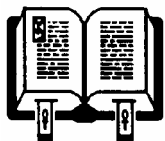


TODAY IS THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 10, 2009

**Scripture Readings for Today****1st Reading:** Acts 9:26-31**2nd Reading:** 1 John 3:18-24**Gospel:** John 15:1-8**Scripture Readings for May 17th****1st Reading:** Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48**2nd Reading:** 1 John 4:7-10**Gospel:** John 15:9-17

Dear Parishioners,

As the early Church began to grow the Holy Spirit was prominent in its life. Such prominence is apparent by John's call for each of us to love, not in word or speech, but in deed and truth. Such love is made strong when we graft ourselves to Christ the living vine. Today is Mother's day. A day to honor mothers who shared with us the love of God in deed and truth. The following story reveals such a mother.

A college professor had his sociology class go to the Baltimore slums to obtain case histories for 200 young boys. They wrote an evaluation of each boy's future. In every case, the students wrote, "He doesn't have a chance." Twenty-five years later another sociologist came across this study. The professor had his students conduct a follow-up on the earlier project to see what happened to these young boys. Twenty of the boys had moved away or had died. The students learned that 176 of the remaining 180 had achieved more than ordinary success as lawyers, doctors, and businessmen. The professor wanted to know how this happened given the ominous conclusion twenty five years ago. He was able to eventually contact each of them and he asked them all the same question, "How do you account for your success?" In each case the sincere reply was, "There was a teacher." The professor found her. She was old but still alert. He asked her about her magic formula she used on the boys. She smiled and said, "It's really very simple, I loved those boys." (*All Things Made New*, Harold A. Buetow, PhD, JD)

That is the love of our mothers; the love of our Blessed Mother for Jesus; and the love of mother Church for each of us. It is unselfish and freely given. It is joy, perfect deed and absolute truth.

Deacon Jack



The good steward lives the advice of St. John, "let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth".

THE MASS COUNT FOR MAY 2-3RD

5 PM – 200	7:30 AM – 151	9 AM – 317
10:30 AM – 313	12 PM – 267	Total – 1248

THE COLLECTION FOR MAY 2-3RD

Envelopes	\$15,304.50
Loose	\$990.71
Poor Boxes	\$432.29
Children's	\$38.15
Seminarian Collection.....	\$7,803.54

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS of our deceased parishioners.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS, especially those in hospitals – Florence Dunne.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for all those recovering from surgeries and illness and for: Genevieve Randle, Cathy Parsons, Bonnie DeVito, Catherine Teal, Mike Steer Sr., Evana Feeney, Mary Barber, Heather La Martina, Ann Finnel, Dottie Lappe, Concetta Fowler, Sandy Miller, Ruth Crotts, Patty Kuzmak, Charles Payne, Mary Van Dusen, Florence Fink, Milton Getka, Margaret Blinke, Charles & Jacque Harris, Mr. & Mrs. William Lang.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SERVICE PEOPLE: We ask



you to remember the parishioners, family & friends serving in the military: **USMC** – Cpl. Joseph Bytella, LCpl. Sean Fitzpatrick, LCpl Alex Webb, LCpl. John J. Cohee, Jr., Sgt. David Burton; **NAT'L GUARD** – Pfc. Ryan Kamauff, David Parker; **NAVY** – David Roussey, Daniel Gately; **ARMY** – Andy Deponai, Timothy Muhl, Sgt. Joshua Callow, Specialist Stephen Grenfell, 1st Lt. Stephen Winter, 1st Lt. Sheldon Broedel.

Mass Intentions



MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 11-17TH

MONDAY 5/11	6:30 a.m. – Andrew Pignan 8:00 a.m. – Paula Hoffman
TUESDAY 5/12	6:30 a.m. – Helen Risseler 8:00 a.m. – Sr. Marie Edwina SSND
WED. 5/13	6:30 a.m. – John Joseph 8:00 a.m. – Mary MacDaniel
THURS. 5/14	6:30 a.m. – Elaine Flannagan 8:00 a.m. – Josephine Terracina
FRIDAY 5/15	6:30 a.m. – Paul Andrew Molner 8:00 a.m. – Brad Benefiel
SAT. 5/16	8:00 a.m. – Ralph Michaels 5:00 p.m. – Michael Mikolayunas Jr
SUNDAY 5/17	7:30 a.m. – Regina Schott 9:00 a.m. – Claire Anderson 10:30 a.m. – Bob & Ella Parrott 12:00 p.m. – For the Parishioners

