

The Shrine of the Sacred Heart
Baltimore, Maryland

The Fourth Sunday of Easter May 3, 2009 ~ Cycle B

From the pastor, Msgr. Rick Cramblitt....

This weekend I am keeping the Shrine of the Sacred Heart in prayer at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes. I will remember the needs of our parish and of all of our members. Please say a prayer for me, too!

Congratulations to those young people of the Shrine who received the sacrament of confirmation last Sunday! May the Lord continue to be with you on your life's journey! May you rejoice in the constant help of the Holy Spirit in all your needs.

In two weeks we will celebrate First Holy Communion for the children of our parish. I know they are excited, and I am excited for them. It will be a beautiful occasion!

These sacramental celebrations come in the midst of the Easter season and they are the sign of God's grace at work as the result of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. He has brought us new life and that new life may be seen already in the rich sacramental life of the Church. In the sacraments we are brought in touch with the never-failing love of God for us, a love that comes to us through Christ. This love sustains us in the journey of this life. One day we will rejoice in its fullness with God in heaven. The sacraments promise this and give us now on earth a foretaste of the eternal love that awaits us.

Congratulations to our parishioner Steve Siwinski who received the Archdiocesan Volunteer of the Year award! The award was presented by Bishop Madden to Steve last Sunday at the conclusion of the confirmation liturgy. The Shrine has been greatly blessed by Steve's dedication and quiet service, as we have been by all our parish ministers.

If you go online to the Archdiocesan website (www.archbalt.org) you will be able to view the results of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Looking at the results I was delighted to see that the participation rate for our parish increased from 23% to 39%. I believe this a reflection of our awareness of how great the needs are right now for many who are in need and of our desire to be of help. Thanks again to all who supported the Annual Appeal this year!

Today is a World Day of Prayer for Vocations. This day is chosen for that cause because the gospel of Jesus the Good Shepherd is always read on the 4th Sunday of Easter. The Church in our country is in great need of men and women to answer the call of God to religious life and the ordained priesthood. God always makes this call. Our prayer is not for God to act but for men and women of deep faith to have the grace to hear the call and the courage to answer God's call. Please say a prayer this weekend for vocations.

Join Us In Worship

PRESIDER SCHEDULE ~ MAY 9 - 10

5:00 PM Msgr. Cramblitt/Deacon Soloski, preaching
7:30 AM Father Timothy Brown, SJ
9:00 AM Father Timothy Brown, SJ
11:30 AM Msgr. Cramblitt/Deacon Soloski, preaching

BANNS OF MARRIAGE: Second time: Christina Parisi and James Fitze First time: Krystle Bona and Nicholas Molite.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, May 1 5:00 p.m. For the People of SSH
Sun, May 3 7:30 a.m. +Joseph & Hilda Miller
 11:30 a.m. +Samantha Leung

CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS: A Sacrament for Full Membership in the Church, A Sacrament Required for Potential Godparents and Sponsors. Are you fully initiated into the Faith? Adults, 18 years and older, who have not yet completed their initiation as Catholic Christians are invited to prepare for the sacrament, especially those anticipating becoming a godparent or a sponsor. Contact Sister Carol at 410-466-6884, x15 for information.

From our Director of Faith Formation, Michaela Radziszewski....

This weekend our Parish Faith Formation Program breaks for the summer, and in the next few weeks children will receive the sacrament of First Communion. The young people of our parish celebrated Confirmation last weekend. It is important to take time and thank the adults and young people who have served our parish as catechists and for their commitment to our parish's catechetical ministry. Their commitment, sacrifice, and service make it possible for us to fulfill this very important work which the Lord has entrusted to us. It is also a time to thank their families. Their support of a spouse, mother, father, son or daughter at home for a few hours each week is also a great contribution to our Parish Faith Formation Programs. While individuals play specific roles in our Faith Formation programs, the responsibility of faith formation belongs to us all. The goal of religious education is the formation of a community of disciples who, by the grace of God, continue the work of Jesus through witness, worship, and service in his name. It is a life long process. Thank you to our catechists for their witness and service to the children and young people of our parish.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 4 ~ Easter Weekday
Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday, May 5 ~ Easter Weekday
Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday, May 6 ~ Easter Weekday
Acts 12:24-13:5a; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday, May 7 ~ Easter Weekday
Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

Friday, May 8 ~ Easter Weekday
Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday, May 9 ~ Easter Weekday
Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday, May 10 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

Join Us In Community

THIS WEEK AT THE SHRINE

Meeting Rooms: Gathering Rooms I, II, III (GRI, GRII, GRIII) and the Choir Room (CR) are located in the Undercroft of the Church. Taylor Conference Room (TCR) and Mullen Library (ML) are located in the Rectory. School Library (SL), Taylor Hall (TH) are in the school.

Monday, May 4
7PM RCIA (GRIII)

Tuesday, May 5
7PM Pastoral Council Mtg (GRI)
7PM School Spring Show (TH)
7PM Communion & Liberation (GRIII)

Thursday, May 7
7PM Knights of Columbus (GRI)

Friday, May 8
6PM Girl Scouts in Taylor Hall

Saturday, May 8
3PM Adult Faith Formation Team (GRIII)

Join Us In Learning

SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL TO OFFER PROGRAM FOR THREE YEAR OLDS:
The Shrine of the Sacred Heart School is starting a Three Year Old Program in September. Children must be three by September 1, 2009. Classes will meet three mornings a week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:30-11:00AM. We are now accepting registrations for all grades. Please call the school office for more information (410-542-7406).

Join Us In Service

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH ESPECIALLY: Larry Preller, Gwendolyn Mighty, Gloria Marble and Sam Goldberg.

NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME: Our parish family extends a warm welcome to all that are joining us for worship. If you are new to the area we invite you to register and make The Shrine of the Sacred Heart your parish. Call the office to register (410-466-6884, x10).

CONSCIENCE AND ETHICAL DILEMMAS IN CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE, THE 1ST ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM FOR CATHOLIC MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS: Archbishop O'Brien invites all healthcare professionals to join him in dialogue about exercising your rights of conscience and providing healthcare that truly reflects a Catholic approach to human life, the body, and fertility. The Symposium will take place at St. Joseph Medical Center, 7601 Osler Drive, Towson, on Saturday, May 9, from 1:00-4:00. Please RSVP to johanna.coughlin@archbalt.org or 410-547-5537. For more info see the link mid-page at www.archbalt.org.