

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Fr. Buersmeyer's column appears on page 6.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Buy a flower for mom. Proceeds go to Project Hope, Macomb County's first Catholic crisis pregnancy center. Suggested donation is \$1.00 per flower.

LAST CHANCE TO NOMINATE

Nominations to the Parish Pastoral Council end May 14. If you have someone in mind, please be sure to submit their name! See page 2.

TIME FOR OUR OUTDOOR SPRING CLEAN-UP!

Our annual spring clean-up day is May 20 at 6:30 p.m. Bring your family and help clean up the parish grounds. See page 4.

GRADUATE MASS & BREAKFAST

Mark your calendars for June 7. We will honor our graduates at the 9:30 a.m. Mass and celebrate with a breakfast for the graduates and their families afterward.

CHECK US OUT ON THE WEB

See what's "New and Noteworthy", read past issues of our bulletin, find links to other sites. Go online and see for yourself —www.ssjohnandpaul.org. Please visit our website weekly to keep abreast of what's new and noteworthy.



Registration Sunday At Our Parish

Takes place on Saturday and Sunday,
May 16-17 after all the Masses

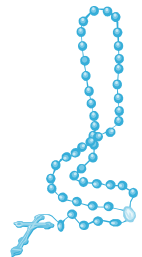
Take this opportunity to register in the parish
and receive a welcome packet plus
important information on our parish

Enjoy refreshments while taking a few minutes
to officially become a member of our parish family

Meet parishioners/staff/members of our
Hospitality Committee

Pray the Rosary
Mondays during May at 6:30 p.m.
May 11, 18

Monday, May 25 at 8:30 a.m.
(Before the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Memorial Day)



Here’s what’s
happening this week!

Monday, May 11:

- *7:00 p.m. Mass
- *10:00 a.m. Kitchen Cleaning
- *6:30 p.m. Rosary
- *7:45 p.m. Adult Bells
- *7:45 p.m. Retirement Series

Tuesday, May 12:

- *9:00 a.m. Mass
- *5:00 p.m. Jr. Choir
- *5:45 p.m. Jr. Bells
- *6:30 p.m. Scripture Study

Wednesday, May 13:

- *9:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday, May 14:

- *7:00 p.m. Adult Choir

Saturday, May 16:

- *8:00 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group
- *3:00 p.m. Confessions
- *5:00 p.m. Mass

Regular Parish Office Hours

- Mon. - Wed .— 9 :00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
- Thursday — 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Friday — 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Saturday—12:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- Sunday — 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Attention Senior Citizens



The teens would like to give you a hand at some spring jobs around your home. If we missed you with the raking of the leaves and you need some yard work done, or if you need help with planting flowers or washing widows, the teens would like to help you on Saturday, May 16.

Please call the parish office at 586.781.9488 (Mrs. Peters) if you would like to be put on the list of people that need help. Mrs. Peters will contact you when the date gets closer to give an approximate time in which we would be there.



Attention Parish Pastoral Council Nominees

A breakfast/informational meeting for all nominees will be held on Sunday, May 17, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass (10:35-11:20 a.m.). On Sunday, May 31, at the 9:30 a.m. Mass, through the help of the Holy Spirit, five new members will be selected.

Final Chance to Submit Nominations

“A Time to Speak” Ecclesiastes 3:7

Nominations for Parish Council members are now open for five new members. The final chance to submit nominees is **May 14**. Qualifications include being: registered in the parish and 18 years of age or older; able to serve a three-year term; willing to work collegially in seeking consensus on issues.

No election is held. Names of all nominees are placed in a basket and selected at mass through a drawing by hand. Please return the following form by May 14.

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CSA 2009

Total as 5/4/08:	
\$55,770.00	\$93,715
Diocesan obligation:	
\$93,715.00	
Participating Families:	
166	
Gifts:	
160	
Participation Percentage:	
14.3%	
Average Gift:	
\$348.56	

Parish Pastoral Council
Member Nomination Form

I would like to nominate the following person(s) to serve as a member of the Parish Pastoral Council. You may nominate yourself.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

High School Nominee:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

G. R. A. C. E.

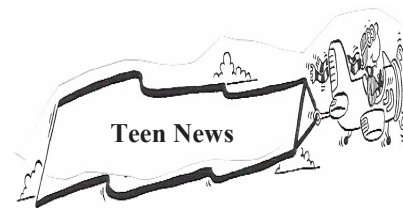
Information and Registration Sunday May 16-17

**After the 5:00 p.m.,
9:30 & 11:30 a.m. Masses**

This is for families, adults without children, teens, young adults, or anyone new to the parish.

