

The Sixth Sunday of Easter May 17, 2009 ~ Cycle B

From our pastor, Msgr. Cramblitt....

This weekend at The Shrine of the Sacred Heart we are returning to our custom of Communion under both forms at the Eucharist. We are also returning Holy Water to the Holy Water fonts. The H1N1 (swine flu) virus has not become the global pandemic that was feared. However, even as we return to our customs I ask that you observe common sense about any viral infection!

- ~ If you have a fever, stay home! You are excused from the Sunday Mass obligation.
- ~ If you are sneezing or coughing, cover your mouth and teach your children to do the same.
- ~ If you think you are coming down with a virus do not receive Holy Communion from the cup or use the holy water fonts or shake hands at the Sign of Peace.
- ~ It is preferable in times of uncertainty about the spread of viruses to receive Holy Communion in the hand and not on the tongue.
- ~ Dispose of used tissues in the trash can (there is one in the Tower Room). Do not stuff them into the small racks in the pews or leave them around anywhere.
- ~ If you are the very picture of good health but feel vulnerable to infection then remember that receiving communion from the cup, while it is the fullness of the sign and is the preferred choice, is an option.

It is at this point simply a matter of common sense! Use your own good judgment about these matters.

CONGRATULATIONS to the children of our parish who are receiving First Holy Communion today! May your lives always be blessed by the Lord Jesus who is there for you in the Holy Eucharist every time you come to Mass.

As I promised, I prayed for you and for all in our parish while I was at the Shrine of Our Lady in Lourdes. Every time I go there I return home full of peace and sure of God's love and mercy. Lourdes is one of the most spiritual places I have ever been in my life! We live in such a secular culture that, if you have never been there, it is hard to imagine a place where everyone is focused on prayer and on the love of God. Thousands of people in Lourdes at the Shrine are seeking God, and they all seem intent on actually doing the command of Jesus to love one another. It is a little slice on earth of what heaven must be like and that is why I like to go again and again. I feel at home in such an atmosphere. Would that all the earth was like that!

Next weekend at our Masses we will keep the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord in Heaven. This is a central part of the Easter mystery and I hope you will look forward to the feast. Prepare by reading the gospel text: Mark 16: 15-20, and the text from Acts 1: 1-11.

Join Us In Worship



ALTAR FLOWERS: *Altar Flowers have been donated this weekend by the Amanfo Family in honor of the First Communion of their daughter, Cyrina Amanfo.*

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, May 16	5:00 p.m.	+John Cockey
Sun, May 17	9:00 a.m.	For the People of SSH
Mon, May 18	7:00 a.m.	+Jack Kovack
Tue, May 19	7:00 a.m. ...	+Rev. Msgr. E. Melville Taylor (1997)
Wed, May 20	7:00 a.m.	Intentions of Abby Rios
Thu, May 21	7:00 a.m.	+Jack Kovack

BANNS OF MARRIAGE: Third time: Krystle Bona and Nicholas Molite.

PRESIDER SCHEDULE ~ MAY 23 - 24

5:00 PM Msgr. Richard Cramblitt
7:30 AM Msgr. Richard Cramblitt
9:00 AM Msgr. Richard Cramblitt
11:30 AM Msgr. Richard Cramblitt

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 18 ~ Easter Weekday
John I, pope & martyr
Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4a
Tuesday, May 19 ~ Easter Weekday
Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday, May 20 ~ Easter Weekday
Bernardine of Siena, priest
Acts 17:15,22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday, May 21 ~ Easter Weekday
Christopher Magallanes, priest, martyr,
and his companions, martyrs
Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20
Friday, May 22 ~ Easter Weekday
Rita of Cascia, religious
Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday, May 23 ~ Easter Weekday
Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday, May 24 ~ The Ascension of the Lord
Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20

**Whole Community Catechesis
Questions for Faith Sharing**

Question for Adults

Concretely, how do you show love to others?

Question for Youth

Jesus commanded us to love one another. Who is most in need of your love and kindness right now? How can you be more loving to those most in need this week?

Question for Children

In what ways do you experience God's love, offered to you through family, friends, and teachers?

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE MID-EAST is offered by the faith communities of Maryland every 22nd of the month at 7:30PM. Please join this interfaith effort of prayer! For further information contact: Charles Cloughen, Jr., frcharles@verizon.net. We will meet to pray for Peace, 7:30 PM on Friday, May 22, at the Cathedral of the Incarnation, 4 East University Parkway, Baltimore.

