



SATURDAY, April 11, 2009 Easter Vigil

✠Morning Prayer

8:00 PM ✠Thomas Buczko req by Buczko family

✠Henrietta Buczko req by Buczko family

SUNDAY, April 12, 2009 Easter Sunday, Resurrection of the Lord

7:00 AM ✠Jackie Benham req by her sister

8:30 AM ✠Stanley & Pat Antonovitch in celebration of 50 years of marriage

✠Emil Nowak req by Wesley Nowak & family

10:30 AM ✠Fermio Silva 6th ann req by the family

✠Frank & Alice Samborski; Roger Gaughan, Mona Fundkowski and Robert Adams

MONDAY, April 13, 2009

8:00 AM ✠Cecile req by Beth Buczko

TUESDAY, April 14, 2009

8:00 AM ✠Mary Quinn req by Theresa

WEDNESDAY, April 15, 2009

8:00 AM ✠Helen Gumpright 15th ann req by the family

✠Rev Andrian J. Remy req by Mr. & Mrs. Roger Archambault

THURSDAY, April 16, 2009

8:00 AM ✠The People of the Parish

FRIDAY, April 17, 2009

8:00 AM ✠Morning Prayer

SATURDAY, April 18, 2009 VIGIL: Second Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM ✠Blessed Kateri req by a friend

✠James E. Tabb, Jr. req by the family

SUNDAY, April 19, 2009 Second Sunday of Easter:

Divine Mercy Sunday

8:00 AM ✠Mona Samborski req by Charlotte Cook

✠John Antonovitch req by Beth Buczko

10:30 AM ✠Parents, brother, sister & husband req by Joy Adams

✠Judy Drewniak 1st ann req by Dan & Linda Drewniak



Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

- Jn 20:8-9

Readings for April 18-19, 2009
Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

Religious Vocations Corner –The glorious Feast of the Resurrection of Christ proclaims, forever, that life is greater than death. Jesus commanded us to preach this good news to all peoples in all places at all times. If you feel God is calling you to minister in His church as a priest or religious, call Fr. Gary Dailey at 413-452-0816 or E-Mail: g.dailey@diospringfield.org.

The Pastor's Easter Thoughts...

-A joyous and blessed Easter to one and all! On behalf of all our membership I express great thanks to the many who have so generously given of their time and talent to make our Lenten, Triduum and Easter celebrations so meaningful and faith-enriching. I am deeply grateful to our Musicians and Choir, our Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, our Ushers and church Staff, all your efforts are most appreciated; Thank You!

A NEW RECTORY FOR ST. FRANCIS

Fourteen years ago, on Easter Sunday, I announced to the parish that we would move together to build a new parish church and complex. As we enjoy our fifth Easter in this beautiful church I am pleased to inform the parish that we are in the process of moving into the construction of a new residence behind our church. Bishop has approved the plans and last Monday I met with the Diocesan Building Commission. With a few comments, they seem to be in agreement with our plans, etc. We have asked to have permission to bring our plans for this new home to the bidding process so that we can properly assess the cost vs. funds on hand; the house needs to be paid for at the time of construction with no mortgage. If there are any contractors *in the parish* who would like to bid on this project, let me know in writing or call the rectory. I believe this would include consideration for site development, plumbing, electrical, as well as heating and cooling. Non-union contractors who belong to the parish are acceptable as long as they are insured and bonded. With the construction of this second phase of our building project, we will use the house on Park Street for offices and give us all the much needed space that has been hoped for. We entrust this project to the Lord and ask for His guidance as we move forward with this next building project.

-Next Sunday is MERCY SUNDAY and as in the past we will observe this special day of grace with a service beginning at 2PM in the church. The chaplet and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at 3PM.

-Regarding the ANNUAL APPEAL, thus far 206 households have responded with donations amounting to \$21,521.00 towards our goal of \$34,000. On behalf of all those who will benefit from our care and concern, Thank, YOU!

-Family and individual photos will begin to be taken in a few weeks for our new Parish Directory. If you have not as yet reserved a photo time, please do so by stopping at the sign up board in the gathering space. Remember there is no obligation to buy a photo package. Those who do participate will receive a free 8 x 10 photo and a copy of the new directory. This is offered only every five years.

