** - talk. The purpose of education in human sexuality is to enable individuals to: understand, value, develop and responsibly exercise their own sexuality. This talk is geared for adult audiences who teach or are involved with pre-teen/teenagers to help equip them to present the educational content in a manner that is faithful to the Catholic tradition using Church documents and age appropriate materials. Anyone interested in attending should call the Rectory at 732-449-6364.

Spiritual Direction: Are you a person of prayer who is trying to live a good Christian life? Did you ever feel it would be nice to be able to share your journey with God with someone who could help guide you on that journey? Spiritual Direction could be the answer for you. My name is Sister Kathleen Boyle, SSJ, and I currently teach theology at St. Rose High School. I am also available to be a Spiritual Director. If you think you may be interested in spiritual direction, I would be happy to meet with you to discuss the possibility. I can be reached at St. Rose Convent, 732-681-1039 or my cell # 609-304-8045.

Belmar Woman's Club's Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at the First Aid building (corner of 9th Ave & D St.) from 3 to 7 pm. No app't. necessary but if you need to make one, call Mary Anne Dilberger at 732-280—538. Donors must be healthy, 17 years of age and older, and weigh AT Least 120 lbs. Donors must present signature ID.

Borough of Spring Lake BLOOD DRIVE, Saturday, April 24, 9am to 1 pm at H.W. Mountz School, 411 Tuttle Ave. App't not necessary.

Friday, April 23 - New Jersey's 7th Annual Pro-Life Youth Rally- at Seton Hall University. The day will include live music, witness talks from teens, a keynote address from Brian Kissinger, and Pro-Life Mass. Fee \$12 includes lunch and all activities Registration EXTENDED to April 19th. Registration forms can be found at <http://www.salesianym.com/site/index.php?section=1>

Attention Prayerful Single Men: The Society of African Missionaries is having a free Live-in Experience Vacations Retreat on April 23-25 in Tenafly, NJ. There is no cost. Food and room are free. Call 1-800-221-1807.

Beginning Experience of Trenton a weekend away for a lifetime of change. Beginning Experience is a program designed to help widowed, separated and divorced persons make a new beginning in life through a powerful, intense and positive experience of hope and peace. Specially trained team members are "wounded healers" who have themselves suffered the loss of a spouse and the end of a marriage. Participants are lead through the program, which consists of presentations; private, personal reflection; and dialogue in a small group. The next Beginning Experience weekend is scheduled for May 21 – 23, 2010. **Registration is required.** For info, call Rosemarie (St. Rose Parishioner) at 732-681-1114

A Retreat for the seriously ill, GENNESARET, a retreat designed to provide a spiritual and temporal oasis for men and women, suffering with a serious illness, will be held the weekend of May 14 – 16, 2010 at the Archdiocesan Retreat Center in Kearney, NJ. The retreat begins Friday at 1:30 pm and ends with a closing Mass on Sunday at 1:30 pm. There is no cost to you for the retreat. For info, contact Hilare Reinold, 732-566-7237.

Rachel's Vineyard is the world's largest ministry for healing after abortion. The next weekend retreats are June 11-13 and August 13-15. Log onto www.rachelsvineyard.org call 1-877-HOPE-4-ME.

Ireland comes to the Jersey Shore: Make the month of July a dream come true for teens from Northern Ireland. The boys and girls are members of the City of Derry Swim Team and are seeking host families in our area. Please call Matt & Betsy Sheprow 974-8018, or Mark & Luz McNulty 449-5805, we will be happy to talk to you about this wonderful opportunity.

NOTES

Worship in Spirit and in Truth - Preparation of the Gifts

At Mass, the center of the **Liturgy of the Eucharist** is the Lord's Table, where the gifts of the People will become the Body and Blood of Christ. This begins with the **Preparation of the Gifts** ("Offertory" before 1969).

First, the altar is made ready with corporal, purificator, chalice and missal.

Then, the "gifts" - the bread and wine which will become Christ's Body and Blood - are "prepared" in three steps. **First**, they are carried from among the people to the priest and placed on the altar, where they will be consecrated in the Eucharistic Prayer. This rite can be accompanied by song which reflects on the Liturgy of the Word just ended or looks ahead to the Eucharistic Action about to begin. It is important that the people present the gifts at Mass because "the rite of carrying up the offerings still retains its force and its spiritual significance" as when the faithful actually supplied bread and wine from home for the Eucharist. (*GIRM, 73*) "It is well also that money or other gifts for the poor or for the Church, brought by the faithful or collected in the church, be received. These are to be put in a suitable place but away from the eucharistic table." (*GIRM, 73*)

Next, the priest recites two prayers thanking God for this fruit of the earth and product of human handiwork. These two prayers derive from traditional Jewish meal prayers which have been handed down substantially unchanged from before Jesus' time.