DAILY READINGS

Monday 5/11	<i>Easter Weekday</i> Reading: Acts 14:5-18 Gospel: John 14:21-26
Tuesday 5/12	<i>St. Nereus, St. Achilleus, St. Pancras</i> Reading: Acts 14:19-28 Gospel: John 14:27-31a
Wednesday 5/13	<i>Our Lady of Fatima</i> Reading: Acts 15:1-6 Gospel: John 15:1-8
Thursday 5/14	<i>St. Mattias</i> Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Gospel: John 15:9-17
Friday 5/15	<i>St. Isidore the Farmer</i> Reading: Acts 15:22-31 Gospel: John 15:12-17
Saturday 5/16	<i>Easter Weekday</i> Reading: Acts 16:1-10 Gospel: John 15:18-21

MOTHER'S DAY BLESSING



Blessed is the Mother, who lets the Lord be her guiding hand, whose faith brings her family courage, whose wisdom comes from God, and whose children still stand and honor her.

Happy Mother's Day!

FLOWERS – Flowers on our Main Altar are in loving memory of Linda Schumann on her birthday, requested by the Bahler family. Flowers on the Holy Family Altar are in loving memory of Mary Gilley, requested by Theresa. To donate fresh flowers for one of our Altars, please call Doris Mellendick at 410-747-2751.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS will continue this weekend, May 9 & 10th. The candidates' pictures and bios are posted on the bulletin boards at each of the entrances to Church. Please stop by and take a look before you vote.

OUR DAILY BREAD VOLUNTEERS – The next food delivery date is this Friday, May 15th. Drop off time at church can be either Thursday evening, 6:30-7:45 PM or Friday morning prior to the 8:00 AM Mass. Confirmation candidates can also bring food donations – hard-boiled eggs, foil-wrapped macaroni and cheese casserole or meatloaf. Thank you for helping those in need.

BUILDING FUND COLLECTION – Next weekend, May 16-17th, we will have a second collection for our building fund. Thank you for your generosity

REQUEST: A parishioner will be traveling to Haiti on a medical trip and is requesting donations of medical supplies such as non-latex gloves, gauze, band-aids, medical tape, alcohol supplies, q-tips, masks, cotton balls, sterile saline, hand sanitizer, ace bandages, vitamins, ziploc bags and shampoo. Donations can be brought to the parish office until May 17. For information call 410-744-2900. Thank You!!!

RECYCLE AT ST. AGNES! Please help us to be good stewards of our environment and earn money for St. Agnes School by bringing your weekly recyclables to our new bin outside the New School! Bring us your newspapers, catalogs, magazines, and junk mail. Your recyclables will be made into newsprint for local newspapers; therefore **NO CARDBOARD, NO FOOD CONTAINERS, NO PHONE BOOKS** can be recycled in this bin. Thank you so much!



BANNS OF MARRIAGE:

Third Time: Alexander Mui and Veronica Cherry, both of St. Agnes.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following parish and school children who received their First Holy Communion on May 2nd. Thank you to the teachers and catechists who prepared the children for this special day.



Evan Berlin	Michaela Marlatt
Liam Bohn	John McGinty
Elayna Boswell	Lauren McNichol
Olivia Chery	Meghan Mosher
Kenneth Cooper	Patrick Ogden
Maura Cusick	Joshua Omeili
Michaela Darr	Marcellus Palmerino
Mary Gabrielle Douglas	Matthew Palmerino
Dillon Falkenklous	Mycah Palmerino
Erin Giermek	Victoria Rausch
Kyle Gisriel	Elizabeth Rehkemper
Anthony Grap	Daniel Roberts
Jack Gregory	Edward Stromberg
Grace Healy	Dawn Wilson
Mary Rose Hill	Laura Wilson
Natalie Hosseini	Anna Wright
Jaachike Igwe	Maria Zambotti
Kyle Johnson	Deandra Zehner
Brandon Mandras	

ST. AGNES YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday, May 10 – No Youth Night
Happy Mothers' Day!

Sunday, May 17 – Mass and Catholic Concert
Join us as we head to St. Isaac Jogues for Mass with Bishop Madden. After Mass, Catholic recording artist Steve Angrisano will perform live! This is a free event. We will leave St. Agnes at 4:30 and return by 9:30pm. Please bring money if you would like a Frosty on the way home. You must turn in a permission form if you would like to attend. Forms are due to the parish office by Sunday, May 10.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registration has opened for the 2009-2010 Religious Education school year. Students currently enrolled in the program have already received their forms. Registration instructions and forms are available in the parish office. Anyone wishing to receive First Holy Communion in 2nd grade or Confirmation in 8th grade must enroll into the Religious Ed class the year prior to the sacrament year (1st or 7th grade). Please call 410.747.9073.