This will be a 30 minute opportunity to find out about our 2009-2010 G.R.A.C.E. program and to register yourself and/or family. If you've already received your registration forms in the mail, please return them after any of these Masses.

Please note: If the fee is a financial difficulty, please contact us. Scholarships are available.



- ♦ **Cedar Point Trip — June 25**
Save this date and watch the bulletin for more details! Siblings and friends are welcome to join us on this trip!
- ♦ **Attention 8-12 graders**
Please bring a friend and join us for the next youth group meeting on Sunday, May 17. We look forward to welcoming our 8th graders to the youth group. Each youth group session runs from 6:30-8:30 p.m.



Celebration of the Sacrament of First Eucharist

The following children will be celebrating the Sacrament of First Eucharist at the following Masses. Please keep them and their families in prayer as they eagerly join us at the table of the Lord.

May 9 5:00 p.m. Mass

*Jennifer Miller
Nathan Rossol
Victoria Zions*

May 17 9:30 a.m. Mass

*Luke Gumbleton
Evan Iscaro
Alaina Lulis
Nicholas Maue
Enzo Palombo*

May 17 11:30 a.m. Mass

*Antonio Bugli
Jamie Ciacico
Sophia Gaglio
Alex Kulczycki
Natalie Latella
Claire McBride*

♦ Class of 2009 Graduate Mass and Breakfast



June 7 at 9:30 a.m. Mass

SS. John & Paul will proudly acknowledge all our graduating seniors, high school and college, at a Graduation Mass on Sunday, June 7, at 9:30 a.m. The Mass will be followed immediately by a breakfast for the graduates and their families in the Activities Center. Invitations have been mailed out, so if you did not receive one and would like to attend, please call the parish office. We'll have much to celebrate and would like to include you in the festivities!

Fifth Week of Easter — John 15:1-8



"I am the vine. You are the branches." Today we have the wonderful reading from John's gospel about Jesus as the vine. We are the branches that are pruned to bear more fruit. The powerful invitation is to remain connected with Jesus, that we might make our home in him and bear much fruit.

There is much of union and separation in today's readings. "Remain" and "prune", "without me", "thrown out", "bear fruit", are words of such oneness and division. As we reflect upon these readings, let us pray with the intimacy which a grape has with its stem branch, vine and roots. Let us pray with our desire for and sense of the union Jesus offers us in the sacraments, especially Baptism and the Eucharist. Let us pray also for the freedom of spirit to welcome into our union those who have been separated, especially those who have hurt us.



In Sympathy

The SS. John and Paul Parish community extends prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Mary McAlpin who entered eternal life last week. May she rest in peace.



Annual Spring Clean Up May 20 at 6:30 p.m.

- Who:** Any able-bodied person that would like to get our grounds ready for the summer. Families are encouraged to attend, there will be jobs for everyone. Don't be the only one on your block to miss out on all the fun!
- What:** General clean up, including weeding the flower beds and spreading mulch
- Where:** Parish Grounds
- When:** May 20 at 6:30 p.m. (Rain date May 21 at 6:30)
- Bring:** Garden gloves and garden tools. Wheelbarrows, rakes, shovels, spades, pruning shears, strong backs and hands are also needed. Don't forget to mark your tools.
- Project:** This year we are adding new mulch to the islands. Please come prepared to move and spread mulch. This is a very large undertaking, so your help is needed to accomplish this project.
- Reward:** Sense of pride for helping to accomplish the beautification of our church grounds. *Warning: this feeling will grow every time you drive up and notice how beautiful the church grounds are!*

"Finding Peace and Purpose in Our Retirement Years"

The Vocations Committee will be presenting a series of 4 evenings to share wisdom and support on how such retirement years can be a gift from God. The series will be on Monday evenings on May 11, 18 and June 1, 8 from 7:45-9:00 p.m. (following the 7:00 p.m. Mass). This is for anyone approaching retirement years, their spouses, and those already into retirement years.