A PENTECOST NOVENA will be taking place at St. Charles Borromeo Church (101 Church Lane, Pikesville, 21208) for

nine consecutive evenings: May 22 - May 30, 7 to 8PM. Prayers, Scripture Readings, Hymns of Praise, and Preaching on the Gifts of the Spirit will be part of this nightly Novena in honor of the Holy Spirit. All are invited to join us during these nine days of prayer in anticipation of Pentecost. For more information, contact: Sr. Edna Maier, SND, Pastoral Life Director: 410-302-1578 or emaier@archbalt.org

ARCHBISHOP O'BRIEN TO CELEBRATE BLUE MASS AT THE BALTIMORE BASILICA: Mass will Honor Police and Fire Personnel. On Sunday, May 24, 2009 at 10:45AM, Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien, Archbishop of Baltimore, will celebrate a Blue Mass to honor the brave men and women of the Police and Fire Departments. Most Reverend Denis J. Madden, Auxiliary Bishop of Baltimore; and Reverend Jeffrey S. Dausen, Rector of the Baltimore Basilica, will concelebrate the Mass. Cardinal William H. Keeler, Archbishop Emeritus of Baltimore, will be in attendance. The Basilica is located at the corner of Cathedral & Mulberry Streets in downtown Baltimore. For more info, please visit www.baltimorebasilica.org or call 410-727-3565.

OPENING MASS TO BEGIN THE INQUIRY PHASE OF THE BLESSED FRANCIS XAVIER SEELOS REDEMPTORIST CANONIZATION CAUSE ~ TUESDAY, MAY 19, at 12:10 PM: Location: The Archdiocese of Baltimore Basilica, 409 Cathedral Street, Baltimore 21201 Join His Excellency, Archbishop Edwin O'Brien, Redemptorist Fathers & Brothers and the Vice-Postulator for the Canonization Cause from the National Shrine in New Orleans, LA. For more information: Email: BLSEELSNOLA@AOL.COM Phone: 504-525-2495 or 2499 Website: <http://www.seelos.org/>

Join Us In Learning



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES! The Shrine of the Sacred Heart School graduation is this Thursday at 7PM. Our graduates are moving on to high school well prepared for the studies that are before them. Many thanks to our

Principal and faculty for the excellent work they do. And thanks also to the parishioners of The Shrine of the Sacred Heart Parish for supporting our ministry of Catholic education. There is no doubt that Catholic education is one of the great successes of the Church in the United States. For 200 years, since St. Elizabeth Ann Seton opened the first Catholic school in the United States here in Baltimore, the ministry of Catholic education has enabled young people to succeed in life. We are especially proud of our own school and of the good work done there. Congratulations graduates!

ALLIANCE OF FILIPINO CATHOLIC AND CHARISMATIC PRAYER COMMUNITIES 15TH NATIONAL CONVENTION:

You are invited to attend June 26, 27, 28, 2009 at the Baltimore Convention Center. It will be alive with joyful praising, heartfelt fellowship, and stirring preaching. The convention begins on Friday, June 26, at 11AM and concludes on Sunday, June 28, at 3PM. Adult session is \$40; Youth session is \$20. To sign up, please call Lita Millan at 41-570-3936 or Father Louis Olive at 410-990-4085.

SUNDAY READINGS: EXCELLENT RESOURCE !!! Week by week, you can preview scriptures and glean rich information about the lectionary readings at Sunday Mass. See what a difference it will make in your hearing of the Sacred Word! St. Louis University provides an excellent, multifaceted website: <http://liturgy.slu.edu>. Click on for data comprising: scriptural references, theology, history, spirituality, commentary, or even personal reflections. The pages are succinct and comprehensible.

TO THE PARISHIONERS OF THE SHRINE OF THE SACRED HEART:

It is my pleasure to extend my congratulations to the members of The Shrine of the Sacred Heart on exceeding your goal for the 2009 Archbishop's Annual Appeal: "Do Everything for the Glory of God." The hard work and dedication demonstrated by your parish community is truly admirable. Thank you for enthusiastically making the appeal a central focus at The Shrine of the Sacred Heart.

I am most fortunate to have the opportunity to regularly visit parishes within the Archdiocese and to experience, firsthand, the impact that the Appeal makes in the lives of thousands of people. The generosity of your parishioners has set a beautiful example of the self-sacrificing way of Jesus Christ. I am most grateful to you and your volunteers for diligently implementing the new appeal program. There were many changes this year, and it is truly through your overwhelming support that the Annual Appeal is so successful.

The funds generated by the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are allocated to numerous ministries, impacting the lives of many of our brothers and sisters throughout the Archdiocese. Students attending religious education and vacation bible school programs, Catholic School children in need of tuition assistance, recipients of services through Catholic Charities, and participants in special ministry programs such as Hispanic Ministries, are just a few of those helped by our efforts. Additionally, a large portion of the funds collected for the Archbishop's Annual Appeal will be returned to you through the Parish Share Rebate Program to be used as your parish has indicated.