ST. AGNES SCHOOL NEWS!

Happy Mothers' Day to all our mothers! May our Blessed Mother keep you in her special care!

Thank you to our Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary who are celebrating 76 years of service to St. Agnes Catholic School this year! They have been a blessing to our children and our school families, and we are grateful to the many Sisters who have been part of our school as principals, teachers, and office staff members!

Congratulations to:

3rd Place winner in the National War Veterans 2009 Essay Contest goes to John Bilenki (8B)
John placed 2nd in the Regional contest and 1st in the State contest. Congratulation! We are so proud of you

Our School Spelling Bee winner Madeleine Reynolds (6B) and runners-up Amy Augustine (6A) and Hunter Warren (6A)! Madeleine will represent our school in the Archdiocesan Spelling Bee. Good luck, Maddy!

Dates To Remember:

- 5/12** Wine & Cheese Art Show 6:30 P.M.
Parent Volunteer Appreciation Night
Final H S A mtg. immediately following the reception
12:30 Dismissal
Nursery School Picnic
- 5/13** Field Day/Rain Date on 5/14
- 5/18- 21** Trimester 3 Exams for 8th Grade
- 5/19** Band Concert at 7:00PM in the cafeteria.
- 5/21** Last Day for Nursery Class
- 5/22** Last Day for Pre-School
Middle School Field Trips

Registration for new students is on going. Please call the school office at 410-747-4070 for info or to schedule a tour and/or a shadow day.

ST. AGNES SCHOOL FUNDRAISER: Before you go to the store, stop by the Food Certificate table after Mass and purchase a \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 or \$100 food certificate to put toward your groceries at Giant or Shoppers. You get dollar for dollar value, and St. Agnes School will receive 5% of your grocery bill -- at no cost to you! Certificates are available in both the School and Parish offices Monday – Friday.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING builds strong families! It is medically safe, morally acceptable, and highly effective. Build intimacy and increase communication in your marriage. Share the responsibility for birth regulation. NFP is inexpensive and reversible. For more information call Tom & Patty Strunck at 410-696-2269. strunckfamily@cclcentralmd.org.

RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES: If you are looking for a retreat to attend this spring, check out the website <http://www.bethesdaofd.org/index.php>. One recent participant says "it's a life changing experience and it'll teach you truth that will set you free. After it- all I felt was freedom and peace and so in love with Jesus. For the more we know about Him, the more we can love Him."

CATHOLIC ANSWERS FOR THE AGING is a free and confidential information and referral service for older adults, their families, and caregivers. Referral specialists take the time to listen to callers' questions and concerns and can help identify the specific type(s) of service(s) needed. If you are feeling overwhelmed trying to find the right service providers, please call Answers for the Aging at 410-646-0100, Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

ARE YOU A SINGLE CATHOLIC WOMAN? Did you ever think about becoming a religious sister? The Dominican Sisters, who teach at Mount De Sales, are having a vocations retreat at their Motherhouse in Nashville, TN entitled "Discernment and the Consecration to Dominican Life" on May 20th-24th. If you are a single Catholic woman between the ages of 17 and 30 and you are interested in attending the retreat please call Sister Mary Emily at 615-256-0147 or e-mail at vocations@op-tn.org.

BLUE MASS: Archbishop O'Brien will celebrate a Blue Mass to honor the brave women and men of the police and fire departments on Sunday, May 24, at 10:45 a.m. at the Basilica. Fr. Jeff Dausaus will concelebrate and Cardinal William Keeler will preside.

OUR LADY'S CENTER, 3301 S. Rogers Ave., Ellicott City, MD, 410-461-5066, has Eucharistic Adoration every Friday afternoon after the 12 noon Mass followed by a Holy Hour from 7 to 9 PM which includes, Adoration, Confession, Rosary, and Mass. All are invited!

CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB, a social organization for professional, single, Catholics, invites you to their Memorial Day picnic at Cox Point Park on Monday, May 25 from noon to 5 pm. For info, visit cacbaltimore.org or call 410.580.1250.