Key chapters and ideas will be taken from the book *Creating A Successful Retirement*, by Richard P. Johnson, Ph.D., Executive Director of the Association of Senior Adult Ministry, in St. Louis, Missouri. There is no cost other than the book. Copies may be purchased online but will also be available from the SS. John and Paul parish office and at the first meeting. Cost of the book is \$15.

Please pre-register by May 4, if possible, so books can be ordered. But all are welcome to the first meeting on May 11. Phone the parish office at 586.781.9010 or e-mail ssjohnandpaul@sbcglobal.net.




Spring Tea May 3, 2009



“Bucks For Bags” Thanks

Dear Parishioners,

It is difficult to express our extreme gratefulness for the Food Pantry Donation of dollars and food from your parish; it could not have come at a better time as we are continuously needing to restock our freezer with meat.

The current economic conditions have profoundly changed the make up of a Food Pantry Client; additionally, they have caused the number of people in need to increase at an alarming rate. In past years, our client list was made up of people who had experienced a prolonged illness or financial disaster. Today, however, there have been many layoffs and very few available jobs; now unemployed, these people are applying for Food Stamp assistance, but the process takes a very long time. Consequently, people are referred to the local food banks; they often need to come monthly, as they await approval for Food Stamps and the job picture remains the same.

Thanks to you, we can help to supplement these families in need. You are truly living the Gospel as you assist us in “feeding the lambs” of the world.

Easter blessings,
St. Francis-St. Maximilian Food Pantry
Fr. Christopher Talbot, Pastor

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Samaritan House Board, I would like to thank you for your donation in the amount of \$87.00 and 87 bags of groceries from your Bucks for Bags program.

Donations of time, talent and treasure from Good Samaritans like you help us to continue to help those in need in this area, particularly with food, utilities, and shelter assistance.

Thank you again for your patronage.

Peace,
Pamela Zendt
Operations Manager—Samaritan House



Health Notes: More Spring Seasonal Safety Tips

Here are some more spring safety tips for our walkers, runners, and bicyclists; all of whom have to share our narrow roads and streets with motor vehicles.

- ◆ Pretend that you're invisible – Sounds sort of funny but it's a good way to keep from getting run over. Make it irrelevant whether drivers see you or not. If you always assume that a driver doesn't see you, you'll be a lot safer.
- ◆ Never run or walk more than two abreast, and make sure you face traffic, keeping as close to the shoulder of the road as possible – in case you have to take evasive action. Bikers should travel with traffic, and obey the rules of the road, while always wearing a helmet.
- ◆ Wear reflective clothing – Take a look at the next police officer you see on traffic duty. They're wearing reflective colors – you should too, if you're going to be in the roadway.
- ◆ Be attentive to the lighting conditions. It's harder for drivers to see during dusk and dawn. Remember that solar glare is a factor in a lot of accidents.
- ◆ Keep a cell phone with you. It's good to program the word “ICE” in your cell phone contact list. “ICE” stands for “In case of emergency”. Just enter your emergency contact person (Mom, dad, husband, wife, brother sister, etc.) under the name “ICE”, so police, fire or EMS personnel will have a point of contact in case you're involved in an accident and we don't know who you are.
- ◆ And, finally, drivers should keep their windshields clean. It's also an excellent idea to wash off your headlights and taillights when you gas up. It makes a big difference.

Source: Cohasset Police Department
Cohasset, Massachusetts
www.cohassetpolice.com

Respectfully Submitted,
Anne Petriches, RN



Give the Gift of Life!

**Please mark your calendars—
Our next American Red Cross blood drive will be
Sunday, June 14, 2009 from 8:00 am—2:00 pm**



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*Fifth Sunday of Easter

Throughout John's gospel Jesus gives us a series of metaphors or images to contemplate—"I am the living water; the light of the world; the bread of life; the good shepherd; the gate; the resurrection and the life; the way, the truth, the life;" and so on. In today's gospel reading Jesus uses yet another image to help us understand what it means to be in a relationship with him. He says "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in them will bear much fruit." (John 15: 5). These images are the way that John's gospel brings out both who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple.

