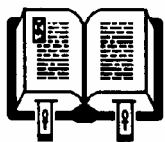


TODAY IS PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 31, 2009

**Scripture Readings for Today****1st Reading:** Acts 2:1-11**2nd Reading:** 1 Corin. 12:3b-7, 12-13**Gospel:** John 20:19-23**Scripture Readings for June 7th****1st Reading:** Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40**2nd Reading:** Romans 8:14-17**Gospel:** Matthew 28:16-20

Dear Parishioners,

Have you ever thought what it would have been like to be a disciple of Jesus, sitting in the upper room described in today's Gospel? You would be in the company of other disciples who were ashamed for abandoning Jesus when he hung on a cross. All present had locked the doors to their hearts for fear of the religious politics of their time and literally locked themselves in this room. Nonetheless Jesus entered this room and opened many doors. He showed them his wounds they refused to witness. Jesus knew they were afraid. He twice said to them, "Peace be with you". With open hearts they all rejoiced because they were with their resurrected Lord. He breathed on them and asked them to 'receive the Holy Spirit', giving them authority with the Holy Spirit to forgive or retain sins. Their shame is gone.

How often do we allow the shame associated with our sin to keep us locked behind a door separating us from Christ? Is your heart closed and ashamed or is it open to his mercy? This is the Pentecost story. Jesus seeks us out in our weakness and he ignores the doors we close to keep him out. He asks us to 'receive' this gift of the Holy Spirit. Accept this gift. The Pentecost gift gives us the Spirit of love greater than our shame, a Spirit that breaks down doors and sends us out to heal others. Imagine the first Pentecost when a community of wounded and forgiven healers were sent to preach the Good News of Christ's love. Allow your lives to be guided by the Holy Spirit. Through prayer, the sacraments and sacred scripture let your heart show love. Pray Cardinal Newman's little prayer, "Come, Holy Spirit."

*"Come Holy Spirit
Make our ears to hear
Make our eyes to see
Make our mouths to speak
Make our hearts to seek
Make our hands to reach out
And touch the world with love. AMEN."*

Deacon Jack



St. Paul reminds us today that all of our gifts have their source in the Holy Spirit and that those gifts are given 'for the common good.' What gifts are mine to share?

THE MASS COUNT FOR MAY 23-24TH

5 PM – 295 7:30 AM – 176 9 AM – 249
10:30 AM – 419 12 PM – 266 Total – 1405

THE COLLECTION FOR MAY 23-24TH

Envelopes\$13,324.71
Loose\$919.31
Poor Boxes\$300.97
Children's\$39.01

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS, especially those in hospitals – Bob Meyer and Lillian Goldwine.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for all those recovering from surgeries and illness and for: Fred Repsik, Jr. Frances Amann, 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 Crofts, Patty Kuzmak, Mary Van Dusen, Florence Fink, Milton Getka, Margaret Blinke, 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** – James Lowe, Andy Giotis, 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 JUNE 1-7TH

MONDAY 6/1	6:30 a.m. – Kathleen Gallo 8:00 a.m. – Lucia Chavez
TUESDAY 6/2	6:30 a.m. – Joan Baumgardner 8:00 a.m. – Margaret Korb
WED. 6/3	6:30 a.m. – Paul Hartman 8:00 a.m. – Rita Luebehusen
THURS. 6/4	6:30 a.m. – Int. of Mary Van Dusen 8:00 a.m. – Claire Anderson
FRIDAY 6/5	6:30 a.m. – Int. of Mariaelena Chichester 8:00 a.m. – Betty Thornton
SAT. 6/6	8:00 a.m. – Nazarene Di Carlo 5:00 p.m. – Thomas Runkles, Sr.
SUNDAY 6/7	7:30 a.m. – Int. of Bernard Maddox 9:00 a.m. – For the Parishioners 10:30 a.m. – Bob Parrott, Jr. 12:00 p.m. – Frank Cummings

DAILY READINGS

Monday 6/1	<i>St. Justin</i> Reading: Tobit 1:3, 2:1a-8 Gospel: Mark 12:1-12
Tuesday 6/2	<i>St. Marcellinus and St. Peter</i> Reading: Tobit 2:9-14 Gospel: Mark 12:13-17
Wednesday 6/3	<i>St. Charles & Companions</i> Reading: Tobit 3:1-11a, 16-17a Gospel: Mark 12:18-27
Thursday 6/4	<i>Weekday</i> Reading: Tobit 6:10-11; 1bcde Gospel: Mark 12:28-34
Friday 6/5	<i>St. Boniface</i> Reading: Tobit 11:5-17 Gospel: Mark 12:35-37
Saturday 6/6	<i>St. Norbert</i> Reading: Tobit 12:1, 5-15, 20 Gospel: Mark 12:38-44



CONGRATULATIONS to the family of Benjamin Joseph Augustine Schaefer Nauman who was baptized in our Church last weekend.