-Very special thanks to our K of C Council and our NCYC teens for the delightful Easter Egg Hunt they offered last Sunday for the young people of the parish. What a delight it was to see our children scramble for the eggs and their faces filled with delight at their filled bags. I particularly enjoyed the pictures with the Easter Bunny. This is such a wonderful parish and we are continually blessed in so many ways.

May the Risen Lord fill you with the hope of your resurrection and assure you of God's great love for us all! A Blessed Easter, Fr. Vern

EASTER SUNDAY: THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

*In Gratitude to God for His many gifts,
the members of this parish have returned
the following resources in support of the parish
and its ministries...*

The Sunday Collection for April 4-5..... \$10,892.74
Weekly Sunday Average 6,420.59
Weekly Sunday Goal..... 6,500.00
Mortgage & Expansion Collection for April 5 4,793.00
Monthly Mortgage & Expansion April Shortage 1,207.00
Monthly Mortgage & Expansion Goal 6,000.00

Eucharistic Adoration and Visitation - The Adoration Info Line number is 323-6272 Extension 6. Please, always call just before coming in for your hour to see if Adoration has been closed due to extreme cold or bad weather. The Adoration Chapel (entrance around the rear of the church) is open to all parishioners for a visit before the Blessed Sacrament. Hours of Adoration are 8:00 AM – 10:00 PM Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. If you would like to be a part of our Adoration program, either as an assigned adorer or substitute, please call Pam at 323-7416. **The following hours are in need of an Adorer: Tuesday 12 Noon – 1:00 PM and Tuesday 1:00 – 2:00 PM.**

Liturgical Roles

Weekend of April 18-19, 2009

Lectors

4:00 PM Brawner
8:00 AM Viglione & Rumanowski
10:30 AM Desilets

Ministers of the Eucharist

4:00 PM Symanczyk, Yvon, Abraham, Pat A., Beaupre, Couture, Buczko
8:00 AM Crosby, McGinnis, Miffitt, Moran, Ricardi, Tovet, Waniewski,
10:30 AM G. & L. Racicot, Tyler, Adams, Belanger, Dell'Olio, Rose

Altar Servers

4:00 PM T. & R. Lewis, M. & H. Sugrue
8:00 AM B. Patel & D. Nauman
10:30 AM R. & D. Racicot, C. & N. Drewniak

Family Life – The next meeting of the Widow and Widowers Social Group is Thursday, April 16th, at 7 PM. If you have a need to meet friends and start a new life call Beth at 323-5910 for more information. -If you have been newly diagnosed with cancer or are presently undergoing cancer treatment, come to the Cancer Support Group. This is a place to come and talk with people who understand what you are going through. Our next meeting is Monday April 13th at 5:30 PM in the Tovet Room. For info: call Beth at 323-5910.

St. Francis of Assisi Food Pantry is in need of powdered drinks, juices and ice tea. We gratefully accept and appreciate all your donations.



Brick Corner – We would like to thank the following parishioners who have “purchased a brick” for our new church, either in their name or in the name of a loved one: The Edward Lofland Family – Two Bricks in Memory of John Anonovitch.

Thank you for your support and please remind your friends that they, also, can “buy a brick”. They are only \$10.00 each.

Spaghetti Supper to Benefit NCCY - The NCCY Teens of St. Francis Parish will host a Spaghetti Dinner prepared by Chef Francesco Dell'Olio in the Pine Room of the St. Francis Parish Social Center on Saturday, April 18th. Proceeds will help to defray part of the cost of their attendance at the National Catholic Youth conference. Serving time for the dinner is 5:30 to 7:00 PM. Tickets will be on sale at weekend Masses through April 12 or by contacting John Coty at 413-348-3661. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Donations are Adults \$10.00, children 5-12- \$6.00 and children under 5 eat free.

Cub Scout Pack 507 is hosting a New York City bus on Saturday, April 18. Roundtrip fare is \$40; payable to pack 407; c/o G. Fortunato, 52 Deer Run, Belchertown. There are 20 seats remaining but they will go quickly! The 56 seat King Ward motor coach will leave Chestnut Hill Community School at 7 AM and arrive 10:30ish in NYC. There will be three drop off points: Metropolitan Museum of Art (upper 90's), Times Square and South Street Seaport. The bus moves on and then parks for the day. Departure is 7 PM – the group will gather on the front steps of St. Patrick's Cathedral at 6:30 and then walk as a group to the departure site to be announced. Call 323-0966 if you have questions/concerns. Thank you for your support of 507 Cub Scouts!