ST. AGNES SCHOOL is planning an **ALL CLASS REUNION** on Saturday, June 6. If you are interested in attending, please send an email to sasallclassreunion@yahoo.com with your name (maiden name), address, phone #, and graduation year or call Susan Thompson at 410-465-6999 or Sue Bianco at 410-788-3537. Visit www.stagnesschool.net and click on Alumni.

ROCKING FOR THE ELDERLY – Rock with us to raise funds for the Little Sisters of the Poor and the elderly poor at St. Martin's Home - Saturday, June 13 10 am – 2 pm at 601 Maiden Choice Lane in Catonsville. Reserve your Rocking chair 410.744.9367 ex. 174.



THE JEFF CHEEVERS BASKETBALL CAMP will be held at The Cardinal Gibbons School the weeks of July 13-17 (boys) and July 27-July 31 (co-ed). This is a day camp for ages 7-17, emphasizing the fundamentals of the game in a fun-filled environment. For more info, please call Jeff Cheevers at 410.644.1770 ext.126 or visit www.edline.net/pages/CardinalGibbons/sports/Basketball or call Jeff at 410.644.1770 ext.126.

LOAVES & FISHES: St. Agnes Parish donates non-perishable food items to My Brother's Keeper and the Catonsville Emergency Food Ministry each Monday. Please consider assisting those in our area who are less fortunate, by dropping off donations to our sacristy when you come for Mass. Items needed include: canned vegetables, canned tomatoes, spam, soups, instant potatoes, canned salmon, canned meats, jelly, fruits, peanut butter, tomato sauce, juice, beans and rice. For more information, please contact Lee or Kacy Thomas at 410.744.8681. Thank you.

Pregnant, Need Help? Call the Gabriel Network – 1-800-ANGEL-OK

Suffering Post-Abortion Stress? Call Project Rachel – 1-800-286-4224

Mary at Mass

By Paul Turner



Devotion to Mary remains a hallmark of the Catholic faith. Some people unfamiliar with our religion assume that prayer to Mary forms the backbone of the Mass. Wrong! Prayer to Mary is certainly the backbone of the rosary, but there isn't a single prayer addressed to Mary in the entire Mass, front to back, on any day of the liturgical year.

When it comes to prayer, we acknowledge Hebrews 7:25, which says Christ lives for ever to make intercession for us. So we direct our prayers to God through Christ.

However, because of Mary's central role in salvation history, she makes several appearances in the Mass texts every Mass, every day of the liturgical year.

Most important, Mary's name is pronounced right in the heart of Mass in the Eucharistic prayer. She is called by two titles made mystic by their juxtaposition: virgin and mother. In the second Eucharistic prayer for children, she is also called "Mother of God and our mother."

Mary also appears in the Creed, as the virgin who gave birth to the Word made flesh.

At times we celebrate a Mass in her honor, under a title like Mary, Mother of the Church, or to commemorate an event in her life, like the Visitation. A preface often prayed on these days echoes her song of praise, the Magnificat. But most frequently she is remembered as the Virgin Mother.

By connecting these two titles of Mary, the church invites us to reflect on her son. Mary's special role as the Virgin Mother reminds us that the miraculous birth of Jesus introduced the world to an extraordinary child whose miracles would never cease.

At first, the title "Mother of God" sounds wrong. God is the uncreated creator of all. How could God have a mother? That puzzling question draws us into a deeper meditation on the identity of Jesus. Because Jesus is both fully God and fully human, Mary must be called Mother of God.

In the liturgy Mary's role always bows to her son. She gives birth to him not only in time but in the liturgy and in our hearts. During the month of May, many will address devotions to Mary, and rightly so. But she will direct them to Christ.

Preventing the Flu: Good Health Habits Can Help Stop Germs

- 1. Avoid close contact.** *Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.*
- 2. Stay home when you are sick.** *If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. You will help prevent others from catching your illness.*
- 3. Cover your mouth and nose.** *Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick.*
- 4. Clean your hands.** *Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs.*
- 5. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.** *Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.*
- 6. Practice other good health habits.** *Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food.*

PATAPSCO COUNCIL #1960, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will offer document destruction at its facility on Saturday, June 13 from 12:00 to 2:00 PM. Pro-Shred, a mobile shredding company- will have its truck at 1010 Frederick Rd., Catonsville to dispose of all of your sensitive documents. There will be no charge for this service, but any donation to the Knight's will be greatly appreciated. Please contact the Knights of Columbus at 410- 744-8754.

MEMORY VERSE

1 JOHN 3:23

His commandment is this: we should believe in his Son, Jesus Christ, and we should love one another just as he commanded us.