Who is Jesus? John's gospel starts with "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God." He goes on to say "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us." Very clearly John's gospel has no doubt about who Jesus is. The very Word of God spoken forth into creation, now united inseparably to the humanity of Jesus. And to emphasize what this means, John's gospel has Jesus saying "I am" without qualification in five encounters: to the Samaritan women at the well (John 4:26); to the disciples as he walks on the Sea of Galilee (6:20); to those challenging him near the Temple on the feast of Tabernacles (8:24,28,58); again to the disciples at the Last Supper (13:19); finally to those coming to arrest him (18:5,6,8).

In Greek "I am" can also be translated "I am he" and be a simple declaration. But it is also the Greek translation for YHWH, the sacred name that God revealed to Moses in Moses' encounter at the burning bush. "I am who am" says God, when Moses wants to know who is sending him. So important was that name to the Israelites that they wouldn't pronounce it aloud. So, when John's gospel has Jesus saying "I am (he)" it is deliberate. For those with faith, they hear the deeper

meaning that Jesus is truly that Word of God, one with YHWH, God encountering the world through Jesus' humanity. For those without such faith, they only hear the statement "I am he" and think that Jesus is making himself more than he truly is."

To be a disciple of Jesus, then, is to hear that deeper meaning and to live one's life in intimate relationship to Jesus and the Father. The series of images mentioned above—"I am the living water, etc.—all act as invitations to seek that close, personal, intimate, disciple's connection to Jesus. They help to make more concrete what it means to trust in that relationship. In today's gospel, in particular, we get a beautiful invitation to "remain in Jesus and he in us," just as Jesus and the Father remain in one another. An intimate, deep communion of life and love. We live and receive nourishment so long as we are connected to Jesus, the vine. Moreover, just as the Word of God chose to "abide" or "dwell" among us in Jesus of Nazareth, so now the resurrected Jesus continues to dwell or abide or remain in us and we in him, if we live the faith of true discipleship, keep the Lord's commandments, and are willing to lay down our life for others as he did for us.

As we move toward the latter part of the Easter season, we will not know what the resurrection of Jesus means unless we desire to be so intimately connected to him. One way to make all of this more practical is to take a moment in prayer and image Jesus giving you nourishment. If the vine and branches image doesn't quite work for you, then image Jesus sitting you down at a meal, preparing the food for the meal, serving you the meal, cleaning up, and talking with you throughout about the things that are important to you. Jesus wants to give us nourishment, wants us to know how closely he is connected to all that we are and do. Think about the people, situations, and decisions you face this week. Image yourself receiving wisdom, strength, and help from the risen Lord. He is the vine, we are the branches. If we remain in him, we will bear much fruit.

*Update on New Crucifix and Other Church Improvements

For those who have paid attention to these columns over the last couple of years, you know that we have been working on some beautification improvements for the church. Nothing huge but a few important items, beginning with a crucifix. The Worship Commission and its Art and Environment Committee have been working with a liturgical artist, Michael Northrop, from the southwest side of the state, to design a unique crucifix for our worship space and an appropriate backdrop for it on the main wall. We are getting closer to an agreement on the shape and size and look of the crucifix, but still have a ways to go on how to give it a proper backdrop. It now looks like the process might take another 10 months or so.

The current large cross of wood and cloth with the circles will not work with the new crucifix. But, if that is taken down, there is a huge blank wall. What to do? We are looking at a sculpted background that can be removed or re-positioned, if the church ever needs to expand the walls out. It would be covered with glass-type small tiles to create some texture and color as a backdrop to the crucifix. Along the lines of the SS. John and Paul icon, it would have a more organic shape than a geometric one. A similar though smaller such sculpted background would then be placed behind the tabernacle to give the tabernacle area more dignity and bring a greater sense of unity to the whole of the church. In the process the walls of the church would be painted and the sanctuary would be lowered one step to more easily allow a ramp to be built into the sanctuary. The carpet would remain on the main floor but the sanctuary area would be tiled.

