

The Fifth Sunday of Easter May 10, 2009 ~ Cycle B

From Douglas Barclay, Minister of Worship

Next Sunday, May 17, at the 9 and 11:30AM Masses our children will receive First Eucharist.

We are so privileged as a parish community to be able to celebrate this Sacrament of Initiation within the context of our Sunday celebrations with the very special children of our parish who continue to grow and to be nurtured in the faith. The parents and children of both parish and school have worked long and faithfully in the home and in the classroom to prepare for this special day. The Shrine of the Sacred Heart has long held that it is of utmost importance to celebrate this sacrament within the Sunday celebration. This is to reinforce that First Eucharist, like Baptism and Confirmation, is first and foremost a celebration of the whole people of God, expressed and manifested by the local church. Even though First Eucharist is truly an intense and faith-filled "individual" experience, it is so much more a "community" experience.

After all, sacraments are not magic tricks, they are signs of God's incarnate and creative action here and now in simple, humble gifts given for all of God's people. We teach our children that they gather for a meal wherein they do not simply receive an object, but a meal instead that binds them each to the other in Christian love, a meal that is personal and relational, a meal that will help them throughout their lives be nourished by the body of Christ, the Church, and to become drunk on the tremendous mystery of the cross by drinking deeply of the cup of salvation. Most of all, it is so important that our children witness our Sunday celebrations as an occasion of family love, a love that welcomes all people, from within the whole wonderful diversity of God's creation. You'll notice that our family table is open and accessible on all sides! There is no rail to separate us from God or from one another. May our children know in their family life and in the life of our parish true acceptance and the demands of continual conversion, in love, until we all come to the eternal feast.

Join Us In Worship

**Mother's
Day**



*Today we ask God's blessing
on all mothers
who have given us life and
love.*

*With profound respect we honor them and
salute them this Mother's Day.
Happy Mother's Day!*

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, May 9	5:00 p.m.	+Ann Peters
Sun, May 10	7:30 a.m.	+Hilda Miller
	9:00 a.m.	For the People of SSH
	11:30 a.m.	+Doris Cramblitt
Mon, May 11	7:00 a.m.	+Betty Sweeney
Tue, May 12	7:00 a.m.	+Jerome Phelan, Jr.
Wed, May 13	7:00 a.m.	+Carmen Andrada

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 11 ~ Easter Weekday
Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday, May 12 ~ Easter Weekday
Nereus & Achilleus, martyrs; Pancras, martyr
Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday, May 13 ~ Easter Weekday
Our Lady of Fatima
Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday, May 14 ~ Matthias, apostle
Acts 1:15-17,20-26; Jn 15:9-17
Friday, May 15 ~ Easter Weekday
USA: Isidore
Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday, May 16 ~ Easter Weekday
Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday, May 17 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

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

PRESIDER SCHEDULE ~ MAY 16 - 17

5:00 PM Msgr. Richard Cramblitt
7:30 AM Father Charles Borges, SJ
9:00 AM Msgr. Richard Cramblitt
11:30 AM Msgr. Richard Cramblitt

Join Us In Learning

SISTER LUCY KURIEN COMING TO AMERICA IN MAY

Sister Lucy Kurien will speak on Thursday, May 14, 2009 at Gramercy Mansion, 1400 Greenspring Valley Road, Stevenson, MD 21153 at a wine and cheese reception and book signing from 7 to 9:30 PM. To RSVP, contact Anne Pomykala at 410-486-2405. All are welcome.

WOMEN HEALING WOMEN: HOW ONE REMARKABLE NUN IS OFFERING HOPE TO OPPRESSED WOMEN EVERYWHERE [excerpts from a press release]

For twelve years this remarkable nun from India has been devoting all her energies to MAHER, a unique project that has provided refuge to more than 1350 women, half of whom would likely otherwise have been murdered, committed suicide, or starved to death.

In "Women Healing Women", authors William Keepin, PhD and Cynthia Brix, M. Div. share the many inspiring stories of the women and children whose lives have been transformed by Maher. The authors have invited Sr. Lucy to travel across America in May upon the release of the book.

According to a UN Population Fund report in 2005, more than two-thirds of married women in India aged between fifteen and forty-nine have been beaten, raped, or forced to provide sex. Maher presents an effective practical response to these appalling injustices and a model of hope for agencies and programs for oppressed women around the world.

What makes Maher work so well? Unlike an institution, these vibrant communities of women healing women provide much more than food and shelter, they can nourish the soul with love, respect and dignity. Maher is also a unique interfaith community that honors all religions and strongly repudiates caste distinctions – making it a rare beacon for divided societies everywhere.

To find out more about this tour and the Maher Project, please visit www.women-healing-women.net.

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Join Us In Service

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE SEMINARIANS: The second collection next weekend, May 16/17, will help support the training of your future priests. Your generosity is appreciated. Please use the envelopes in your packets.

POOR BOX FOR MAY: Our poor box recipient for the month of May is the Julie Community Center. The Julie Community Center is a multi-purpose, non-profit community organization involved in advocacy, education, and organizing, with special dedication to the poor. The Center provides an after school program, youth enrichment and summer camp program for children ages 6-12. It also provides leadership workshops and public health projects for teens. Poor boxes are located at the main entrance of the church and in the Tower Room.

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

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 11

7PM Corporator's Mtg (TCR)

Tuesday, May 12

7PM SSHA Board Mtg (SL)

7PM Communion & Liberation (GRIII)

School May Crowning

Thursday, May 14

9AM Staff Meeting (TCR)

7PM First Eucharist Rehearsal (GRI & Church)

7PM Young Adults (GRIII)

Friday, May 15

8:30AM Deacon's Emmaus Group (GRIII)

5PM Wedding Rehearsal

7PM First Eucharist Rehearsal (GRI & Church)

School May Fest

Saturday, May 16

2PM Wedding

Sunday, May 17

9AM First Eucharist

11:30 First Eucharist

Collection for Education of Baltimore Seminarians

St. Ambrose Food Pantry Collection