FAMILY ROSARY – Please join us Wednesday, June 3rd to pray the Glorious Mysteries together as a parish family at 6:30 pm in the Church. All ages are welcome. Refreshments will follow.

CONFESSIONS will be heard this Thursday June 4th at 4:30 p.m. in preparation for First Friday.

FIRST FRIDAY MASSES will be held this Friday at 6:30 and 8:00 a.m.

HOLY HOUR will be held this Friday, June 5th, from 7 to 8 p.m. After this Hour the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed until 8 a.m. Saturday. Parishioners are needed to rest with Jesus during these 12 hours. A sign-up sheet can be found in the front of Church.

THE SECOND COLLECTION to be taken up at all the Masses next weekend will be the Annual Archdiocesan Collection for the **Black & Native American Missions**. Please make checks payable to St. Agnes Church.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION – Congratulations to our new Council Members: Bert Bartolome, Pat McCarthy and Joe Boland. Thank you to all of our candidates; we appreciate your willingness to serve our parish!

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SUPPER will be held Tuesday, June 9th, at 6:30 PM. All parish volunteers are invited to attend including: Stewardship, Finance, & Haiti Committees, Respect Life, Ushers, Lectors, Cantors, EMHC, Greeters, Religious Ed., Sponsor Couple, RCIA Team, Sacristy Ladies, Money Counters, Family Ministry, Choir Members, Men's Club, Evangelization, Scout leaders, Soup and Stations Loaves and Fishes, and ODB volunteers. Please RSVP using the form below.

Volunteer Appreciation Supper Tuesday June 9th 6:30 pm.

I will attend: _____

With my Spouse/Friend: _____

Name: _____

Please drop in the collection basket by May 31st. Or call the Parish office by June 5th.

ST. AGNES YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday, May 31 – Pizza Party / Ice Cream Social

Come hungry to welcome the Eighth graders to Youth Group and to celebrate the end of another school year! We will meet from **6-8 tonight** so you're ready for dinner!

Sunday, June 7 – Game Night

Please bring your favorite board/card game and a snack to share! Drinks and some games will be provided.

Sunday, June 14 – Haiti Presentation and Praise and Worship

Please join us as youth group members James Szczybor and Jesse Felts present their senior project video about their mission trip to Haiti. Immediately following the presentation, Jesse will lead us as we sing praise and worship.

ST. AGNES SCHOOL NEWS!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! To all of our parents who volunteer so many hours during the school year. You and our wonderful teachers and staff make St. Agnes School a very special place for our students. God bless all of you for your enthusiasm and very hard work. Enjoy a well deserved restful summer.

Dates to Remember:

6/1-6/4	12:30 Dismissals
6/2	Kindergarten Closing Program 9:30 am
6/5	Closing Mass 9:00 A.M Dismissal 10:30
8/31	2009-2010 School Year Starts

ST. AGNES SCHOOL FUNDRAISER: Before you go to the store, stop by the Food Certificate table after Mass and purchase a \$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%. -- at no cost to you! Certificates are available in both the School and Parish offices.

CATHOLIC FAMILY EXPO: JUNE 12-13, 2009 at the Church of the Resurrection in Ellicott City. The EXPO provides inspiring and practical talks for Catholics of all ages, a book and exhibitor fair and more. Featured speakers include Archbishop Edwin O'Brien, noted author Dr. Peter Kreeft, parenting expert Dr. Ray Guarendi, and many more. Exhibitors will cover a wide spectrum from Catholic high schools, colleges and ministries to religious gifts and books available for purchase. Mass, Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration and a Youth Rally will all be part of this very special event. Please visit www.catholicfamilyexpo.org.

SUMMER CAMPS AT MOUNT DE SALES: We are offering summer camps for girls of all ages. Camps include: Basketball, Field Hockey, Lacrosse, Soccer, Strength & Conditioning, Dance, Drama, Tennis, Cheerleading and Volleyball. For brochures and permission slips, visit www.mountdesales.org. Questions? Call Janet McKinnon at 410-744-8498 x 163 or jmckinnon@mountdesales.org

SUMMER CAMPS @ MT. ST. JOSEPH

Sizzlin' Stix Lacrosse Camp – July 6-10 5 pm – 8:30 pm for ages 6-16. \$125.00 per camper. Family rates are available. Call Coach Brockmeyer at 410.644.3300 ext. 227 or email tbrock@admin.msjet.edu

Mt. St. Joseph Soccer Camp – July 13-16 \$125.00 per camper. For more info & to register visit www.AAAsoccer.com.

Speed, Agility & Conditioning Camp- July 20-24 Featuring laser timing in the 40 yd dash and videotaping. Parachute, bungee and more advanced training equipment. Fee \$99.00- for more info and registration www.AAAspeed.com.



TRAVELING THIS SUMMER?

For nationwide Mass times and locations, call 1-410-676-6000, or visit the web at www.masstimes.org.

MEMORY VERSE

1 CORINTHIANS 12:13

In one Spirit we were all baptized into one body...
And we were all given to drink of one Spirit.