These are all rather modest steps but will, I believe, create a much more distinctive worship environment that will do honor to our Catholic heritage. We took the first step by putting in windows that allow more light into the Church during the day. The sanctuary improvements would be a second step. If possible, we would then

also like to work on a more distinctive ambo (where the readings are proclaimed), altar and baptismal font (preferably one that allows for some flowing water). On the practical side, we also need to look at new lighting for the Church, although this would be a major undertaking, given our current electrical set up. Much of the money has been set aside in savings over the last few years and our budget for next year will set aside some more. I would like to see if we as a parish can handle the painting and the modest reconstruction and tiling of the sanctuary ourselves, after next Easter, in preparation for the new crucifix and its backdrop.

As with all artwork, some will really like it, some will not, some will be neutral. But well before we finish it, I will have the artist give us a larger image so that people can begin to imagine what the front area of the church will look like, when all is complete. The whole process started with a desire for a one-of-a-kind crucifix. For me, that is still the key to all that we are doing. At present it looks like the vertical height of this crucifix will be about 9 ft., made of one stretch of cherry wood, stained to be more in line with some of our current wood. The corpus of Jesus will be about 6 ft., made of a resin that can be painted to look like a dark bronze with a bit of a patina to bring out the features and the contours of the body. The face will try to capture what is called the “exaltation”—the moment when Jesus breathes his last and gives himself over to the Father. The key is to capture both some of the suffering he went through but the sense of peace and hope as he offers himself over to the Father. For that reason the head will be tilted up, inviting us as every Eucharist to connect not just to Jesus’ suffering but to his continuous offering up of himself and ourselves to the Father. The horizontal beam, like the vertical, will be of natural cherry wood, about 4 inches in diameter, with an arch to it, to capture the contours of our current main arch, from which it will hang. I hope relatively soon to share with you a picture, which will do justice to all these aspects we have negotiated with the artist.

***Looking Ahead**

Remember that next weekend is a Registration Weekend for anyone who wishes to officially register in the parish. Members of our Evangelization and Hospitality Commission will be available after all Masses. In addition, all faith formation families are invited to a half hour information and registration session for next year’s G.R.A.C.E. program. This will take place after the 5 p.m., 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses. Next year’s calendar will be available, along with an overview of how people evaluated this year’s program, and an opportunity to sign up and lock in the specific night you prefer for the monthly G.R.A.C.E. sessions and the specific Monday or Tuesday slot you prefer for the grades 1-6 age-specific sessions.

Please try to keep our annual parish picnic date open—the last Sunday of June, June 28th, 2-6 p.m. Once again we will have some good food, refreshments, games for the little ones, karaoke, and more. I would like to see someone take charge of a horseshoe tournament and maybe even a bocce tournament for the adults (I got a new bocce set at Christmas as a gift!). If you are willing, I will pass your name on to the picnic committee. We transfer our namesake day—the Feast of the Martyrs John and Paul—to that weekend and so will once again be celebrating that feast on the picnic weekend.

I hope you notice that an area in the back has been cleared and marked out for our Community Garden. A new committee has been working hard to get it ready for planting. Thank you to all the children who brought seeds to plant as part of the Easter egg hunt. When it all begins to produce, we will have lots of food to share with Samaritan House or other places that can distribute it to those in need. If you are interested in helping in this venture call the office and leave a message for Bridget.

Once again I will celebrate each of the Masses on Corpus Christi weekend (June 13/14) as “Teaching Masses.” Beginning in next week’s bulletin I want to do a little preparatory teaching on what Eucharist and

communion means, how Eucharist differs from communion services, and the importance of Eucharistic communion for us as Catholics.

***Samaritan House Open House Wednesday**

Samaritan House, which helps serve those in need in the Washington Township area, has a new home on Van Dyke, between 28 and 29 Mile Rd. (62324 Van Dyke). The Romeo Washington Chamber of Commerce is hosting an open house for the new facility on Wednesday, May 13, between 5:30 and 7 p.m. Stop by and tour the facility. See what Samaritan House is all about. Find out about opportunities for helping them in their mission.