Flowers – *We wish to thank all of you for your holiday flower donations in memory of your loved ones. Your kind generosity has made it possible to decorate our church during this very special time of year. Thank you!*

In Memory of:

Michael Gallagher
Rene Suprenant
Dean Clark
Owen J. Marra
Pula & Pietryka Families
Edward Fenier
Alcide & Ida Decoteau
Martha Lovell
Dorothy Roccanti
My Family
Deceased Family Members
Roland & Beatrice King
Chester Przybylowicz
Arthur F. Pols
Larouche & O'Connor Families
Deceased Members of the Zlotnik & Golen Families

Donated By:

Rita Gallagher
James & Alice Suprenant
Mrs. Evelyn Clark
Mrs. Eileen Marra
M/M Stanley Pietryka
M/M James Keefe
Fr. Vernon Decoteau
Mrs. Christine McGinnis
Mr. Alfred Roccanti
Miss Rita Vadnais
M/M Albert J. Brighenti
M/M Steven Baran
Mrs. Theresa Glanville
Mrs Anna Mary Pols
M/M Rene Larouche
M/M Richard Zlotnik

Michael Sweeney Prayer Line

From March 30th through April 6th, 2009 the following intentions were added to our already long list of requests for prayers. Won't you please join us in praying for them all.

Healing of a broken hip for Richard Norman.

For Chris McKenna, healing of a serious illness.

Relief of pain and successful hip replacement for Erik Tiele.

Good outcome for Lucille who fears a return of cancer.

Successful surgery for Donald 3/30 and renewed prayers during a difficult time.

For young mother, good test results, successful treatment, complete healing and prayers for her family.

Prayers for healing for Annemarie.

Good test results asked for a fourteen year-old.

Successful surgery for Nancy J. 4/1 and prayers requested for healing.

That surgery will be successful for Roland Hutchinson 4/3

Thanksgiving for successful surgery for Donald and continued prayers for healing.

Thanksgiving for a good outcome for Nancy P.

For Nancy J., thanksgiving for successful surgery and prayers asked for a positive outcome.

Prayers for healing for Anita Deblois.

Thanksgiving for prayers answered for S. D.

Healing for Jeff N. and God's help for an addiction in the family

Prayers asked for George O. who is in the hospital with pneumonia, for continued healing.

Thanksgiving for the lives of John Antonovich, Muriel Duggan, Irene Skomro, Philomena Bolduc and Joyce Hottin. Please pray for the repose of their souls and for their families and friends in their bereavement.

Flowers, (cont.)

Patrick Lund Family, Auntie Orr,

John Opalenik

Mrs. Loretta Lund

Pauline & Joseph Ferez

Catherine Ferez

Geoffroy Roux, Rakouskas &

Lussier Families

M/M John Rakouskas

Donna Terry

Janice Madden

Yvonne & Aurell Bouchard, Marjorie &

Alexander Roncarati

M/M Lee Roncarati

Francis, Patrick & Emma Loftus

M/M Francis Loftus

Rita Rose Czapl

Mr Joseph Czapl

The Dewhursts & Judy Cole

M/M Robert Dewhurst

Mary Ann Mercier

Mr Rolland Mercier

Claire Hamel

M/M Steven Hamel

Deceased Family Members

M/M R. Donovan, Sr.

Deceased Family Members

Mrs Ray Bushey & Family

Kervick & Chase Family Members

M/M Kevin Kervick

Florian Czupkiewicz

Mrs Vivian Czupkiewicz

Thomas Buczko

Mrs Beth Buckzo

John T. Austin

Mrs Mary R Austin

Family Members

M/M Norman Loftus

M/M David T. Adams

Mr. David Adams

Ted, Gloria & Donald Fisher

Mrs. Carole Fisher

Robert G. StLaurent

M/M Mark Belanger

Jerry Campion

M/M Michael Hurst

Anthony & Mary Plaza

M/M Christopher Bechta

Deceased Family Members, Marilyn

Lawrence

M/M David Fredenburgh

(Continued next week)