Please continue to pray for the success of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal and for all of our generous donors. May God bless you, your parishioners, and all of the people touched by the ministry and outreach made possible by the Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

In the Lord,

*Edwin F. O'Brien
Archbishop of Baltimore*

Join Us In Service

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.*

SPANISH DICTIONARIES ARE NEEDED: Now that school classes and courses are coming to a close consider donating your Spanish-English Dictionary. See the plea from Catholic Charities:

**HELP! WE WANT TO LEARN ENGLISH!
¡SOCORRO! ¡NOSOTROS QUEREMOS APRENDER INGLÉS!**

The Esperanza Center, a program of Catholic Charities, is in need of Spanish-English bi-lingual dictionaries. Donations of no-longer-in-use ones in good condition will be gratefully received. Please put them in the box located near the elevator.

Thank you!/¡Muchas gracias!

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH ESPECIALLY: *Larry Preller, Gwendolyn Mighty, Ann Adams, 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).

Join Us In Community

**Save the dates Saturday, May 30, and Sunday, May 31
HOSTING NEW SHRINE MEMBERS!**

Welcome Receptions (for New families and single members who have joined us in our Parish Home over the past year) will be held following all masses on these dates. This is a new project! We hope all established parishioners will take a few minutes to welcome all NEW parishioners after each Mass on these days. Questions? Call Mary Jo Harris @ 410-367-1385.

BELIZIAN EVENING, FRIDAY, JUNE 5: *On Friday, June 5, at the 6PM First Friday Mass and Supper, the March 2009 visitors to St. Peter Claver mission in Belize—Todd Pechar, Bridget Wildt, Krista Wildt, and Sister Carol—will offer a reflection at Mass and will show photos at supper. All are welcome! Please mark your calendars to join us for a "Belizian Evening" on June 5. Also, note that Fr. Dick Perl, SJ, pastor at St. Peter Claver, Punta Gorda, Belize, will visit the Shrine on July 25 and 26.*

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 18

Race for Education
School Field Day

7PM Finance Cte Mtg (ML)

7PM Social Justice/Outreach Cte (GRI)

Tuesday, May 19

7PM Communion & Liberation (GRIII)

Wednesday, May 20

7PM SSHS Home and School Association Mtg (TH)

Thursday, May 21

9AM Staff Meeting (TCR)

4:30PM Wedding Rehearsal

7PM 8th Grade Graduation

Friday, May 22

School Closed

Saturday, May 23

3PM Baptism Preparation (GRIII)

6:30 Wedding

DID YOU KNOW?

How old does a child need to be in order to stay alone?

Don't assume that when your child understands what you're saying, he's ready to walk out the door by himself. Besides the fact that many states have laws against leaving children of certain ages alone (for example, younger than 12), experts say children shouldn't be left by themselves until they're capable of fighting off an abductor or handling a crisis situation. Experts also say children do not have the mental maturity to cross busy streets by themselves until they're about 10 or 12 years old. (Did you know that pedestrian injuries rank third in child fatalities, behind traffic accidents and drowning?) Finally, parents who are certain their young children would never walk away with a stranger will be shocked to learn that studies show they probably will. Stay alert and vigilant, even if you believe your child is aware of possible dangers from others. (Source: "Know the Rules...After-School Safety Tips for Children Who Are Home Alone," www.missingkids.com.)

FREE CONCERT: Saint Benedict Catholic Church announces in the Free Concert Series ~ Sunday, May 24, at 12:30PM, The Saint Vincent Archabbey String Quartet. The ensemble is composed of monks who reside at the Archabbey in Latrobe, PA. Selections by Gabrielli, Vivaldi, Handel, Beethoven and Mendelssohn. Coffee and donuts will be served before the concert in the Notre Dame Room. For more information or directions call 410-947-4988.

SACRED STITCHES: HISTORIC VESTMENT EXHIBIT AT

THE BASILICA: *Some of the historic vestments from the Basilica's collection will be on display in the temporary exhibit space, from April 1 — September 27, 2009. The exhibit includes James Cardinal Gibbons' golden vestments, which he wore during the Third Plenary Council in 1884 (the Basilica Museum showcases the matching chalice veil and burse); a set of Irish Poplin vestments from the bishop and clergy of the Diocese of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise, to Archbishop Michael J. Curley, which feature stunning hand-stitched Celtic designs; along with several other beautiful and historic vestments.*

JOHN CARROLL LECTURE SERIES: The series concludes on Monday, June 15, with Fr. Ronald D. Witherup, S.S. and "Saint Paul for the 21st Century: Apostle, Pastor, and Spiritual Leader." The lectures begin at 7PM and will take place at the Basilica of the Assumption on the corner of Mulberry and Cathedral Streets in Baltimore. Admission is free and open to the public.