***Mother’s Day**

I hope your annual Mother’s Day celebrations bring your moms great joy. For those who have lost their mother, may your remembrance of this day in their honor bring you a sense of peace, even in the midst of the tears. For those you are estranged from their mothers, may your prayer for them, in spite of any bad feelings that have arisen, help lessen any hurt. Our tradition has a difficult time imaging God as mother, because our prayers are so connected to God as Father, Son, and Spirit. But God is God, beyond male and female images. For that reason, properly understood, we can image God as truly like a mother to us, just as we image God as truly like a father to us. Perhaps more importantly, a mother’s love is a powerful vehicle for how we know in our bones and our blood what it means that God loves us unconditionally, fiercely, tenderly, and proudly. Happy Mother’s Day to all who are mothers and to all our mothers, living and deceased.

Fr. Buersmeyer

C.S.A. 2009**Making a Charitable Gift through an IRA Charitable Rollover**

Helpful Tips on how you can realize Tax Benefits by Making a Direct Charitable Distribution from your IRA

If you are over the age of 70 1/2, you must take a required minimum distribution from your IRA. Normally, this money is taxed as ordinary income. However federal legislation enacted in October 2008 permits you, for the remainder of 2009, to make a direct gift from your IRA to the parish, the Catholic Services Appeal (C.S.A.) or other qualified charity. This gift counts toward fulfilling your required minimum distribution.

For 2009 you can exclude up to \$100,000 from your gross income for distributions made directly from your traditional IRA to a qualified charity. For married couples, each spouse can make a distribution from his or her IRA under the same provisions

The distribution must be from your IRA, not a 401(k) or other retirement plan. However, consult with your financial or tax advisor about the possibility of transferring funds from one of these other plans to establish an IRA with the distribution to charity coming from the newly established IRA.

The IRA distribution must be a direct charitable gift and not a distribution to a donor-advised fund, a charitable remainder trust or for a charitable gift annuity.

If you would like to take advantage of these income tax savings and support the parish, please review the following tips on how to handle your charitable gift correctly:

- ♦ Contact your IRA custodian or representative *before* making a gift to arrange for the proper transfer of funds from your IRA to the qualified charity. The check that is issued from the IRA must show that it is made *payable* to the charity.
- ♦ If you have elected to have income tax withheld from your normal IRA distributions, advise your IRA administrator not to withhold taxes from distributions to charity.
- ♦ While this topic is fresh in your mind, ask your attorney and financial advisor how to make the parish a beneficiary of your will, trust or IRA.

For more information about how you and the parish can benefit from an IRA charitable giving rollover, please contact the parish office at 781.9010.

These helpful tips are only for your information on this change in the IRA law and are not to be considered as legal, tax or financial advice. You should consult with your legal, tax and financial advisors to implement the benefits of this new law and related matters.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT May 2-3, 2009

Weekly budget\$11,700.00
 Offertory\$10,348.50
 No. Sunday envelopes used.....300
Total Offertory\$10,348.50

Other Monies / (# Envelopes)

Capital Imprv. / (18).....\$227.00
 Children's Env. / (1).....\$1.00
 CRS / (1)\$50.00

Did you know that 100% of our Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) donations directly benefit the parish by helping us reach our mandatory target? All donations over the target are given back to us without any tax taken out. Please return your CSA pledge card this week. Thank you.

Readings for the Week of May 10, 2009

Sunday, May 10:

Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

Monday, May 11:

Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday, May 12:

Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 13:

Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday, May 14:

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113; Jn 15:9-17

Friday, May 15:

Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday, May 16:

Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday, May 17:

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98;
 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

Pray for our sick

Mary Angelosante	Samantha Nelson
Jennie Barla	Tom O'Donnell
Rita Bayer	Eugene Ondrizek
Mary Burcar	Leo Osantoske, Sr.
Charles Cappellano	Carl Pallas
Helen Chmielewski	Patricia Petriches
Ralph Cleary	Ken Petty
John Patrick Cuttle	Alex Polzin
Timothy J. Cuttle	Doris C. Procopio
Gloria Dean	Dorothy Puffpaff
Chris Del Pappa	Anthony Randazzo
Lauren DeNio	Pat Rea
Vincent Eterno	Marie Richard
Blanche Fredal	Theresa Romero
Danielle Giffin	Angelina Russo
Geri Hammer	Albert Sabbe
Lora Hardin	Bill Shevela
Lloyd Hunsucker	Jeff Simpson
Ruth Hunsucker	Camille Smith
Yolanda Kaufman	Michelle Smith
Molly Keffalo	Tommasina Smith
John Kerr	Mary Sorrow
Hayden Kroll	Steven St. John
John LaCroix	Barbara Supina
Jillian Lentine	Shirley Taylor
Vito Loconte	Donna Theisen
Jacob Main	Jerry Thomas
Bernice Mayer	Charlie Trombly
Rodney Mayer	Richard Waluk
Antoinette McBain	Betty Waligore
Debbie McMahon	Patricia Wyatt
Agnes Mehlick	
Linda Murphy	
Lois Nelson	