Finally, we stand as the priest invites us to unite with him in the *Prayer over the Gifts*. Our "Amen!" makes the prayer ours and concludes the *Preparation of the Gifts*. (*GIRM 77*)

Next Week: The Eucharistic Prayer

Time

Today we begin the third of the seven weeks that make up our Easter Season. Are you celebrating like one made alive by "the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead."? (*Rom. 8:11*) Having been liberated by Jesus' passage to the Father, we are free to live lives of service. With Mary of Bethany, we can wash the feet of Christ by our attention to the sick or sorrowful, the injured or distressed. These are the poor in whom Christ is always with us. Let us feast in cheerful hope and generous love, doing the will of Him who has sent us. (*cf. John 4:34*)

Scripture

Our Easter Mystagoga is leading us into the mystery of faith. Reborn in Baptism, we are eager for the pure milk of the Spirit that we may mature in salvation. (*1 Peter 2:1*)

Today: The **Acts of the Apostles** shows us Peter before the Sanhedrin giving testimony to Jesus' Resurrection.

We respond with Psalm 30, praising God who raises us up from the nether world.

The Book of Revelation presents John's vision of countless angels praising God and the Lamb.

St. John's Gospel tells of the risen Jesus' appearance at the Sea of Galilee and his commission to Peter.

This Week:

Acts 11:1-13:52: The mission continues. Peter baptizes Cornelius, a Gentile, after a vision assures him it is good. In addition, some of the fugitives scattered by the Stephen persecution arrive at Antioch and begin preaching Jesus to Greeks in addition to Jews. Barnabas enlists Saul's help in building up that community. Then, "the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.'" The two start their *first missionary journey*, and Saul is now "Paul".

John 10:1-14:14: Jesus dialogues with some religious authorities about believing in him like sheep believing in their shepherd. But they do not understand. *On Friday* we will begin listening to Jesus' words at the Last Supper. This will carry us through the remaining days of Easter Time.

Next Sunday:

Acts 13:14-52: In Antioch of Pisidia, Paul and Barnabas proclaim Jesus in the synagogue. When the majority rejects their message, they say, "We spoke God's word to you first, but now we turn to the Gentiles." They do so and, then, move on to Iconium, filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Rev. 7:9-17: John sees a great multitude of those who have survived persecution standing before the throne and the Lamb. The one on the throne will shelter them and the Lamb will shepherd them to "springs of life-giving water".

John 10:27-30: As Jesus has communion with the Father, so we are called to have communion with our Good Shepherd and never lose our way.

Memories This Week

Wednesday: **Anselm** was a theological giant of his age. In 1093 he was named Archbishop of Canterbury, England, and his pastoral and theological writings earned him the title "Doctor". In 1109, at the age of 76, he went to the Lord. As we remember him we may pray for our brothers and sisters of St. Anselm parish in Wayside.

**I long to understand to some degree your truth,
which my heart believes and loves.** *Anselm*

Thursday is the anniversary of the day in 1976 when our sixth pastor, **Msgr. Peter J. Teston**, went to sleep in the Lord. He had been our pastor from 1950 to 1975. Our Grammar School and a wing in our High School - Teston Hall - memorialize his interest in the education of St. Rose children.

Reports say that **George** was a Roman soldier active in the Christian community in Iran, that he visited Britain on a military expedition and that he was a "deliverer of captives, protector of the poor, physician of the feeble

and combatant of kings.” (*Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom*) George gave his life in witness to his faith at Lydda in Palestine. May we imitate his fidelity to Christ and may we pray for our brothers and sisters of St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Asbury Park. (The cathedral church of the Patriarch of Constantinople is the Basilica of St. George.)

When **Adelbert** became bishop of Prague, he encountered political and pastoral difficulties. So, he retired to a monastery in Rome. Eventually he was sent to evangelize the Prussians. Despite opposition, he and his fellow missionaries persevered. On this date in 997 Adelbert bore witness by martyrdom.

Saturday: Fidelis of Sigmaringen (his native town) was a lawyer in southern Germany with a habit of defending people without money. After giving away his own money, he took the habit of the Capuchin Friars, where he was known for his prayer, his ability as a teacher and spiritual advisor and his willingness to accept menial assignments. In 1622 Fidelis accepted the dangerous assignment of preaching in Switzerland where he was killed by an angry mob.