

The Octave of Easter
April 11, 2010 ~ Cycle C

From our pastor, Msgr. Cramblitt....

WOW! Wasn't Holy Week beautiful? Thanks to all who had a hand in the preparation of our celebrations! Now we enter into the 50 days of Easter, a time that begins on Easter Sunday and concludes with Pentecost.

In the Lenten season the Church turns inward and spends time in prayer, fasting and almsgiving with the purpose of turning back to God. We tried to cleanse ourselves of sin and strengthen ourselves in the Lord. In Holy Week we celebrated the paschal mystery of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection – the deed by which sin is forgiven and we are saved. Now in the Easter season the fruit of the Lord's work is poured out on us and on the world. Here at the Shrine we will see this grace-upon-grace in our celebrations of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. We will put the strength of our new life in Christ into action in our food collections for the St. Ambrose food pantry, and in a new project to collect grocery store gift cards for the food pantries and for Our Daily Bread. We will hear a firsthand report from our team of parishioners who visited our mission partner in Central America. And we will keep our first Friday Mass and devotions to the Sacred Heart.

All of these things are in keeping of the spirit of the new life in Christ. The challenge for each of us is to carry that new life from here in our sanctuary out into the world. We are renewed in Christ. May that renewal be deep and lasting! And may it have a profound effect in the lives of all whom we meet.

Join Us In Worship

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday, April 12 ~ Easter Weekday**
Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8
- Tuesday, April 13 ~ Easter Weekday**
St. Martin I, pope and martyr
Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday, April 14 ~ Easter Weekday**
Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday, April 15 ~ Easter Weekday**
Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
- Friday, April 16 ~ Easter Weekday**
Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday, April 17 ~ Easter Weekday**
Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21
- Sunday, April 18 ~ Third Sunday of Easter**
Acts 5:27-32,40b-41; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sat, April 10 | 5:00 p.m. | + Claire Hillary |
| Sun, April 11 | 730 a.m. | For the People of SSH |
| | 9:00 a.m. | + Michele Coccamazzi |
| Tue, April 13 | 7:00 a.m. | + Joseph H. Baumgartner, Jr. |
| Wed, April 14 | 7:00 a.m. | + Adelinde & Gustav Griesser |

Whole Community Catechesis
Questions for Faith Sharing

Question for Adults

Jesus said: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Give one example of how you will show your belief in Jesus this week - how you are being sent forth.

Question for Youth

Thomas didn't believe because he hadn't seen Jesus with his own eyes. How hard is it for you to believe in God without being able to see God? How do you see God in the words and actions of others?

Question for Children

Jesus appeared to the disciples even though they were afraid and locked in the closed room. How can you show Jesus to another person this week by how you act?

PRESIDER SCHEDULE ~ APRIL 17 - 18

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

CONFIRMATION: Next Sunday, April 18, at the 11:30AM Mass, Bishop Madden will confer the sacrament of Confirmation on the youth of our community who have been preparing for the sacrament this year. This week please say a prayer for those who are to be confirmed.

Join Us In Learning

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH! The RCIA Team, Sponsors, and the newly Baptized and Professed Catholics invite those who are considering becoming members of the Catholic Faith and any parishioners interested in serving as future sponsors to join them on the following Mondays from 7 to 8:30PM in the Undercroft: April 12, 19, 26. These gatherings will offer you opportunities to hear about the spiritual journey of the newly initiated, to share faith, and to pose questions about RCIA. Contact Sister Carol carol@theshrine.org for further information.

FRANCISCAN INCARNATIONAL SPIRITUALITY, 7PM, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14: Sister Carol Czyzewski, a Franciscan Sister of St. Joseph, will present FRANCISCAN INCARNATIONAL SPIRITUALITY 7PM on Wednesday, April 14. With a background in Franciscan life, ministry, pilgrimages to Assisi, and sabbatical studies, Sister Carol has been enriched towards a deeper practice and understanding of Franciscan spirituality and theology. Her past experiences—on both a national and an international level—include: vocation director for her FSSJ congregation, spiritual assistant to a Secular Franciscan Fraternity, board member for the Franciscan Federation in the USA, board member for the Franciscan Mission Service of N. America, and Franciscan studies at Washington Theological Union. More recently, Sister Carol has offered workshops, retreats, and spiritual direction based on the spirit, charisms, and values of the Franciscan tradition in the Church. Sister is eager to present this next session of the Shrine's adult faith program.

Join Us In Service

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF OUR PARISH, ESPECIALLY: *Larry Preller, Gloria Marble, Patricia Rhinehart, Mary Lou Hubbard, Matthew Costello, Willy Wade and Bob Welsh.*

THE SHRINE'S NEW OUTREACH EFFORT: GIFT CARD OUTREACH: The Shrine will continue to collect groceries for St. Ambrose Outreach Center and casseroles for Our Daily Bread; however, we have learned that both centers would appreciate gift cards that can be purchased at any super market. Gift cards allow the centers to buy food supplies that are not usually donated by parishes. If you would like to

donate a super market gift card, please just drop the card into the collection at Mass, and it will be sent to the centers that we support. Thank you and God bless you! Next collection of food and gift cards: **NEXT WEEKEND, APRIL 17/18.**

TO THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF THE SHRINE OF THE SACRED HEART: *The love and support that you gave the Little Sisters of the Poor during their visit on March 13 - 14, 2010 was a sign of your genuine Charity. The collection amounted to \$1,272.75. Your gifts are truly a sign of God's loving and caring Providence, which will help provide the best possible care for the many elderly in need who come to make their Home with us. Thank you all!*

Our residents of St. Martin's Home join with us in promising you our daily prayers for all your many intentions. God bless each and everyone of you!

The Little Sisters of the Poor and Residents of St. Martin's Home for the Elderly

Join Us In Community

US NAVAL ACADEMY CHAMBER WINDS: Join us next Saturday, April 17, at 8PM for a wonderful concert featuring the US Naval Academy Chamber Winds. The concert is free and open to the public. Tell your friends.

THIS WEEK AT THE SHRINE

Monday, April 12

7PM RCIA (GRIII)

7PM Corporator's Mtg (TCR)

Tuesday, April 13

6:30PM School Band Practice (TH)

7PM Pastoral Council Mtg (GRI)

7:30PM Communion & Liberation (GRIII)

8:30PM Pastoral Council Exec Cte Mtg (GRI)

Wednesday, April 14

7PM Franciscan Spirituality (GRI)

Thursday, April 15

9AM Staff Mtg (TCR)

7PM Choir

7PM Knights of Columbus (GRI)

Friday, April 16

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

7PM Confirmation Rehearsal (GRI & Church)

Saturday, April 17

3PM Baptism Preparation (GRIII)

8PM US Naval Academy Chamber Winds (Church)

Sunday, April 18

8:45AM Sunday's Child (Pre-K Classroom in School)

9AM Children's Liturgy of the Word at 9AM Mass

11:30 Confirmation

St. Ambrose Food Pantry Collection