Pray for our military



Noel & Greg Ales	Teija Kinnunen
Nick Bassett	Paul McGowan
Augie Biache III	Matthew McLocklin
Mike Boback	David Newberry
Tony Gentilia	Ryan Ribant
Michael Kaminski	Thomas Schmidt
David Krzycki	Vincent Titeriga
Jonathon Krusinski	Daniel Trendell
Chris Krusinski	

Sponsor of the Week

This week's sponsor is **Martin Insurance Agency**. Please see their full ad on the back of the bulletin. And remember to patronize all of our sponsors because they make this bulletin possible!



Eucharistic Prayer Requests

Saturday and Sunday

May 9-10, 2009

All mothers living and deceased
Clemente Truden by A. Truden
Joseph Orczykowski, Sr. by Family
Morris Duhaime by Fredal Family
Sophie Klutz by M. Cipponeri Family

Monday, May 11, 2009

Irene Deutsch by V. & J. Recchia

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Rita Pascoe by Greenway Family

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

James Fields by Dobbs Family

Saturday and Sunday

May 16-17, 2009

Marion Darga by Martino Family
Ted Kuchar by Family
Dusaj Family by M. Dusaj
Morris Duhaime by Dear friends
Anna & Antonio Catenacci by J. Catenacci

Liturgical appointments for May 16-17, 2009				
Mass	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Celebrant/ Homilist	Fr. Sayes Deacon John	Fr. Sayes	Fr. Buersmeyer Deacon John	Fr. Buersmeyer
Lectors	C. Theodoroff N. Peters	J. Resutek J. Sova	M. Greenway P. Raleigh	J. Schnepf S. Brunet
Communion Ministers *Captain	Deacon John M. Klakulak* T. Klakulak A. Peters K. Peters	M. Sobetski* P. Sagert R. Sagert M. Schimmel M. Schimmel	Deacon John S. Rowley* P. Fields T. Fletcher B. Greenway J. Krieg M. Krieg	S. Nelson* V. Klapek C. Mathews K. Mathews K. O'Neill
Altar Servers	S. Dickens	—Open—	S. Mason N. Mason J. Trombley	C. Sabbath C. Bousho
Greeters	C. Hatcher K. Hessler	S. Cratsenburg D. Goldun	C. Valente T. Weiss	H. Maher M. Maher
Ushers	Team #1 D. Smith R. Pewinski J. Wright	Team #3 B. Dale S. Krajewski A. Sova R. Chapman	Team #5 L. Monfils M. Bayer B. Janowiak K. Partyka L. Keast M. Chmielewski	Team #7 R. Kopera L. LePage J. Martino B. Jiannuzzi M. Bytner J. Gehrholz
Collection Counters	Team #4 — Tom & Mary Ann Klakulak, Joe Martino, Ron & Debbie DiDomenico, Larry & Marilyn Weathers			

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Weekend Masses	Weekday Masses
Saturday at 5:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m. Monday
Sunday at 8:00 a.m.,	9:00 a.m. Tuesday
9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.	and Wednesday

Parish Registration

New parishioners may register after each weekend Mass
or Monday through Friday at the parish office

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday from 3:00-3:30 p.m. of after 5:00 p.m. Mass

Baptisms

Please call the parish office for arrangements and parental
preparation dates. Contact office at least 3 months prior to
Baptism

Weddings

Please notify office at least six months (one year if not
registered) prior to wedding date to arrange for marriage
preparation

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Pastoral Associate (in training) Bridget Theodoroff
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